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PROCLAMATIONS.

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 sixth day of September instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the twenty-eighth day of July last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the sixth day of September 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 sixteenth day of October now next ensuing, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*, K. T. 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 first day of September, in the

year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 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 sixteenth day of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the first day of September last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the sixteenth 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 Thursday, the twenty-fifth day of November now next ensuing, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*,

Parliament
prorogued to
16th October,
1847.

Parliament
prorogued to
25th November,
1847.

K. T., 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 October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 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 for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, 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 Bill for the signification of Our pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," having been laid before Us in Council, on the tenth day of August now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same; and We do, by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of 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 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, James, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, K. T., Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New*

Brunswick, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this fourteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 twenty-fifth day of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the eighth day of October now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fifth 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 Tuesday, the fourth day of the month of January 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*, K. T., 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 seventeenth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Royal Assent
to Civil List
Bill.

Parliament
prorogued to
4th January.
1848.

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 Our Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, called and chosen to Our present Parliament of Our said Province, and to all Our loving subjects, to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

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

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*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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. At Our Government House, at Our City of *Montreal*, this sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament: We do make known Our Royal will and pleasure to call a Provincial Parliament, and do further declare that by the advice of Our Executive Council, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in due form for calling a Provincial Parliament in Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on the sixth day of December instant, and to be returnable on the twenty-fourth day of January next.

Writs for a new Parliament issued.

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*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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, at Our City of *Montreal*, this sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

KNOW YE that We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly, in and for Our said Province, to meet at Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, on Monday the twenty-fourth day of January next, then and there to have conference and treaty with the great men and Legislative Council of Our said Province.

Parliament called for 24th January, 1848.

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*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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, at Our City of *Montreal*, this sixth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 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 second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and prorogued on the twenty-eighth day of July then next ensuing, in the tenth and eleventh years of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of 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 incidental to such commutations," and also, a certain other Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the oath and making the declaration of persons naturalized in this Province," were passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and were, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the twenty-eighth day of July 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 facilitate commutation of 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 "An Act to extend the time for taking the oath and making the declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province," 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 Bills respectively; 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 to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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, the twenty-seventh day of November, in the year of Our Lord one

thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the eleventh 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 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 second day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and prorogued on the twenty-eighth day of July, then next ensuing, in the tenth and eleventh years of Our Reign, a certain 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, also a certain other Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock," and also, a certain other Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock," and also, a certain other Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*," were passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and were, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the twenty-eighth day of July 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 increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank;" "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;" and "An Act to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*," having been laid before Us in Council, on the twenty-second day of November 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 said Bills respectively; 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-

Royal Assent to Bills:

Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

Aliens Relief Bill.

Royal Assent to Bills:

Quebec Bank Bill.

Montreal Bank Bill.

City Bank Bill.

Quebec District Bank Bill.

beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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 seventh day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,
D. DALY,
Secretary.

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—

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 *La Banque des Marchands*," was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was 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 Bill for the signification of Our pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Banque des Marchands*," having been laid before Us, in Council, on the twenty-second day of November now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same; and We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of 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 themselves accordingly.

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*, Knight of the most ancient and most

noble Order of the Thistle, 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, the seventh day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,
D. DALY,
Secretary.

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 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 the present month of January, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, for divers urgent and arduous affairs, Us, the state and defence of Our said Province concerning, We did summon and command you, on the day and at the place aforesaid to be present, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in Our said Provincial Parliament should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon: 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 fourth day of the month of March 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.

Parliament prorogued to 4th March, 1848.

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*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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 twenty-

Royal Assent to *La Banque des Marchands* Bill.

first day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh 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 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, in Our City of *Montreal*, on the fourth day of March now next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the fourth day of March now next, at which time, at Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: And whereas We have judged it advisable and most con-

sistent with the general convenience and the public welfare to change the said time of meeting to an earlier period: We do therefore will and command you, and by these presents firmly enjoin you, and each of you, that on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of February next ensuing, you meet us in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Montreal*, for the despatch of public business, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary: And herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, 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 thirty-first day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Parliament to
meet on 25th
February,
1848.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY,
Montreal, 25th February, 1848.

RETURN of the NAMES of the MEMBERS chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, pursuant to Writs issued by His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., bearing date the sixth day of December last past.

CONSTITUENCIES.	RETURNING OFFICERS.	MEMBERS CHOSEN.
Bellechasse	Octave C. Fortier.....	Honorable Augustin N. Morin.
Bonaventure	Philippe Vibert.....	William Cuthbert, Esq.
Berthier	Anselme Douaire Bondy.....	David Morrison Armstrong, Esq.
Brockville	Robert Edmondson	George Sherwood, Esq.
Bytown, (Town).....	Simon Fraser	John Scott, Esq.
Carleton	Simon Fraser	Edward Malloch, Esq.
Chambly	Benjamin Holmes.....	Pierre Beaubien, Esq.
Champlain	Robert Trudel	Louis Guillet, Esq.
Cornwall, (Town).....	Dunbar Pringle.....	Honorable John Hillyard Cameron.
Dorchester	Jean Bte. Bonneville	François Lemieux, Esq.
Drummond, (A.).....	James Duncan.....	Robert Nugent Watts, Esq.
Dundas	Jacob Hanes.....	John Pliny Crysler, Esq.
Durham	Marcus F. Whitehead	James Smith, Esq.
Essex	Robert Mercer	John Prince, Esq.
Frontenac	Thomas A. Corbett	Henry Smith, the younger, Esq.
Gaspé.....	John Eden.....	Robert Christie, Esq.
Glengary.....	John M ^c Lellan	John S. Macdonald, Esq.
Grenville.....	William James Scott	Read Burritt, Esq.
Haldimand.....	John Jackson	David Thompson, Esq.
Halton.....	William M ^c Coy.....	John Wetenhall, Esq.
Hamilton, (City).....	Edward C. Thomas	Sir Allan Napier Macnab.
Hastings.....	William Ketcheson	Billa Flint, Esq.
Huntingdon	Jean Bte. Varin	Tancrede Sauvageau, Esq.
Huron	John M ^c Donald.....	Honorable William Cayley.
Kamouraska	Jean Bte. Martin.....	Pierre Canac dit Marquis, Esq.
Kingston, (City).....	Thomas W. Robison	Honorable John Alex. Macdonald.
Lanark	Anthony Leslie.....	Robert Bell, Esq.
Leeds.....	Adiel Sherwood	William Buel Richards, Esq.
Leinster	Camille Archambault	Norbert Dumas, Esq.
Lenox and Addington	Isaac Fraser	Benjamin Seymour, Esq.
Lincoln	Elias S. Adams	Wm. Hamilton Merritt, Esq.
London, (Town).....	William Horton	John Wilson, Esq.
L'Islet.....	Barthelemy Pouliot	Charles François Fournier, Esq.
Lothinière	Octave C. De la Chrevotière..	Joseph Laurin, Esq.
Middlesex	James Hamilton	William Notman, Esq.
Megantic.....	Daniel Burray	Honorable Dominick Daly.
Missisquoi	Joshua Chamberlin.....	Honorable William Badgley.
Montmorenci.....	Louis Lemoine	Joseph Cauchon, Esq.
Montreal, (City).....	William M. B. Hartley	Honorable Louis H. Lafontaine, and Benjamin Holmes, Esq.
Montreal, (County)	Alphonse M. De Salaberry ...	André Jobin, Esq.
Niagara, (Town).....	William Kingsmill	Walter Hamilton Dickson, Esq.
Nicolet.....	Bazile Lupien	Thomas Fortier, Esq.
Norfolk	Abraham A. Rapelje.....	Honorable Henry John Boulton.
Northumberland	Henry Ruttan	Adam Henry Meyers, Esq.
Ottawa	James F. Taylor	John Egan, Esq.
Oxford, (B.)	John G. Vansittart	Peter Carroll, Esq.
Peterborough	William S. Conger	James Hall, Esq.
Portneuf	Nicolas Gauthier	Antoine J. Duchesnay, Esq.

NOTES.

- (A.) County of *Drummond*.—The Returning Officer for this County has neglected to transmit his Oath of Office, although called upon to do so.
- (B.) County of *Oxford*.—The Returning Officer for this County has transmitted to me certain Official Letters, explanatory of the Return he has made to the Writ of Election—these Letters are filed on record in my Office.

CONSTITUENCIES.	RETURNING OFFICERS.	MEMBERS CHOSEN.
Prescott	Charles P. Treadwell	Thomas H. Johnson, Esq. ✓
Prince Edward	Philip Low	David Barker Stevenson, Esq. ✓
Quebec, (City)	Archibald Campbell	Hon. Thomas C. Aylwin, and Jean Chabot, Esq. ✓
Quebec, (County)	Antoine A. Parant	Pierre Joseph O. Chauveau, Esq. ✓
Richelieu	Jacques Dorion	Wolfred Nelson, Esq. ✓
Rimouski	Pierre Gauvreau	Joseph Charles Taché, Esq. ✓
Rouville	Henri Aubertin	Pierre Davignon, Esq. ✓
Russell	Ralph Wilson	George Byron Lyon, Esq. ✓
Saguenay	Charles P. Huot	Hon. M. P. De Sales Laterrière. ✓
Shefford	Alonzo Wood	Lewis T. Drummond, Esq. ✓
Sherbrooke, (Town)	Hollis Smith	Bartholomew C. A. Gogy, Esq. ✓
Sherbrooke, (County)	George F. Bowen	Samuel Brooks, Esq. ✓
Simcoe	B. Walker Smith	William Benjamin Robinson, Esq. ✓
Stanstead	Leonard King Benton	John M'Connell, Esq. ✓
Stormont	James Pringle	Alexander M'Lean, Esq. ✓
St. Hyacinthe	Simon T. L'Espérance	Thomas Boutillier, Esq. ✓
St. Maurice	Joseph Deguise	Louis Joseph Papineau, Esq. ✓
Terrebonne	Joseph A. O. Turgeon	Louis H. Lafontaine, Esq. ✓
Toronto, (City)	Robert Stanton	Hon. Henry Sherwood. ✓
Two Mountains	Daniel DeHertel	W. H. Boulton, Esq. ✓
Vaudreuil	Joseph O. Bastien	William Henry Scott, Esq. ✓
Verehères	Pierre Menard	Jean Bte. Mongenais, Esq. ✓
Wentworth	William Craigie	James Leslie, Esq. ✓
Waterloo	William Craigie	Harmannus Smith, Esq. ✓
Welland	Alexander D. Fordyce	James Webster, Esq. ✓
Welland	Oliver T. Macklim	Duncan M'Farland, Esq. ✓
York, (North Riding)	Arad Smalley	Hon. Robert Baldwin. ✓
York, (East Riding)	François Leys	William Hume Blake, Esq. ✓
York, (South Riding)	Amos Thorne	James Hervey Price, Esq. ✓
York, (West Riding)	James M'Grath	Joseph Curran Morrison, Esq. ✓
Yamaska	William Pitt	Michel Fourquin dit Leveillé, Esq. ✓

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

To WILLIAM BURNS LINDSAY, Esquire,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

SPECIAL RETURNS

Made to the Writs of Election issued as aforesaid, and bearing date the said sixth day of December, 1847:—

COUNTY OF KENT.

George W. Foote, Returning Officer.

“ By virtue of the within Writ, by which I am appointed Returning Officer for the County of Kent, I do declare and make this my Return, that Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, and the Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, were the candidates for the representation of the said County of Kent, at the last Election for said County. That on the first and second days of polling votes, during said Election, as will appear by reference to the Poll Books for the said County, the qualification of the said Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, (qualifying to sit as Member for Kent, should be elected according to the Statute in such case made and provided,) was demanded by Electors of the said County in several Townships of the said County, of the Deputy Returning Officers of such Townships respectively, as will appear by reference to the said Poll Books, and that no qualification according to the Statute was handed to any of the Deputy Returning Officers for the said County, or to myself the Return-

ing Officer, by the said Malcolm Cameron, or by any one on his behalf, until the third day after the several Polls for the said County had closed, to wit: on the 22nd instant. I, therefore, feeling doubtful whether Malcolm Cameron is elected for the said County, his qualification having been demanded at the several polling places as aforesaid, and not being put in or forthcoming when so demanded, or during the said polling, do hereby declare that I cannot return him, the said Malcolm Cameron, to be the Member elect for the said County, but leave it to the Honorable the House of Assembly to decide who, under the circumstances, is the Member elect for Kent.”

“ The answer of
“ G. W. FOOTE,
“ Returning Officer.”

“ January 24th, 1848.”

COUNTY OF BEAUHARNOIS.

Robert H. Norval, Returning Officer.

" I, Robert Howden Norval, Esquire, duly nominated and appointed by His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, by an instrument, under his hand at seal at arms, bearing date at the Government House at the City of Montreal, in the Province of Canada, the sixth day of December last past, to be Returning Officer of and for the County of Beauharnois, and duly sworn before Lawrence George Brown, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal, at Beauharnois, on the twenty-second day of December last past, did proceed, after due proclamation thereof as required by law, to hold the Election for the said County of Beauharnois, at the Village of Durham, in the said County, on Thursday the thirteenth day of January instant, where, after making the proclamations and observing the formalities required by law, I did call on the Electors of the said County, then and there present, to make choice of a fit and proper person to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; whereupon three Candidates, namely, Jacob DeWitt, Campbell Sweeney, and James Conolly, Esquires, were severally proposed and seconded; a show of hands being taken, the majority of the Electors present appeared to be in favor of the said Campbell Sweeney, Esquire. A Poll was then duly demanded by three Electors for each of the other Candidates. I thereupon made proclamation that Polls would be held according to law, at each and every polling place in the said County, on Tuesday the eighteenth, and Wednesday the nineteenth of January instant, for the purpose of receiving and recording the votes of the Electors thereof, and then adjourned the proceedings to Saturday the twenty-second of January instant. On the said thirteenth day of January instant, by warrants under my hand and seal, I appointed eleven Deputy Returning Officers, and eleven Poll Clerks, for the eleven polling-places in the said County; and on the following day, the fourteenth of January instant, by precepts under my hand and seal, I required each of the said Deputy Returning Officers to proceed to receive and record the votes of the said Electors at each and every of the said polling places in the said County, on the said eighteenth and nineteenth days of January instant, and to make due return thereof to me under their hands and seals at Durham aforesaid, on the twenty-second day of January instant, transmitting to each and every of the said Deputy Returning Officers the Poll Book as directed by law.

" And, on the said twenty-second day of January instant, being at Durham aforesaid, where I had repaired for the purpose of receiving the returns aforesaid, from each and every of the said Deputy Returning Officers, and of proceeding to sum up and ascertain and declare the state of the general Poll of the said Election for the said County of Beauharnois, when John M'Intosh, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Anicet, one of the polling places in the said County, delivered to me a deposition signed by him, and sworn to before R. B. Somerville, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the District of Montreal aforesaid, at Huntingdon, on the twenty-first day of January instant, in which he the said John M'Intosh deposes, that when proceeding from Huntingdon aforesaid to Durham aforesaid, in company with Donald M'Rae, Esquire, of Dundee, the Poll Book and Return for the said Parish of St. Anicet was from him, the said John M'Intosh, forcibly and feloniously taken, stolen,

" and carried away by some person or persons unknown to the said deponent, as will more fully and clearly appear by the said deposition sent herewith.

" And at the same time and place, on the day aforesaid, personally came and appeared, Donald M'Rae, Esquire, of the Township of Dundee, Poll Clerk for Dundee, another of the polling places in the said County, for which John M'Gibbon, Esquire, was appointed Deputy Returning Officer, and stated to me that the said Deputy Returning Officer was unable, by reason of sickness, to proceed to Durham aforesaid in person, and had charged him, the said Donald M'Rae, to take charge of and deliver to me the said Returning Officer for the said County, the Poll Book and Return for the said Township of Dundee, together with a letter from the said Deputy Returning Officer, explaining the cause of his absence; and the said Donald M'Rae did then and there deliver to me a deposition signed by him, the said Donald M'Rae, and duly sworn to at Durham aforesaid, on the said twenty-second day of January instant, in which he, the said Donald M'Rae, deposes, that when proceeding from Huntingdon aforesaid, to Durham aforesaid, on the afternoon of the twenty-first day of January, instant, in company with the said John M'Intosh, Esquire, of St. Anicet, the said Poll Book and Return, with the said letter and other papers, were from him, the said deponent, forcibly and feloniously taken, stolen, and carried away by some person or persons unknown to the said deponent, as will more fully and clearly appear by the said deposition sent herewith.

" Wherefore, I the said Returning Officer, for the said County of Beauharnois, not being prepared on the said twenty-second day of January instant, by reason of the said Poll Books and Returns for the said Parish of St. Anicet, and the said Township of Dundee, not being returned to me, to proceed to sum up, ascertain and declare the state of the general Poll of the said Election, for the said County, as the law directs, did thereupon, at Durham aforesaid, on the day aforesaid, declare in a public manner to Campbell Sweeney, Esquire, one of the Candidates for the said County, then and there present, and to Charles DeWitt, Esquire, also present, and representing Jacob DeWitt, Esquire, another of the said Candidates for the said County, and to the Electors then and there present, why I was unable to declare to them the said Candidate, representative of a Candidate, and Electors, that any person was duly elected and elected to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province of Canada.

" And I now make the present special Return, transmitting herewith the several Returns from the Deputy Returning Officers of the nine other polling places in the said County, with their Poll Books; also, a protest made and delivered to the Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of St. Jean Chrysostôme, the qualifications of the Candidates, the oaths of the Election Clerk, and of me the said Returning Officer, the two depositions aforesaid, and the Writ of Election to me addressed.

" Given under my hand and seal at Beauharnois aforesaid, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

(Signed,)

" R. H. NORVAL,
" Returning Officer,
" County of Beauharnois."

TOWN OF *THREE RIVERS*.

James Dickson, Returning Officer.

" I, the undersigned *James Dickson*, Esquire, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Returning Officer duly appointed by Commission under the hand and seal at arms of His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of British *North America*, and Governor in Chief of the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, &c., bearing date at the Government House, in the City of *Montreal*, in the said Province of *Canada*, the sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, do hereby certify and return as follows: that on the thirteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, I received a writ of summons for the election of one Member or Representative to serve the said Town of *Three Rivers*, in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province of *Canada*; that on the said thirteenth day of December, I took and subscribed before a Magistrate, according to law, the oath, number one, in the Schedule annexed to the Act 5th *George* 4th, cap. 33; that after having given public notice, agreeably to the said Act, that on the twenty-ninth day of December last, I would proceed to the said election, I attended the same day at the place fixed for that purpose, and that *Antoine Polette* and *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, Esquires, were named candidates; and that a Poll being demanded according to law, I did grant the same, make proclamation, and give notice, that on Monday and Tuesday the third and fourth of January instant, the Poll for the said Election would be taken in the said Town of *Three Rivers*, at the place by me fixed for that purpose, according to law; that on Monday the third day of January instant, according to my said proclamation and notice, the Poll for the said Election was opened and taken, at which the said *Antoine Polette* and *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, Esquires, were present with their supporters; that about ten of the clock in the forenoon of the same day, one *François Pichette*, belonging to Mr. *Dumoulin's* party, having, under my own view, committed a breach of the peace, and endeavoured to prevent an Elector from giving his vote in favor of *Mr. Polette*, I immediately issued a warrant of commitment to commit him to prison until the final close of the said Election; which warrant I

" put into the hands of the High Constable of the District of *Three Rivers*, (whose assistance I had commanded with that of all the Constables of the Town, as I was credibly informed before the said day, that the supporters of Mr. *Dumoulin* intended to take forcible possession of the Poll,) with order to execute it instantly; that, in obedience to the said warrant, the High Constable apprehended the said *François Pichette*, who was rescued by Mr. *Dumoulin's* party, and that the said warrant could not be executed, my authority being put at defiance by Mr. *Dumoulin's* party; that notwithstanding I continued to poll the votes until half-past four of the clock in the afternoon, when I adjourned the Poll until nine of the clock of the following morning by consent of the parties; that on the fourth instant, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, according to my adjournment of the day previous, the Poll was opened and taken, and I continued to take the votes, notwithstanding the disturbances caused, and the polling repeatedly interrupted by Mr. *Dumoulin's* party, until about three of the clock in the afternoon, when a voter was violently dragged by Mr. *Dumoulin's* party from the Poll Booth while in the act of voting for Mr. *Polette*, and knocked down at a short distance from the Poll, by one of Mr. *Dumoulin's* party; that about half an hour after, they, the supporters of Mr. *Dumoulin*, hearing that a voter was coming to vote for Mr. *Polette*, took forcible possession of the Poll Booth, and that it appeared to me that it was impossible for any of Mr. *Polette's* voters to come near the Poll Booth to tender their votes; that Mr. *Polette* then withdrew under protest entered in the Poll Book, and that perceiving that it was impossible to continue the Election according to law, I discontinued polling the votes, closed the Poll, and withdrew; being also in bodily fear from the violence manifested by Mr. *Dumoulin's* supporters. And for the above recited reasons I did not proclaim either party elected. I also return the Protest hereunto annexed, served upon me by Mr. *Polette*, and three freeholders of the Town.

(Signed,) " JAMES DICKSON,
" Returning Officer."

To *Wm. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF

CANADA.

SESSION, 1848.

Parliamentum Provinciale Canadae, inceptum et tentum apud civitatem Marianopolim, die Veneris, 25^o die Februarii, anno regni Dominæ Nostræ VICTORIÆ, Dei Gratiâ, Britanniarum Reginae, Fidei Defensoris, 11^o; Annoque Domini, 1848.

Parliament meets.

ON which day, being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, for the Dispatch of Business,—pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) of His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General,—*George Barthélemi Faribault*, *John Fenning's Taylor*, the elder, *Gustavus William Wicksteed*, and *William Poyntz Patrick*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem*, for administering the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, came at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, into the Room allotted for the sittings of the Assembly, and *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty; and *Félix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having delivered to the said Mr. *Lindsay* a Roll containing a List of the names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Provincial Parliament, (copy whereof is hereunto annexed,) the Commissioners did administer the oath to the Members who appeared, which being done, and the Members having subscribed the Roll containing the oath, they took their seats in the Assembly.

Message to attend His Excellency.

A Message was brought by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod: Gentlemen,

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

Accordingly the Members went to attend His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where being; the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Honorable Gentlemen, and

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,
His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Provincial Parliament, until a Speaker of the

Speech of the Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Legislative Assembly shall have been chosen according to law; but on Monday next, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Member representing the County of *Huron*, stood up, and addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honorable Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, in which motion he was seconded by *John Prince*, Esquire, Member representing the County of *Essex*.

Sir Allan N. MacNab proposed as Speaker.

Then the Honorable *Robert Baldwin*, Member representing the North Riding of *York*, stood up, and addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honorable *Augustin Norbert Morin*, in which motion he was seconded by the Honorable *Louis Hypolite LaFontaine*, Member representing the City of *Montreal*, and also the County of *Terrebonne*.

Mr. Augustin Norbert Morin proposed as Speaker.

Debates arose.

And the Question being called for, "That Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* do take the Chair of this "House as Speaker,"

Question that Sir Allan N. MacNab be Speaker, negatived.

The House divided; and the names of the Members were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton* of *TORONTO*, *Carroll*, *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Crysler*, *Daly*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Malloch*, *M'Lean*, *Meyers*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stevenson*, and *Webster*.—(19.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of *NORFOLK*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Burritt*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *For-*

tier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gugg, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Marquis, M'Connell, M'Farland, Merritt, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sawageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Scott of TWO MOUNTAINS, Smith of DURHAM, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Watts, and Wetenhall.—(54.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Augustin
Norbert Morin
chosen Speaker

The Question being then called for, and the Clerk having put the same, "That the Honorable Augustin Norbert Morin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker;"—it was resolved in the Affirmative, *Nemine contradicente*.

And the Clerk having declared the Honorable Mr. Morin duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Honorable Mr. Baldwin and the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker; and thereupon he sat down in the Chair, and then the Mace (which before lay under the table) was laid upon the table.

Then, the Honorable Mr. Robinson, addressing himself to Mr. Speaker, moved, seconded by Mr. Smith of Frontenac, that the House do adjourn until Monday next, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

And the House accordingly adjourned until Monday next, at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

Lunæ, 28° die Februarii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

Message to attend His Excellency.

A MESSAGE was brought by Frederick Starr Jarvis, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council Chamber:—

Mr. Speaker's Speech.

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

May it please Your Excellency,

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

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

Speech of the Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Then the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

casions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

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

The House being returned;

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

Mr. Speaker reports having attended His Excellency.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood have leave to bring in a Bill for indemnifying Public Officers who may not have taken the oaths of office within the time prescribed by law.

Bill relative to oaths of office.

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

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

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's Speech.

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

I have called you together at the earliest period after the dissolution of the last Parliament, in order that I may avail myself of your advice and assistance in the administration of the affairs of the Province.

During the recess I made an extensive tour through the Province; and I have much satisfaction in informing you that I met with the most gratifying indications of general prosperity and contentment in all the Districts which I visited.

With the view of maturing a plan for placing the Post Office in British North America on an improved footing, Commissioners from the several Provinces assembled lately at my suggestion in Montreal. I trust that it will be in my power before the close of the Session, to bring under your consideration a measure for effecting this important object.

The information which I have received enables me to state that a good and practicable line of Railway between Quebec and Halifax has been discovered by the Officers to whom this exploration was confided.

The distress and suffering by which last year's Immigration to the Province was attended, have occasioned me the deepest concern. Her Majesty's Government have bestowed on the subject the most anxious consideration, with a view to the introduction of such provisions into the Imperial Passengers' Act, as may afford a security against the recurrence of these disasters. It will be for you to determine

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's Speech.

whether it may not be advisable to pass some Provincial enactment which shall have the effect of discouraging the introduction of diseased and helpless persons into the Province, without however checking the tide of healthy Immigration, which so powerfully contributes to its advancement.

The numerous projects for the construction of Railways introduced into the Legislature in each succeeding Session, render it expedient, with a view to uniformity of Legislation, and the protection of public and private interests, that an enactment should be passed embodying the provisions generally applicable to such undertakings. I commend this subject to your consideration.

On these and other important matters I shall lay before you communications which have been addressed to me by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The constitution of the University of King's College—a more equitable mode of assessment in Western Canada—and the improvement of the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province—are among the subjects which will probably engage your attention.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I shall direct the Public Accounts, with the Estimates for the present year, to be submitted to you.

I feel confident that you will readily grant the Supplies which are necessary for the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

You may rely on my disposition to co-operate with you in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare.

Canada possesses in singular abundance the elements of prosperity and social happiness—great natural capabilities—an enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population,—institutions fitted to reconcile liberty with order—and the blessing of peace secured to her under Providence by the patriotism of her sons and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful. The duty of turning those advantages to account, in so far as this object can be properly effected by Legislation, devolves upon Parliament. God grant that we may acquit ourselves of the responsibility with fidelity and success.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Frontenac, seconded by Mr. McConnell,

Ordered, That the Clerk do charge to the Contingencies of the House, the Postage on all Letters not exceeding one ounce in weight, and on printed papers, to and from Members of this House during the present Session; provided that when Petitions to this House are enclosed, the postage thereon shall be charged without restriction as to weight.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Cayley, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Daly,

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

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

By Mr. Prince,—The Petition of William Caldwell and others, of Amherstburgh, and other parts of the Western District.

By Mr. Chauveau,—The Petition of Joseph Metsalabole and others, Abenakis and Malécites of the Indian Village of Bécancour; the Petition of the Reverend Joseph Maurault, Missionary, and of the Chiefs and Warriors of the Abenakis Village of St. François du Lac St. Pierre; the Petition of the

Reverend George L. Lemoine and others, of the Parish of Beauport, and parts adjacent; and the Petition of Laurent Tremblay and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of Quebec.

By Mr. Fournier,—The Petition of William Patton and others, of St. Thomas, and the adjoining Parishes.

By Mr. Holmes,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the New City Gas Company of Montreal; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

By the Honorable Mr. Aylwin,—The Petition of George O. Stuart, Esquire, and others, Directors of the Quebec Protestant Cemetery Association; the Petition of Mrs. Eliza Taylor, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the affairs of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of Quebec; the Petition of William Black and others, of the Parish of St. Roch, in the City of Quebec; the Petition of James Motz, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, Advocate; the Petition of A. Gaudry and others, Proprietors and Masters of Ships, of the Ports of Quebec and Montreal; the Petition of Antoine Polette, of the Town of Three Rivers, Esquire; the Petition of Lady Sophy Caldwell and other Ladies, the Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of Quebec in connexion with the Church of England; the Petition of Lady E. Stuart and other Ladies, the Committee of the Quebec Infant School; and the Petition of Joseph Donegani, of the City of Montreal, merchant.

The House taking notice that the respective Returning Officers for the Counties of Kent and Beauharnois, and Town of Three Rivers, had not returned any Member to serve in this Parliament for the said Counties and Town;

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith attend this House with the last Returns and Poll Books for the said Counties and Town.

And he attended accordingly with the said Returns and Poll Books, and laid the same before the House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Aylwin, seconded by Mr. Price,

Ordered, That the Return and Poll Books for the last Election for the County of Beauharnois, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Notman, seconded by Mr. Wetenhall,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith attend this House with the last Return for the County of Oxford, together with the Poll Books, and all other papers, letters and documents as may have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the said County.

And he attended accordingly with the said Return, Poll Books, and other documents, and laid the same before the House.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 29° die Februarii.

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JOHN WILSON, Esquire, Member for the Town of London, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Petitions brought up.

Kent, Beauharnois, and Three Rivers Elections.

Oxford Election.

Mr. Wilson takes his Seat.

Postage on Letters to and from Members.

Speech to be considered.

Petitions brought up.

Report of
Librarian.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Report received from the Librarian, of the present state of the Library of the House, pursuant to a Standing Order of the 19th June, 1841; which Report is as followeth:

Library, Legislative Assembly,
25th February, 1848.

In compliance with the Standing Order in that case made and provided, the Librarian begs leave to submit a Report, for the information of Your Honorable House, and to state, that pursuant to a Resolution passed in the last Session of Parliament, adopting a Report of the Library Committee, the order for English books, recommended to be purchased by the said Committee, was placed in the hands of Messrs. *Armour* and *Ramsay*, booksellers of this city, and by them forwarded to their Agents in *London* for execution. The books, without loss of time, were collected, and shipped on board the *Alabama*, but, in a heavy gale of wind, that vessel was unfortunately lost with all her cargo, in consequence of which no books from *England* have been obtained since the last Report, with the exception of a few which have been procured via the *United States*, for a list of which see the Appendix.

It is satisfactory to state, that the whole of the lost volumes were insured by the booksellers to their full value, and that no pecuniary loss will be incurred by the wreck of the above mentioned vessel.

The list of books in the French language, ordered to be purchased by Your Honorable House, and included in the adopted Report of the Library Committee, was given to Messrs. *Fabre* and Company, but from the lateness of the period at which the Resolution of adoption was agreed to, it could not be executed before the opening of the navigation in the present year, but there is every reason to expect that the whole will then be procured.

Pursuant to the directions of the Committee of the Library, the valuable and unique collection of books on the History of *America*, has been placed in the cases made for its reception and security, it being thought absolutely necessary that they should no longer be subject to the risk of damage and loss to which in their former insecure state they were exposed.

Such books as have been received for the Library under the Copyright Act, together with some miscellaneous purchases of works, thought more particularly necessary for the use of Your Honorable House, have been enumerated in the Appendix of this Report.

The total number of books now in the Library, not including the American class, which is described in a separate Catalogue, amounts to 9,630,—and that class contains 1,378,—making a total of 11,008.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WINDER,
Librarian, Legislative Assembly.

APPENDIX.

Books received in the Library since the preceding Annual Report.

In continuation of Periodical or other Works in the Library:—

Gasparin—Cours d'Agriculture, vol. 3.
Mechanic's Magazine, vol. 45.
Gentleman's Magazine, vol. 26.
Quarterly Review, vol. 78.
Edinburgh Review, vol. 84.
Blackwood's Magazine, vol. 60.
Guy's Hospital Reports, vol. 2, 3, 4.
Repertory of Patent Inventions, N. S., vol. 8.
Index volume.
Copland's Medical Dictionary—parts 1 and 2 of vol. 3.
Hansard's Debates, vols. 86, 87, 88.

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Philosophical Transactions, for 1846, part 3.
Imperial Calendar, for 1847.
Parliamentary Companion, for 1847.
McGregor's Commercial Statistics, vol. 3.
Quebec Directory, for 1847-8, (2 copies.)
Queen's Bench Reports, N.S., vol. 6.
Hertslet's Commercial Treaties, vol. 6.
Barron and Arnold's Election Cases.
Harrison's Digest of Law Reports, for 1846.
Law List, for 1847.
Companion to the Almanack, for 1847.
Hart's Army List, for 1847.
Robinson's Upper Canada Reports, vol. 3.
Hunt's Merchant's Magazine, vols. 16 and 17.
Revue de Législation du Bas-Canada, vol. 2.
Knight's Political Dictionary, vol. 2.
Montiholon's Captivity of Napoleon, vols. 3 and 4.

Miscellaneous Purchases:

(Principally received from Messrs. *Armour* and *Ramsay*, agreeably to the orders of the Library Committee.)

Pellow's Life of Lord Sidmouth, 3 vols.
Humboldt's Cosmos, vol. 1.
Williams' Practical Geodesy.
Meara's Law of Elections in Ireland.
Cresy's Encyclopedia of Civil Engineering, 2 vols.
Walsh's Irish Registry Cases.
Dupin's Military Force of Great Britain, 2 vols.
Burke's Extinct Peerage.
Modus tenendi Parliamenta in Hibernia.
Transactions of the Geological Society, 7 vols.
Letters, &c., of Mary, Queen of Scots, 7 vols.
Report on the Navigation Laws, to the House of Commons.
Ricardo's Anatomy of the Navigation Laws.
Smith's Historical and Literary Curiosities.
Riddell's Railway Parliamentary Practice.
Moylan on Registration of Voters.
United States Statutes at Large, 8 vols.
Bouvier's American Law Dictionary, 2 vols.
Tanner's American Canals and Railroads.
Gillespie on Road Making.
Opinions of Attorneys General of the United States, 2 vols.
American Congress Practice and Constitution.
Cushing's Manual for Deliberative Assemblies.
Clark's New York Assembly Manual.
Lodge's Illustrations of British History, 3 vols.
Walford's Laws of the Customs.
Revised Statutes of Vermont.
Slidell's Travels in Spain, 5 vols.
Thom's Book of the Court.
Nelson's Letters and Dispatches, 7 vols.
Marlborough Dispatches, 5 vols.
Carlyle's Life of Schiller.
Lady Stanhope's Travels, 3 vols.
Gleig's Story of Waterloo.
Head's Pampas; and Siege of Vienna.
Ford's Gatherings from Spain.
St. John's Sporting in the Highlands.
Edward's Voyage up the Amazon.
Gingras, Voyage d'Orient, 2 vols. (2 copies.)
Appleton's Library Manual.
Wilton's Scenes in a Soldier's Life.
Espinasse on Statutes.
Milne on the Valuation of Annuities, 2 vols.
Life of O'Connell, 2 vols.
Sale's Brigade in Affghanistan; and Letters from Madras.
Life of Horner, 2 vols.
Reddic's Maritime Law, 2 vols.
Collins' Peerage, by Sir Egerton Brydges, 9 vols.
Bell's Travels in Asia, 2 vols.
Gully's Water Cure.

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Ellis' Original English Letters, 11 vols.
Heylyn's Helps to History.
Coleridge's Works, 11 vols.
Verstagen's Antiquities.
Macaulay's Field Fortification, 2 vols.

Presented under the provisions of the Copyright
Act:—

Wilton, J. H., Scenes in a Soldier's Life.—Publish-
ed by R. and C. Chalmers of Montreal.

Works added to the Collection on the History, &c.
of America:—

Album Littéraire et Musical, de la Revue Canadienne,
pour l'an 1846-1847, 4to. 2 vols, (6 copies.)
Additional Quebec Papers, 8vo.
Bradford, (U. A. J.) Notes on Valley of Upper
Mississippi, 8vo.
Bradford, (Alden) History of Massachusetts, 8vo.
3 vols.
Back, (Captain) Narrative of Arctic Land Expedi-
tion, 8vo.
Burnet, (Jacob) Notes on the Western Territory,
8vo.
Bubbles of Canada, 8vo.
Baird, (R.) De la Religion aux Etats Unis d'Amé-
rique, 8vo. 2 vols.
Bartlett's Canadian Scenery, 4to. 2 vols.
——— American Scenery, 4to. 2 vols.
Brown, (H.) History of Illinois from its discovery,
8vo.
Barlow's Vision of Columbus, 8vo.
British American Journal of Science, 4to. 1 and 2
vols.
Champlain, (Samuel de) Journal des observations
faites en Canada, &c. (Edition of 1613,) 4to.
Champlain's Voyages et Descouvertes faites en la
N. France, (Edition 1620,) 8vo.
Contest, (The) in America, 8vo.
Carver's Travels in America, 8vo.
Collection of Tracts on Taxation in America, 8vo.
2 vols.
Chalmer's Political Annals, 4to.
Coxe's, (Tench) Views on America, 8vo.
De Roos' Narrative of Travels in Canada and United
States, 8vo.
Dunn's History of Oregon Territory, 8vo.
Delafield's Enquiry on Antiquities of America—New
York, 1839, 4to.
Dickens' American Notes, 8vo. 2 vols.
Darby, (W.) Memoir on Florida—Philadelphia, 1821,
8vo.
Ellis' Narrative of a Journey to New Britain, 8vo.
French's Historical Collections of Louisiana, 8vo.
Franklin's, (Captain) Narrative of Journey to Polar
Sea, 4to.
Fisher's Journal of Discovery to Arctic Regions,
8vo.
Farmer's American Letters, 8vo.
Farnham's, (Thomas) Travels in the Great Western
Prairies, 8vo. 2 vols.
Flint, (James) Letters from America—Edinburgh,
1822, 8vo.
Foot, (Stuart) Texas and the Texians—Philadelphia,
1841, 8vo. 2 vols.
Fisher Ames' Works, 8vo.
Gesner's, (Dr.) Geological Survey of New Brun-
swick, 8vo.
Gesner's, (Dr.) Geology of Nova Scotia, 8vo.
Grund's Manners of the Americans, 8vo. 2 vols.
Holmes (Abiel) American Annals, 8vo. 2 vols.
Hanway's Account of British Troops in America,
8vo.
Hume's (G.) Canada as it is—New York, 1832,
12mo.
Henderson's History of Iceland, 8vo.

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History of New York by Knickerbocker, 8vo.
Hazard's, (E.) Historical Collections, 4to. 2 vols.
History, (Impartial) of War in America, 8vo.
Histoire des Indes Occidentales (Maffei and Mangin,) 8vo.
fol.
Historical Collections of Massachusetts, 8vo. 27 vols.
Hook's, (W. F.) Life of Bishop Hobart, 8vo.
Hubbard's Indian Wars, 8vo.
Humboldt, Observations Astronomiques, &c., dans
la Nouvelle Espagne, 4to. 2 vols.
——— Sur le Royaume de la Nouvelle Espagne,
4to. 2 vols., avec Atlas, folio.
History of the Indian Tribes of America; by M'Ken-
ney and Hall, (Illustrated,) fol. 3 vols.
Hawkins', (E.) Church of England in the Colonies,
8vo.
Hammond, (Jabez) History of Political Parties in
New York from 1778 to 1840, 8vo. 2 vols.
History of the Bank of the United States, 8vo.
Hooton's Texiana, or St. Louis' Isle, 8vo.
Jontel's Journal of Voyage to Mexico, 8vo.
Jefferson's Notes on Virginia, 8vo.
Jefferson, Memoirs and Correspondence, 8vo. 4 vols.
Interest of Great Britain considered, 8vo.
Kip, (Reverend Mr.) Early Jesuit Missions in Ca-
nada, 8vo.
King's, (Dr.) Narrative of Expedition with Captain
Back, 8vo.
Kennedy's Rise and Progress of Texas, 8vo.
Kennedy, (John) Life of the first Lord Baltimore,
8vo.
Lanman, (C.) Tour to the Saguenay, 8vo.
Lescarbot (Marc) Voyages en la Nouvelle France,
(Edit. 1617,) 8vo.
La Popelinière—Les trois Mondes, 8vo.
Lewis & Clarke's Expedition to the sources of the
Mississippi River, Dublin, 1817, 8vo. 2 vols.
Literary Garland or Canadian Magazine, small fol.
9 vols.
Murray's Historical and Topographical account of
the United States, 12mo. 3 vols.
Marryatt's (Captain) Diary in America, 8vo. 3 vols.
Memoirs of Henry Timberlake, 8vo.
Monette's History of Discovery, &c. of Mississippi,
8vo. 2 vols.
Martineau (Harriet) Voyage aux Etats Unis, 8vo.
2 vols.
——— Society in America—New York, 1837,
12mo. 2 vols.
Macleod's (Alexander) Trial for burning the Caro-
line—N. Y. 1841, 8vo.
Nova Francia—translated from Lescarbot by Eron-
delle, 4to.
O'Callaghan's (Dr.) History of the New Netherlands,
8vo. vol. 1.
Prime's (Nathaniel) History of Long Island—N. Y.
1845, 12mo.
Palmer's Travels in the United States and Canadas,
8vo.
Quincy's (Josiah) History of Harvard University—
Cambridge, 1840, 8vo. 2 vols.
Richardson's (Major) Eight years in Canada, 8vo.
——— The Guards in Canada; or the Point of
Honor, 8vo.
Roy (Mrs. Jennet) History of Canada, for the use of
Schools, 12mo.
Ross (Captain) Voyage for Exploring Baffin's Bay,
4to.
Russell (William) History of America since its dis-
covery—London, 1778, 4to. 2 vols.
St. John's true description of Lake Superior Country,
8vo.
Simpson's (Sir George) Overland Journey, 8vo.
Simon's Indians of America identified, 8vo.
Solis, (Ant. de) Conquest of Mexico, translated by
Townsend, 8vo. 2 vols.

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Smith's Discourses on public occasions in America, 8vo.
Smith's (Coke) Sketches in the Canadas, fol.
Sabine's American Loyalist, 8vo.
Santarem (Le Vicomte de) Recherches historiques sur Vespuce, 8vo.
Stoddart (Major A.) Descriptive Sketches of Louisiana, 8vo.
Sansom's Sketches of Lower Canada—New York, 1807, 12mo.
Stiles' (President) History of the three Judges of Charles I—Hartford, 1794, 12mo.
Schoolcraft—Oneta, or the Red Race of America—N. Y. 1845, 8vo.
Trumbull's Indian Wars, 8vo.
Thompson's Recollections of Mexico, 8vo.
Trumbull's (Benjamin) History of Connecticut, from 1630 to 1764—New Haven, 1818, 2 vols.
Theller, (E. A.) Canada in 1837—8, 8vo. 2 vols.
Von Tschudi's Travels in Peru, 8vo.
Venega's History of California, 8vo. 2 vols.
Von Raumer (Fred.) America and the American People—N. Y. 1846, 8vo.
Volney's America, 8vo.
Williams' Addresses, &c. of the Presidents of America, 8vo. 2 vols.
Wilson (Marcus) American History of Indian Tribes, &c., 8vo.
Washington and the Generals of the American Revolution, 8vo. 2 vols.
Warburton's Hochelaga, 8vo.
Wilkinson's (General) Report of Committee on his conduct, &c.—Washington, 1841, 8vo.
Young on Colonial Education, 8vo.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *J. Bte. C. Dupuis* and others, landholders of the Counties of *L'Islet* and *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of *Pierre Deguise*, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, (Assessment to support the Poor.)

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *John T. Cooper* and others, freeholders of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Rainham*; and the Petition of *William Fitch* and others, freeholders of the County of *Hal-dimand*.

By Mr. *Webster*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*, (Pauper Emigrants;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*, (New District of *Bruce*;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*, (Pathmasters;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*, (Common School Act;) and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington* (Assessment Rolls.)

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *John D. Bostwick* and others, of the District of *St. Francis*; and the Petition of *A. W. Kendrick* and others, of the Township of *Compton*, in the District of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*,—The Petition of *D. Æ. Macdonell*, Esquire, Candidate at the late election of a Member for the County of *Stormont*, and others, Electors of the said County; and the Petition of *Charles Rattray* and others, Electors of the Town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of *David Bruce* and others, of the Town of *Pictou*, in the District of *Prince Edward*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Victoria*, (Administration of Justice;) and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Victoria* (Road.)

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Home District (Registration.)

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *Nathan S. Coho*, of *Middleton*, in the District of *Talbot*. Petitions brought up.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *William Davis* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, tavern-keepers.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *James Robertson* and others, of the Townships of *Clarke* and *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Secretary of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski* (Registration;) the Petition of the Mayor and Secretary of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski* (Distribution of Laws;) and the Petition of the Reverend *P. Rou-tier* and others, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Seymour*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Wetenhall*, and Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, be appointed to enquire if certain Documents which appear in the Appendix to the Journals of this House of last Session, as having been sent down to the House by the Executive Government in reply to an Address of the House, did in reality emanate from the Executive Government, and if they were laid before the House, and ordered to be printed; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Indian Affairs.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, *Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Indigent Emigrants Act 4 and 5 Vic. c. 13, and of making further provision in respect of Emigration. Emigration.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Price* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow. Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 1° die Martii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, that *Alphonso Wells* and *Donald Mc'Donald (Roy)*, Esquires, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Stormont*. Stormont Election.

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

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of *Charles Berczy* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Roger B. Conger*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Watts*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Louis T. Fortier* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Duchesnay*,—The Petition of *Archibald H. Young* and others, of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and other Parishes.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of *George Simley* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Potvin* and others, of *Somerset*, and other Townships.

By Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,—The Petition of *Archibald Petrie*, of the Township of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Russell*, Esquire.

Petitions read.

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

Of *William Caldwell* and others, of *Amherstburgh* and other parts of the Western District; praying that the time allotted them for the payment of the fees due upon their lands may be prolonged; that those who have a claim thereto may be absolved from the payment of those fees; and that in all cases the said fees may be reduced.

Of *Joseph Metsalabolet* and others, *Abenakis* and *Malécites* of the Indian Village of *Béancour*; praying for a grant of money out of the revenues of the Jesuits' Estates, for the support of a Missionary amongst them.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Maurault*, Missionary, and of the Chiefs and Warriors of the *Abenakis* Village of *St. François du Lac St. Pierre*; praying for a grant of money out of the revenues of the Jesuits' Estates, for the re-construction of a School House in the said Village.

Of the Reverend *George L. Lemoine* and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*, and parts adjacent; representing that the Turnpike Trustees have interfered to prevent the use of the usual winter roads over the ice on the Basin of the River *St. Charles*, and on the River *St. Laurence*; and praying that such measures may be adopted as will enable the inhabitants to use them as heretofore.

Of *Laurent Tremblay* and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying that three of their number may be appointed to represent them at the Trinity Board; that the number of Branch Pilots be diminished; that their compensation be increased; and that certain regulations be made respecting those who are detained at Quarantine, or who, in the discharge of their duties, may contract disease upon vessels.

Of *William Patton* and others, of *St. Thomas* and the adjoining Parishes; praying for a grant of money towards an establishment for the education of young girls in the Parish of *St. Thomas*.

Of the President and Directors of the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 8 Vic. c. 59, establishing the Mayor's Court of the City of *Montreal*.

Of *George O. Stuart*, Esquire, and others, Directors of the *Quebec Protestant Cemetery Association*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of Mrs. *Eliza Taylor*, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the affairs of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*; praying the usual aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *William Black* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch*, in the City of *Quebec*; representing that they commenced re-building their houses destroyed by the fire of the 25th May, 1845, but have been unable to finish the same, not having received the promised Government Debentures, and praying relief.

Of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; praying that the Act 58 Geo. 3, c. 25, may be so modified as to secure him in the enjoyment

of the Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and of the Tolls arising therefrom. Petitions read.

Of *A. Gaudry* and others, Proprietors and Masters of Ships, of the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*; complaining of the burthen of certain dues and obligations imposed upon them, and praying relief.

Of *Antoine Polette*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, setting forth:—That at the late General Election of Members to serve in the present Provincial Parliament, *James Dickson*, Esquire, was the Returning Officer duly appointed to proceed to the Election of a Member to serve for the Town of *Three Rivers*, and that the said Returning Officer gave due notice that he would commence and hold the said Election for the said Town on the twenty-ninth day of December last, in the accustomed place for holding such Elections: That the Petitioner is duly qualified by law to serve as a Member in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That on the said day, and at the said place, two Candidates appeared for the Representation of the said Town, to wit: *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, Esquire, of the said Town of *Three Rivers*, Advocate, and the Petitioner; and a Poll was required, and granted by the said Returning Officer; and that the third and fourth days of January then next, and now last past, were then and there appointed by the said Returning Officer for taking the said Poll, at the Market Hall for the said Town of *Three Rivers*: That on the third day of January last past, the said Returning Officer proceeded to hold or keep the Poll, and receive the votes of those who presented themselves thereat as Electors, and adjourned to the next day: That on the fourth day of the said month of January, at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon, the said Returning Officer continued to hold the Poll, and receive the votes of those who presented themselves thereat as Electors; but that in consequence of violence exercised by the friends and supporters of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, who had by force expelled from the said Poll and place of Election the friends and supporters of the Petitioner, and taken and kept forcible possession of the Poll Booth, the said Returning Officer could not continue and terminate the said Election; and dreading personal injury to himself, was forced to discontinue the Poll, and close the Election without proclaiming either of the Candidates duly elected: That the Petitioner polled at the said Election one hundred and seventy votes, which formed the majority of good and legal votes, as well as those taken and enregistered at the said Election, as those of all the inhabitants and others duly qualified to vote for the Election of a Member to serve the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, at the time of the said Election, and particularly on the said twenty-ninth day of December, and on the said third and fourth days of January last, held, and was in possession of, the several offices, under the Crown in this Province, of Resident Agent for the sale of Public Lands in the County of *St. Maurice*, in the said Province, and of Agent for the sale of Timber Licences in the said County, and that notice thereof was publicly given: That being in possession of such offices as aforesaid, the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, at the time of the said Election, was incapable of, and disqualified from, being elected or returned to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That the said Returning Officer, well knowing the premises, granted a Poll improperly and in error at the said Election, and was bound to proclaim and return the Petitioner as duly elected, being the sole Candidate at the said Election duly qualified by law; and that the Petitioner became, and was, and is entitled to sit and vote in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, as the Mem-

Petitions read. ber representing the said Town of *Three Rivers*: and praying the consideration of the House in the premises, and that it be declared that the Petitioner was duly elected, and is entitled to sit and vote in this present Parliament, as Member representing the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; and that the necessary orders to that effect be made both to the said Returning Officer, and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, as need may require, and that the House will further ordain and decree in the matter as to law and justice may appertain.

Of Lady *Sophy Caldwell*, and other Ladies, the Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec* in connexion with the Church of *England*; praying aid in support of the said Institution.

Of Lady *E. Stuart*, and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; praying for the usual aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, Merchant; praying for an Act to confirm his title to certain property which he inherited from his father, but of which his nephews have dispossessed him at law, on the ground of his being an alien,—and that the titles of all persons in a similar situation may be quieted.

Huron Copper
Bay Company
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The *Huron Copper Bay Company*."

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*,

A. B. Papi-
neau, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Entry in the Journals of this House, of the 30th June, 1847, containing an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, relative to *André Benjamin Papineau*, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, Esquire, be now read. The said Entry was read accordingly.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the Documents, copies of Documents, and information already asked for by an Address unanimously adopted by this House on the 30th day of June last, relative to *André Benjamin Papineau*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Martin*; and at the same time praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House: 1st.—All Petitions and complaints which, since the adoption of the said Address, have been presented to the Executive Government against the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, and by reason of his opposition to the Common School Act. 2nd.—The dates at which the said Petitions and complaints were received in the Office of the Provincial Secretary, or in the Office of any other Officer of the Government to whom the said Petitions or complaints may have been addressed. 3rd.—The reference made of the said Petitions or complaints to the Attorney General for *Lower Canada*, or to any other Officer of the Government, and the date of such reference. 4th.—The Reports made on the said Petitions or complaints, either by the said Attorney General or any other Officer of the Government, or by the Executive Council, or by any Committee of the said Council, and the date of such Reports. 5th.—All letters or written communications addressed by His Excellency's order, and in consequence of such Petitions or complaints,

to the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, and the answers of the latter to the said letters or communications; and among others, the Petition or letter of the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, which contains "the expression of Mr. *Papineau's* regret on the subject of his conduct with "regard to the Education Act," as mentioned in a letter of Mr. Assistant Secretary *Parent*, written by order of His Excellency the Governor General, to the School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Martin*, and dated the 11th November, 1847. 6th.—The appointment of *William Ermatinger*, Esquire, to enquire into and report upon the conduct of the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, upon the subjects of complaints or grievances mentioned in the said Address of the 30th of June last; with the date of the said appointment, and the instructions given in this behalf to the said *W. Ermatinger*. 7th.—The Report or Reports made by the said *W. Ermatinger*, with the evidence taken by him in the course of his enquiry. 8th.—All correspondence which has taken place between the Executive Government, the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, and the signers of the Petitions or complaints aforesaid; and of those mentioned in the said Address of the 30th June last, relative to the payment of the expenses of the said enquiry. 9th.—All correspondence which has taken place since the adoption of the said Address of the 30th June last, between the Attorney General for *Lower Canada*, or any other Officer of the Government, and the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, in his capacity of Justice of the Peace, or of Commissioner for the trial of Small Causes. 10th.—All correspondence which has taken place between the Government and *W. O. Stephens*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, relative to the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, and to the removal or resignation of the said *W. O. Stephens* as a Justice of the Peace.

A. B. Papi-
neau, Esquire.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Price*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to cause to be transmitted to this House, the following Documents relative to the Accounts of *S. P. Jarvis*, Esquire, late Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs, which were omitted to be sent down in reply to the Address of the House of last Session, viz.:—Mr. *Jarvis's* official Bank Account with the Bank of *Upper Canada*; Statements Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and Nos. A and B, referred to and contained in Mr. *Jarvis's* letter to Captain *Higginson* of 4th October, 1844; the Bank of *Upper Canada* Debenture Account; the *Manitoulin* Pay Lists, with the stoppage lists thereunto attached; Mr. *C. E. Anderson's* private Report which accompanied his official Statement of 4th February, 1846; the correspondence shewing Mr. *C. E. Anderson's* appointment, and how he came to be employed to investigate Mr. *Jarvis's* Accounts; the correspondence relative to Mr. *Anderson's* remuneration for his services; Mr. *Anderson's* memorial to Lord *Elgin*, of date 29th June, 1847; also, all and every correspondence that may have taken place between His Excellency and Mr. *Jarvis*, or any of the Accountants engaged in the matter, or any other party, relative to

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these Accounts, since the close of the last Session of Parliament,—embracing any Statements of Account or explanations that may have been offered since that period, by any party, relative to the matter in question.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Norfolk Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in the County of *Norfolk*, for the construction of Plank or Macadamized Roads within the said County.

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

Land Surveyors Bill (L.C.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Fournier* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned, and to make better provision respecting Land Surveyors and the admeasurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*.

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

Emigration.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Indigent Emigrants Act 4 and 5 *Vic. c. 13*, and of making further provision in respect of Emigration, reported several Resolutions, which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend the Emigrant Act 4 and 5 *Vic. c. 13*, by increasing the rate or duty levied thereby; and to make other and further provisions in respect of Emigrants and Passengers embarked in ships or vessels arriving at any port in this Province.
2. *Resolved*, That instead of the rate or duty of five shillings, as levied under the said Act, it is expedient that there be levied and paid upon all Passengers or Emigrants, irrespective of age, embarked on board of such ships or vessels, the sum of ten shillings currency; and that, in addition thereto, the said rate shall be doubled for Passengers in ships arriving at any time between the tenth day of September, and the first day of October; and trebled for Passengers in ships arriving after the first day of October, in each year.
3. *Resolved*, That in cases where it shall appear probable that any Passenger may become chargeable upon the public, it is expedient that the master of the ship carrying such Passenger shall give security against, any such charge; with power to commute such obligation by the payment of a sum of twenty shillings currency, for every such Passenger.
4. *Resolved*, That in addition to the foregoing rates, it is expedient that there be paid for every Passenger on board of ships detained in Quarantine beyond the period of three days; a further rate or duty proportioned to the time during which the said ship shall be so detained—such further rate to be two shillings and sixpence for each full period of three days.

The first and second Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The third Resolution being read a second time, Mr. *Boutillier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, and the Question being put, That the Resolution be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, with the view of increasing the

sum of money therein mentioned, from twenty shillings to five pounds.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Aylwin*, *Boutillier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Gillet*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Marquis*, *Papineau*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott of Two MOUNTAINS*, *Taché*.—(19.)

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Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Baldwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton of NORFOLK*, *Boulton of TORONTO*, *Brooks*, *Burritt*, *Carrall*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *Gugy*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *LaFontaine*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald of GLENGARY*, *Macdonald of KINGSTON*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *M'Connell*, *M'Farland*, *Merritt*, *Meyers*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Scott of BYTOWN*, *Sherwood of BROCKVILLE*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith of DURHAM*, *Smith of FRONTENAC*, *Smith of WENTWORTH*, *Stevenson*, *Thompson*, *Webster*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(50.)

So it passed in the Negative.

The third Resolution was then agreed to.

The fourth Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision with respect to Emigrants, and for defraying the expenses of supporting Indigent Emigrants, and for forwarding them to their place of destination, and to amend the Act therein mentioned.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and the Rules of the House suspended as to the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Wilson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received; and the Rules of this House suspended as to the same. Mr. *Wilson* reported the Bill accordingly; and the Amendments were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Return and Poll Books for the last Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, being read; Beauharnois Election.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Holmes* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it appears by the Return of the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the last Election of a Member for the County of *Beauharnois*, and the Poll Books transmitted

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with the said Return, that, at the close of the said Election, *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, one of the Candidates, had a majority of votes.

2. *Resolved*, That the said *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, ought to have been returned at the said Election as Knight Representative to serve for the County of *Beauharnois*, in this present Parliament.
3. *Resolved*, That the said *Jacob DeWitt* has a right to take his Seat in this House as Representative for the said County of *Beauharnois*; saving however to all Candidates and Electors their right of contesting the said Election if they think proper, in such manner as may by law and justice appertain, and according to the usages of Parliament.
4. *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, and amend the Return of the said County of *Beauharnois*, by stating, that, at the said Election, the said *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, was duly elected to represent the said County of *Beauharnois*.
5. *Resolved*, That the Poll Books for the Township of *Dundee* and the Parish of *St. Anicet*, in the said County of *Beauharnois*, at the said Election, while in progress of transmission to the Returning Officer, were forcibly taken from the possession and custody of the Deputy Returning Officers for the said Township and Parish, by certain evil disposed and lawless persons unknown.
6. *Resolved*, That it is just and necessary to adopt means for the discovery, apprehension, and punishment of the said offenders.
7. *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may give such orders as in his wisdom he may think necessary in the premises.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address and Resolutions be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended according to Order, and amended the Return for the County of *Beauharnois*.

Mr. DeWitt
takes his seat.

Jacob DeWitt, Esquire, Member for the County of *Beauharnois*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

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The Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being put, That *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, be ordered to attend at the Bar of this House, at its sitting on Monday the sixth day of March instant.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier, Burrill, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Holmes, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis, Merritt, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott* of BYTOWN, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Thompson, Watts, Wetenhall, and Wilson*.—(46.)

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Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Crysler, Gagy, Hall, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, Sir *Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M'Connell, Meyers, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Taché, and Webster*.—(19.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, do attend at the Bar of this House, at its sitting on Monday the sixth day of March instant.

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Mr. *Notman* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*, That in obedience to a Writ of Election duly issued and returnable on the twenty-fourth day of January, in the present year, an Election was held for the County of *Oxford*, on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1847.

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tion.

Mr. *Boulton* of *Toronto* moved, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the said Motion be postponed until to-morrow.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin, Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Cayley, Christie, DeWitt, Flint, Fournier, Johnson, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, Sir *Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, Price, Prince*, Attorney General *Sherwood, and Wetenhall*.—(16)

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Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Beaubien, Boutillier, Burrill, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Fortier, Fourquin, Gagy, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis, M'Farland, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott* of BYTOWN, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Taché, and Thompson*.—(37.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Boulton* of *Toronto* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the main Motion be postponed until to-morrow.

The House divided:—

Yeas, 13.

Nays, 34.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Boulton* of *Toronto* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, and the Question being put, That the House do now adjourn.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boulton* of TORONTO, *Christie*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*.—(6.)

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Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin*, Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boutillier, Burrill, Cauchon, Cayley, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Davignon, Drummond, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Marquis, M'Farland, Mongenais, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott* of BYTOWN, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Taché, Thompson, and Wetenhall*.—(42.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Boulton* of *Toronto* then moved, in amendment to the main Motion, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, and the Question being put, That the only proper mode of determining upon a Contested Election or Return

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of a Member or Members to represent any Constituency in that part of the Province formerly called *Upper Canada*, is under the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, 4 Geo. 4, c. 4, regulating the trial of Controverted Elections in *Upper Canada*.

The House divided; and it passed in the Negative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, the House again divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boutillier, Burritt, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, De Witt, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Marquis, M'Farland, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Smith of DURHAM, Taché, Thompson, and Wetenhall.*—(40.)

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Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boulton of TORONTO, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Johnson, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, and Sherwood of BROCKVILLE.*—(12.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That in obedience to a Writ of Election duly issued, and returnable on the twenty-fourth day of January, in the present year, an Election was held for the County of *Oxford* on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1847.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Durham*,

Resolved, That *Francis Hincks*, Esquire, and *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, were proposed and seconded, and were candidates at the said Election.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Scott of Bytown*,

Resolved, That a Poll was demanded and allowed by the Returning Officer according to Law, and that the said Poll was taken in the several Townships comprised within the said County.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

Resolved, That by the said Poll Books returned to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, with the said Writ of Election, it appears that 813 votes were taken for the said *Francis Hincks*, and 478 votes for the said *Peter Carroll*; and that, therefore, so far as the facts appear from the said Poll Books, the said *Francis Hincks* should have been returned duly elected.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*,

Resolved, That notwithstanding the said majority of votes appearing in favor of the said *Francis Hincks*, the Returning Officer who held the said Election returned the said *Peter Carroll* duly elected; and the said *Peter Carroll* has taken a seat in this House in pursuance of such Return.

Mr. *Notman* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Holmes*, and the Question being put, That a due regard for the rights of Electors, and for the privileges of this House, requires that the said Return should be amended according to the facts apparent upon the said Poll Books.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boutillier, Burritt, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, De Witt, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Fortier,*

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Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Marquis, M'Farland, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Smith of DURHAM, Taché, Thompson, and Wetenhall.—(40.)

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Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boulton of TORONTO, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Johnson, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, and Sherwood of BROCKVILLE.*—(12.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a due regard for the rights of Electors, and for the privileges of this House, requires that the said Return should be amended according to the facts apparent upon the said Poll Books.

Mr. *Notman* moved to resolve, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, and the Question being put, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, and amend the Return for the said County of *Oxford*, by erasing the name of *Peter Carroll*, and inserting therein the name of the said *Francis Hincks*, and that the said *Francis Hincks* do take his seat in this House forthwith, in place of the said *Peter Carroll*; reserving to the said *Peter Carroll*, and to all others whom it may concern, all rights of Petition and other proceedings for controverting and obtaining a final decision on the legality of the said Election and Return.

The House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding division.

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, and amend the Return for the said County of *Oxford*, by erasing the name of *Peter Carroll*, and inserting therein the name of the said *Francis Hincks*, and that the said *Francis Hincks* do take his seat in the House forthwith, in place of the said *Peter Carroll*; reserving to the said *Peter Carroll*, and to all others whom it may concern, all rights of Petition and other proceedings for controverting and obtaining a final decision on the legality of the said Election and Return.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended according to Order, and amended the Return for the County of *Oxford*.

The Honorable *Francis Hincks*, Member for the County of *Oxford*, having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Mr. Hincks takes his seat.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald of Glengary*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, summoning *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, to the Bar of this House, on Tuesday the 21st day of March instant, to answer for his Return to the Writ of Election for the said County.

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Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald of Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Laurin*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 2^o die Martii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. Malloch,—The Petition of *George B. Hopper* and others, of the Township of *Napan*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *W. H. Boulton*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *William Kirk* and others, of the Townships of *Hemmingsford* and *Sherrington*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *John Counter*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Kingston* (Gas Light.)

By Mr. *Guillet*,—The Petition of *David Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batis-can*.

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of *Joseph Richard Thompson*, of the Township of *Brock*, in the Home District.

By Mr. *Marquis*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. Gauvreau* and others, of *Rivière Ouelle*, and adjoining Parishes.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Philip Wismer* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; the Petition of *David Palmer* and others, of the Township of *Grimsby*, in the District of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, of *Grantham*, and other Townships, in the District of *Niagara*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *Louis Edward Pacaud*, Esquire, Commissioner of the Bankrupt Court for the District of *Three Rivers*; the Petition of *Joseph Boucher de Niverville*, of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, Captain of the Indian Corps during the late War with the *United States*; and the Petition of the Reverend Messire *Lebourdais* and others, of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup* and other Parishes, in the County of *St. Maurice*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock* (University of King's College); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock* (Boundaries); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock* (Courts of Assize.)

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *D. Thomas* and others, of the Townships of *Slipton* and *Melbourne*, County of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church, London*, in the District of *London*; and the Petition of *L. Lawson* and others, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; the Petition of *Antoine Légaré* and others, Members of the Association of Teachers of the District of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, President of the *Quebec Library Association*.

By Mr. *Davignon*,—The Petition of *M. Townsend* and others, Directors of the *Clarenceville Academy*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Alphonso Wells*, Esquire, late Commissioner on the part of *Canada*, for determining the Boundary Line between *Canada* and *New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Duchesnay*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John O'Grady* and others, of *Ste Catherine de Fossambault*; and the Petition of *J. E. Pageot* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Portneuf*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *J. B. C. Dupuis* and others, landholders of the Counties of *L'Islet* and *Bellechasse*; praying for

the establishment of a permanent and less expensive system of Judicature in the more remote parts of the Province. Petitions read.

Of *Pierre Deguise*, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*; praying remuneration for his services as Clerk of the Municipal District of *St. Thomas*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*; praying that the Municipal Councils of *Upper Canada* may be authorized to levy an assessment, not exceeding one-eighth of a penny in the pound, for the support of the poor.

Of *John T. Cooper* and others, freeholders of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Rainham*; praying aid to improve the Post Road from *Dunville* to *Port Dover*.

Of *William Fitch* and others, freeholders of the County of *Haldimand*; praying a more equal Representation in Parliament, and that the number of Representatives may be increased.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; praying the adoption of means to prevent a recurrence of the calamity of the last year, by the influx of pauper Emigrants,—and for the encouragement of a better class of Emigrants.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; praying that no division may be made of the said District.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; praying that the Law relating to Township Officers may be so amended as to authorize the Township Clerk in each Township to receive the returns of the Pathmasters upon their declarations.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; praying that the Assessment Rolls may be made out by an officer who shall be amenable to the District Council.

Of *John D. Bostwick* and others, of the District of *St. Francis*; complaining of the non-payment of Jurors in *Canada East*, and praying a remedy for the evil.

Of *A. W. Kendrick* and others, of the Township of *Compton*, in the District of *St. Francis*; praying aid for an Academy to be established in the said Township.

Of *D. Æ. Macdonell*, Esquire, candidate at the late Election of a Member for the County of *Stormont*, and others, Electors of the said County; setting forth:—That the Petitioners are under the necessity of bringing under the notice of the House, the circumstances in connection with the late Election for the return of a Member to represent the County of *Stormont* in the third Provincial Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; which Election, the Petitioners are prepared to prove, has been corrupt and illegal, tending to deprive the said County of *Stormont* of its fair representation in the Provincial Assembly, and to set at nought the various laws providing for the representation of the people of the Province by localities, and also the laws for the freedom of Election: That the Petitioners would draw under the notice of the House, that the Proclamation for the holding of the Election for the return of a Member to the Provincial Assembly for the County of *Stormont*, was made on Thursday the 9th of December, for the holding of the Election for the said County of *Stormont* on the 16th day of the said month of December, 1847; thereby only giving six days notice of the time and place of holding the said Election; this proceeding, on the part of the Returning Officer, has been in violation of the ninth section of an Act of the Legislature of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act to provide for the freedom of Elections throughout this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned." By this

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proceeding, on the part of the Returning Officer, the County has been taken by surprise, and many freeholders prevented from recording their votes: That the Petitioners have to complain of the injustice that has been done to the Electors of the County of Stormont, by James Pringle, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the said County of Stormont, who instructed the Deputy Returning Officer of the Township of Cornwall to record the votes of those persons who polled their votes on property situated within the Town Plot of Cornwall, which said Town is represented in the Provincial Assembly; and such proceeding is the more glaring on the part of the Returning Officer, as the said parties had, at the same period, voted for the return of a Member to represent the said Town of Cornwall: That such proceeding on the part of the Returning Officer, is, in the opinion of the Petitioners, in direct contravention of the following enactments, viz.: the 31st of George 3rd, chapter 31, and the 3rd and 4th of Victoria, chapter 35; and also, of a certain other Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of Canada, the 10th day of February, 1845, defining the limits of Counties and Districts in Upper Canada: That the Petitioners also complain that James Pringle, of the Town of Cornwall, Esquire, who had been appointed as Returning Officer for the County of Stormont, could not legally discharge the duty of Returning Officer for the said County, as he is not a freeholder in the said County, nor has he resided therein for twelve months prior to the Election, as is required by the 13th section of an Act of the Provincial Legislature, intituled, "An Act to provide for the freedom of Elections throughout this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned." That the Petitioners are prepared to prove that many votes polled for the sitting Member, Alexander MacLean, were not entitled to vote for the return of a Member to represent the County of Stormont in the third Provincial Assembly of the Province of Canada, exclusive of such voters who polled upon property within the Town Plot of Cornwall, and that the conduct of the Returning Officer has been illegal and unjust: And that, on the sixteenth day of December, the day of nomination for candidates for the representation of the County of Stormont in the Provincial Assembly, that R. K. Bullock, one of the Deputy Returning Officers, did use force and violence to intimidate the friends of Donald Æ. Macdonell, a candidate as aforesaid, by seizing in a violent manner one of the said Donald Æ. Macdonell's friends, and drawing him from the place where the nomination took place; and praying that the premises may be enquired into by the House, and that the return of Alexander MacLean, as Representative to the Provincial Assembly for the County of Stormont may be cancelled, and that Donald Æneas Macdonell, a candidate for the said County of Stormont, may be declared duly elected, as having a majority of the legal votes of the County of Stormont; or that a Writ may forthwith issue for a new Election for the said County of Stormont.

Of Charles Rattray, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of Cornwall, setting forth:—That the Petitioners are, and, at the last Election of a Member for the Town of Cornwall to serve in the Legislative Assembly, were freeholders and leaseholders in the said Town, and claim to have had a right to vote at the said Election, wherein the Honorable John Hillyard Cameron was elected, and returned by a majority of sixteen votes, to serve in Parliament as a Member for the said Town: That the notice of eight days required by law, to be given previously to the Election, was not given,—the time between its publication and the Election being seven days: That the return of the said John Hillyard Cameron

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was effected partly through means of bribery, corruption, and intimidation; that a number of illegal votes were polled in his favour; that a Member of the Legislative Council was allowed to record his vote in favor of the said John Hillyard Cameron on that occasion; and that several votes were recorded in his favour upon property under the value fixed by law: That other votes were recorded in his favour, upon lots on which small wooden frames, unfit for the habitation of any human being, had been but a few hours previously drawn for the purpose of making votes; that one of such houses was used as a slaughter house but a few days previously, and was in such a state of dilapidation as to render it scarcely safe to risk its removal; that it was drawn from its place to a vacant lot during the Election, although it contained neither window, floor, chimney, partition or roof; that its alleged owner was permitted to regard it as a dwelling house, and to record his vote upon it as such for the said John Hillyard Cameron; and next day it was dragged back to its former place and use: And, lastly, that although the said John Hillyard Cameron was personally present at such Election, his qualification was made before a Magistrate, and not before the Returning Officer: That under such circumstances the Petitioners consider themselves aggrieved; and feel that by the return of the said John Hillyard Cameron, as aforesaid, their rights as voters had been set aside; and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom of the House may seem just.

Of David Bruce and others, of the Town of Picton, in the District of Prince Edward; praying that the Act incorporating the said Town may be repealed.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of Victoria; praying that the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Canada West may be defrayed out of the Provincial Chest, as they are in Canada East.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of Victoria; praying aid for the construction of a Road from Belleville through the said District to its rear.

Of the Municipal Council of the Home District; praying for a reduction of the fees and emoluments of the Registrars of the Counties, and that they may be empowered to erect buildings suitable for Registry Offices.

Of Nathan S. Coho of Middleton, in the District of Talbot; representing that he is still suffering from a wound received in the Militia Service, during the War of 1812, and praying a Pension.

Of William Davis and others, of the City of Toronto, tavern-keepers; praying for the passing of a law to prevent the selling of Beer, Ale, and other Liquors without a license.

Of James Robertson and others, of the Townships of Clarke and Hope, in the District of Newcastle; praying to be incorporated as "the President, Directors, and Company of the Port Granby Harbour," with certain rights and privileges.

Of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company; praying for the passing of an Act to secure Public Provincial Aid to the said Company.

Of the Mayor and Secretary of the Municipal Council of the County of Rimouski; praying that the said County may be divided for the purposes of registration, and the sale of Crown Lands.

Of the Mayor and Secretary of the Municipal Council of Rimouski; praying that a sufficient number of the Acts referring to the duties of Parish Officers be printed and distributed among the Municipal Councils.

Of the Reverend P. Routier and others, of St. Louis de Kamouraska; praying for an Act to prevent shooting certain Game at improper seasons of the year.

Montreal Corporation Petition referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, and Mr. *Jobin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Emigration Bill.

An Engrossed Bill to make better provision with respect to Emigrants, and for defraying the expenses of supporting Indigent Emigrants, and of forwarding them to their place of destination, and to amend the Act therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Watts* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Watts* reported the Bill accordingly; and the Amendments were read and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Gaspé Judicature Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Gaspé* Judicature Act.

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

Bill relating to Letters Patent for Lands (L.C.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to Letters Patent, whereby any Waste or other Public Lands in *Lower Canada* are granted; to simplify the process of Land granting, and to render the same more expeditious and less expensive than heretofore.

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

Consideration of Speech deferred.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature at the opening of the present Session, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until to-morrow; and that it be then the first Order of the day.

On motion of Mr. *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Scott of Bytown*,

Kent Election.

Resolved, That in obedience to a Writ of Election duly issued, and returnable on the twenty-fourth day of January, in the present year, an Election was held for the County of *Kent*, on the thirteenth day of January last.

On motion of Mr. *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Durham*,

Resolved, That *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, and the Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, Esquire, were proposed and seconded, and were candidates at such Election.

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

Resolved, That a Poll was demanded and allowed by the Returning Officer, according to law,

and that the said Poll was taken in the several Townships comprised within the said County. On motion of Mr. *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*,

Resolved, That it appears by the Poll Books, returned to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery with the said Writ of Election, that one thousand and seventy-nine votes were recorded for the said *Malcolm Cameron*, and five hundred and forty votes for the said Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, and therefore that the said *Malcolm Cameron* had a majority of votes; and that, notwithstanding this, the said Returning Officer, *George Wade Foote*, Esquire, did not declare and return the said *Malcolm Cameron* as duly elected.

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

Resolved, That the said *Malcolm Cameron* ought to have been returned as Knight Representative for the County of *Kent*, in this present Parliament.

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

Resolved, That the said *Malcolm Cameron* has a right to take his seat in this House as Representative for the said County of *Kent*; saving, however, to all candidates and Electors their right of contesting the said Election, if they think proper, in such manner as may appertain in law and justice, according to the usage of Parliament.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, and amend the Return for the said County of *Kent*, by stating that at the said Election the said *Malcolm Cameron* was duly elected to represent the said County of *Kent*.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended according to Order, and amended the Return for the County of *Kent*.

Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, Member for the County of *Kent*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House. Mr. Cameron takes his seat.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant, summoning *George Wade Foote*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Kent*, to the Bar of this House, on Friday the twenty-fourth day of March instant, to answer for his conduct in relation to his Return to the Writ of Election for the said County. Kent Election.

Mr. *Drummond* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*, That it appears by the Return of *James Dickson*, Esquire, the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the Election of a Member to represent the Town of *Three Rivers* in the present Parliament, that in obedience to a Writ of Election duly issued, and returnable to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery on the twenty-fourth day of January, in the present year, an Election was held for the Town of *Three Rivers* on the twenty-ninth day of December last, at the said Town of *Three Rivers*, when and where *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, Esquire, and *Antoine Poulette*, Esquire, came forward and were named candidates at the said Election. Three Rivers Election.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the previous Question, viz:—

Petitions read.

Of the Reverend *Louis T. Fortier* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; praying for aid to open a new line of road in that Township.

Of *Archibald H. Young* and others, of *L'Ancienne Lorette* and other Parishes; praying that the improvements of the Macadamized Road from *Quebec* to a certain part of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, may be continued to the point where it intersects the central route of the Parish of *St. Augustin*.

Of *George Simley* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; praying for a certain amendment to the Election Law.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Potvin* and others, of *Somerses* and other Townships; praying for aid to open a new line of Road through the said Townships.

Of *Archibald Petrie*, of the Township of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Russell*, Esquire; setting forth:—That the Petitioner was a candidate for the County of *Russell*, at the last general Election, in opposition to *George B. Lyon*, who was returned as duly elected therefor: That the Petitioner protests against the return of the said *George B. Lyon* on the following grounds: 1st.—That votes were received in his favor from persons not possessed of the requisite property qualification to entitle them to vote: 2nd.—Because many of the persons who voted in favor of the said *George B. Lyon*, were induced to do so by having received money, or the promise thereof, from the said *George B. Lyon* or his agents: 3rd.—Because money was paid to one of the Deputy Returning Officers prior to the Election, to forward the return of the said *George B. Lyon*, the said Returning Officer being keeper of a House of Entertainment, did entertain the voters and partizans of the said *George B. Lyon*, at the cost and charges of the same: 4th.—Because bribery and corruption were practised previous to and during the said Election, by the said *George B. Lyon*, his agents and partizans, whereby a number of voters were induced to vote in favor of the said *George B. Lyon*, who otherwise would have voted for the Petitioner, and others induced to abstain from voting: 5th.—Because sums of money were expended by the said *George B. Lyon*, his agents and partizans, in procuring the attendance of voters at the said Election, and in compensating the said voters for loss of time in coming to and returning from the said Election: 6th.—Because the said *George B. Lyon*, his agents and partizans, did open and support, or cause to be opened and supported, at his costs and charges, a House of Entertainment for the accommodation of the Electors; and praying the House to enquire into the merits of the said Election, and the conduct of the said *George B. Lyon*, and his agents, and relieve the Petitioner, either by ordering the said Return to be amended, by the insertion of the name of the Petitioner in such Return, in the place of the said *George B. Lyon*, disqualified as aforesaid, by reason of such bribery or other corrupt and illegal conduct, or to cause a new Writ to issue for the Election of a fit and proper person to represent the said County in the place of said *George B. Lyon*,—the Petitioner craving permission to offer evidence in support of the allegations aforesaid, before a Committee of the House to be appointed to try the merits of the said Election.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Shérwood*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, a Return of the amount collected for Harbour Dues at the Port of *Toronto*, for the year 1847; together with a detailed account of the expenses incurred in constructing and repairing the Queen's Wharf

at the entrance of the said Harbour, and a statement shewing the balance, if any, still due to the Government, on account of sums advanced by the authority of certain Acts of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for constructing and repairing the Queen's Wharf at the entrance of *Toronto* Harbour.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regulating the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, were intended to have force and effect.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate sundry persons under the name and style of "The President, Directors, and Company of the *Port Granby* Harbour." He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wetenhall* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Election Law of this Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *Port Hope*, and to establish a Town Council therein, in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Town of *Amherstburg*, in the Western District.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* of *Toronto* have leave to absent himself from this House for one month, from this date, on urgent business.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature at the opening of the present Session, being read;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne:

To express our gratification that His Excellency has called us together at so early a period after the dissolution of the last Parliament; and to assure His Excellency:—

Jurors' Bill.
(L. C.)Port Granby
Harbour Com-
pany Bill.

Election Bill.

Port Hope
Town Council
Bill.Amherstburg
Incorporation
Bill.Leave of
Absence.Speech con-
sidered.Motion for an
Address.Toronto Har-
bour Dues.

Motion for an
Address.

That we rejoice that he has, during his recent tour through the Province, met with the most gratifying indications of general contentment and prosperity in all the Districts which he visited :

That we learn, with the greatest satisfaction, that steps have been taken for placing the Post Office in British North America on an improved footing; and that we shall give our most anxious consideration and attention to any measure which may be proposed to effect this important object :

That we receive with much pleasure, the information that a good and practicable line of Railway between Quebec and Halifax, has been discovered by the Officers to whom the exploration was confided :

That we unite with His Excellency in the expression of deepest concern for the distress and suffering attendant upon last year's immigration; and we are gratified to know that Her Majesty's Government have bestowed on the subject the most anxious consideration, with a view to the introduction of such provisions into the Imperial Passenger Act, as may afford a security against the recurrence of similar disasters. And that we shall be happy to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in their precautions, by the passage of a Bill, which we hope shall have the effect of discouraging the introduction of diseased and helpless persons into the Province, without checking the tide of healthy immigration which so powerfully contributes to its advancement :

That we shall be happy to receive the several communications, on these and other important matters, which have been addressed to His Excellency by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies :

That we shall give our most attentive consideration to any measures that may be proposed for embodying the provisions generally applicable to Railroad undertakings,—for amending the constitution of the University of King's College,—for adopting a more equitable mode of Assessment in Upper Canada, and for the improvement of the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province :

That the Accounts of the past year, and Estimates of the present year, shall receive our best consideration, and that His Excellency may fully rely on our readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service :

That we place every confidence in His Excellency's disposition to co-operate with us in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare :

That we agree with His Excellency, that Canada possesses in singular abundance the elements of prosperity and social happiness—great natural capabilities—an enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population—institutions fitted to reconcile liberty with order—and the blessing of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful. That we believe that the duty of turning these advantages to account, in so far as these objects can properly be effected by Legislation, devolves upon Parliament, and that we fervently join with His Excellency in the prayer that we may acquit ourselves of the responsibility with fidelity and success.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine, that the words in the said motion :—"That we rejoice that he has, during his recent tour through the Province, met with the most gratifying indications of general contentment and prosperity in all the Districts which he visited," be struck out; and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—"That we rejoice that His Excellency derived so much satisfaction from the tour which, during the recess, he was enabled to make through the Province;" and that the words in the said Motion :

"That we agree with His Excellency, that Canada possesses in singular abundance the elements of prosperity and social happiness—great natural capabilities—an enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population,—institutions fitted to reconcile liberty with order, and the blessing of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful. That we believe that the duty of turning these advantages to account, in so far as these objects can properly be effected by Legislation, devolves upon Parliament, and that we fervently join with His Excellency in the prayer that we may acquit ourselves of the responsibility with fidelity and success," be struck out, and the following substituted in lieu thereof :—"That with the possession in singular abundance of the elements of prosperity and social happiness,—resulting from her natural capabilities; her enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population; from Institutions which in their main characteristics are so well fitted to reconcile liberty with order; and from the blessings of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful,—Canada requires only that these advantages should be turned to account by an equitable and constitutional Government, and by wise and practical legislation, to secure those blessings permanently to her people :

"That we feel deeply the responsibility devolving upon Parliament in the endeavour to accomplish these important objects; and we cordially join with His Excellency in the prayer, that we may acquit ourselves of that responsibility with fidelity and success :

"That we feel it, however, to be our humble duty to submit to His Excellency, that it is essential to the satisfactory result of our deliberations on the important subjects to which His Excellency has been graciously pleased to direct our attention, and on other matters of public concern, that Her Majesty's Provincial Administration should possess the confidence of this House and of the Country, —and respectfully to represent to His Excellency that that confidence is not reposed in the present Advisers of His Excellency."

The Question having been put on the Motion of amendment, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boutillier, Burritt, Cameron of KENT, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, De Witt, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gagy, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Hincks, Jobin, Johnson, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Marquis, M^r Farland, Merritt, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Smith of DURHAM, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Watts, and Wetenhall.—(54.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General Badgley, Brooks, Cayley, Christie, Crysler, Daly, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M^r Connell, M^r Lean, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stevenson, Webster, and Wilson.—(20.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, as amended, it was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne :

Motion for an
Address.

Resolution for
Address.

Resolution for
Address.

To express our gratification that His Excellency has called us together at so early a period after the dissolution of the last Parliament: And to assure His Excellency:—

That we rejoice that His Excellency derived so much satisfaction from the tour which, during the recess, he was enabled to make through the Province:

That we learn with the greatest satisfaction that steps have been taken for placing the Post Office in British *North America* on an improved footing, and that we shall give our most anxious consideration and attention to any measure which may be proposed to effect this important object:

That we receive with much pleasure the information that a good and practicable line of Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, has been discovered by the Officers to whom the exploration was confided:

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That the Accounts of the past year, and Estimates of the present year, shall receive our best consideration, and that His Excellency may fully rely on our readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service.

That we place every confidence in His Excellency's disposition to co-operate with us in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare:

That with the possession in singular abundance of the elements of prosperity and social happiness,—resulting from her great natural capabilities; her enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population; from Institutions which in their main characteristics are so well fitted to reconcile liberty with order; and from the blessings of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful,—*Canada* requires only that these advantages should be turned to account by an equitable and constitutional Government, and by wise and practical legislation, to secure those blessings permanently to her people:

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Resolution for
Address.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

Committee to
draw up an
Address.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Boutillier*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, do compose the said Committee.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,
The House adjourned till Monday next.

Lunæ, 6° die Martii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

WILLIAM CUTHBERT, Esquire, Member for the County of *Bonaventure*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Mr. Cuthbert
takes his Seat.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, for the year 1847.

Champlain
and St. Law-
rence Railroad.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (D.)

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Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Sherbrooke* Cotton Factory, pursuant to the Act 8th *Victoria*, cap. 91.

Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory

For the said Statement, see Appendix (E.)

Appendix (E.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that *Donald McDonald (Roy)*, and *Alexander McDougall*, Esquires, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Prescott*.

Prescott
Election.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *Abraham Moon* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*,—The Petition of *H. Jones* and others, of *Enniskillen* and other Townships, in the Western District; and the Petition of Mrs. *Hannah Thompson*, of *Perth*, in the District of *Bathurst*, widow of the late *Nicholas T. Thompson*.

By Mr. *Guillet*,—The Petition of *Ferdinand Filteau*, Esquire, and others, of *Ste. Geneviève* and other Parishes, on the River *Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *I. W. Powell* and others, of *Port Dover* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Nelligen* and others, Roman Catholic Clergymen of the County of *Megantic*; and the Petition of *Louis Méthot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *John Jarron* and others, of the District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, and others; and the Petition of *Orange Clarke*, of *London*, in the District of *London*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *Thomas Davis* and others, of *Eaton* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *James O'Loame* and others, of the Townships of *Glandford* and *Ancaster*, in the District of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Telegraph Company; the Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, President, and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade (Canals); the Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, President, and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade (Joint Stock Companies); the Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, President, and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade (Usury Laws); and the Petition of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Dumas*,—The Petition of *A. LaRocque* of *Montreal*, and of *Amable Archambeault* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*; and the Petition of *J. B. Meilleur*, Esquire, and others, members of the Incorporated College of *L'Assomption*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of the Reverend Messire *Ducharme*, Founder and Superior of the College of *Ste. Thèrèse de Blainville*.

By Mr. *Hall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne* (Criminal Justice); and the Petition of the Municipal District of *Colborne* (Land Tax).

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *S. H. Masson*, and others, inhabitants of *Dundee* and its vicinity, in the County of *Beauharnois*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *John Counter*, Esquire, and others, of *Kingston*, (Marine Insurance Company).

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore* (Remuneration to Warden); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore* (Clerks of the Peace).

By Mr. *Richards*,—The Petition of *James A. Chambers* and others, of the Village of *Farmersville* and its vicinity, in the County of *Leeds*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Western District (Absentees); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Western District (Education).

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *Ashton Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Markham* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. Chauvin* and others, of the Parishes of *La Baie St. Paul* and *St. Urbain*, in the County of *Saguenay*; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. Beaudry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne dite La Malbaie* and other places, in the County of *Saguenay*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *George B. Hopper* and others, of the Township of *Nepean*; praying the appointment of a Surveyor to complete the survey of Concession A, *Rideau* front of the said Township.

Of *William Kirk* and others, of the Townships of *Hemmingford* and *Sherrington*; praying that the Revenue Laws may be so amended as to allow them free ingress and egress to the Mills and Machinery situated within the *United States*, for the purpose of domestic Milling.

Petitions read.

Of *W. H. Boulton*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the City of *Toronto*; representing the evils resulting from the Emigration of the last year, and praying for the adoption of such measures as may prevent their recurrence.

Of *John Counter*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Kingston*; praying to be incorporated as the City of *Kingston* Gas Light Company.

Of *David Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*; praying for amendments to the Education Act.

Of *Joseph Richard Thompson*, of the Township of *Brock*, in the Home District; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Chancery and Queen's Bench in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit him to practise as a Solicitor and an Attorney therein respectively.

Of the Reverend *C. Gauvreau* and others, of *Rivière Ouelle*, and adjoining Parishes; praying for pecuniary aid in favor of an Establishment for the education of young females, founded by the late Bishop *Panet*, of *Quebec*.

Of *Philip Wismer* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; praying the repeal of that part of the Act 9 Vic. chap. 28, which imposes a fine upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, refusing to do Militia duty in time of War.

Of *Daniel Palmer* and others, of the Township of *Grimshy*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying for the appointment of a Commission to establish the Concession or Road allowances in the said Township.

Of *Samuel Wood* and others, of *Grantham* and other Townships, in the District of *Niagara*; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Turnpike Road from *St. Catherine's* to the top of the Mountain known as the Mill Road.

Of *Louis Edouard Pacaud*, Esquire, Commissioner of the Bankrupt Court for the District of *Three Rivers*; praying to be remunerated for his services as such, from the 21st April, 1844, to the 17th August, 1846.

Of *Joseph Boucher de Niverville*, of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, Captain of the Indian Corps during the late War with the *United States*; praying remuneration for his services during the last War.

Of the Reverend Messire *Lebourdais* and others, of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup* and other Parishes, in the County of *St. Maurice*; praying for a grant of money for the improvement of the *Rivière du Loup*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock*; praying that the endowment of the University of *King's College, Toronto*, may not be divided, and that Theological Institutions may in no case be provided at the public expense.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock*; praying the passing of a law to authorize Commissioners to settle all disputed lines, boundaries, and road allowances, in the said District.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock*; praying that the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, may be held in the said District more than once a-year.

Of *D. Thomas* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, County of *Sherbrooke*; praying aid to continue the *Arthabaska* Road to the *Craig's* Road, at or near the Village of *Richmond*, in the said Township.

Of the Rector and Churchwardens of *St. Paul's* Church, of *London*, in the District of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to dispose of certain Lands belonging to the said Church, and to lease certain other Lands also belonging to the said Church.

Of *I. Lawrason* and others, of the Town of *London*; praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock

Petitions read. Company for the introduction of suitable Manufactures into this Province.

Of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; praying that a loan may be effected for the purpose of macadamizing the Road leading from *Côte à Champigny* to Commissioners Bridge.

Of *Antoine Légaré* and others, Members of the Association of Teachers of the District of *Quebec*; praying for aid to enable them to establish a Library.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D. D., President of the *Quebec Library Association*; praying a grant of money in aid of the said Association.

Of *M. Townsend* and others, Directors of the *Clarenceville Academy*; praying for an increased aid to the said Institution.

Of *Alphonso Wells*, Esquire, late Commissioner, on the part of *Canada*, for determining the boundary line between *Canada* and *New Brunswick*; praying remuneration for his services and expenses in the said capacity.

Of the Reverend *John O'Grady* and others, of *Ste. Catherine de Fossambault*; praying that the Parish Municipal Councils be revived.

Of *J. E. Pageot* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Portneuf*; praying that the Parish Municipal Councils be revived.

Of the Members of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*; setting forth the insufficiency of the Building now used for the purposes of the said College, and praying aid to erect a more suitable Building.

Of the Reverend *E. Blyth* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Martine de Beauharnois*; praying aid for the construction of a Toll Bridge over the River *Chateauguay*.

Of *Henry J. Barber* and others, of the Township of *Townsend*; praying that no Charter be granted for the construction of the contemplated Road from *Waterford* to the *Hamilton* and *Fort Dover* Road, but that a survey may be made by an officer of the Board of Works, to ascertain the best and most practicable line of road for that section of Country.

Of *Alexis Rivard*, Esquire, and *Joseph Garon*, of *Rimouski*; praying to be remunerated for their services as Warden and Clerk, respectively, of the late Municipal Council of the District of *Rimouski*.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying for the passing of an Act to regulate the packing of Butter, and its inspection at the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying the continuation of the Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 30, relating to Bankrupt Laws, and, also, of the Act 4 and 5 *Vic.* cap. 89, regulating the inspection of Flour and Meal.

Of *Peter Perry*, Esquire, and others, of *Whitby*, *Pickering*, and adjacent Townships; praying for aid to macadamize, plank, or gravel the Road between the *Rouge Hill* and the eastern limit of *Whitby*, or otherwise that they may be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company for that purpose.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*; praying that the Law relating to the expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada*, may be so amended as that all such expenses may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

Of *George Chaperon*, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*; praying to be compensated for his services as Commissioner for the opening of a communication between the said Parish and *St. Joachim*.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying the usual annual aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *Richard Tims* and others, of *Cap Blanc, Quebec*; praying that in the event of the renewal of the leases of certain lands called *Cap Blanc*, their rights and interests may be observed.

Petitions read. Of the Roman Catholic Board of School Commissioners of the City of *Quebec*; praying a certain amendment to the Education Law.

Of *William K. Mackenzie* of *L'Orignal*, in the County of *Prescott*, Esquire; setting forth:—That the Petitioner is, and, at the last General Election of a Representative to represent the said County of *Prescott* in the present Parliament, was a freeholder in the County of *Prescott*, and claimed to have had a right to vote, and did vote, at the said General Election, wherein *Donald M'Donald*, *Neil Stewart*, and *Thomas Hall Johnson*, Esquires, were candidates for the representation thereof: That at such Election, the said *Thomas Hall Johnson* was declared by the Returning Officer duly elected as the Representative of the said County of *Prescott*, by a majority of one over the said *Neil Stewart*: That some of the voters who voted for the said *Thomas Hall Johnson* voted without the Township wherein the property in right of which they voted at the said Election was situated, as may be seen by a reference to the Poll Books kept at the said Election: That several of the voters who voted for the said *Thomas Hall Johnson* at the said Election, were not, at the time of such voting, possessed of the necessary property qualification to entitle them to vote at the said Election, in consequence of which several illegal votes were polled for the said *Thomas Hall Johnson*: That in the Township of *West Hawkesbury*, in the said County of *Prescott*, votes were polled for the said *Thomas Hall Johnson*, *Donald M'Donald*, and *Neil Stewart*, the property in right of which such votes were given were not (but with very few exceptions) entered in the Poll Book kept for the said Township, at the said Election; thus rendering it impossible, on a scrutiny of votes, to determine who had the majority of legal votes at the Election so holden in the said Township: That an open house was kept in the said Township of *West Hawkesbury* on the days of the said Election, within a few acres of the hustings, where many of the voters of the said *Thomas Hall Johnson* were entertained with liquor, food, and beds, at (the Petitioner believes) the expense of the said *Thomas Hall Johnson*: That bribery, corruption, and intimidation were resorted to by the said *Thomas Hall Johnson* at the said Election, and that promises of place were made by the said *Thomas Hall Johnson* to persons who voted for him at the said Election; and praying that the House will enquire into the allegations of the Petitioner, and act in the premises in such a manner as may appear to the House consonant with law and justice; that the Return made by the Returning Officer at the said General Election be cancelled, and that a new Writ of Election be issued for the said County of *Prescott*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *David Bruce* and others, of the Town of *Picton*, in the District of *Prince Edward*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Flint*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Meyers*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of D. Bruce and others, referred

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* reported, from the Special Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Address reported.

To His Excellency The Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and

Address reported.

over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick,* and the Island of *Prince Edward,* and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session.

We beg leave respectfully to express our gratification that Your Excellency has called us together at so early a period after the dissolution of the last Parliament.

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The said Address being read a second time,

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, That the Question of concurrence be now put upon the said Address.

The Question being put upon the said Motion, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier, Burritt, Cameron* of KENT, *Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, DeWitt, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gagy, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Hincks, Jobin, Johnson, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis, McFarland, Merritt, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott* of BYTOWN, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Taché, Thompson, Watts, and Wetenhall.*—(53.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Brooks, Cayley, Christie, Crysler, Cuthbert, Daly, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, McConnell, McLean, Meyers, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stevenson, Webster, and Wilson.*—(22.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General. Address agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with their Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council; rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House with its Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock at noon, at the Government House. His Excellency appoints to be attended.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in the County of *Norfolk*, for the construction of Plank or Macadamized Roads within the said County, being read; Norfolk Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Land Sur-
veyors' Bill.
(L. C.)

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned, and to make better provision respecting Land Surveyors and the admeasurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Beauharnois
Election.

The Order of the day for the attendance of *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, at the bar of this House, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the said Order of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

The House divided; and it was carried in the Affirmative.

Adjournment.

Resolved, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned.

Martis, 7° die Martii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

The House at-
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cellency with
their Address.

AT the hour appointed, Mr. Speaker and the House attended upon His Excellency the Governor General, with the Address of the House.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended upon His Excellency with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

His Excellen-
cy's Answer.

Gentlemen,

I receive with satisfaction the assurance of your desire to promote the interests of the Province by wise and practical legislation.

Being always anxious to listen to the advice of Parliament, I shall take measures without delay for forming a new Executive Council.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Davignon*,—The Petition of *Albert Chapman* and others, of the Seignior of *Foucault*, in the County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Dumas*,—The Petition of *P. C. Phaneuf* and others, Electors of the County of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of *G. Wrong*, Chairman, and *W. B. Wrong*, Secretary, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of parts of the Townships of *Malahide* and *Bayham*; the Petition of *William S. Kanady*, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Bayham*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (House of Industry); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (Exchange of *Bayham* for Concessions in *Nissouri*); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (School Act); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (King's College); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (Land of Absentees); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (Assessments).

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *James Blackburn* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*, and of others

of the south bank of the River *Ottawa* in *Upper Canada*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Joseph Garon* and others, of the County of *Rimouski*; and the Petition of *Michel Larivé*, of *Ste. Luce*, in the County of *Rimouski*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of *François Normand*, of the Banlieue of *Three Rivers*, and others, Master Carpenters, Builders, and Contractors for Wharves and Bridges; and the Petition of *W. A. Townsend* and others.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Ruggles Wright*, of *Hull*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore* (Division of District); and the Petition of the *Trafalgar, Esquesing, and Erin Road Company*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore*, (School Act.)

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire; and the Petition of the Honorable *William Walker* and others, Directors of the *Quebec Gas Company*.

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *Joseph Watier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Timothée*, in the County of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Burritt*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown* (Division Courts.)

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *William B. McVity*, Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Simcoe*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (Assessment Law); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (Assessment Rolls); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (Road from *Barrie* to *Orillia*); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (Elections); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (Fire-proof Offices); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (Administration of Justice); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (*Pentanguishine Road*.)

Resolved, That the Petition of the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church*, of *London*, in the Parish of *London*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Wilson*, the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, and the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of the
Rector, &c., of
St. Paul's
Church, Lon-
don;

Resolved, That the Petition of *L. Lawrason* and others, of the Town of *London*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of L. Lawra-
son and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, of *Grantham* and other Townships, in the District of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *McFarland*, Mr. *Thompson*, and Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of S. Wood
and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of *Daniel Palmer* and others, of the Township of *Grimby*, in the District of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Com-

Of D. Palmer
and others;

mittee, composed of Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *McFarland*, and Mr. *Thompson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of G. Chaperon, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *George Chaperon*, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Cauchon*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Report on Montreal Corporation Petition.

Mr. *Holmes*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic. cap. 59, consolidating the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the City of *Montreal*, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

Montreal Incorporation Bill.

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Thursday next, at four o'clock, P. M.

Beauharnois Election.

The Order of the day for the attendance of *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, at the bar of this House, being read;

And the House being informed that Mr. *Norval* attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the bar, the following Question was proposed to be put to him:

Are you the Returning Officer to whom the Writ of Election for the County of *Beauharnois* was directed at the last General Election?—

And a Motion being made by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Gugy*, and the Question being put, That *Robert H. Norval*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Beauharnois*, having appeared at the bar of this House, in obedience to the Order of this House, and there being no charge before this House against him, the said *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, be discharged.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Brooks*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Gugy*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Malloch*, *McConnell*, *McLean*, *Meyers*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stevenson*, and *Taché*.—(17.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Cuthbert*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *DeWitt*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Hincks*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis*, *McFarland*, *Merritt*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Notman*, *Price*, *Richards*, *Scott* of BYTOWN, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(44.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Norval* was then examined; as followeth:—and on each of the Questions being put, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the preceding division.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

1. Are you the Returning Officer to whom the Writ of Election for the County of *Beauharnois* was directed at the last General Election?—I am.

2. Were there not on the Poll Books legally returned to you at *Durham*, on or before the 22d day of January last, a clear majority of 400 votes for *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire; and was he not the candidate having the majority of votes upon the said Poll Books?—There were such a number of votes, and he was the candidate having the majority.

Beauharnois Election.

3. Was it not reported to you by the Deputy Returning Officers for the Parish of *St. Anicet* and the Township of *Dundee*, that the Poll Books for the said Parish and Township had been stolen while in progress of transmission to you?—It was reported by the Deputy Returning Officer of *St. Anicet*, and by the Poll Clerk of the Township of *Dundee*, that such was the case.

4. Was it not reported to you by the Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk, that there was a majority of 283 votes given in the said Township and Parish, in favor of *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, the sitting Member for *Beauharnois*?—It was.

5. For what reason did you not return the said *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, as the candidate having the majority of votes at the said Election?—I have acted to the best of my judgment, according to the information in my power, and faithfully and correctly reported the facts. The case in which I was called upon to act was one for which I could find no precedent; and it will be a relief to me, should I again find myself in a similar situation, that this Honorable House has set such precedent. I assure the Honorable House that I entertained no partiality towards either of the candidates at the late Election for *Beauharnois*; and if I have done wrong, I have not erred intentionally.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

6. Were you or not advised by some, and, if aye, what person to make the Return you did?—I was not advised by any one.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

Ordered, That *R. H. Norval*, Esquire, be discharged from further attendance upon this House.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Thursday next.

Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

The House adjourned until Thursday next, at four o'clock, P. M.

Jovis, 9° die Martii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, pursuant to the Act 10 Vic. c. 109.

Peterborough and Port Hope Railway.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (F.)

Appendix (F.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that *James Burns* and *François Bureau*, Esquires, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject-matter of the Contested Election for the Town of *Three Rivers*.

Three Rivers Election.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *J. Egan*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Lanark*, and District of *Bathurst*; the Petition of *D. F. McLaren* and others, of the Township of *Litchfield*; the Petition of

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Gardner Church and others, of *Hull* and other Townships, in the County of *Ottawa*; and the Petition of *D. C. McLean* and others, of the Township of *Eardley* and its vicinity, in the County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Webster*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Archibald John Macdonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Alexandria*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Marc Aurèle Plamondon*, President, and others, Members of the Committee of Management of the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*."

By Mr. *McLean*,—The Petition of the Reverend *George A. Hay* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *St. Andrews*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. F. Cannon* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Cornwall*; the Petition of *Alexander McDonell* and others, of the County of *Glengary*; and the Petition of *Duncan McDonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *St. Raphaël, Glengary*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Dame Adelaïde Turcot*, widow of the late *John Clark*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorenci*.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of *Adam Johnston Ferguson*, and others, Electors of the County of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of *John Wellington Gwynne* of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Leslie*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Ladies Benevolent Society*; the Petition of the Ladies Directresses of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum (Aid)*; and the Petition of the Ladies Directresses of the *Montreal Orphan Asylum (new Building)*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the last General Election for the County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Macdonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *L'Orignal*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Ottawa* (allowance to District Councillors.)

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Orin J. Kemp* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Hall*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *John Moore*, Esquire, and others, of *Eaton* and other Townships, in the County of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *Jacob Hoover* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Barnham*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade (Lake St. Peter)*.

By Mr. *Guillet*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Bailey* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de Lapérade*, in the County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, of *Picton*.

By Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,—The Petition of *James Voller*, a Messenger of the Legislative Assembly.

By Mr. *Gugy*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, on behalf of the Corporation of *Bishop's College*; and the Petition of the Corporation of *Bishop's College at Lennoxville*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Robert James Begly*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *George Lyon*, Esquire, of *Richmond*, in the County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Davignon*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Robertson, Masson* and Company, and others, of the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of the Faculty of Medicine of *McGill College*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of the President and Secretary of the *Toronto Athenæum*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *Maurice H. Beaubien* and others, Electors of the County of *Berthier*; and the Petition of *John Clark* and others, of the vicinity of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Jean Baptiste Miville Dechêne*, of *St. Henri*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *Charles Jackson* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*; and the Petition of *John W. Baxter* and others, of the Township of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of *Canada*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Bourke* and others, of *Tyendinaga*, in the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,—The Petition of *John McGill Chambers*, of the Township of *Montague*, in the District of *Bathurst*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Foley* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Carrhae* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of the City of *Kingston* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Michael MacDonnell* and others, of the Township of *Camden*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Hugh Fitzpatrick* and others, of the Townships of *Ops* and *Emily*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *P. Cowan* and others, of the Townships of *Brome, Dunham, and Farnham*; and the Petition of *Stephen S. Foster* and others, the President, Vice President, and Board of Directors of the County of *Shefford Academy*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *Edward King* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Kemptville* and *Merrickville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of *Pierre Vezina*, Esquire; and others, Electors of the Town of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D. D., and others, the Ministers, Elders, and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church*, in the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of *Abraham Moon* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*; praying to be relieved from the operations of the Act passed during the last Parliament, relating to the survey of the said Township.

Of *H. Jones* and others, of *Enniskillen* and other Townships in the Western District; praying that the said Townships may be set apart as a new District, with *Port Sarnia* as the District Town.

Of Mrs. *Hannah Thompson* of *Perth*, in the District of *Bathurst*, widow of the late *Nicholas T. Thompson*; complaining of injustice done her respecting certain land granted to her late father, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *Ferdinand Filteau*, Esquire, and others, of *Ste. Geneviève*, and other Parishes on the River *Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying the House to concur in the grant of any sum recommended by the Government for the reconstruction of a Bridge over the River *Champlain*.

Of *I. W. Powell* and others, of *Port Dover* and its vicinity; praying aid for the completion of the *Port Dover Harbour*, and the construction of an inner basin thereat.

Of the Reverend *James Nelligan* and others, Roman Catholic Clergymen of the County of *Me-gantic*; praying for the passing of such laws as may

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facilitate the attainment of property, and the continuation and completion of Roads in the said County.

Of *Louis Méthot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*; praying aid for the reconstruction of a bridge over a certain ravine in the said Parish.

Of *John Jarron* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Council Act.

Of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, and others; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a line of Magnetic Telegraph from the City of *Hamilton* to the Province Line at the south end of *Lake Huron*.

Of *Orange Clark*, of *London*, in the District of *London*; praying compensation for loss sustained by him as contractor for a certain part of the *London* and *Chatham* Road.

Of *Thomas Davis* and others, of *Eaton* and other Townships; praying aid to open a Road from the main settlement of *Dudswell* to the rear of the Township of *Shipton*.

Of *James O'Loame* and others, of the Townships of *Glanford* and *Ancaster*, in the District of *Gore*; complaining of the unequal mode of levying the Tolls upon the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Plank Road, and praying relief.

Of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Ottawa*; praying that the appropriation made for a road from *L'Orignal* to *Bytown*, may be expended upon the front road, as surveyed by *Anthony Swallowell*, from *Bytown* to *Jessup's Falls*, on the *River Nation*, and thence to *L'Orignal*,—and that the said appropriation be increased.

Of the *Montreal* Telegraph Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, President and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of any Bill which may be introduced for the construction of a Canal round the Falls at the *Sault de Ste. Marie*.

Of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, President and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of a general Law to authorize the establishment of Joint Stock Companies under certain restrictions.

Of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, President and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton* Board of Trade; praying the repeal of the Usury Laws—or that they may be assimilated to the Laws of *Great Britain*.

Of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company; praying that their Act of Incorporation may be so amended as to enable them to borrow money at such a rate of interest as may be agreed upon,—and to increase their capital stock.

Of *A. LaRocque*, of *Montreal*, and *Amable Archambeault* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*; praying to be authorized to erect a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière de L'Assomption*.

Of *J. B. Meilleur*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Incorporated College of *L'Assomption*; praying an increased grant in support of the said College.

Of the Reverend Messire *Ducharme*, Founder and Superior of the College of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*; praying for aid in support of the said Institution.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne*; praying that the provisions of the Act which provides for the payment of the charges attending the Administration of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada*, may be so defined and enlarged as to relieve them from the burthen of these charges, and place them on a footing with other parts of the Province.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne*; praying for the repeal of the Act 9 Geo. 4, cap. 3, in so far as it authorizes the payment of land tax to the Treasurer of any District other than that in which the lands are situate.

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Of *S. H. Masson* and others, inhabitants of *Dundee* and its vicinity, in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying aid to remove certain obstructions to the navigation of the *Salmon River*.

Of *John Counter*, Esquire, and others, of *Kingston*; praying to be incorporated as a Marine Insurance Company.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore*; praying that the Municipal Council Act may be so amended as to allow the said Councils to remunerate their respective Wardens.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore*; praying that certain duties respecting Assessment and Collectors' Rolls may be transferred to the Clerks of District Councils, and that the said Councils may have the appointing of the Assessors and Collectors.

Of *James A. Chambers* and others, of the Village of *Farmersville*, and its vicinity, in the County of *Leeds*; praying the appointment of an Officer or Officers to issue Writs to attach the moveable property of persons about to leave the Country without paying their just debts.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District; complaining of the insufficiency of the Law respecting the sale of lands of absentees for taxes imposed by the Municipal Council, and praying relief.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*; praying aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *Ashton Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Markham* and its vicinity; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Road from *Yonge Street*, near *Elgin Mills*, to the eighth Concession of *Markham*, with power hereafter to continue it either northerly or easterly.

Of the Reverend *M. Chauvin* and others, of the Parishes of *La Baie St. Paul* and *St. Urbain*, in the County of *Saguenay*; praying for aid to open a Road from the Parish of *St. Urbain* to *Ha! Ha! Bay*.

Of the Reverend *A. Beaudry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne dite La Malbaie*, and other places in the County of *Saguenay*; praying that no Tavern Licenses be granted to any person who may not have obtained a certificate from the Parish Officers.

Of *Albert Chapman* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Foucault*, in the County of *Rowville*; praying indemnification for losses sustained by them during the late Rebellion and Invasion of the Province.

Of *G. Wrong*, Chairman, and *W. B. Wrong*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of parts of the Townships of *Malahide* and *Bayham*; praying aid for the construction of a Harbour at *Port Burwell*.

Of *William S. Kanady*, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Township of *Bayham*; praying to be annexed to the District of *Brock*, in exchange for a part of the Township of *Nissouri*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying for the repeal of the Act authorizing the erection of Houses of Industry, in so far as regards the said District.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying that the Township of *Bayham*, in the said District, may be annexed to the District of *Brock*, in exchange for a certain part of the Township of *Nissouri*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying for amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying that no division be made of the endow-

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ment of the University of King's College, but that it may be so managed as that all classes may share alike in its advantages.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying that the Municipal Council Act may be so amended as to enable them to recover rates and assessments from the lands of absentees.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying that the duties of the Clerks of the Peace respecting rates and assessments may be transferred to the Clerks of District Councils.

Of *James Blackburn* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*, and of others of the south bank of the River *Ottawa*, in *Upper Canada*; praying that the said County be erected into a separate District, with a Court of Superior, Civil, and Criminal Jurisdiction, a Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and a Court of Bankruptcy.

Of *Joseph Garon* and others, of the County of *Rimouski*; praying that certain waste lands of the Crown be conceded to them in free and common soccage, or, otherwise, that they may be allowed to make use of the same and the timber thereon; and also for aid to enable them to clear the said lands, and open roads for the settlement of the same.

Of *Michel Larivé* of *Ste. Luce*, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying indemnification for expenses incurred by him in the construction of Roads through *St. Germain*, *St. Luce*, and other Parishes, and through the Crown Lands.

Of *François Normand*, of the Banlieue of *Three Rivers*, Master Carpenters, Builders, and Contractors for Wharves and Bridges; praying the payment of a certain amount due them as Contractors for the construction of Bridges over the Rivers *St. Maurice*, *Batiscan*, and *Ste. Anne de Lapérade*.

Of *W. A. Townsend* and others; praying to be incorporated as the *Ottawa Glass Company*.

Of *Ruggles Wright*, of *Hull*, in the District of *Montreal*; complaining that certain Slides for rafts constructed by him at the *Chaudière Falls*, are rendered unprofitable by reason of the construction of similar Slides by the Board of Works,—and praying that the said Slides may be purchased from him by the Government at a certain valuation.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore*; praying that no division may be made of the said District.

Of the *Trafalgar*, *Esquesing*, and *Erin Road Company*; praying that their Act of Incorporation may be so amended as to allow the Municipal Councils of the Districts of *Gore* and *Wellington* to take Stock in the said Company.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Gore*; praying that the Common School Acts repealed by the Act 4 and 5 *Vic. cap. 18*, may be restored, with certain alterations.

Of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire; praying payment of certain claims against the Municipal Council of the District of *Quebec*.

Of the Honorable *William Walker* and others, Directors of the *Quebec Gas Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Joseph Watier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Timothée*, in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying the appointment of new Commissioners to ascertain their just claims for damages sustained in consequence of the construction of the *Beauharnois Canal*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*; praying for the repeal of the Division Courts Act, and the restoration of the Commissioners' Courts, with such regulations as may be deemed meet.

Of *William B. McVity*, Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Simcoe*; praying that the duties connected with the Assessment Rolls be not transferred

to the Clerks of the District Councils; or, that should such transfer be deemed necessary, other provisions be made to secure to the Clerks of the Peace their usual emoluments.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for the adoption of a more equal system of assessment in *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying that the entire control of all matters connected with the assessment of Districts, appointment of persons for that purpose, and fixing their Salaries, may be given to the District Councils.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying aid to construct a Road from *Barrie* to *Orillia*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying amendments to that part of the Municipal Council Act which relates to the mode of election of District Councillors.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying that the Act 9 *Vic. cap. 14, sec. 19*, may be so amended as to allow a discretionary power to the Municipal Councils in the erection of Registrar's Offices and Vaults.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for the passing of a Law to place all parts of the Province upon an equality with respect to the expenses of the Administration of Justice.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying aid to improve the Road leading from *Barrie* to *Penetanguishine*.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *James Nelligan* and others, Roman Catholic Clergymen of the County of *Megantic*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Laurin*, Mr. *Davignon*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Guillet*, and Mr. *Fortier*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of Rev. J. Nelligan and others.

Mr. *Lyon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Egan*, That the Petition of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Ottawa*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Scott* of *Bytown*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*, Mr. *Malloch*, Mr. *Watts*, and the mover, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of C.P. Treadwell and others, referred.

Mr. *Scott* of *Bytown* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Richards*, That the name of "Mr. *Watts*," in the said Motion, be struck out, and the name of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* substituted.

The Question having been put on the Motion of amendment, the House divided; and it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, as amended, it was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Ottawa*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Lyon*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Scott* of *Bytown*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*, Mr. *Malloch*, and the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Holmes*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *D. Æ. Macdonell*, Esquire, candidate at the late Election of a Member for the County of *Stormont*, and others, Electors of the said County, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Alexander M-*

Stormont Election.

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Lean, Esquire, to represent the said County in the present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of March instant, at the hour of four o'clock P.M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed, by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George the Fourth*, chapter four.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Holmes*,

Cornwall Election.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles Rattray*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of *Cornwall*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said Town of *Cornwall* in the present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of March instant, at the hour of five o'clock, P.M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed, by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George the Fourth*, chapter four.

Orders deferred.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Boutillier*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at four o'clock, P.M.

Veneris, 10° die Martii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

Trinity House, Quebec.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, for the year ended the 31st December, 1847.

Appendix (G.)

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (G.)

Agricultural Societies.

Also, Reports of Agricultural Societies in *Upper Canada* and *Lower Canada*, pursuant to Acts 8 Vic. c. 53 and 54.

Appendix (H.)

For the said Reports, see Appendix (H.)

Montreal High School.

Also, Statement of the Property of the High School of *Montreal*, and of the revenue and disbursements for the year ending 31st July 1847, pursuant to Act 8 Vic. c. 104.

Appendix (I.)

For the said Statement, see Appendix (I.)

Invalid Persons and Foundlings.

Also, Report of the Commissioners for the relief of Invalid Persons and Foundlings in the District of *Quebec*.

Appendix (J.)

For the said Report, see Appendix (J.)

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad.

And also, Statement of the Affairs of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, to the 30th November, 1847, pursuant to Act 8 Vic. c. 25.

Appendix (K.)

For the said Statement, see Appendix (K.)

Bonaventure Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that *John R. Hamilton*, Esquire, and *Robert Smollet*, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject-matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Bonaventure*.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *François Xavier Rousseau* and others, of *Dorset*, *Shenley*, *Lambton*, and other Townships; and the Petition of *Adrien Blouin* and others, of *Tring*, *Forsyth*, *Price*, and other Townships.

By Mr. *Notman*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *London* (Collectors' Rolls.)

By Mr. *Armstrong*,—The Petition of *L. Nolin* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*, in the County of *Leinster*.

By Mr. *Boutillier*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*; the Petition of the Sisters of Mercy of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Corporation of the Sisters of Charity of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Meyers*,—The Petition of *Archibald John MacDonell* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Alexis Gagné*, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, Merchant.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of *F. X. Valade* and others, Members of the Association of Teachers of the District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Ignace Portneuf* and others, the Chiefs and Warriors of the *Abenakis* Village of *St. François du Lac St. Pierre*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire; Advocate; the Petition of Mrs. *Elizabeth L. Cushing*, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*, in the Parish of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *M. A. Primeau* and *A. H. Trottier*, of the Parish of *Ste. Martine*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, Merchants; the Petition of *John Molson*, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; and the Petition of *Luc Hyacinthe Masson* and others, of the Township of *Dundee*, in the County of *Beauharnois*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Hugh C. Baker*, President, and others, the Vice President and Directors of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company.

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society; and the Petition of *A. Bebee* and others, Electors of the County of *Bonaventure*.

On motion of Mr. *Holmes*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, Ordered, That the Officers connected with the several Chartered Banks and Insurance Companies of the Province be respectively directed to lay before this House, the Statements of the Affairs of the said Banks and Insurance Companies, as required by their Acts of Incorporation.

Banks and Insurance Companies.

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Beaubien*,

Ordered, That the time for presenting private Petitions to this House, be extended until Monday, the twentieth of March instant.

Private Petitions.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Orders deferred.

On motion of Mr. *Holmes*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*, Resolved, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

Adjournment.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at four o'clock, P.M.

Luna, 13^o die Martii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIE REGINÆ, 1848.

Montreal
Turnpike
Roads.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*, from 1st January, 1847, to 29th February, 1848.

Appendix (L.)

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (L.)

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *G. K. Foster* and others, Trustees of the *Richmond Academy*, in the Township of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; the Petition of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of the Township of *Shipton*; the Petition of *G. K. Foster* and others, of *Durham* and other Townships, in the Counties of *Drummond* and *Sherbrooke* (new County); and the Petition of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of *Shipton* and other Townships (*Arthabaska Road*).

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. Dufour* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Stanford*, *Somerset*, *Blandford*, and *Arthabaska*; and the Petition of *W. Demers* and others, inhabitants of *St. Jean Deschailions*, *St. Pierre les Becquets*, and *St. Edouard de Gentilly*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *John Mcintosh*, of the Township of *London*; and the Petition of *John Geary*, of *London*, in the District of *London*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of Mrs. *M. A. F. Viger*, President, and other Ladies, Directresses of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *John McCuig*, of *St. Polycarpe*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *Louis Leclerc* and others, of *St. Anne des Monts* and *Cape Chat*, in the District of *Gaspé*; and the Petition of *Joseph Vallée* and others, of *St. Anne des Monts* and *Cape Chat*, in the District of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte*, in the County of *Rimouski*; and of the Chiefs and other Indians residing in the Township in the rear of the Seigniorship of *L'Isle Verte*, and belonging to the said Indians.

By Mr. *Watts*,—The Petition of *R. J. Millar* and others, of *Durham* and other Townships.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *G. L. Marler* and others, of the District of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Duchesnay*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Lefrançois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*, in the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dumas*,—The Petition of *Samuel Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*, and of the Parishes of *St. Jacques* and *St. Charles Borromée*.

By Mr. *Guillet*,—The Petition of *Marcel Lymburner* and others, of the Parish of *St. Stanislas de Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*; and the Petition of *T. Toutant* and others, of *Champlain* and other Parishes, in the County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *F. A. McDonald* and others, of the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle* (Common School Act.)

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Road); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Insane and destitute); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Spirituous Liquors.)

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Side lines); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (*Dochstader tract*); the Petition of the

Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Lands in *Rainham*); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (division of *Cayuga*); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Register Office in *Haldimand*); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (*Brock's Monument*.)

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *George Taylor* and others, of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *McFarland*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (River *Welland*); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Burying Grounds); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (District Town.)

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Louis Denys* and others, of *St. François de la Beauce* and other places.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *G. P. Ridout*, Esquire, on behalf of the *Toronto Athenæum*.

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Antoine Légaré* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, in the County of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Edouard Normand* of *Cape de la Magdeleine*; the Petition of *J. Birch* and others, of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Vincent Dubé* and others, of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*, and of the Township of *Ixworth*, in the County of *Kamouraska*; the Petition of *J. B. Martin*, of the Parish of *St. Paschal*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, Esquire; and the Petition of the Reverend *Robert R. Burrage*, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Gugy*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith attend this House, with the Return to the last Writ of Election for the County of *Bonaventure*.

And he attended accordingly with the said Return, and laid the same before the House.

Mr. *Dumas* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*, That the Petition of *P. C. Phaneuf* and others, Electors of the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, to represent the said County in this Parliament, and praying for the issue of a new Writ of Election for the said County, be now received.

Mr. *Drummond* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, That the word "now" in the said Motion, be struck out, and the word "not" substituted.

The Question being put on the Motion of amendment, it was agreed to by the House.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, as amended, it was also agreed to.

Resolved, That the Petition of *P. C. Phaneuf* and others, Electors of the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, to represent the said County in this Parliament, and praying for the issue of a new Writ of Election for the said County, be not received.

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

Of *J. Egan*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Lanark*, and District of *Bathurst*; praying that certain Townships therein mentioned may be set apart as a new District.

Of *D. F. McLaren* and others, of the Township of *Litchfield*; praying aid to improve the Road from *Portage du Fort* to the head of the *Calumet Rapids*, and that they may be relieved from certain burthens imposed by the Common School Act.

Petitions
brought up.

Bonaventure
Election.

St. Hyacinthe
Election.

Petitions read.

Petitions read.

Of *Gardner Church* and others, of *Hull* and other Townships, in the County of *Ottawa*; praying a grant of money to build Bridges and repair the Road between the mouth of the *Gatineau River* and the *Victoria Farm*.

Of *D. C. McLean* and others, of the Township of *Eardley* and its vicinity, in the County of *Ottawa*; praying a grant of money to improve certain Roads in the said County.

Of the Reverend *Archibald John Macdonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Alexandria*; of the Reverend *George A. Hay* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *St. Andrews*; of the Reverend *J. F. Cannon* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Corwall*; of *Duncan McDonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *St. Raphaël, Glengary*; of the Reverend *Alexander Macdonell* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *L'Orignal*; of the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, of *Picton*; of the Reverend *Charles Bourke* and others, of *Tyendinaga*, in the County of *Hastings*; of the Reverend *John Foley* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Carrhæ* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of the City of *Kingston*, and its vicinity; of the Reverend *Michael MacDonnell* and others, of the Township of *Camden*; of the Reverend *Hugh Fitzpatrick* and others, of the Townships of *Ops* and *Emily*; of *Edward King* and others, of the Roman Catholic Church of *Kemptville* and *Merrickville*; and of *Archibald John MacDonell* and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of *Cobourg*; praying that the College of *Regiopolis*, at *Kingston*, may be established upon a permanent and respectable basis, by a provision for its support, either from the property of the University of *Toronto*, or out of the proceeds of the Jesuits' Estates, or from some other source.

Of *Marc Aurèle Planondon*, President, and others, Members of the Committee of management of the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*"; praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Alexander McDonell* and others, of the County of *Glengary*; setting forth:—That the Election and Return of *John Sandfield Macdonald*, as the Member for the County of *Glengary*, are illegal and contrary to law, as only six days notice of the Election was given by the Returning Officer, instead of eight, as required by law; in consequence of which many of the Electors were ignorant of the day of Election, and were thereby debarred giving their votes for the candidate of their choice: That bribery, corruption, intimidation, and promises of reward were made by the said *John Sandfield Macdonald*, and by his agents, to secure his Election; all of which the Petitioners are prepared to prove; and praying the House may be pleased to cause investigation to be instituted into the legality of said Election.

Of *Dame Adelaide Turcot*, widow of the late *John Clark*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorenci*; representing that her late husband died of typhus fever contracted by him in attending the Emigrants during the past season, in his capacity of Physician; and praying a pension, or such other relief, as the House may deem meet.

Of *Adam Johnston Fergusson* and others, Electors for the County of *Waterloo*; setting forth:—That at the late Election in and for the County of *Waterloo*, of a Member to represent the said County in this Parliament, *James Webster*, Esquire, and the Petitioner, the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, were the candidates; and that the other Petitioners are, and at the time of the said Election were, Electors of the said County, having a right to vote at the Election to which this Petition relates, and that they voted for the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* at the said Election: That at the said Election the said *James*

Petitions read.

Webster was declared and returned as duly elected by the Returning Officer, on which occasion the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* tendered to the said Returning Officer a written protest against the return of the said *James Webster*, which protest the said Returning Officer refused to receive: That the Petitioners have good reason to believe, and verily do believe, that a large majority of legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, and that the majority of the said *James Webster* is only a colorable one, being composed of persons not entitled to the franchise: That Polls were held at the said Election in the Townships of *Arthur, Normanby, Egremont, Bentinck, Glenelg, Sullivan, Holland, Derby, and Sydenham*, which are situated in the extensive and newly settled territory commonly known as the *Owen's Sound Tract*, and that vast numbers of votes were recorded in these Townships for the said *James Webster*, whereby the large majority obtained by the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* in the old-settled portion of the County, was overborne and out-numbered: That the Petitioners have reason to believe, and verily do believe, that great numbers of patents from the Crown were issued to inhabitants of these Townships immediately before the said Election, and for the express purpose of influencing the said Election in favor of the said *James Webster*: That the Petitioners have also reason to believe, and verily do believe, that a very great proportion of the persons who voted for the said *James Webster* in these Townships, at the said Election, were not freeholders at the time of voting, and that the lands in right of which they were allowed to vote, were at the time vested in the Crown, no patents having ever issued therefor: That in the said Townships, no free, orderly, or peaceable Election was held on the said occasion; but, on the contrary, a general scene of outrage, intimidation, and violence prevailed: That the most fearful threats, attended in some cases by actual violence, were offered to the supporters of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* in the said Townships, by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, whereby the former were, almost without exception, deterred and prevented from voting for the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, as they would otherwise have done: That the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* in four of the said Townships, were seized, at the said Election, by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, and forcibly carried off and imprisoned by them; so that the said agents were unable to be present at the respective Polls which they had been appointed to attend, and the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* was, in consequence, entirely unrepresented thereat: That others of the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, in the other Townships of the said *Owen's Sound Tract*, were assaulted, threatened, and ill-treated by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, in order to prevent them from doing their duty as such agents: That the Deputy Returning Officers in all the said Townships of the *Owen's Sound Tract*, admitted persons to vote for the said *James Webster* indiscriminately, and without regard to their property qualification: That the said Deputy Returning Officers, at such of the said Townships as the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* were permitted to attend, generally refused to make the voters of the said *James Webster* swear to their freehold qualification, as required by law, though the same was expressly demanded by the agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*: That the said Deputy Returning Officers also refused, in many instances, to permit the said agents of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* even to ask the voters of the said *James Webster* whether they had deeds or not; and that many of the said voters openly admitted, at the time of voting, that they had no deeds;

notwithstanding which, their votes were recorded by the said Deputy Returning Officers: That during the polling in the said Townships of the said *Owen's Sound* Tract, refreshments and intoxicating liquors were openly and profusely supplied to the voters at the polling places and elsewhere, by the agents and supporters of the said *James Webster*, for the purpose of promoting his Election; and that party flags and colors were also exhibited and used by the supporters of the said *James Webster*, in certain of the said Townships, at the said Election, contrary to the statute in that behalf: That in the Township of *Waterloo*, at the said Election, the Poll was not kept open a sufficient length of time to permit of all the Electors recording their votes, whereby a very great number of the Electors in the said Township of *Waterloo*, who were desirous of voting for the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, were deprived of an opportunity to record their suffrages; and that, from the absence of proper arrangements for the taking of the votes, much crowding, confusion, and unnecessary delay occurred, to the prejudice of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, and that much time was unnecessarily wasted there on the said occasion, from the want of due despatch in going through the business of the Election, and, more especially, from the putting of unnecessary questions to the Electors, and the making of unnecessary entries in the Poll Book, to the like prejudice of the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson*; and praying, for the above causes, that the said Election and Return of the said *James Webster*, for the County of *Waterloo*, may be declared void, or amended, and that the said *Adam Johnston Fergusson* may be declared elected and returned in his place and stead, as the Member to represent the said County of *Waterloo* in this Parliament,—or if the same shall not be granted, then that a new Writ may be issued by the proper authority for holding an Election for the said County of *Waterloo*,—or that the Petitioners may have such other relief in the premises, as the nature of the case requires and deserves.

Of the *Montreal Ladies Benevolent Society*; praying the usual aid in support of that Institution.

Of the Ladies Directresses of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*; praying aid in support of that Institution.

Of the Ladies Directresses of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*; praying aid to enable them to erect a building for the purposes of that Institution.

Of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the last General Election for the County of *Oxford*; setting forth:—That the Petitioner was a candidate for the representation of the County of *Oxford* at the last General Election, and that the Honorable *Francis Hincks* and *Robert Campbell* were also candidates for the representation at the said Election: That on the day of nomination at the said Election, the property qualification of the said *Francis Hincks* was duly demanded by an Elector, and that the said *Francis Hincks*, not being personally present, there was presented to the Returning Officer, alleged to be on his behalf, a paper purporting to be a declaration of qualification according to law, but taken and subscribed long before the dissolution of the last Parliament and the issuing of the Writ of Election for the said County for the present Parliament: That the Petitioner then and still believing the said declaration to be of no validity, protested against the same; and on the polling days in the several Townships in the said County, gave notice that the said *Francis Hincks* had not given in his qualification according to law, and that all votes polled for him would be thrown away; that the said notice was given frequently during the continuance of the said Polls in the several Townships: That the said declaration of

qualification is insufficient and worthless, on the further grounds, that the said *Francis Hincks* was not prevented from attending the said Election by sickness or any other unavoidable cause, and ought therefore, according to the terms of the Act of Union, to have been personally present at the said Election: That the said declaration is not such as that any indictment for perjury or misdemeanor could be preferred thereon if untrue; that it is not direct and positive, but in the alternative; and that the property on which the said *Francis Hincks* so pretended to qualify is not of the value of five hundred pounds sterling, over and above all incumbrances, as required by law: That the said *Francis Hincks* has been declared duly elected and returned by the House, and leave been given to the Petitioner and others, to petition against him in consequence thereof; and praying the House to enquire into the matter of the said Election and Return, and to declare the Election of the said *Francis Hincks* void, and that the Petitioner ought to be the sitting Member.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Ottawa*; praying that the allowance to District Councillors, while attending the Councils, may be increased to ten shillings for each day.

Of *Orin J. Kemp* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships; praying for the construction of a Road from the North *Sutton* Road by a certain route to *Stanstead Plain*.

Of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of *Peterborough*; praying that should any alteration be made in the Charter of the University of King's College, provision may be made for the endowment of the College of *Regiopolis*, at *Kingston*,—or otherwise that such provision be made out of the proceeds of the Jesuits' Estates.

Of *John Moore*, Esquire, and others, of *Eaton* and other Townships, in the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying aid to complete the Road leading to the City of *Quebec*, and to erect a Bridge over the River *St. Francis*, above the Basin in *Westbury*.

Of *Jacob Hoover* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Barnham*; praying aid to improve the Road from *Dunnville* to the *Dover Mills*.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that measures may be adopted for the resumption of the works for deepening Lake *St. Peter*.

Of *Benjamin Bailey* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de Lapêrade*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying amendments to the Education Act, 9 Vic. c. 27.

Of *James Vollar*, a Messenger of the Legislative Assembly; praying to be allowed to retire upon a pension or annual allowance.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, on behalf of the Corporation of the Bishop's College; praying that the said College may receive the privilege of conferring Degrees in Divinity, and the Arts and Faculties professed in the learned Universities.

Of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*, in the Diocese of *Quebec*; praying the usual aid in support of that College.

Of *Robert James Begly*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an inquiry into a charge of defalcation made against him by the Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

Of *George Lyon*, Esquire, of *Richmond*, in the County of *Carleton*; setting forth:—That at the last Election for the County of *Carleton*, held at *Bell's Corners*, in the Township of *Nepean*, in the said County, on the 23rd day of December now last past, the Petitioner, *Edward Malloch*, and *James Johnston*, were severally duly proposed and seconded as candidates for the representation of said County in this Parliament; that a Poll having been demanded,

Petitions read. the polling took place in the several Townships on the 29th and 30th days of December aforesaid; that the result was in favor of the said *Edward Malloch*, by one hundred and seven votes over the Petitioner, and several hundreds over the said *James Johnston*, for whom no votes were polled; and that the Returning Officer declared the said *Edward Malloch* duly elected: That *Simon Fraser*, the Sheriff of the District of *Dalhousie*, and Returning Officer for the said County at said Election, appointed in many of the Townships in said County the partisans of the said *Edward Malloch*, as Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, and, as the Petitioner is informed, at the request of the said *Edward Malloch*: That many of the said Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks canvassed against the Petitioner, both before and at the time of said Election, and acted as scrutinizers and agents for the said *Edward Malloch* during the polling at said Election: That many persons duly qualified to vote appeared at several of the polling places in the said County to vote for the Petitioner, but were rejected by the Deputy Returning Officers; and that many persons having no vote and not being qualified to vote, were permitted to vote for the said *Edward Malloch*: That one and more of the said Deputy Returning Officers refused to administer to the voters of the said *Edward Malloch* the qualification oaths prescribed by law, and also permitted many persons to vote by proxy for the said *Edward Malloch*: That many persons were prevented from voting for the Petitioner by the violence and threats used by the supporters of the said *Edward Malloch* towards them: That the said *Edward Malloch* and his agents, and by and through them, was guilty of bribery at said Election, by personally offering to lend, and did lend, give and tender money to divers voters to vote for the said *Edward Malloch* at said Election; and did also promise and tender to divers voters at said Election, other rewards, in consideration that they would vote for the said *Edward Malloch*; that the said *Edward Malloch* kept and maintained within said County, at his own costs and charges, divers houses of entertainment for his voters at said Election: That the said *Edward Malloch*, by the aforesaid unlawful means, did obtain an apparent and colourable majority of votes over the Petitioner, and did procure himself to be, and was returned to serve in this present Parliament as Member for the said County: That the Petitioner humbly insists that he had a majority of legal votes at the said Election, and that the said *Edward Malloch*, by reason of all the premises hereinbefore mentioned, is disqualified from sitting as a Member for said County during this present Parliament; and praying that the House will take the premises into consideration, and declare the Election of the said *Edward Malloch* null and void, and the said *Edward Malloch* incapacitated from sitting in this Parliament, and that the Petitioner was duly elected,—or that the House will afford the Petitioner such other and further remedy in the premises as to the House may seem meet.

Of Messieurs *Robertson*, *Masson* and Company, and others, of the District of *Montreal*; praying that the Acts relating to Bankrupts 7 Vic. cap. 10, and 9 Vic. cap. 30, may be allowed to expire; that the Ordinance 2 Vic. cap. 36, may be repealed, and that provision be made to terminate such cases as may be pending in the Bankrupt Courts.

Of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of *M^cGill College*; praying an increased grant in support of that Institution.

Of the President and Secretary of the *Toronto Athenæum*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *John Clark* and others, of the vicinity of *Montreal*; complaining of certain injustice and damages

sustained by them by the operations of the Trustees of the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*, and praying relief.

Of *Jean Baptiste Miville Dechène*, of *St. Henri*; praying indemnification for the loss of his Schooner in conveying provisions to the distressed inhabitants of *Trois Pistoles* and *Rimouski*, in the year 1816.

Of *Charles Jackson* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*; praying for aid in support of that Institution.

Of *John W. Baxter* and others, of the Township of *Stanstead*; praying a grant of money to construct a Road from *Stanstead Plain* to the Village of *Georgeville*.

Of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of *Canada*; praying for the passing of a law to enable those who are authorized to solemnize Matrimony in *Upper Canada*, under certain circumstances, to do the same in *Lower Canada*, on presenting their certificates of authority.

Of *John M^cGill Chambers*, of the Township of *Montague*, in the District of *Bathurst*; praying that no alterations may be made in the Act of last Session establishing the boundary line between the fourth Concession of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*.

Of *P. Cowan* and others, of the Townships of *Brome*, *Dunham*, and *Farnham*; praying aid to improve the Road from *Stanstead* to *Longueuil*.

Of *Stephen S. Foster* and others, the President, Vice President, and Board of Directors of the County of *Shefford Academy*; praying the usual aid in support of that Academy.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, the Ministers, Elders, and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church*, in the City of *Quebec*; praying aid in support of the School in connexion with that Church.

Of *François Xavier Rousseau* and others, of *Dorset*, *Shenley*, *Lambton*, and other Townships; and of *Adrien Blouin* and others, of *Tring*, *Forsyth*, *Price*, and other Townships; praying aid to complete and improve the *Lambton Road*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; representing that the Taxes for 1845 have not been collected in the Townships of *Williams* and *Mosa* in consequence of certain informalities, and praying relief.

Of *L. Nolin* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*, in the County of *Leinster*; praying that no exclusive privilege be granted to *A. Larocque*, of *Montreal*, to construct a Toll Bridge over the River *L'Assomption*, in the said Parish.

Of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*; praying a grant of money to indemnify him for expenses incurred in relieving the distress of the Emigrants of the last season, and to enable him to provide for the necessities of the coming season.

Of the Sisters of Mercy of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated under the name of the "*Sœurs de Miséricorde pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Sainte Pélogie de Montréal*."

Of the Corporation of the Sisters of Charity of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying aid to enable them to extend their benevolent operations.

Of *Alexis Gagné*, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, merchant; praying indemnification for his services as Returning Officer at all the annual elections of parish officers, in the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, since the year 1841.

Of *F. X. Valade* and others, members of the Association of Teachers of the District of *Montreal*; praying that the Superintendent of Education may be authorized to aid them in the establishment of a Library.

Of *Ignace Portneuf* and others, the Chiefs and Warriors of the *Abenakis Village* of *St. François du Lac St. Pierre*; praying for the passing of a law to

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confirm the nomination of a Trustee chosen by their Tribe, who may be thereby authorized to proceed in their behalf in the recovery of their debts, and in guarding their interests.

Of *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, Advocate; setting forth:— That the Petitioner was a candidate with *Antoine Polette*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, Advocate, at the Election lately held for the purpose of choosing a Member to represent the said Town in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That *James Dickson*, of the said Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, Merchant, was and acted as the Returning Officer at the said Election: That the nomination of the candidates took place on the twenty-ninth day of December last, and the Poll for the said Election was fixed for the third and fourth days of January then next, and now last past: That the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, since his appointment as Returning Officer, and after having taken the oath as such on the Holy Evangelists before a Justice of the Peace, and during the whole time of the said Election, and especially on the day of the nomination of the said candidates, and the two polling days, did openly shew himself a partial and most zealous partisan of the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, and during all the said time conducted himself in the most partial manner, and against the interests of the Petitioner, the other candidate, to such an extent, that the partiality and injustice of the said *James Dickson* towards the Petitioner were publicly remarked, and even noticed by the partisans of the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire: That among a number of other unjust and partial acts of the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, towards the Petitioner, are the following:—First, That the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, is one of the persons who requested the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, to come forward as a candidate, and that he even allowed his name to appear as such at the top of the list of signers of the requisition attached to the letter of the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, to the electors, printed on the fifteenth of December last, and distributed throughout the said Town of *Three Rivers*, several days afterwards, when the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, must have taken the oath as Returning Officer, as aforesaid: Secondly, That during and before the said Election, after having taken the oath, the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, constantly sought for and solicited votes for the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, and always expressed himself in flattering terms in favor of the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire; while, on the other hand, he was calumniating and speaking ill of your Petitioner, both with respect to his character and to his fortune: Thirdly, That on the day of the nomination of the said candidates, to wit, on the twenty-ninth December last, when the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, had called for the show of hands in favor of the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, he, the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, was so partial, and shewed so little circumspection, as to say to the Electors, "Thank you, Gentlemen;" but took great care not to say the same thing to the partisans of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, the Petitioner: Fourthly, That on the first day of polling, the third of January last, the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, obstinately refused to take the vote of a duly qualified Elector, *François Pichette*, who offered it in favour of the Petitioner, under the false pretext that there was a warrant of arrest against the said *François Pichette*, and after it had been agreed upon by the two candidates with the said *James Dickson*, that the execution of the said warrant would be suspended, and perfect tranquillity prevailed at the time,—an entry was then made in the Poll Book of the refusal of the said *James Dickson*; the object of the said *James Dickson* being, very evi-

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dently, to try by that means to leave the Petitioner in the minority on the first day, as it is generally acknowledged in the said Town that the candidate having the minority on the first day is certain of being defeated: Fifthly, That the Petitioner had a minority of twelve votes on the evening of the first day, and that on the following day until about three o'clock in the afternoon, he was still in a minority of ten, and that the said *James Dickson* then declared that he had never seen an Election so well contested and so well and peaceably conducted; but that about half or three quarters of an hour afterwards, fourteen of the Petitioner's friends having come forward to poll their votes, gave the Petitioner a majority of four in about a quarter of an hour; that the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, became then very much annoyed, and immediately, as he said, proceeded privately to draw up a Special Return under the dictation of the said *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, and at four o'clock, one hour before the time prescribed by law, with the consent of and accompanied by the said *Antoine Polette*, left the hustings without in the least notifying the Petitioner, who in fact only discovered that the said *James Dickson* and *Antoine Polette*, Esquires, had retired, on being informed thereof by some of his friends, as the hustings were held in a room apart from the crowd, and that the said *James Dickson* did not declare the Petitioner duly elected, nor did he give any information to the Electors respecting the state of the Poll, or his proceedings: That the Petitioner further represents, that he remained at the hustings until five o'clock in the afternoon, that several persons came forward to vote for him, but that their votes could not be enregistered on account of the absence of the said Returning Officer; and praying that the House will take this Petition into consideration, and do justice to him in the premises, and that for that purpose the said *James Dickson*, Esquire, be ordered to render an account of his partial and unjust conduct towards the Petitioner as aforesaid, and that the Petitioner be permitted to prove the truth of the allegations of this his Petition.

Of Mrs. *Elizabeth L. Cushing*, of the City of *Montreal*; representing that her husband, the late Doctor *F. Cushing*, died of typhus fever contracted by him whilst in attendance as Medical Officer at the Emigrant Hospital in this City, during the past year, and praying for a pension.

Of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*, in the Parish of *Montreal*; representing the embarrassment which has resulted to him in consequence of the devotion of his time and money to the promotion of the interests of Agriculture, and praying relief.

Of *M. A. Primeau* and *A. H. Trottier*, of the Parish of *St. Martine*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, merchants; praying the passing of an Act to authorize them to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Chateauguay*.

Of *John Molson*, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee of management of the Company of proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; praying to be relieved from the operation of the 48th clause of the Act 8 Vic. cap. 59, amending the Act Incorporating the City of *Montreal*,—or for a general law to relieve all corporate bodies having a right to hold Ferries from the operation of the said clause.

Of *Luc Hyacinthe Masson* and others, of the Township of *Dundee*, in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that their complaints and charges as School Commissioners, and the proceedings had thereon against *John M^r Gibbon*, may be laid before the House, and that they may be relieved from their obligation to pay School Teachers hired by them as such Commissioners.

Of *Hugh C. Baker*, President, and others, the Vice President and Directors of the *Canada Life*

Petitions read. Assurance Company; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society; praying the usual grants in support of the Male and Female departments of the said Institution.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *John Wellington Gwynne*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable *William Cayley* to represent the County of *Huron* in Parliament, be now received.

The House divided; and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The said Petition was accordingly received and read; setting forth:—That at the last General Election of Members to serve in the House, the Petitioner was a candidate for the representation of the County of *Huron*, qualified to serve as Member thereof during the present Parliament: That *John Macdonald*, Esquire, Sheriff of the *Huron* District, was the Returning Officer at the said Election, and was a supporter of the Honorable *William Cayley*, who was the only other candidate for the representation of the said County, and is now the sitting Member therefor, and the said *John Macdonald*, at the said Election, voted for the said Honorable *William Cayley*: That the said *John Macdonald*, disregarding his duty as such Returning Officer, and the statute in that behalf enacted, did not by warrant under his hand and seal appoint a Deputy, and also a Poll Clerk, for each and every of the Townships within such County, but on the contrary thereof, he the said *John Macdonald*, although being such Returning Officer, did nevertheless issue in blank, signed with his name and sealed with his seal, several of the warrants and precepts required by law to be signed, sealed and executed by him; and he delivered such warrants and precepts respectively, signed with his name, and sealed with his seal of office, as such Returning Officer, without the name of any person therein appointed or named as such Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk, to persons by him the said *John Macdonald* employed to convey such warrants and precepts to several of the Townships in the said County; and each and every such persons so employed were supporters of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and they were instructed by the said *John Macdonald* to consult with, and they did accordingly consult with divers persons such as they should and did conceive to be favorable to the return of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and some of such persons with whom they so consulted, and who were supporters of and did subsequently vote for the said Honorable *William Cayley*, did, with the view of promoting and advancing the said Honorable *William Cayley's* chance of success at such Election, nominate, and with their own hands insert in such warrants and precepts so respectively as aforesaid signed and sealed in blank by the said Returning Officer, the names of several of the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks who took the Poll at several of the Townships in the said County, and who were known to be agents of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and to have taken part in endeavouring to secure his return; and several of the persons so employed by the said Returning Officer to convey such warrants and precepts as aforesaid, did fill up such warrants and precepts respectively in their own hands and at their own suggestion, and at the suggestion of others whom they respectively knew to be favorable to the return of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, with the names of persons who were known to be partisans of or favorable to the return of the said Honorable *William Cayley*: That *David Clarke*, Esquire, a Justice of the Peace and Deputy Re-

turning Officer of the Township of *Colborne*, in the said County, at the said Election, was a member of the said Honorable *William Cayley's* Committee formed to secure his return, and the said *David Clarke* acted as the agent of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and as a member of such his Committee, both before and during the said Election; and after having, as Deputy Returning Officer at the said Election, sworn in two special Constables to keep the peace at the taking of the Poll in the said Township, he the said Deputy Returning Officer acting for and on behalf of and as the agent of and as a member of the Committee of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, sent one of the said special Constables, so sworn in as aforesaid, with the sleigh of him the said *David Clarke* which said sleigh was engaged by the said Honorable *William Cayley's* said Committee, at his expense, to bring up voters to the Poll in the said Township, who should agree to vote for the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and the said *David Clarke* so being such Deputy Returning Officer, gave special instructions to the said Constable, so sworn in as aforesaid, to bring up none but persons who should agree to vote for the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and the said Constable did accordingly, in pursuance of such instructions, go out for, collect, and bring in, a large number of voters, who polled their votes for the said Honorable *William Cayley* in the said Township, although they otherwise would not have done so: That *John Hawkins*, the Deputy Returning Officer of the Township of *Ashfeld*, was a partisan and agent of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, and, as the Petitioner believes, a member of the Committee appointed to secure his return; that as such Deputy Returning Officer, he refused, although requested by the agent of the Petitioner, to administer the oaths required by law to be taken by voters at the election of Members to serve in the House; and his object in so doing was to suffer, as he in fact did thereby suffer, to be polled many illegal votes for the said Honorable *William Cayley*; that the said *John Hawkins*, during the taking of the Poll in the said Township, acted as the agent of the said Honorable *William Cayley*; and the said *John Hawkins*, although such Deputy Returning Officer, when a vote was given in favor of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, cheered and applauded the party so voting in an audible manner, and so as to influence other parties present at the place of taking such Poll for the purpose of registering their votes; and to such an extent did the said Deputy Returning Officer exhibit his partiality at the said Election, and use his influence in favor of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, that he ordered and compelled the Poll Clerk at the Election in the said Township, to record the vote of one *Aaron Wright* in favor of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, although the said *Aaron Wright* gave his vote for, and clearly expressed his intention to the said Deputy Returning Officer, of giving his vote for the Petitioner; that such the conduct of the said *John Hawkins* at the said Election, had the effect of inducing, and did induce many persons to vote for the said Honorable *William Cayley* who previously had expressed their intention to vote, and otherwise would have voted for the Petitioner: That the Deputy Returning Officer of the Township of *Logan* was a partisan and agent of the said Honorable *William Cayley*; that he did not keep his Poll open according to law, but illegally closed and abandoned the same, for the purpose of enabling him to, as he in fact did, go out and canvass for, and act as the agent of and scrutineer for the said Honorable *William Cayley* in the adjoining Townships, in bringing up voters for the said Honorable *William Cayley*, to the Poll in such Townships, and in investigating the right to vote of per-

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be pleased to make such order in the premises, as to the House shall seem fit and best calculated to sustain the purity and independence of the House, and to ensure a free and impartial Election being held of Members to serve therein; and that, for the reasons herein appearing, the said Election so held in and for the County of *Huron*, and the Return made thereon to the House, may be declared to be void.

The Honorable Mr. *Papineau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dumas*, That the Petition of *Maurice H. Beaulieu* and others, Electors of the County of *Berthier*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *David M. Armstrong*, Esquire, to represent the said County in this Parliament, be now received. Berthier Election.

Mr. *Drummond* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, That the word "now" in the said Motion, be struck out, and the word "not" substituted.

The Question being put on the Motion of amendment, the House divided; and it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, as amended, it was also agreed to.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Maurice H. Beaulieu* and others, Electors of the County of *Berthier*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *David M. Armstrong*, Esquire, to represent the County of *Berthier* in this Parliament, be not received.

Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*, That the Petition of *A. Bebee* and others, Electors of the County of *Bonaventure*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *William Cuthbert*, Esquire, to represent the said County in this Parliament, be now received. Bonaventure Election.

Mr. *Christie* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, That the word "now" in the said Motion, be struck out, and the word "not" substituted.

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Motions be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the City of *Quebec*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Thomas Cushing Aylwin*, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General for that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*. Quebec City Writ.

On motion of Mr. *Holmes*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the City of *Montreal*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Louis Hypolite LaFontaine*, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*. Montreal City Writ.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Richards*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Par- York, North Riding, Writ.

liament for the North Riding of the County of York, in the room and place of the Honorable Robert Baldwin, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for Upper Canada.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. Smith of Durham,

York. South Riding, Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the South Riding of the County of York, in the room and place of James Hervey Price, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Commissioner of Crown Lands for this Province.

On motion of Mr. Dumas, seconded by Mr. Davignon,

Terrebonne Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of Terrebonne, in the room and place of the Honorable Louis Hypolite LaFontaine, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for that part of the Province heretofore Lower Canada.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald of Glengary, seconded by Mr. Richards,

Stormont and Cornwall Elections.

Ordered, That the Orders of this House of Thursday the ninth instant, on the subject of the Controverted Elections for the County of Stormont, and for the Town of Cornwall, be rescinded; and that a notice in writing, embracing the substance of this motion, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioners, and to the sitting Members.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald of Glengary, seconded by Mr. Richards,

Stormont Election.

Ordered, That the Petition of D. Æ. Macdonnell, Esquire, candidate at the late Election of a Member for the County of Stormont, and others, Electors of the said County, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Alexander McLean, Esquire, to represent the said County in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Friday the seventeenth day of March instant, at the hour of four o'clock, p.m.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty George the Fourth, chapter four.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald of Glengary, seconded by Mr. Holmes,

Cornwall Election.

Ordered, That the Petition of Charles Rattray, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of Cornwall, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said Town of Cornwall in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Friday the seventeenth day of March instant, at the hour of five o'clock, p.m.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second

clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada, during the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty George the Fourth, chapter four.

On motion of Mr. Wetenhall, seconded by Mr. Notman,

Prince Edward Election

Resolved, That leave be granted to withdraw the Petition of Roger B. Conger, Esquire, and others, Electors of the County of Prince Edward, complaining of the undue Election and Return of David B. Stevenson, Esquire, to represent the said County in this Parliament. And the said Petition was then withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Drummond, seconded by Mr. Morrison,

Verchères Writ.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of Verchères, in the room and place of James Leslie, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the office of Chairman of the Committee of the Executive Council of the Province of Canada.

Ordered, That Mr. Holmes have leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a limited time certain Acts therein mentioned; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Bill.

Expiring Laws Bill.

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

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Cameron of Kent be struck out of the list of the Members forming the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of L. Lawrason and others, of the Town of London, and that the name of Mr. Notman be substituted; and, also, that the said Committee have leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Petition of L. Lawrason and others.

Mr. Chabot moved, seconded by Mr. Beaubien, and the Question being put, That the Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders deferred.

The House divided:—

Yeas, 23.

Nays, 16.

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. Laurin, seconded by Mr. Guillet,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 14° die Martii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. Smith of Wentworth,—The Petition of Daniel M. Gilkison and others, of the Town of Brantford and other places, in the District of Gore.

By Mr. Merritt,—The Petition of the Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company.

By Mr. Guillet,—The Petition of the Reverend P. Patry and others, of the Parish of St. Stanislas, in the County of Champlain.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of *Samuel Penfold* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Pierre Vezina*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of *Three Rivers*; setting forth:—That on the twenty-ninth day of December last past, and on the third and fourth days of January, also last past, the Petitioners, *Pierre Vezina*, *Etienne Tapin*, *Jacques Bureau*, *John M'Dougall*, *Antoine Desautier*, *Olivier Lamontagne*, *George Stobbs*, *Zephirin Boudreau*, *Pierre Deveau*, and *François Routhier*, were, and are still Freeholders and Electors duly qualified by law to vote at the election of a Member to represent and serve the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the present Parliament: That at the late General Election of Members to serve in the present Provincial Parliament, *James Dickson*, Esquire, was the Returning Officer duly appointed to proceed to the election of a Member to serve the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; and that the said Returning Officer gave due notice that he would commence and hold the said election for the said Town on the twenty-ninth day of December last, at one of the clock in the afternoon, at the Market Hall of the said Town: That on the said day, and at the said place and hour, two candidates appeared for the representation of the said Town, to wit: *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, Advocate, and *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, Esquire, Advocate, both of the said Town, and a Poll was required, and granted by the said Returning Officer; and that the third and fourth days of January then next, and now last past, were then and there appointed by the said Returning Officer for taking the said Poll, at the Market Hall of the said Town: That the said *Antoine Polette* was then and is still qualified by law to serve as a Member in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That on the said third day of January last past, the said Returning Officer proceeded to hold and take the Poll, and received the votes of those who presented themselves as Electors, and adjourned to the next day: That on the fourth day of the said month of January last past, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, the said Returning Officer continued to hold and take the Poll, and to receive the votes of those who presented themselves as Electors; but that in consequence of the violence exercised by the friends and supporters of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, who had by force expelled and driven from the Poll Booth the friends and supporters of the said *Antoine Polette*, and taken and kept forcible possession of the said Poll Booth, the said Returning Officer could not continue and terminate the said Election, and was forced to discontinue the Poll, and close the Election, without proclaiming either of the candidates elected: That the said *Antoine Polette* polled at the said Election one hundred and seventy votes, which formed the majority of good and legal votes, as well of those taken and enregistered at the said Election, as of those of all the Electors of the said Town of *Three Rivers* duly qualified to vote: That the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, at the time of the said Election, and particularly on the said twenty-ninth day of December, and on the said third and fourth days of January last past, held and was in possession of the several offices under the Crown in this Province, of Resident Agent for the sale of Public Lands in the County of *St. Maurice*, in the said Province, and of Agent for the sale of Timber licences in the said County, and that notice thereof had been publicly given in the said Town of *Three Rivers*: That being in possession of such offices as aforesaid, the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, at the time of the said Election,

Petitions read.

was incapable of and disqualified from being elected or returned to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That the said Returning Officer well knowing the premises, granted improperly, and in error, a Poll at the said Election, and was bound to proclaim and return the said *Antoine Polette* as duly elected, being the sole candidate duly qualified; and that the said *Antoine Polette* became, and was, and is entitled to sit and vote in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, as the Member representing the said Town of *Three Rivers*: That under those circumstances, the Petitioners humbly contend that the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* could not and cannot be declared to be the Member elected to serve the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the present Parliament; and praying the consideration of the House in the premises, and that it be declared that the said *Antoine Polette* was duly elected, and is entitled to sit in this present Parliament as Member representing the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and that the necessary orders to that effect be made both to the said Returning Officer and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, as need may require; and that the House will further ordain and decree in the matter as to law and justice may appertain: That the Petitioners further represent to the House, that the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, with intent to promote his Election, did open and support, or cause to be opened and supported, at his own expense, costs, and charges, during the said Election, houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of the Electors within the said Town of *Three Rivers*, and where a great number of the said Electors were in fact accommodated and entertained: That during the whole course of the said Election the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, his friends or agents, caused to be collected and kept together at the Poll Booth a great number of persons having no right to vote at the said Election, for the purpose of overawing and intimidating Electors desirous of voting for the said *Antoine Polette*, and most effectually violated and destroyed all freedom of Election: That during the course of the said Election, to wit, the third and fourth days of January last past, the friends and supporters of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* were guilty of the most outrageous and riotous conduct, in ill treating, assaulting, and beating, at the Poll Booth, and in its vicinity, several of the friends, supporters, and voters of the said *Antoine Polette*; by means whereof several Electors desirous of voting for the said *Antoine Polette*, were prevented from doing so: That on the said third and fourth days of January last past, at the said Election, the friends and supporters of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* carried violence to such a degree as to illtreat, assault, and beat several Electors who were in the act of voting for the said *Antoine Polette*, and with force and violence expelled, drove, and tore away several Electors while in the act of voting for the said *Antoine Polette*, and by that means prevented several Electors from recording their votes in favor of the said *Antoine Polette*: That on the said fourth day of January last past, during the said Election, the friends, agents, and supporters of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, with force and violence dispersed, drove, and expelled from the said Poll Booth, all the friends, supporters, and voters of the said *Antoine Polette*, and took and kept forcible possession of the said Poll Booth for the avowed purpose of preventing Electors from voting for the said *Antoine Polette*; by means whereof several Electors were prevented from recording their votes in favor of the said *Antoine Polette*, and the said Returning Officer could not continue the said Election, but, dreading personal injury to himself, was forced to discontinue the Election and close the

Poll, without proclaiming either of the candidates duly elected: That a great number of votes were given for the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* by persons possessed of no qualification whatever, and many whose want of qualification was apparent on their own statement, because many of them were not proprietors and possessors in virtue of legal titles, of lots of ground and dwelling-houses thereupon within the limits of the said Town of *Three Rivers*; others were not proprietors and possessors in virtue of legal titles, of lots of ground and dwelling-houses thereupon within the said Town, and in the receipt of the rents and profits thereof above six calendar months immediately preceding the said Election; others were not proprietors and possessors in virtue of legal titles, of lots of ground and dwelling-houses thereupon within the limits of the said Town, of the yearly value of at least Five pounds sterling, over and above all annual rents, be the same ground-rents or constituted rents; that others voted as tenants, although they were not tenants of houses or part of houses separately, within the limits of the said Town, during twelve calendar months next before the date of the Writ of Summons for the said Election, and had not actually paid one year's rent, at the rate of at least Ten pounds sterling, a-year, for a house or part of a house separately occupied during the time aforesaid; that many persons were induced to vote and take the oaths to entitle them to do so, by criminal solicitations; that in divers instances, several persons were admitted to vote for the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* on one and the same lot of ground and qualification which gave no right to vote to either of them; and that persons, under oath, declared themselves proprietors of lots of ground and dwelling-houses thereupon, to which they had no right or title: That although the said *Antoine Polette* was duly elected by a majority of good and legal votes, yet an apparent and colorable majority in favor of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, to the exclusion of the said *Antoine Polette*, was obtained by the various illegal, corrupt, criminal, and unwarrantable means and practices above stated; and that the said *Antoine Polette* is entitled to sit and vote in this present Parliament, as the Member representing the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That by reason of the premises, it is manifest that the apparent and colorable majority in favor of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* was obtained by the most illegal and criminal means; and praying the House to take the same into its serious consideration, and, in granting relief to the Petitioners, will permit and order that a scrutiny of the votes recorded on the Poll Book of the said Election in favor of the said *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin* may be had, and that the illegal votes entered upon the said Poll Book in his favor may be erased or struck off; that it be declared that the said *Antoine Polette* was duly elected, and is entitled to sit in the present Parliament as the Member representing the said Town of *Three Rivers* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; and that the necessary orders to that effect be made both to the said Returning Officer and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, as need may require; and that the House will further ordain and decree in the matter as to law and justice may appertain.

Petition of
Trafalgar, &c.,
Road Com-
pany referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of the *Trafalgar, Esquesing, and Erin Road Company*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Wetenhall*, Mr. *Notman*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Smith of Wentworth*, and Mr. *Thompson*; to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church of London*, in the District of *London*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church, London*, to sell a part of the Glebe, on certain conditions, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday next.

St. Paul's
Church Glebe
Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Laws against Usury in this Province.

Usury Law
Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, *Murdoch Morrison*, Esquire, and *John Holland*, Merchant, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject-matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Oxford*.

Oxford Elec-
tion.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boutillier* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for taking the Census in *Lower Canada* for the year 1848.

Census Bill

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

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*, and the Question being put, That a Standing Committee of eleven Members, on Railways and Telegraph Lines, be appointed; and that the said Committee consist of Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Boutillier*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Wetenhall*, Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the mover.

Railways and
Telegraph
Lines.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Cameron* of *CORNWALL*, *Cayley*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Cuthbert*, *Flint*, *Gugy*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Johnston*, *Laterrière*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *M^cConnell*, *M^cLean*, *Merritt*, *Notman*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Sherwood* of *TORONTO*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stevenson*, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Webster*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(33.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boutillier*, *Burrill*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *DeWitt*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Marquis*, *M^cFarland*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Papineau*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of *TWO MOUNTAINS*, *Smith* of *DURHAM*, and *Watts*.—(31.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of eleven Members, on Railways and Telegraph Lines, be appointed; and that the said Committee consist of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Boutillier*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, Mr. *Holmes*, Mr. *Wetenhall*, Mr. *Merritt*, and the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The City of *Kingston Gas Light Company*."

Kingston Gas
Light Com-
pany Bill.

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

Butter Inspect-
ion Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Mr. *Holmes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Stevenson*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Badgley*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of *NORFOLK*, *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Cameron* of *CORNWALL*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Cuthbert*, *Daly*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Dumas*, *DeWitt*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *Gugy*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *McConnell*, *McFarland*, *McLean*, *Merritt*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Prince*, *Richards*, *Robinson*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of *TWO MOUNTAINS*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Sherwood* of *TORONTO*, *Smith* of *DURHAM*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stevenson*, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Watts*, *Webster*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(55.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Fortier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Laterrrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, and *Marquis*.—(9.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal* be read a second time, to-morrow.

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

Flour and
Meal Act.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the Act 4 and 5 *Vic. c. 89*, providing for the inspection of Flour and Meal.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Oxford Elec-
tion.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*, and the Question being put, That in the case of the Controverted Election for the County of *Oxford*, the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, the late Member for the said County, who, since his Election and Return, has accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Inspector General, be permitted to defend against the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, presented by him to this House, against the Election and Return of the said Honorable *Francis Hincks* as the Member duly elected to serve in this present Parliament for the said County of *Oxford*.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *DeWitt*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Gugy*, *Guillet*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Laterrrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*,

McFarland, *McLean*, *Merritt*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of *TWO MOUNTAINS*, *Smith* of *DURHAM*, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Watts*, and *Wetenhall*.—(40.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Boulton* of *NORFOLK*, *Cameron* of *CORNWALL*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Cuthbert*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *McConnell*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Sherwood* of *TORONTO*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stevenson*, and *Webster*.—(19.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That in the case of the Controverted Election for the County of *Oxford*, the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, the late Member for the said County, who, since his Election, has accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Inspector General, be permitted to defend against the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, presented by him to this House against the Election and Return of the said Honorable *Francis Hincks* as the Member duly elected to serve in this present Parliament for the said County of *Oxford*.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, complaining of the undue Election of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* as a Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Wednesday the fifteenth day of March instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P.M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioner, his counsel, or agent, and to the said Honorable *Francis Hincks*, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

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

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature at the opening of the present Session, be now taken into consideration.

Speech con-
sidered.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

And the same was again read.

Mr. *Drummond* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holmes*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of that Motion.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders de-
ferred.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 15° die Martii.

ANNO 11° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

ON motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*,

Ordered, That the Order of this House, of yesterday, appointing the time for taking into consideration the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire,

Oxford Elec-
tion.

Oxford
Election.

a candidate at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, complaining of the undue Election of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* as a Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, be rescinded; and that a notice, in writing, embracing the substance of this Motion, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioner, and to the said Honorable *Francis Hincks*.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Wetenhall*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, complaining of the undue Election of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* as a Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Thursday the sixteenth day of March instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P.M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioner, his counsel, or agent, and to the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

De-bentures.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Schedule of Government Debentures of *Canada*, in sterling and currency, outstanding on 4th March, 1848.

Appendix(M.)

For the said Schedule, see Appendix (M.)

Petitions
brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe* (grant for Roads.)

By Mr. *Armstrong*,—The Petition of *Charles Emond*, President, and others, Trustees of the Academy of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Hall*,—The Petition of *William McDonnell* and others, of the Townships of *Ops*, *Mariposa*, *Eldon*, and *Fenelon*.

By Mr. *Beaubien*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Charles R. Ellis*, of the Township of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *James Douglass*, of the Township of *Toronto*, in the Home District.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *William Bradley* and others, of the Township of *Caledonia*, in the District of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Holmes*,—The Petition of *Robert W. S. Mackay*, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *F. T. C. Arnoldi*, M.D., and others, Medical Practitioners of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Mrs. Adèle B. LaFontaine*, and other Ladies having the care of the *Montreal* Lying-in Hospital; and the Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *Richard E. Vidal* and others, of the Townships of *Sarnia* and *Plympton*, in the Western District.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Huot* and others, of the Township of *Halifax*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the President and Board of Police of the Town of *St. Catherines*.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of *John Macfarlane* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *John Ewart* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *John Hopkins* and others, Teachers of Common Schools in the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *William Simpson* and others, of *Smith's Falls*, in the Township of *Elmsley*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *M. F. Valois* and *A. C. D. De Celles*, President and Secretary of the Municipal Council of the County of *Montreal*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Sauvageau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Morin* and others.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Mrs. Margaret Lunn* and *Mrs. A. Durnford*, the Directress and the Secretary of the Committee of management of the University Lying-in Hospital, *Montreal*, on behalf of the said Committee.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *John F. Elliott* and *James Cuthbertson*; and the Petition of *James Cuthbertson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *McFarland*,—The Petition of *John J. Church*, of the Township of *Tharold*, in the District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *John Thornton* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Barnston*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*, (Assessment Rolls.)

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

Petitions read.

Of *G. K. Foster* and others, Trustees of the *Richmond* Academy, in the Township of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; praying a grant of money in aid of that Academy.

Of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of the Township of *Shipton*; praying aid to open a Road from the principal settlement of *Dudswell*, to Lot No. 9 in the 2nd range of the Township of *Shipton*.

Of *G. K. Foster* and others, of *Durham* and other Townships, in the Counties of *Drummond* and *Sherbrooke*; praying that certain Townships therein mentioned may be formed into a new County, to be called the County of *Richmond*, with the Village of *Richmond* as the County Town.

Of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of *Shipton* and other Townships; praying a grant of money to continue the *Arthabaska* Road, from Lot 27 in the first range of *Kingsey*, to the Village of *Danville*.

Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*; praying an increased aid in support of that Institution.

Of the Reverend *L. Dufour* and others, inhabitants of the Townships of *Stanford*, *Somerset*, *Blandford* and *Arthabaska*; praying aid to improve the main *Blandford* Road.

Of *W. Demers* and others, inhabitants of *St. Jean Les Chailions*, *St. Pierre les Becquets*, and *St. Edouard de Gentilly*; praying aid to construct a Road from a certain point in the Parish of *St. Edouard de Gentilly* to the limits of the Parish of *St. Jean Les Chailions*, to erect a Bridge over the *Rivière aux Originaux*, and to improve certain hills on that route.

Of *John McIntosh*, of the Township of *London*; praying remuneration for certain articles furnished by him to the Militia under Colonel *Kerby*, during the late Rebellion.

Of *John Geary* of *London*, in the District of *London*; praying payment of a certain amount due him for labour performed upon the *London* and *Brantford* Road.

Of *Mrs. M. A. F. Viger*, President, and other Ladies, Directresses of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*; praying for aid in support of that Institution.

Of *John McCuaig* of *St. Polycarpe*; representing the undefined state of the boundary between the Township of *Lancaster*, in *Upper Canada*, and the Seigniorship of *New Longueuil*, in *Lower Canada*, and the disturbances endured by those in possession of land in that Seigniorship in consequence thereof; and praying relief.

Petitions read.

Of *Louis Leclerc* and others, of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cape Chat*, in the District of *Gaspé*; praying that their settlements may be made into a separate Municipality, having its seat at *Ste. Anne des Monts*.

Of *Joseph Vallée* and others, of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cape Chat*, in the District of *Gaspé*; praying for the construction of a Road from the furthest inhabited parts of *Matane* to *Cape Chat*.

Of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte*, in the County of *Rimouski*, and of the Chiefs and other Indians residing in the Township in the rear of the Seigniorship of *L'Isle Verte*, and belonging to the said Indians; praying aid for a Road leading to the Lake *Temiscouata*.

Of *R. J. Millar* and others, of *Durham* and other Townships; praying aid to continue the *Quebec* Road from the terminus of the *Arthabaska* Road, in *Kingsey*, until it forms a junction with the Road leading from *Sherbrooke* to *Montreal*.

Of *G. L. Marler* and others, of the District of *Three Rivers*; praying that the offices of Notary and Registrar may be declared incompatible with each other, and that the same individual be prohibited from filling both those offices at the same time.

Of the Reverend *A. Lefrançois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*, in the District of *Quebec*; praying for a grant of money to macadamize the Road from *Hough's Farm*, in the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, to the division Line between the Seigniorships of *Neuville* and *Demaure*, passing by the *St. Augustin* Church.

Of *Samuel Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*, and of the Parishes of *St. Jacques* and *St. Charles Borromée*; praying that the Common School Act may be so amended as to relieve them from certain disabilities under which they now labour.

Of *Marcel Lymburner* and others, of the Parish of *St. Stanislas de Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying for the amendment of the Education Law.

Of *T. Toutant* and others, of *Champlain* and other Parishes, in the County of *Champlain*; praying for the repeal of the Municipal Act, and the amendment of the Education Law.

Of *F. A. McDonald* and others, of the District of *Montreal*; praying that certain ranges in the Township of *Upton* may be annexed to the County of *Shefford*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the *Queenston* and *Grimsbey* macadamized Road when made, may be continued on the old line through the Village of *Jordan*, in the Township of *Louth*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to provide for the maintenance of insane destitute persons in that District.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; representing the injurious effect which the duty imposed upon spirituous liquors distilled within the Province has upon the agricultural interests thereof, and praying a consideration of the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying certain amendments to the Law respecting Surveyors and the measurement of Lands.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; representing the desire for the confirmation of certain usages, and for certain alterations in the boundaries of the Townships of *Dunn*, *Canborough*, *Moulton*, and *Sherbrooke*, and praying the action of the House thereon.

Petitions read.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that parties in the Township of *Rainham* whose lots of land have been diminished by defining the Boundary Line of the said Township, may be indemnified therefor.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the Township of *Cayuga* may be divided into two Townships, to be called *North* and *South Cayuga* respectively.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; representing that no Registry Office and Vaults have been built in the County of *Haldimand*, according to the Act 9 Vic. c. 34, sec. 19, in consequence of portions of the said County being situated in three different Districts, and praying that special provision be made in the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that suitable measures may be taken for the reconstruction of the Monument on *Queenston Heights* to the memory of the late Major-General *Sir Isaac Brock*.

Of *George Taylor* and others, of *Stanstead*; praying a grant for the building and support of an Institution for deaf and dumb persons.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; representing the present unhealthy state of the vicinity of the River *Welland*, and praying that the Cut at the outlet thereof may be widened and deepened, and that other improvements be made to render that vicinity more healthy.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the Municipal Councils may be authorized to hold lands for burying grounds, and to levy assessments and make by-laws for the purchase and management of the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying the adoption of certain measures to select and establish a more central site for the District Town of that District.

Of *Louis Denys* and others, of *St. François de la Beauce*, and other places; praying aid to improve the *Lambton* Road, and to construct a Bridge over the River *Chaudière*, in the County of *Dorchester*.

Of *G. P. Ridout*, Esquire, on behalf of the *Toronto* Athenæum; praying a complete set of the Journals of the House since the Union of the Provinces, as also of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* previous to the Union, and any other works the House may deem meet for the use of the Library of that Institution.

Of *Antoine Légaré* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, in the County of *Quebec*; praying the repeal of the existing Municipal Law, and for the re-establishment of Parish Municipalities.

Of *Edouard Normand*, of *Cap de la Magdeleine*; praying an enquiry into the proceedings of the Board of Works respecting his claims for damages sustained and lands taken by them, and for the payment of his said claims.

Of *J. Birch* and others, of *Quebec*; praying an investigation of their losses by the falling of the Government Wall and the Rock beneath it, into *Champlain* Street, in the year 1841, in order that they may be compensated therefor.

Of *J. B. Martin*, of the Parish of *St. Paschal*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, Esquire; praying the payment of certain claims held by him against the late Municipal Council of the said District.

Of *Vincent Dubé* and others, of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, and of the Township of *Ixworth*, in the County of *Kamouraska*; praying a grant of money to continue the Government Road commencing at the third concession of *Ste. Anne*.

Of the Reverend *Robert R. Burrage*, of *Quebec*; representing the losses sustained by him, and the services he rendered in behalf of Education in that City, and praying for a provision for the remainder of his life.

Of the Trustees of the *Sherbrooke* Academy; praying the usual aid in support of that Academy.

Petition of Niagara Municipal Council:

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (division of *Cayuga*,) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *M'Farland*, Mr. *Webster*, and Mr. *Notman*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of C. Berczy, and others:

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Berczy* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Morrison*, the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, and Mr. *Wetenhall*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Niagara Municipal Council:

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (*Dockstader* Tract) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Thompson*, the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *M'Farland*, Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Niagara Municipal Council, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (*Register Office in Haldimand*,) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Notman*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*, and Mr. *M'Farland*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Brock's Monument.

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by Mr. *M'Farland*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Niagara*, (*Brock's Monument*) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *M'Farland*, and the mover, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Burritt*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *M'Farland*, *Merritt*, *Nelson*, *Sauvageau*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(9.)

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Messieurs *Badgley*, *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of *NORFOLK*, *Cameron* of *CORNWALL*, *Cayley*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Cuthbert*, *Daly*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *DeWitt*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guggy*, *Gaillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *Marquis*, *M'Connell*, *M'Lean*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Scott* of *TWO MOUNTAINS*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Smith* of *DURHAM*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stevenson*, *Taché*, *Webster*, and *Wetenhall*.—(51.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Message from His Excellency

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

Despatches.

Government House,
Montreal, 15th March, 1848.

Schedule of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message to the Legislative Assembly of 15th March, 1848.

No.	Date.	Subject.
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Circular.	25th September, 1847.	Respecting an Act passed by the Imperial Parliament for the Naturalization of Aliens.
124	25th September, 1847.	On the subject of the above.
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133	23rd October, 1847....	Respecting the Survey of the Halifax and Quebec Railroad.
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(Copy.)

Downing Street,

No. 110.

31st July, 1847.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 16, of the 24th of March, transmitting for my consideration the copy of a Memorial presented to you by the *Montreal* Board of Trade, in which the Memorialists invite your Lordship's attention not only to several measures relating to the fiscal and commercial regulations of *Canada*, which it is the peculiar province of the Canadian Legislature to deal with, but also to the advantages which, as the Memorialists contend, would result from a modification of the Navigation Laws of the United Kingdom, and from the removal of the restrictions at present applicable to the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* by foreign vessels.

Navigation Laws.

The topics which the *Montreal* Board of Trade have urged upon your notice, in such forcible and appropriate terms, are entitled to, and will receive, the most attentive consideration of Her Majesty's Government. But we are not enabled at present to enter into any discussion respecting the effect of the Navigation Laws upon the Trade of *Canada*, as we have not yet had an opportunity of reading and considering the evidence which was taken by the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed during the late Session, to enquire into the expediency of modifying those laws. In the meantime I have caused this Memorial to be laid before the Committee, in order that in considering the important subject referred to them, they may be aware of the views entertained by the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

With regard to that part of the Memorial which relates especially to the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* by foreign vessels, I have to state, that, although this question is also connected with the general Laws of Navigation, it may perhaps be possible to deal with it separately, and to comply wholly or partially with the application of the Memorialists, even though it should be decided to leave the rest of the Navigation Laws untouched.

Navigation
Laws.

The very fact, however, of this being a peculiarly Canadian question, and, as such, admitting of a separate solution, renders it more than commonly important that the sense of the Canadian Legislature and of the inhabitants of the Province should be clearly ascertained before any attempt is made to effect a settlement of it; and, however great may be the consideration justly due to the body from which this Memorial proceeds, Her Majesty's Government would not feel justified in coming to any final decision upon a question so materially affecting not only the foreign relations, and the commerce of the empire at large, but also the special fiscal interests of *Canada*, without a formal expression on the part of the Provincial Legislature, of its approbation and concurrence. An opportunity of ascertaining the views of that body will probably be afforded by the recent communication which I have made to your Lordship respecting the proposal to allow vessels of the *United States* to pass through part of the inland waters of *Canada* in voyages from *Fort Covington* to *Lake Champlain*. Should it appear, from the discussion that may arise on this proposition, that the Provincial Legislature is decidedly in favor of opening the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* to foreign vessels, this subject shall receive the serious consideration of Her Majesty's Government, in order that such measures may be adopted as may appear to be best calculated to promote the common interest of this country and of *Canada*, in providing that any changes which it may be expedient to effect in the regulations under which the commercial intercourse between the *United States* and the British dominions is now carried on, may be settled upon the principle of giving equal advantages to both parties.

If, however, any change of this kind should ultimately be considered expedient, I need hardly point out to your Lordship that it will be of the greatest importance to avoid giving a right to any but British subjects to navigate the *St. Lawrence*; if citizens of the *United States* should be permitted to do so, the permission must be granted upon the clearest understanding that it may at any time be withdrawn at the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government.

Perhaps it will be expedient further to limit the duration of any such indulgence to a period of five or ten years, unless expressly renewed.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Downing Street,

No. 114.

.14th August, 1847.

My Lord,

Civil List Bill.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 70, of the 13th July, transmitting a Joint Address to the Queen, from the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, praying that Her Majesty would be pleased to assent to a Bill passed in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament of *Canada*, intitled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty."

Having laid this Address before the Queen, I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct your Lordship to acquaint the respective Houses of the Legislature of *Canada*, that the Imperial Parliament having, by an Act passed in the late Session, empowered Her Majesty, with the advice of Her Council, to assent to the Bill referred to in their

Address, measures will be taken at next Council for specially confirming the same.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

Downing Street,

Circular.

25th September, 1847.

My Lord,

In the last Session of Parliament, an Act was passed "for the Naturalization of Aliens," 10th and 11th *Vic.* chap. 83. I herewith enclose a copy of it.

Naturalization
of Aliens.

The Preamble of that Act explains briefly the circumstances in which it originated. In almost all of the British Colonies, laws had, of late years, been enacted, the object of which was to impart the privileges of natural-born British subjects to Aliens inhabiting the Colonies in which those enactments were made. On referring those Acts to the successive Law Officers of the Crown, it appeared from their answers to such references, to be a matter of great doubt whether they were valid and effectual for their purpose, and whether the Queen could properly be advised to confirm them. The principal ground of this doubt was the existence in the British Statute Book, of various general Acts respecting the Naturalization of Aliens, some of which Acts of Parliament, and especially the Statute 7 and 8 *Vic.* chap. 66, were supposed by Her Majesty's legal advisers to extend to, and to be in force throughout the British Colonies. But the Colonial Acts in question being found to be in several respects at variance with, and repugnant to, those Acts of Parliament, it was inferred that such Colonial Enactments were null and void, either in whole or in part.

To obviate a conclusion replete with so much inconvenience, and recommended by no assignable advantage, Her Majesty's Government recommended to Parliament, in their last Session, the passing of the Act which I now enclose.

The result of that Act is, first, to give validity to all Colonial Naturalization Acts formerly passed, and to declare that they shall be taken to have been valid from the time of their enactment. Secondly, the Act then proceeds to provide that all Naturalization Acts which shall hereafter be passed by any Colonial Legislature, shall, within the limits of the Colony, have the force of law, any Law or Statute to the contrary notwithstanding. But, thirdly, both the retrospective and the prospective operation of the 10th and 11th *Vic.* chap. 83, is confined to Colonial Acts which authorize the enjoyment of the privileges of naturalization within the limits of the Colony within which such Acts shall have been, or shall be made. It also declares, fourthly, that all such Naturalization Laws shall be subject to the rules which regulate the enactment and disallowance of Colonial Laws on any other subject. And, finally, it declares that the 7th and 8th *Vic.* chap. 66, does not extend to the British Colonies.

The result of these enactments will be to remove all doubts which have hitherto prevented the confirmation of various Naturalization Acts of the different British Colonies, and to ascertain the competency of the Colonial Legislatures to confer on Aliens the privileges of natural-born British subjects, if the exercise of those privileges be limited to the particular Colony in which the enactment may be made.

It may obviate a possible misconception to add, that, inasmuch as that part of the Navigation Act which confines to British subjects the ownership of

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of Aliens.

British registered Shipping is not repealed, but continues in full force, the disability of an Alien naturalized under a Colonial Act to own such Shipping, is not removed by the accompanying Statute 10 and 11 Vic. chap. 83. It would, indeed, be at variance with the terms of that Act to claim such a privilege in pursuance of it, inasmuch as the privileges which it authorizes the Colonial Legislatures to confer, are expressly restricted to the limits of the Colony within which they may so be conferred.

I propose, in a series of separate Despatches, to advert to, and dispose of the particular questions of this kind which have hitherto been pending; those separate Despatches being of course addressed to the Governors of those Colonies only in which any such questions have arisen.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 124.

Downing Street,
25th September, 1847.

My Lord,

Naturalization
of Aliens.

Referring to my accompanying Despatch on the subject of the Naturalization of Aliens, I have to observe, that under the circumstances there mentioned, it is now competent to the Legislature of *Canada* to remove, if such should be their pleasure, the difficulties to which the various Despatches of the years 1845 and 1846 refer, with the exception only that it is not competent to the Canadian Legislature to impart to any Alien the right to become an owner or part owner in any registered British Ship.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 128.

Downing Street,
13th October, 1847.

My Lord,

Duties on
Canadian Pro-
duce.

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 72, of the 26th July, in which you transmit an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, praying for the removal of all Duties in the United Kingdom, on the Produce of that Province.

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duce.

I have to instruct your Lordship to acquaint the House of Assembly that I have laid their Address before the Queen, and that Her Majesty has been pleased to receive it very graciously, and to command that the following answer be returned through your Lordship to their application.

In order that the wishes of the House of Assembly might be justly appreciated, a Statement has been prepared, shewing the nature and quantities of the principal Articles of Commerce which were imported into the United Kingdom from the British North American Possessions during each of the years 1843, 1844 and 1845, together with the past and present rates of Duty thereon where any have been chargeable.

From this Statement (of which a copy is herewith annexed) the House of Assembly will perceive that with the exception of three articles, viz: Butter, Cheese, and Clover Seed, upon which moderate Duties still exist for the necessary purpose of Revenue, all articles of Canadian Produce are now admitted for consumption in this Country, either free of Duty or at rates purely nominal, and that with reference to the Duties upon those three articles, the rates are very much less than those charged upon the same articles the produce of, and imported from Foreign Countries. It is material to observe also that as English Manufactures are liable to Revenue Duties in *Canada* of an amount equal to the Duties paid on similar articles imported into the Province from Foreign Countries, the entire abolition of Duties on the importation of Canadian Produce into the United Kingdom would, if acceded to on the grounds urged by the Assembly, require the necessary repeal of all Canadian Duties levied on British Produce, a measure which would, I apprehend, occasion serious inconvenience to the Provincial Treasury, unless the deficiency arising therefrom were met by some other mode of taxation.

On these grounds I have felt that it would not be consistent with my duty to advise Her Majesty to recommend to Parliament that any measure should be passed either for complying with the application of the House of Assembly for the removal of all Duties levied in this Kingdom on the Produce of *Canada*, or for sanctioning a deviation from the policy which the Legislature has deliberately adopted with regard to differential Duties.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

Duties on Canadian Produce

Duties on Canadian Produce

STATEMENT shewing the Quantities of various Articles imported into the United Kingdom from the British North American Colonies, in each of the years 1843, 1844 and 1845, shewing also the Rates of Duty payable in each of the years, and also under the Tariff of 1846.

ARTICLES.	1843.			1844.			1845.			1846.		
	RATES OF DUTY.			RATES OF DUTY.			RATES OF DUTY.			RATES OF DUTY.		
	Quantities Imported.	Colonial.	Foreign.	Quantities Imported.	Colonial.	Foreign.	Quantities Imported.	Colonial.	Foreign.	Quantities Imported.	Colonial.	Foreign.
Ashes, Pearl and Pot.....cwt.	Free.....	6d. per cwt.....	6d. per cwt.....	147,719	Free.....	6d. per cwt.....	150,256	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	
Bark for tanning	1d. per cwt.....	3d. do	3d. do	6	do	do	6	do	do	do	do	
Butter	3,962	5s. do	£1 do	4,185	5s. do	£1 do	7,640	5s. per cwt.....	£1 per cwt.....	10s. per cwt.	10s. per cwt.	
Cheese.....	99	2s. 6d. do	10s. 6d. do	84	2s. 6d. do	10s. 6d. do	236	2s. 6d. do	10s. 6d. do	5s. do	5s. do	
CORN, viz. :—												
Wheat.....qrs.	20,257	1s. to 5s. per qr.*	1s. to 20s.	36,123	1s. per qr.....	1s. to 20s.	38,612	1s. per qr.....	1s. to 20s.	4s. to 10s. per qr.	4s. to 10s. per qr.	
Barley.....	835	6d. do	1s. 11s. do	8,205	6d. to 2s. 6d. p. qr.	1s. 11s.	3,635	6d. to 2s. 6d. p. qr.	1s. 11s.	2s. 5s. do	2s. 5s. do	
Oats.....	254	6d. do	1s. 8s. do	3,999	6d. do	1s. 8s.	10,934	6d. do	1s. 8s.	1s. 6d. to 4s. per qr.	1s. 6d. to 4s. per qr.	
Peas and Beans.....	8,955	6d. do	1s. 11s. 6d. do	16,280	6d. do	1s. 11s. 6d.	22,559	6d. do	1s. 11s. 6d.	2s. to 5s. per qr.	2s. to 5s. per qr.	
Wheatmeal and Flour.cwts.	326,163	4d. to 1s. 8d. p. cwt.	4d. 6s. 10d. p. cwt.	671,814	4d. p. cwt.....	4d. 6s. 10d.	667,561	4d. p. cwt.	4d. 6s. 10d. p. cwt.	4d. p. cwt.	1s. 4d. to 5s. 5d. p. cwt.	
Hides untanned	3,416	Wet, 1d. do	3d. per cwt.....	2,910	Wet, 1d. do	3d. per cwt.....	2,091	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	
Oil, Spermaceti.....tuns.	295	Dry, 2d. do	6d. do	218	Dry, 2d. do	6d. do	35	do	£15 per tun.....	£15 per tun.	£15 per tun.	
Oil, other.....	12,470	1s. do	£6 do	9,375	1s. do	£6 do	10,301	do	£6 do	£6 do	£6 do	
SEEDS, viz. :—												
Clover.....cwt.	8	5s. per cwt.....	10s. per cwt.....	158	5s. per cwt.....	10s. per cwt.....	30	5s. per cwt.....	10s. per cwt.....	5s. per cwt.	5s. per cwt.	
Linseed and Flaxseed..qrs.	158	1d. do	do	158	1d. do	do	113	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	
SKINS AND FURS, viz. :—												
Bear, Undressed.....No.	6,224	2s. each.....	2s. each.....	5,918	2s. each.....	3s. each.....	5,842	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	
Beaver, do	40,480	2d. do	3d. do	39,056	2d. do	3d. do	43,762	do	do	do	do	
Deer, do	5,774	4d. do	1d. do	6,701	4d. do	1d. do	2,280	do	do	do	do	
Goat, do	80	2d. per dozen.....	3d. per dozen.....	76	2d. per dozen.....	3d. per dozen.....	5	do	do	do	do	
Martin, do	80,804	2d. each.....	4d. each.....	76,272	2d. each.....	4d. each.....	119,106	do	do	do	do	
Mink, do	32,137	4d. do	1d. do	32,889	4d. do	1s. per 100	42,592	do	do	do	do	
Musquash,do	577,295	6d. per 100.....	1s. per 100.....	282,566	6d. do	do do	351,826	do	do	do	do	
Otter, do	8,683	6d. each.....	1s. each.....	8,308	6d. each.....	1s. each.....	8,533	do	do	do	do	
Seal, do	653,215	1d. per dozen.....	4s. per dozen.....	460,150	1d. per dozen.....	4s. per dozen.....	438,909	do	do	do	do	
Tallow.....cwt.	842	3d. do cwt.....	3s. 2d. per cwt.....	752	3d. do cwt.....	3s. 2d. per cwt.....	797	3d. per cwt.....	3s. 2d. per cwt.....	1s. 6d. per cwt.	1s. 6d. per cwt.	
Wax, Bees'.....	15	1s. do	2s. do	13	1s. do	2s. do	11	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	
Whale-fins.....lbs.	265	1s. do tun.....	£20 per cent. ad val.	59	1s. do tun.....	£20 p. cent. ad val.	453	do	do	do	do	
WOOD AND TIMBER, viz. :—												
Deals, Battens, &c., sawn or split.....loads.	339,455	2s. per load.....	3s. per load.....	392,880	2s. per load.....	3s. per load.....	489,002	2s. per load.....	3s. per load.....	3s. per load.	3s. per load.	
Do do, not sawn,	578,172	1s. do	25s. do	545,820	1s. do	25s. do	789,769	1s. do	25s. do	1s. do	25s. do	
Lathwood.....fathoms.	5,177	1s. do fathom.....	40s. per fathom.....	4,688	1s. do fathom.....	40s. per fathom.....	6,853	1s. do fathom.....	40s. per fathom.....	1s. per fathom.	1s. per fathom.	
Slaves.....loads.	43,903	2s. do load.....	28s. do load.....	44,160	2s. do load.....	28s. do load.....	53,582	2s. do load.....	28s. do load.....	2s. do load.	28s. do load.	
Wool, Sheep's.....lbs.	13,125	Free.....	Free.....	12,887	Free.....	Free.....	18,280	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	Free.....	

* From 10th October, 1843, the Duty on Canadian Wheat was 1s. per quarter, and on Canadian Wheat Meal and Flour, 4d. per cwt.

Halifax and
Quebec Rail-
road.(Copy.)
No. 133.Downing Street,
23rd October, 1847.

My Lord,

A favorable Report having reached Her Majesty's Government as to the practicability of constructing one good line of Railway between *Halifax* and *Quebec*, it appears to Her Majesty's Government that the proper time has arrived for recalling the attention of the Legislature of *Canada* to the Resolution passed by the House of Assembly, on the 2nd June, 1846, pledging the House to defray its fair proportion of the expense of the preliminary survey for the projected Railway.

Instructions have been given to Major *Robinson*, to transmit to your Lordship, and to the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, precise statements of the amount of expenditure incurred on this service for each Province, and on receiving the account for *Canada* your Lordship will communicate it to the House of Assembly, and recommend that provision be made for repaying to the British Treasury the amount advanced for the exploration in question, either to the late Captain *Pipon*, or to Major *Robinson*, up to the date mentioned in the statement which will be submitted to you.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.(Copy.)
No. 136.Downing Street,
18th November, 1847.

Railway Bills.

My Lord,

I have had under my consideration seven Acts passed by the Legislature of *Canada* during their last Session, and reserved by your Lordship for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

The numbers and Titles of these Bills are:—

No. 441. An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

No. 442. An Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company.

No. 443. An Act to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railway Company.

No. 444. An Act to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company.

No. 445. An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway Company.

No. 446. An Act to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia* Railway Company; and,

No. 447. An Act to incorporate the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railway Company.

I have deemed it advisable to consult the Commissioners of Railways in this country upon the provisions contained in these Bills, and I transmit for your Lordship's information the accompanying copy of their Report. The objections which they have pointed out appear to me so important as to induce me to postpone advising Her Majesty to confirm these enactments until I shall be in possession of the conclusion to which a full consideration of this Report may lead yourself and your Council.

With this view, therefore, your Lordship will submit the Commissioners' Report to your Council, and inform me whether in their and your judgment, the permanent interests of the Canadian Public require that these Bills should at once, and without further amendments, receive Her Majesty's sanction.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) GREY.

Governor
The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Office of Commissioners of Railways,
Whitehall, 6th November, 1847.

Railway Bills.

Sir,

I have been directed by the Commissioners of Railways to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th September, in which you transmitted for the consideration of the Commissioners, transcripts of the following seven Acts authorizing the construction of different Railways in *Canada*, which have recently been passed by the Legislature of that Province:—

No. 441. An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

No. 442. An Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company.

No. 443. An Act to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railway Company.

No. 444. An Act to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company.

No. 445. An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway Company.

No. 446. An Act to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia* Railway Company; and,

No. 447. An Act to incorporate the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railway Company.

I am directed to acquaint you in reply, that the Commissioners, agreeably to the request of Earl *Grey*, have taken these Acts into consideration, and have made the following observations upon them, which apply for the most part to all or more than one of the Acts, and have therefore been arranged in a collected form with reference to the subjects adverted to, rather than as remarks upon each Act separately. The provisions of these Acts that appear to be most worthy of observation, on account both of their novelty and importance, are those by which a right is reserved to the Government of purchasing the Railway at a future time. In some other Colonial Railway Acts which have engaged the attention of the Commissioners, the option of purchase by the Government is given only upon the event of the Company's profits exceeding a certain specified rate per cent. on the amount of their capital, and is thus made dependent upon a condition which, from its liability to be evaded by the financial operations of the Company, may prevent, or indefinitely defer, any practical assertion of the right.

But in the greater number of the present Acts, (Nos. 442, 443, 444, 445, and 447,) the Government is enabled to purchase the Railway at any time, either before or after its completion, on giving three months notice of their intention to do so, and repaying to the Company the amount of their expenditure, with interest up to the time of opening the Railway. As one of the principal advantages to be derived from these provisions appears to consist in the power they confer upon the Government of acquiring upon an emergency the exclusive possession of the means of communication, it is important for the attainment of this object that the exercise of the right of purchase should not be clogged with conditions of doubtful effect, or such as may occasion difficulty in the adjustment of the terms. On this account it appears desirable that the rate of interest to be paid by the Government on the outlay, should, as in the Acts Nos. 446 and 447, be fixed by the provisions of the Act, and not, as in the Acts Nos. 442, 443, 444, and 445, be left as a matter for future arrangement. For the same reason also, the condition inserted in the Act No. 445, that the Government, in addition to the reimbursement of the paid-up capital, shall repay to the Company "any sums *bona fide* furnished or advanced by the Shareholders towards completing and improving the "Railway," appears to introduce into the terms of the purchase, much that is very vague and open to

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dispute. In the Act 446, likewise, the form of the clause adopted in the other Acts is altered in a manner that seems likely to give rise to considerable uncertainty with respect to the conditions of the purchase. The price to be paid by the Government is, by the items of this Act, to be determined not simply by the amount of Capital paid up, but according to its *value* at the time; but no mode is pointed out in which the value is to be ascertained.

The Commissioners observe that in the same Act, No. 446, there occurs a modification of the provisions for purchase, of which the explanation is not apparent, but is perhaps to be found in certain circumstances peculiar to the particular scheme, and which, considered without reference to any circumstances of that kind, is inconsistent with that which is presumed to be one of the principal objects of these provisions. In this Act, the power of purchase is not to be exercised till after twenty-one years from the completion of the Railway, and after three years notice of the intention to purchase. It is observable, however, that this departure from the form followed in the other Acts is not noticed in the abstract of these Acts transmitted by the Provincial Law Officers.

The Commissioners are unwilling to pass wholly without remark the omission in the Act No. 441, of any reservation of a power to purchase to the Government; since, however, the provisions of this Act are peculiar, not only in this, but also in several other respects, the particular omission in question may probably be attributable to some cause arising out of the nature of the undertaking itself. One of these peculiarities, however, that can hardly be accounted for in that manner, is the clause contained in this Act prohibiting travelling on the Railroad on Sundays.

It appears to the Commissioners that such a prohibition is objectionable in principle, and that perfect liberty in this respect should at all events be permitted, if the Legislature should not think fit to require accommodation to be given to the public. It may also be remarked in this place that the clause inserted in all the other Acts providing that the gauge shall be fixed by the Governor of the Province is wanting in this Act, and also in Act No. 445, nor is the gauge of the Railway defined by the Act itself.

In the Acts Nos. 444 and 445, is contained a provision that when the annual dividend of the Company shall exceed a certain rate per cent., one-half of the surplus shall be paid to the Government as a tax. It appears to the Commissioners that the condition requiring that the divisible profits shall exceed a certain rate, renders this provision liable to the same doubts as to its practical utility that they have already had occasion to state with reference to the powers of revision and purchase sometimes introduced into Colonial Railway Acts, and that for this reason, little reliance can be placed upon this provision as a possible source of revenue. If it is contemplated to tax the profits of Railway Companies in the Colonies, a passenger tax, as under the Imperial Act 5 and 6 *Vic. c. 79*, or some other direct impost, would, it is considered, form the means best adapted to the purpose; as suggested by the Earl of *Clarendon* in his Minute of the 10th November, 1846, on the *Canada Railway Acts*, Nos. 401 and 402.

The clauses in these Acts, Nos. 442 to 446 inclusive, relating to the conveyance of the Mails and Troops, contain a proviso that the Company shall not be obliged to start trains for this purpose, except at the usual times of starting. The Commissioners understand that in the case of other Colonial Railway Acts it has been considered that this limitation might be found inconvenient as respects the conveyance of Troops, and it would probably be so considered in

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the present instance. In the Act No. 447, the proviso is omitted, and there is no such restriction with regard either to the conveyance of Mails or Troops, although, in the case of the former, it may not be equally liable to objection. The Act No. 441 does not contain provisions for the conveyance either of the Mails or Troops.

It does not appear that there has as yet been any legislation in the Province having for its object the general regulation of Railways or Railway Companies: In an Act however referred to the Report of the Provincial Law Officers, and which has been passed in the course of the present year, being an Act for amending the *Montreal and Lachine Railway Act*, the following clause has been introduced which has a general application to Railways either at present authorized, or which shall at any future time be sanctioned by the Legislature:—
“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 incorporation, regulating the tolls to be taken on the said road in this Act, and in the said other Acts of incorporation mentioned, shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.”

Without remarking on the inconvenience of introducing a general law on the subject of Railways into an Act for the construction of a particular Railway, the Commissioners have to observe, that the approval of by-laws by the Governor is, by this enactment, confined to those which regulate the tolls to be taken on the Railway. The Commissioners would suggest that, as in the case of the *New Brunswick Acts* lately under their consideration, the power of approving the Company's by-laws should not be restricted to by-laws for this purpose only, but should be extended to all by-laws, whatever their object; or at least, as under the English Acts relating to the matter, to all by-laws affecting persons other than the officers and servants of the Company; the making of by-laws for the internal government of the corporation being left to the discretion of the Company.

In connection with this subject, the Commissioners would observe that the Acts now under consideration do not contain any scale of maximum charges for the conveyance of goods and passengers on the Railway. The enactment in the *Montreal and Lachine Act* which has been referred to, subjects the by-laws regulating the tolls to the approval of the Governor; and as there is no power given to the Company to make any charge for carriages or locomotive power, the tolls may, with respect to these Railways, be considered to include the whole charge for carriage and conveyance; this enactment, therefore, affords a certain kind of security, but it is the only one that appears to be provided for the protection of the public from exorbitant charges on the Railways. It becomes therefore a matter of great importance to ensure that this enactment shall have application to all Railways. A clause to the same effect is specially inserted in the Acts Nos. 446 and 447. But with regard to the Railways authorized by the five other Acts, the security of the public in this respect depends entirely upon that which may be derived from the enactment in the *Montreal and Lachine Railway Act*. The operation of this enactment, however, is restricted to Railway Companies, “as to which the right to interfere with the Act of incorporation is reserved by the Act of incorporation.” This restriction appears to have reference to the clause introduced in compliance with the first recommendation in Mr. Secretary *Gladstone's Circular* of the 15th January, 1846: “That nothing herein contained shall be construed

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“to except the Railway by this Act authorized to be made, from the provisions of any general Act relating to Railways which may be passed during the present or any future Session of Parliament.” In six of the Acts at present under consideration, this clause is inserted; but in No. 441 a clause of an effect in some degree similar, but not expressed in equally comprehensive terms. The manner in which the beneficial enactment in the *Montreal and Lachine* Amendment Act has been qualified, constitutes an additional reason that the insertion of this clause should be insisted upon with the same strictness and uniformity in the Railway Acts of the Canadian Legislature as in those of the Imperial Parliament.

With the single exception that has just been noticed, there appears to be an entire absence of any general legislation on the subject of Railways in *Canada*. It may be worthy of the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, whether the best remedy for this state of things might not be found in the enactment by the Provincial Legislature, in a consolidated form, of such of the provisions of the Imperial Acts of Parliament, as may be capable of application to this Colony. The Commissioners in a former communication addressed to the Colonial Office, have had occasion to remark on the generally satisfactory manner in which this has been accomplished in the Colony of *British Guiana*. The great number and extent of the Railway enterprises at present projected in *Canada*, would almost seem to demand some measure of the same kind, which would be calculated not only to protect the interests of the public, but would afford the means of rendering the Acts for the construction of particular Railways more uniform and concise by the expedient of embodying in them, by reference, the provisions of the general enactment. In the mean time it is necessary that every Canadian Railway Act should contain in itself the whole of the regulations that are considered of essential importance. With this view, the Commissioners wish particularly to point out that, in the Acts at present under consideration, no provision is made for regulations conducive to the public safety and convenience, similar to those contained in the Acts of the Imperial Parliament relative to the opening of Railways after notice, the appointment of Inspectors, returns of traffic and accidents, and the conveyance of the poorer class of travellers by cheap trains.

There are also several instances in which the details of these Acts, as to matters of considerable importance to the public, differ in such a manner from the provisions in the English Acts relating to the same matters, as can hardly be wholly accounted for by any diversity of local circumstances; of these, the following may be mentioned as appearing to call for remark.

The powers of borrowing in most of these Acts are free from several of the restrictions imposed on such powers in English Railway Acts. In all these Acts, except Nos. 446 and 441, the exercise of the power may be resorted to at any time, and is not deferred till a certain proportion (by the Standing Orders of the Houses of Parliament, one-half,) of the capital has been paid up. No uniform rate appears to be observed as to the proportion which the amount of the loan is to bear to that of the Company's Capital; in many of the Acts it is one-half of the whole capital; in the Acts Nos. 442 and 445, it exceeds that proportion. Under the Standing Orders it is limited to one-third.

The powers of borrowing are also expressed with too much latitude, in giving the Company power to raise money on “bond, debentures, or other securities.”

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It appears to the Commissioners that, as is usual in the English Acts, the nature of the securities intended to be authorized should be distinctly specified.

In these Acts also, the Company are authorized to mortgage the “lands,” as well as their other property. The mortgages of the undertaking by English Railway Companies have not been considered to include the land on which the Railway is constructed.

The power of deviating, in making the Railway, given by all these Acts, except Nos. 441 and 447, to the extent of a mile from the line of the Railway as marked in the deposited plan, far exceeds the usual limits of deviation under English Railway Acts. So large a deviation might possibly be not very objectionable in certain parts of the Province, but might prove extremely injurious and inconvenient in the neighborhood of a Town, or in a thickly settled District.

The regulations for the construction of bridges for carrying the Railway over roads, differ from those adopted in English Railway Acts, in respect that the width of the arch required, is less than the average width prescribed by the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, and although the height required is in most cases the same, yet it is not the clear height for any given space,—and there is no regulation defining the width of the bridge by which roads are to be carried over the Railways.

The Acts Nos. 446 and 447 alone contain a provision requiring the erection of gates across roads, where the Railway crosses them on a level; and, near a Town at least, some precaution of that kind appears necessary for public safety.

The Commissioners are desirous to draw the attention of Earl *Grey* to these variations from the course pursued in legislating upon Railways in this country. It will be for his Lordship to consider what degree of importance is to be attached to them, with reference to the local circumstances of the Colony generally, or of the particular district through which any of these Railways are to pass; and whether any correction may be called for in the way of supplementary legislation, either by amendments of the Acts in each case, or, as the Commissioners have suggested, some general enactment embodying, in a comprehensive form, the provisions applicable to projects of this kind.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

H. D. HARNESS,

Captain Royal Engineers.

Benjamin Hawes, Esquire,

&c., &c., &c.

Ordered, That the Despatches on the subject of Railways be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Despatches be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *L. Laurason* and others, of the Town of *London*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House, a Bill to incorporate the *London Manufacturing Company*, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

London Manufacturing Company Bill.

Mr. *Wetenhall*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the *Trafalgar, Esquising*, and *Erin Road* Company, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Trafalgar, &c., Road Company

The Road intended to be made by the Petitioners leads from *Lake Ontario* to *Owen's Sound*, on *Lake*

Trafalgar, &c.
Road Com-
pany.

Huron, and over which the produce of a large and fertile section of country is conveyed over it to the Port of *Oakville*, the shipping port.

The Townships of *Trafalgar* and *Esquesing*, through which the Road passes, are not surpassed by any portion of the Province in fertility of soil and quality of productions, and the improvement of this Road will most materially promote the prosperity of the inhabitants of those Townships, and bring into immediate settlement a large tract of fertile land now laying waste, solely from the difficulty of access.

Your Committee believing that the improvement of this line of Road is worthy of the best consideration of the Government and of the District Councils, beg to recommend that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Consumers'
Gas Company
of Toronto
Bill.

Mr. *Morrison*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Charles Berczy* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House, a Bill to incorporate "The Consumers' Gas Company of the City of *Toronto*," which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

Bonaventure
Election.

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *M'Lean*, That the Order of the day for taking into consideration a Motion made on Monday last, "That the Petition of *A. Bebee* and others, Electors of the County of *Bonaventure*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *William Cuthbert*, Esquire, "to represent the said County in this Parliament, "be now received;" and also the Amendment which was proposed to be made to the said Motion, and which Amendment was, That the word "now" be struck out, and the word "not" substituted, be now read.

Mr. *Wilson* moved, in amendment, That all the words after "That" in the said Motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "a Special Committee of five Members be appointed to enquire as to whether the Seals of the Justice of the Peace, and of the Judge, affixed to the Certificates attached to the Petition in the matter of the Petition against the sitting Member for *Bonaventure* were, or either of them, affixed to the said Certificates before or since the Petition was presented to this House," to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Question being put on the said Motion of Amendment, it was agreed to by the House.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, as amended, it was also agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five Members be appointed to enquire as to whether the Seals of the Justice of the Peace, and of the Judge, affixed to the Certificates attached to the Petition in the matter of the Petition against the sitting Member for *Bonaventure* were, or either of them, affixed to the said Certificates before or since the Petition was presented to this House, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, and Mr. *Drummond*, do compose the said Committee.

Canada Life
Assurance
Company Bill.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Life Assurance Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company."

Western Tele-
graph Com-
pany Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Wetenhall* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*."

Dundas Incor-
poration Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Malloch* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt certain Concessions of the Township of *Osgoode* from the operation of the Act therein mentioned.

Osgoode
Township Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Marine Assurance Company*.

Canada Marine
Assurance
Company Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to render executory certain judgments rendered by the late Courts of King's Bench for *Lower Canada*.

King's Bench
Judgments
Bill (L. C.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Notman* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the collection of the taxes for the year 1845, in the Township of *Mosa*, in the *London* District.

Mosa Taxes
Collection Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Athenæum*.

Toronto Athe-
næum Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*."

Quebec In-
stitut Canadien
Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* be added to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Railways.

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of amending the Act 4 and 5 Vic. c. 89, providing for the inspection of Flour and Meal, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

Flour and
Meal Act.

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act of the 4 and 5 Vic. c. 89, by reducing to

Flour and
Meal Act.

the sum of one penny the fee of inspection to be paid to the Inspector for each barrel of Flour and Meal by him inspected, as provided in the twelfth clause of the said Act.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that Flour of every quality should be of the same standard and quality as in the City of *New York*, samples of which should be procured by the said Inspector.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to introduce similar amendments with respect to the inspection of Oatmeal.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

Flour and
Meal Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* have leave to bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Act for the inspection of Flour and Meal, and to provide for the inspection of Oatmeal.

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

Expiring Laws
Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to continue for a limited time certain Acts therein mentioned, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Duchesnay*,

Supply.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Motion made on Tuesday last, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, be now read.

And the same was read accordingly.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *McFarland* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

Three Rivers
Election.

Resolved, That leave be granted to withdraw the Petition of *Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*, Esquire, Advocate, complaining of the illegal and partial conduct of *James Dickson*, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the Election of a Member to represent the said Town in this Parliament, and praying an investigation in the premises.

And the said Petition was withdrawn.

Jurors Bill,
(L. C.)

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regulating the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, were intended to have force and effect, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regulating the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, were intended to have force and effect, be now read the third time; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Bill.

An engrossed Bill to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regula-

ting the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, were intended to have force and effect, was then read the third time.

Jurors Bill,
(L. C.)

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders deferred.

Then, on Motion of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Drummond*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 16° die Martii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, complaining of the undue Election of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* as a Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, being come;

Oxford Election.

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Serjeant at Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly.

And being returned,—the House was called; and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioner, his counsel, or agent, to appear at the bar.

Peter Carroll, Esquire, the Petitioner, appeared at the bar in his own behalf.

Mr. Speaker called upon the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, his counsel, or agent, to appear at the bar.

The Honorable *Francis Hincks* appeared at the bar in his own behalf.

The Petitioner presented a paper, containing the name of a Witness in his behalf, which was read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

Witness on behalf of the Petitioner:—

George Brown, Esquire.

The Honorable *Francis Hincks* presented a paper, containing the name of a Witness in his behalf, which was read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

Witness in behalf of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*:—

George Brown, Esquire.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Serjeant at Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly; and the Order of the day for taking into consideration the said Petition being read, the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box in which, agreeably to the Statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up; and the same was read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

I attest that this box was, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of March, 1848, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of As-

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“ ‘sembly, and to make more effectual provision for such trials.”

A. N. Morin,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him; as followeth:—

I attest that I did, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of March, 1848, in the presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, “ An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty’s reign, intituled, ‘ An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the ‘ House of Assembly,’ and to make more effectual provision for such trials.”

W. B. Lindsay,
Clerk Assembly.

The names of all the Members were then taken out the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner; and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 Sauvageau,	13 Beaubien,
2 Christie,	14 Chabot,
3 Bell,	15 Scott of TWO MOUNTAINS,
4 Thompson,	16 Boutillier,
5 Laurin,	17 DeWitt,
6 Smith of FRONTENAC,	18 Macdonald of KINGSTON,
7 Morrison,	19 Egan,
8 MacNab,	20 Duchesnay,
9 Armstrong,	21 Flint,
10 Holmes,	22 Taché,
11 Fourquin,	23 Notman,
12 Gogy,	

Nine other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

One who was excused.

Eight who were absent.

Mr. Prince was chosen Nominee for the Petitioner.

Mr. Drummond was chosen Nominee for the Honorable Francis Hincks.

At half-past four o’clock, p.m., the parties, with Alfred Patrick, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

The forty-one names remaining in the boxes undrawn, were read by the Clerk.

At a quarter to five, p.m., the Clerk of the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a List containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as followeth:—

1 Bell,	6 Chabot,
2 Thompson,	7 Boutillier,
3 Laurin,	8 Duchesnay,
4 Morrison,	9 Taché,
5 Fourquin,	

Nominee for the Petitioner, Mr. Prince.

Nominee for the Honorable Francis Hincks, Mr. Drummond.

Alfred Patrick,
Clerk of Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of Mr. Notman, seconded by Mr. Wetenhall,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Peter Carroll,

Esquire, a candidate at the late Election for the County of Oxford, complaining of the undue Election of the Honorable Francis Hincks as a Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, do meet in the Committee Room No. 3, forthwith.

Oxford Election.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. Armstrong,—The Petition of the Honorable Barthelemy Joliette, of the Village of Industry, in the District of Montreal.

By Mr. Watts,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Yamaska (Bridges.)

By Mr. Notman,—The Petition of the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of London (Municipal Act.)

By Mr. Duchesnay,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of Portneuf.

By Mr. Holmes,—The Petition of Albert Furniss, on behalf of the City of Toronto Gas Light and Water Company.

By Mr. Hall,—The Petition of G. F. Orde and others, of the District of Colborne (Court of Assize); and the Petition of G. F. Orde and others, of the Town of Peterborough (Act of Incorporation.)

By Mr. Smith of Durham,—The Petition of Elias Burnham, Esquire, and others, Barristers and Attornies at Law, of the Town of Peterborough, in the District of Colborne; and the Petition of Thomas Griffith, Lieutenant Colonel, late commanding the Loyal Rawdon Volunteers.

By the Honorable Mr. Badgley,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Montreal.

By Mr. Laurin,—The Petition of Louis Legendre, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of St. Louis de Lotbinière; and the Petition of J. B. Vachon and others, licensed Cullers for the Port and District of Quebec.

By Mr. Bell,—The Petition of James Shaw and others, of Smith’s Falls, in the Township of North Elmsley.

By Mr. Drummond,—The Petition of H. Lyman and others, of the Townships of Granby, Farnham, and Dunham.

By Mr. Scott of Two Mountains,—The Petition of the Reverend H. Moreau and others, of St. Martin and other Parishes, in the County of Terrebonne, and of St. Eustache and other places, in the County of Two Mountains; the Petition of the Reverend H. Moreau and others; the Petition of J. B. Meloche and others, of the Parish of St. Augustin; the Petition of Hyacinthe St. Germain and others, of the Parish of St. Eustache; and the Petition of the Reverend A. Groux and others, of the Parish of St. Benoit.

On motion of Mr. Chabot, seconded by Mr. Drummond,

Resolved, That leave be granted to withdraw the Petition of Antoine Polette, of the Town of Three Rivers, representing that in consequence of violence at the late Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said Town, no return was made, that P. B. Dumoulin, Esquire, who was opposed to him, as a candidate, was disqualified in consequence of holding office of emolument under the Crown, and praying that the Petitioner may be declared duly elected to represent the said Town.

Three Rivers Election.

Resolved, That leave be granted to withdraw the Petition of Pierre Vezina, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of Three Rivers, complaining of the Return made by the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said Town of Three Rivers.

And the said Petitions were withdrawn.

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

Of *Daniel M. Gilkison* and others, of the Town of *Brantford* and other places, in the District of *Gore*; praying an Act of incorporation to enable them to construct a Plank, macadamized, or gravel Road from *Brantford* to *Paris*.

Of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *P. Patry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Stanislas*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying aid to construct a Road from *Kapiboucheka* to the Parish of *St. Stanislas*.

Of *Samuel Penfold* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; praying that the Election Law may be so amended as that all the votes may be taken of Electors in those Electoral divisions which contain a very great number of voters.

Petition of -
Niagara Muni-
cipal Council,
and

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (District Town) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. M'Farland*, *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Notman*, *Mr. Cauchon*, and *Mr. Drummond*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of Niagara
Falls' Suspension
Bridge
Company,
referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company* be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Merritt*, *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. M'Farland*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, and the Honorable *Mr. Boulton*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Kent Writ.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Speaker* do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Kent*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted the Office of Assistant Commissioner of Public Works in this Province.

Bonaventure
Election.

On motion of *Mr. Wilson*, seconded by *Sir Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to enquire as to whether the Seals of the Justice of the Peace, and of the Judge, affixed to the Certificates attached to the Petition against the sitting Member for the County of *Bonaventure* were, or either of them, affixed to the said Certificates before or since the Petition was presented to the House, have power to report from time to time.

Mr. Wilson then presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have partially proceeded in the investigation of the matter referred to them, and have examined all the evidence at present within their reach, but cannot finally report until they have had reference to a party whose residence is in the District of *Gaspé*.

Railways and
Telegraph
Lines.

Ordered, That *Mr. M'Farland* and *Mr. Armstrong* be added to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. M'Farland moved, seconded by *Mr. Cauchon*, and the Question being put, That *Mr. Thompson*

and *Mr. Duchesnay* be added to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Beaubien*, *Boutillier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Davignon*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis*, *M'Farland*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Prince*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Taché*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(34.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Bell*, *Cayley*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Cuthbert*, *Gugy*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *M'Connell*, *M'Lean*, *Merritt*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Webster*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(19.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *Mr. Thompson* and *Mr. Duchesnay* be added to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. Davignon moved, seconded by *Mr. Lemieux*, That *Mr. Cauchon*, *Mr. Mongenais*, *Mr. Beaubien*, and *Mr. Watts*, be added to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. Drummond moved in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Nelson*, and the Question being put, That the names of *Mr. Cauchon* and *Mr. Beaubien* be struck out of the said Motion, and the name of *Mr. Fortier* be substituted.

The House divided; and it passed in the Negative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, the House again divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Boutillier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Davignon*, *Drummond*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Marquis*, *M'Farland*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Taché*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(28.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Cayley*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Crysler*, *Cuthbert*, *DeWitt*, *Duchesnay*, *Gugy*, *Johnson*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *M'Connell*, *M'Lean*, *Merritt*, *Papineau*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stevenson*, *Webster*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(27.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *Mr. Cauchon*, *Mr. Mongenais*, *Mr. Beaubien*, and *Mr. Watts*, be added to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all Patents from the Crown for Lands in the County of *Waterloo*, between the first day of January, 1847, and the present day; and the names of the persons to whom such Patents were granted; the dates thereof; and the names of the persons by whom the certificates of having performed the settlement duties were signed; and the name of the agent or person to whom the said Patents were entrusted.

Ordered, That *Mr. Wetenhall*, *Mr. Drummond*, *Mr. Richards*, and *Mr. Morrison*, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

Railways and
Telegraph
Lines.

Crown Land
Patents.

Great Western
Railroad

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, the Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the Great Western Railroad Company.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, and the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Railways and
Telegraph
Lines.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines have leave to report from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Intemperance

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gugy*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Laterrière*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Flint*, Mr. *Drummond*, and Mr. *Malloch*, be appointed to enquire and report whether any and what Legislative measures can be adopted to repress the evils growing out of Intemperance, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to enquire into and report upon the expediency of making the crime of drunkenness an indictable offence, or an offence punishable under the petty Trespass Act.

River Moira
Slides' Act.

On motion of Mr. *Flint*, seconded by Mr. *Johnson*, *Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the Act relating to Slides on the River *Moira*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Lemieux* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to require Slides of certain dimensions to be erected upon the several Mill Dams in the River *Moira*, and its tributaries, in the District of *Victoria*," and to make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the said River *Moira*.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

River Moira
Mill Dams'
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Flint* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the River *Moira*.

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

Message
from His
Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Beauharnois
Election.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE:

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in reply to their Address of the 1st instant,

praying that measures may be taken for the discovery, apprehension, and punishment of the individuals who forcibly took from the possession and custody of the Deputy Returning Officers, the Poll Books of the Township of *Dundee* and the Parish of *St. Anicet*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, during the late Election for that County, that he has issued a Proclamation, offering a Reward of One hundred pounds for the apprehension and conviction of the offenders above mentioned.

Beauharnois
Election.

Government House,
Montreal, 16th March, 1848.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to two Addresses from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated, respectively, the 30th June, 1847, and the 1st March, 1848, in the case of *A. B. Papineau*, Esquire, of *St. Martin*.

A. B. Papi-
neau.

For the said Return, see Appendix (O.)

Appendix (O.)

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* also presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of the Provincial Parliament,—Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the year 1847.

Public Works.

For the said Report, see Appendix (N.)

Appendix (N.)

Also, Report of the Superintendent of Elementary Education for *Lower Canada*, for the years 1846-7.

Education.

For the said Report, see Appendix (P.)

Appendix (P.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the Security Bond given by *Louis Eléonore Dubord*, Esquire, as Agent for the Jesuits' Estates, in the District of *Three Rivers*.

Jesuits'
Estates.

Ordered, That Mr. *Guillet*, Mr. *Gugy*, Mr. *Jobin*, and Mr. *Holmes*, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Plank or Macadamized road between *Waterloo* and *Hamilton*.

Waterloo and
Hamilton
Road Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

Ordered, That the Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House, to which it was referred to consider of the Motion made on Tuesday, the fourteenth instant, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, be now read.

Supply.

And the same being read;

Mr. *M'Farland*, from the said Committee, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company," being read;

Western Tele-
graph Com-
pany Bill.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. Morrison, seconded by Mr. DeWitt,

Russell Election.

Resolved, That the Petition against the Return of the sitting Member for the County of Russell, is not now pending, the Petitioner having failed to enter into the Recognizance required by law.

Orders deferred.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. Fournier, seconded by Mr. Chabot,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 17° die Martii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

Stormont Election.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of D. Æ. Macdonell, Esquire, candidate at the late Election of a Member for the County of Stormont, and others, Electors of the said County, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Alexander M'Lean, Esquire, to represent the said County in this present Parliament, being come;

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Serjeant at Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker, to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly.

And being returned,—the House was called; and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, to appear at the bar.

D. Æ. Macdonell, Esquire, appeared at the bar in his own behalf.

Mr. Speaker called upon the sitting Member, his counsel, or agent, to appear.

Murdoch Morrison, Esquire, appeared at the bar as counsel for the sitting Member.

Mr. Macdonell presented a List of Witnesses, in his own behalf, which was read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

1. James Pringle, Returning Officer.
2. William Carpenter, of the Town of Cornwall.
3. John Macdonald, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Cornwall.
4. Alexander Macdonald, son of the former.
5. Peter Carter, of Roxborough.
6. Terence Gallacher, of the Township of Roxborough.

Mr. Morrison handed in a List of Witnesses required on behalf of the sitting Member, which was also read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Neil M'Lean	Township of Finch
Alexander M'Lean	do. do.
Hugh Corbett	do. do.
Duncan B. M'Millan	do. do.
John M'Leod	do. do.
Duncan Grant	do. do.
Duncan M'Millan	do. do.
Duncan M'Pherson	do. do.
John Chrysler	do. do.
Donald M'Innis	do. do.
Alexander Cameron	do. do.
Ewen B. Cameron	do. do.
John M'Millan	do. do.
Alexander M'Leod	do. do.
Francis Hetherington	do. do.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Alexander Hume, sen.	Township of Finch
Samuel Gregory	do. do.
John D. Cameron	do. do.
John Cockburn, sen.	do. do.
Samuel Sutherland	do. do.
John M'Lean	do. do.
John M'Intyre	do. do.
Colin M'Intyre	do. do.
John M'Innis	do. do.
John Sutherland	do. do.
Christopher Cheney	do. do.
Alexander M'Millan	do. do.
Henry Hetherington	do. do.
John A. M'Millan	do. do.
Laughlin M'Lean	do. do.
Alexr. B. M'Millan	do. do.
John D. Cameron, jun.	do. do.
John M'Lean	do. do.
James Cockburn	do. do.
Adam Cockburn	do. do.
Alexander M'Gruer	do. do.
John Link	do. do.
Richard Furney	do. do.
Conrad Rupert	do. do.
Alexander Cameron	do. do.
Andrew Cockburn	do. do.
Hugh D. M'Millan	do. do.
Archibald T. M'Millan	do. do.
David Steele	do. do.
Peter Cockburn	do. do.
Dougall Cameron	do. do.
George Munro	do. do.
John Droppo	do. do.
Francis Droppo	do. do.
James Stephen	do. do.
John M'Master	do. do.
Archibald Stephen	do. do.
Thomas Feely	do. do.
William Stephenson	do. do.
John Smirl	do. do.
John Munro	do. do.
James Chrysler	do. do.
Alexander M'Phail	do. Cornwall
Nathaniel Wood	do. do.
Jacob Smith	do. do.
Austin Sherer	do. do.
Benjamin G. French	do. do.
Jacob Gollinger	do. do.
Joseph Beron	do. do.
Francis Javeau	do. do.
Henry Crawford	do. do.
Phillip Silmsee	do. do.
George Cline	do. do.
Archibald M'Donell	do. do.
Duncan Kennedy	do. do.
John Hartle	do. do.
Joseph M'Ewen	do. do.
John F. Poapst	do. do.
George Poapst	do. do.
Dougall M'Millan	do. do.
George Bender	do. do.
Tunis Hart	do. do.
Daniel Aulgyre	do. do.
Robert Thomson	do. do.
Angus M'Donald	do. do.
Michael Myers	do. do.
Ronald M'Donell	do. do.
Alexander M'Leod	do. do.
James Edgar	do. do.
George Robinson	do. do.
Jacob Aulgyre	do. do.
Michael Gollinger	do. do.
Donald M'Donald	do. do.
William M'Laughlin	do. do.
James Conlin	do. do.

Stormont Election.

Stormont
Election.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
William Cline	Township of Cornwall
James Myers	do. do.
William Millroy	do. do.
John Cline	do. do.
Robert Eastman	do. do.
Patrick Corcoran	do. do.
David Thompson	do. do.
Benjamin Thompson	do. do.
David Ransbaugh	do. do.
Duncan M'Donell	do. do.
Matthias Snitzinger	do. do.
Joel Eastman	do. do.
Abraham Marsh	do. do.
Sewel Cutler	do. do.
William Miller	do. do.
Alexander Mullen	do. do.
James Robinson	do. do.
Robert M'Kay	do. do.
Hugh M'Collum	do. do.
John M'Donell	do. do.
John Hunter	do. do.
William Gillespie	do. do.
Malcolm Campbell	do. do.
Alexander Kirk	do. do.
Francis Campbell	do. do.
Hector Manson	do. do.
Charles Letrace	do. do.
Charles M. Cameron	do. do.
Godfrey Meyers	do. do.
Hugh Thompson	do. do.
George Anderson	do. do.
Thomas Goodwin	do. do.
Henry Selmyer	do. do.
Thomas Johnston	do. do.
Mathew Orr	do. do.
James Pringle	do. do.
Alexander Gillespie	do. do.
Robert Atcheson	do. do.
Rufus Johnston	do. do.
Thomas Kennedy	do. do.
William Atcheson	do. do.
Andrew M'Connell	do. do.
Owen Dignam	do. do.
Brock Anderson	do. do.
Henry Runyons	do. do.
Levi Barnhart	do. do.
Kenneth M'Lellan	do. do.
Donald M'Lellan	do. do.
Farquhar M'Crae	do. do.
Solomon Y. Chesley	do. do.
Michael J. Anderson	do. do.
James Hunter	do. do.
Christopher Gollingher	do. do.
George Crawford	do. do.
Levi S. Eastman	do. do.
Duncan M'Tavish	do. do.
John Tully	do. do.
Robert Craig	do. do.
Patrick Mulhoon	do. do.
Allan M'Donell	do. do.
Harmanus Gollingher	do. do.
William Wade	do. do.
John Moore	do. do.
Daniel Daley	do. do.
Samuel Runnions	do. do.
Daniel Prescott	do. do.
Benjamin French	do. do.
James Smart	do. do.
Nathan Groves	do. do.
James Groves	do. do.
John Wright	do. do.
Thomas Pendergrast	do. do.
David Prescott	do. do.
Alexander M'Nairn	do. do.
Martin M'Martin	do. do.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
William Wood	Township of Cornwall
William M'Intosh	do. do.
Jeremiah Vanduzer	do. do.
Michael Kelly	do. do.
Donald Kennedy	do. do.
William Leach	do. do.
William Widod	do. do.
James D. Pringle	do. do.
Donald M'Donald	do. do.
William Polly	do. do.
James Rae	do. do.
Michael Eamer	do. do.
William Eamer	do. do.
John Dixon	do. do.
Adam L. Dixon	do. do.
John Irvine	do. do.
Joseph Tilton	do. do.
John N. M'Lean	do. do.
James Milroy	do. do.
Robert Milroy	do. do.
Alexander M'Cracken	do. do.
Alexander Gillespie	do. do.
Michael Cline	do. do.
Henry Rupert	do. do.
John Kennedy	do. do.
Angus M'Phail	do. do.
Duncan Scott	do. do.
Jacob Aulgyre	do. do.
Alvin Kezar	do. Osnabruck
Nicholas Eaman	do. do.
Thomas E. Johnson	do. do.
Thomas H. Maxwell	do. do.
James M'Bride	do. do.
George Bancroft	do. do.
Thomas Anderson	do. do.
John R. Smith	do. do.
William Hoople	do. do.
Martin Fetterly	do. do.
William Cairns	do. do.
John M'Nairn	do. do.
Adam Eligh	do. do.
Christopher Blakely	do. do.
Hiram Baker	do. do.
Jacob W. Empey	do. do.
John Castleman	do. do.
Ira Baker	do. do.
Stephen Wood	do. do.
John Fulton	do. do.
Jacob Shaver	do. do.
Hiram Barnhart	do. do.
James Martin	do. do.
John Stuart	do. do.
Adam Weart	do. do.
David Weart	do. do.
Henry Langle	do. do.
Thomas Dorothy	do. do.
Philip Eligh	do. do.
Leslie Foster	do. do.
Irvine Hethrington	do. do.
John Markle, Senior	do. do.
David Doran	do. do.
David M'Laughlan	do. do.
Daniel M'Laughlin	do. do.
John Jardine	do. do.
John Groves	do. do.
James Eastman	do. do.
Charles M'Clafferty	do. do.
Charles M'Gill	do. do.
Isaac Eastman	do. do.
Solomon Eastman	do. do.
James Cairns	do. do.
John P. Chrysler	do. do.
Donald M'Intyre	do. do.
Michael Pillar	do. do.
William Kyle	do. do.

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
Daniel T. Broffle	Township of Osnabruck
John S. Weart	do. do.
Richard Bingham	do. do.
Archibald Smyth	do. do.
John Waldroff	do. do.
Joseph Adams	do. do.
James Steen	do. do.
Joseph Smith	do. do.
James Doherty	do. do.
John Poapst, Senior	do. do.
Gilbert Morgan	do. do.
Michael Ross	do. do.
Henry Bredin	do. do.
Robert Steen	do. do.
Robert Pitts	do. do.
Robert Erskine	do. do.
John Jackson	do. do.
William Doherty	do. do.
Guy Sheeks	do. do.
Hiram Wood	do. do.
John R. Wood	do. do.
Samuel Rombaugh	do. do.
John Adams	do. do.
William Hutchins	do. do.
George G. Gollingher	do. do.
Henry Caple	do. do.
George P. Wearley	do. do.
Henry Gollingher	do. do.
William Neil	do. do.
John Neil	do. do.
Arthur Neil	do. do.
Edward Johnston	do. do.
John J. Bockus	do. do.
William Ray	do. do.
Peter Eligh	do. do.
George Hart	do. do.
George Letrace	do. do.
James E. Dickson	do. do.
Gilbert Stuart	do. do.
John Smith	do. do.
John Johnston	do. do.
William M'Nairn	do. do.
John Kelly	do. do.
Robert Packer	do. do.
Alpheus Empey	do. do.
William Robinson	do. do.
John Campbell	do. do.
Edward Baker	do. do.
John Anderson	do. do.
Thomas Moss	do. do.
Peter Wenly, sen.	do. do.
George Fetterly	do. do.
David Snyder	do. do.
Conrad Weart	do. do.
Paul Crowder	do. do.
John Batterly	do. do.
George H. Eaman	do. do.
Jacob Cook	do. do.
Frederick Fetterly	do. do.
John J. Baker	do. do.
George G. Wenly	do. do.
Alexander Steen	do. do.
William Colquhoun	do. do.
John J. Rombaugh	do. do.
Thomas Maxwell	do. do.
John Hutchins	do. do.
Daniel Shaver	do. do.
Philip W. Empey	do. do.
Richard Prosser	do. do.
Charles Fetterly	do. do.
Joseph Bancroft	do. do.
William Bird	do. do.
Nicholas Shaver	do. do.
George Sampson	do. do.
Jacob Cramer	do. do.

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
William Empey	Township of Osnabruck
David S. Miller	do. do.
Willard Hutchins	do. do.
William Mann	do. do.
William Snyder	do. do.
George Steen	do. do.
Harvey Warner	do. do.
Robert K. Bullock	do. do.
Duncan M'Callum	do. Roxborough
Neil M'Donald	do. do.
David Munro	do. do.
William Munro	do. do.
Nelson Montgomery	do. do.
Daniel Montgomery	do. do.
Levi Montgomery	do. do.
John Montgomery	do. do.
Alexander M'Ewen	do. do.
Andrew Stephenson	do. do.
John Stephenson	do. do.
Thomas Stephenson	do. do.
Peter Stephenson	do. do.
Henry Feek	do. do.
William Boyce	do. do.
William Boyd	do. do.
Samuel Hough	do. do.
John Johnston	do. do.
Matthew Meek	do. do.
John Martin	do. do.
Henry Hart	do. do.
Joseph Howe	do. do.
Charles Howe	do. do.
George Johnston.	do. do.
John Kennedy	do. do.
William M'Intyre	do. do.
Duncan M'Dermid	do. do.
Donald Forbes	do. do.
George Hough	do. do.
Murdoch Macaulay	do. do.
Angus Macaulay	do. do.
Malcolm Macdonell	do. do.
Duncan M'Rae	do. do.
Duncan M'Rae	do. do.
Robert Tait	do. do.
William Montgomery	do. do.
John M'Cunig	do. do.
Levi Montgomery	do. do.
Duncan M'Eachern	do. do.
Duncan M'Kircher	do. do.
Alexander M'Kircher	do. do.
Alexander Kinnear	do. do.
George Kinnear	do. do.
Richard M'Intosh	do. do.
Joseph Blair	do. do.
James Blair	do. do.
George Ross	do. do.
Peter M'Rae	do. do.
Hugh Rathburn	do. do.
Donald M'Millan	do. do.
Edward Blair	do. do.
Robert Blair	do. do.
Donald M'Ewan	do. do.
John M'Lennan	do. do.
John Shea	do. do.
Donald M'Rae	do. do.
John M'Intosh	do. do.
Thomas Appleton	do. do.
Michael Reynolds	do. do.
James Shea	do. do.
Michael Purcell	do. do.
Thomas Waddell	do. do.
William Cumming	do. do.
John Robertson	do. do.
Cornelius Montgomery	do. do.
Hiram Eastman	do. do.
Alexander M'Donald	do. do.

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Alexander M ^c Dougall.....	Township of Roxborough
John M ^c Ewen	do. do.
Samuel Hart	do. do.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Serjeant at Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly; and the Order of the day for taking into consideration the said Petition being read, the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box in which, agreeably to the Statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up; and the same was read by the Clerk as followeth:—

I attest that this box was, on the sixteenth day of March, 1848, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

A. N. Morin,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him; as followeth:—

I attest that I did, on Thursday, the sixteenth day of March, 1848, in presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. Lindsay,
Clerk Assembly.

The names of all the Members were then taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner; and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 Gagy,	13 Badgley,
2 Beaubien,	14 Chabot,
3 Bell,	15 Hall,
4 Armstrong,	16 Duchesnay,
5 Robinson,	17 Morrison,
6 Taché,	18 Malloch,
7 Burritt,	19 Seymour,
8 Thompson,	20 Boutillier,
9 Cryslar,	21 Cauchon,
10 Boulton of NORFOLK,	22 Notman,
11 Wilson,	23 Smith of DURHAM.
12 Jobin,	

Nine other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

Three against whom Petitions are pending.

One who was excused.

Five who were absent.

Mr. Drummond was chosen Nominee for the Petitioners.

The Honorable Mr. Macdonald was chosen Nominee for the sitting Member.

At thirty-five minutes past four, P. M., the parties, with Alfred Todd, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

The forty-one names remaining in the boxes undrawn were read by the Clerk.

At a quarter to five o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a List containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee: which is as followeth:—

1 Bell,	6 Hall,
2 Taché,	7 Duchesnay,
3 Thompson,	8 Morrison,
4 Boulton of NORFOLK,	9 Boutillier,
5 Jobin,	

Nominee of the Petitioner, Mr. Drummond.

Nominee for the sitting Member, the Honorable Mr. Macdonald.

Alfred Todd,
Clerk to Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald of Glengary, seconded by Mr. Richards,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of D. Æ. Macdonell, Esquire, candidate at the late Election of a Member for the County of Stormont, and others, Electors of the said County, complaining of the undue Election and Return of Alexander M^cLean, Esquire, to represent the said County in this present Parliament, do meet in the Committee Room No. 4, at twelve o'clock, noon, to-morrow.

The hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of Charles Rattray, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of Cornwall, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said Town of Cornwall in the present Parliament, being come;

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Serjeant at Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly.

And having returned,—the House was called; and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, to appear at the bar.

D. Æ. Macdonell, Esquire, appeared at the bar as agent for the Petitioners.

Mr. Speaker called upon the sitting Member, his counsel, or agent, to appear.

The Honorable Mr. Cameron appeared in his place in his own behalf.

Mr. Macdonell presented a list of Witnesses on behalf of the Petitioners, which was read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

James Dunbar Pringle, Esquire, Cornwall.	
Heram Pitts, Yeoman,	do.
William M. Park, Watchmaker,	do.
James J. Dickenson, Physician,	do.
Charles Poole, Gentleman,	do.
Jacob Carpenter, Carpenter,	do.
Daniel Daly, Saddler,	do.
Solomon Y. Chesley, Esquire, Montreal.	
Philip Vankoughnet, Esquire, Cornwall.	

The Honorable Mr. Cameron handed in a list of Witnesses on his own behalf, which was also read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

J. F. Pringle, Cornwall,	
F. Pringle, do.	
S. Chesley, Montreal,	
P. Vankoughnet, Cornwall,	
W. Waggoner, do.	

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J. Carpenter, Cornwall.
J. Hart, do.
John Sartinger, do.
Hugh M'Callum, do.
W. R. Wood, do.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Serjeant at Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly; and the Order of the day for taking the said Petition into consideration being read, the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box in which, agreeably to the Statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up; and the same was read by the Clerk, as followeth:—

I attest that this box was, on the sixteenth day of March, 1848, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

A. N. Morin,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as followeth:—

I attest that I did, on Thursday, the sixteenth day of March, 1848, in presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. Lindsay,
Clerk Assembly.

The names of all the Members were then taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner; and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 Sir Allan N. MacNab,	13 Cauchon,
2 Dumas,	14 Drummond,
3 Sherwood of BROCKVILLE,	15 Wilson,
4 Davignon,	16 Crysler,
5 Egan,	17 Fourquin,
6 Mongenais,	18 Sauvageau,
7 Guillet,	19 Stevenson,
8 M'Connell,	20 Robinson,
9 Smith of DURHAM,	21 Duchesnay,
10 Prince,	22 Marquis,
11 Laurin,	23 Papineau.
12 Boutillier,	

Six other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

Three against whom Petitions are pending.

Three who were absent.

Mr. *Richards* was chosen Nominee for the Petitioners.

Mr. *Chauveau* was chosen Nominee for the sitting Member.

At half-past five o'clock, P. M., the parties, with *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

The forty-four names remaining in the boxes undrawn, were read by the Clerk. Cornwall Election.

At twenty minutes to six o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a List containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as followeth:—

1. <i>Dumas,</i>	6. <i>Sauvageau,</i>
2. <i>Egan,</i>	7. <i>Stevenson,</i>
3. <i>Mongenais,</i>	8. <i>Duchesnay,</i>
4. <i>M'Connell,</i>	9. <i>Marquis.</i>
5. <i>Drummond,</i>	

Nominee for the Petitioner, Mr. *Richards.*

Nominee for the sitting Member, Mr. *Chauveau.*

Alfred Patrick,
Clerk to Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Charles Rattray*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the Town of *Cornwall*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said Town of *Cornwall* in this present Parliament, do meet in Committee Room, No. 5, tomorrow, at one o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That *John Smith*, Esquire, *Benjamin Holmes*, Esquire, and the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject-matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Waterloo*. Waterloo Election.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency. Message from His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

The Governor General recommends to the Legislative Assembly that means should be adopted to authorize the issue of Debentures, on the credit of the Province, to an extent not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds, for the purpose of meeting the exigencies of the public service connected with the Public Works, and of sustaining the credit of the Province in that branch of the public service. Debentures.

Government House,
Montreal, 17th March, 1848.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 16th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them "the Correspondence which has taken place between the Government and the Great Western Railroad Company." Great Western Railroad.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Q.)

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines. Appendix (Q.)

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

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *T. J. Forbes* and others, of *Hawkesbury*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *John Macawley* of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Ottawa*, Teacher.

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By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the City Council of the City of *Kingston*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Edmund Deedes* and others, of the County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *James Atchison* and others, of the Village of *Smith's Falls*, in the County of *Bathurst*; and the Petition of *William Bell*, A. M., and others, of the District of *Bathurst*.

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Jean Bélanger* and others, sufferers by the fires in *Quebec* in the year 1845.

Petitions read

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

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; representing that the appropriation of thirty thousand pounds for the improvement of Roads in the said District was not applied according to the intention of the Act, owing to a mistake; and praying the consideration of the House, and relief in the premises.

Of *Charles Emond*, President, and others, the Trustees of the Academy of *Berthier*; praying the usual aid in support of that Institution.

Of *William McDonnell* and others, of the Townships of *Ops*, *Mariposa*, *Eldon*, and *Fenelon*; praying aid to improve the main or central Road through the Townships of *Ops* and *Mariposa*.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*; praying aid in support of that Institution.

Of *Charles R. Ellis*, of the Township of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Law.

Of *James Douglas* of the Township of *Toronto*, in the Home District; complaining of the conduct of the Reverend Mr. *McGrath* in relation to a certain lot of land now occupied by the Petitioner, and praying to be allowed to purchase the lot from the Government, and that the Reverend Mr. *McGrath* be compelled to pay over to the Government the money received by him on account of the said land.

Of *William Bradley* and others, of the Township of *Caledonia*, in the District of *Ottawa*; praying that a certain Road allowance in that Township may be granted to the said *William Bradley*, in lieu of an allowance made by him for a like purpose.

Of *Robert W. S. Mackay*, of the City of *Montreal*; representing the pecuniary loss sustained by him in the publication of a Topographical and Pictorial Map of the City of *Montreal*, and praying relief.

Of *F. T. C. Arnoldi*, M. D., and others, Medical Practitioners of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*, and the Medical Faculty of the University of *McGill College*, may be placed upon an equality and perpetuated by a grant of money commensurate with their duties.

Of Mrs. *Adèle B. LaFontaine* and other Ladies having the care of the *Montreal Lying-in-Hospital*; praying a grant of money in aid of that Institution.

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*; praying an increased aid.

Of *Richard E. Vidal* and others, of the Townships of *Sarnia* and *Plympton*, in the Western District; praying aid to construct a Road along the shores of *Lake Huron* through those Townships.

Of *Joseph Huot* and others, of the Township of *Halifax*; representing the total failure of their harvest during the past season, and that they have neither seed nor money to procure it for the approaching spring, and praying relief.

Of the President and Board of Police of the Town of *St. Catherine's*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating that Town.

Of *John Macfarlane* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; praying for amendments to the Election Law.

Of *John Ewart* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*.

Of *John Hopkins* and others, Teachers of Common Schools in the City of *Kingston*; praying for the amendment of the Common School Law.

Of *William Simpson* and others, of *Smith's Falls*, in the Township of *Elmsley*; praying the repeal of the Act 10 and 11 *Vic. c. 53*, relative to the boundary line between the 4th Concession of *Montague* and *Elmsley*.

Of *M. F. Valois*, and *A. C. D. De Celles*, President and Secretary of the Municipal Council of the County of *Montreal*; praying the repeal of the present Municipal Law, and the re-enactment of the Acts 8 *Vic. c. 40* and 9 *Vic. c. 78*, with such alterations as may be deemed meet.

Of the Reverend *A. Morin* and others; praying indemnification for losses sustained during the troubles of 1837 and 1838.

Of Mrs. *Margaret Lunn* and Mrs. *A. Durnford*, the Directress and Secretary of the Committee of Management of the University Lying-in Hospital, *Montreal*, on behalf of the Committee; praying aid in support of that Institution.

Of *John F. Elliott* and *James Cuthbertson*; praying to be incorporated as the *Root River Mining Company*.

Of *James Cuthbertson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated as the *Sault de Sainte Marie Copper Company*.

Of *John J. Church*, of the Township of *Thorold*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying compensation for the destruction of timber on his land by the labourers employed on the Deep Cut of the *Welland Canal*.

Of *John Thornton* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Barnston*; praying that the Superintendent of Schools may be authorized to pay over to that Municipality their proportion of the School appropriation since the 1st July, 1846.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*; praying for the passing of an Act to remove all doubts respecting the officer whose duty it is to make out the Assessment Rolls, and that the right of District Councils to appoint, remunerate and control that officer, and his duties, may be recognized.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

The Governor General submits to the Legislative Assembly, that in order to enable Her Majesty to meet the exigencies of the Public Service connected with the Public Works, and to sustain the credit of the Province in that branch of the Public Service for the present year, there be advanced a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds, and that to enable Her Majesty to meet the necessary and indispensable Expenses of the Government of this Province, from the first day of January, to the thirty-first day of December, in this present year, not otherwise provided for, there be advanced a sum of one hundred and forty thousand pounds; both which sums to be accounted for in detail, at the opening of the ensuing Session of the Legislature.

In relation to the foregoing subjects, the Governor General lays before the Legislative Assembly the Report of the Inspector General, with the accompanying documents.

Government House,

Montreal, 17th March, 1848.

For the Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix (R.)

Petitions read.

Message from
His Excellency.Estimates for
1848.

Appendix (R.)

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Wilson*,

Western Tele-
graph Com-
pany Bill.

Ordered, That the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines have leave to proceed forthwith to the consideration of the Bill to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company;" and that the sixty-third Rule of this House be suspended, as to the present motion.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company," and have made certain amendments thereunto, which they beg leave to submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Scott* of *Two Mountains* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

Supply.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee of Supply, be postponed until Monday next; and that it be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the several Messages of His Excellency the Governor General, laid before the House this day, together with the Documents accompanying the same, on the subjects of the Public Service and of the Public Works of this Province, be referred to the said Committee.

Education.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Superintendent of Elementary Education for the year 1846-7, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Expiring Laws
Bill.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to continue for a limited time certain Acts therein mentioned, be postponed until Monday next; and that it be then the second Order of the day.

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow, at three o'clock, P. M.

Written Me-
moranda Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to render necessary written Memoranda in certain cases.

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

Mr. G. H. Ry-
land.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence, and other papers and documents, relating to the application of *George Herman Ryland*, Esquire, for a pension or compensation for the loss of his office as Clerk of the Ex-

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cutive Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, and as Clerk of the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. G. H. Ry-
land.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gugy*, Mr. *Webster*, Mr. *Scott* of *Two Mountains*, and Mr. *Thompson*, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Whitby and Pickering Road Company*.

Whitby and
Pickering
Road Com-
pany Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to render unnecessary the insertion of certain Forms of Words in Acts of the Provincial Legislature.

Bill relating to
forms of words
in Acts.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the sale under executions of the interest of Mortgagers in real estate in *Upper Canada*.

Bill relating to
Mortgagers.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The *Sault de Sainte-Marie Copper Company*."

Sault de Ste.
Marie Copper
Mining Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The *Root River Mining Company*."

Root River
Mining Com-
pany Bill.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Shipping of
Seamen Act.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, by providing that the fees received in virtue of the same be funded, and a salary allowed to the Shipping Master.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Lyon* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Farland*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*,

Ordered, That the Entries in the Journals of this House, of the Session of 1846, which relate to the removal of the site of the District Town of *Niagara*, be now read.

Niagara Dis-
trict Town.

The Entries were read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Entries be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the

- Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, relating to the District Town.
- Cullers Bill.** *Ordered*, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to regulate the culling and measurement of Timber.
He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.
- Norfolk Joint Stock Companies Bill.** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in the County of *Norfolk*, for the construction of Plank or Macadamized Roads within the said County, being read;
On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,
Ordered, That the seventy-first Rule of this House, be suspended as to the present Bill.
The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bell*, and the Question being put, That the said Bill be now read a second time.
The House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—
YEAS.
Messieurs *Badgley, Bell, Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Cameron* of CORNWALL, *Cayley, Crysler, Johnson, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M'Farland, M'Lean, Papineau, Seymour, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Webster, and Wilson*.—(17.)
NAYS.
Messieurs *Armstrong, Beaubien, Boutillier, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Guillet, Holmes, Jobin, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Lyon, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Mongenais, Nelson, Sauvageau, Stevenson, Taché, and Watts*.—(23.)
So it passed in the Negative.
- Land Surveyors' Bill (L. C.)** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned, and to make better provision respecting Land Surveyors and the admeasurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.
- Huron Copper Bay Company Bill.** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The *Huron Copper Bay Company*," being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.
- Bill relating to Letters Patents for Lands (L. C.)** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill relating to Letters Patent whereby any waste or other Public Lands in *Lower Canada* are granted, to simplify the process of Land granting, and to render the same more expeditious and less expensive than heretofore, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.
- Election Bill.** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Election Law of this Province, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.
- Montreal Incorporation Bill.** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic. c. 59, consolidating the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the City of *Montreal*, being read;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.
- Butter Inspection Bill.** The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the Inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal*, being read;
- The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee,
Mr. *Chauveau* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
And Mr. *Chauveau* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
- The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church, London*, to sell a part of the Glebe, on certain conditions, being read;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. *Jobin* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
And Mr. *Jobin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be now received.
Mr. *Jobin* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.
- The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the City of *Kingston Gas Light Company*, being read;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Bill.
The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
And Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
- The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the time for taking the Census in *Lower Canada*, for the year 1848, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, on Monday next.
- The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt certain Concessions of the Township of *Osgoode* from the operation of the Act therein mentioned, being read;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed.
- The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to render executory certain Judgments rendered by the late Courts of King's Bench for *Lower Canada*, being read;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed.
- The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the collection of the taxes for

Butter Inspection Bill.

St. Paul's Church Glebe Bill.

Kingston Gas Light Company Bill.

Census Bill.

Osgoode Township Bill.

King's Bench Judgments Bill (L. C.)

Mosa Taxes Collection Bill.

Mosa Taxes Collection Bill.

the year 1845, in the Township of *Mosa*, in the *London* District, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Quebec Institut Canadien Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*," being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
 The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
 Mr. *Malloch* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
 And Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be now received.
 Mr. *Malloch* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The Consumer's Gas Company of *Toronto*," being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

London Manufacturing Company Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *London* Manufacturing Company, being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Bill.
 The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
 Mr. *Boutillier* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
 And Mr. *Boutillier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Canada Life Assurance Company Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Life Assurance Company, being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Bill.
 The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
 The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
 And the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*," being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Canada Marine Assurance Company Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Athenæum, being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
 The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
 Mr. *DeWitt* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
 And Mr. *DeWitt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Toronto Athenæum Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to continue and amend the Act for the inspection of Flour and Meal, and to provide for the inspection of Oatmeal, being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
 The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
 Mr. *Laurin* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
 And Mr. *Laurin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be now received.
 Mr. *Laurin* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.
Ordered, That the Bill, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Flour and Meal Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the River *Moira*, being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.
 The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.
 Mr. *Wilson* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
 Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
 And Mr. *Wilson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.
Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.
 Then, on motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,
 The House adjourned.

River Moira Mill Dams Bill.

Sabbati, 18° die Martii.

ANNO 11°, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—
 By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *Alexander M. Lockhart* and others, of the Township of *Sherbrooke Forest*, in the District of *Niagara*.

Petitions brought up.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *McFarland*,—The Petition of *Simcoe Chapman* and others, of the County of *Welland*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *George S. Tiffany*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Gore*; the Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company (corresponding Committee); and the Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company (Provincial aid).

Toronto Athenæum Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Athenæum* was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Osgoode Township Bill.

An engrossed Bill to exempt certain Concessions of the Township of *Osgoode* from the operation of the Act therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Mr. *Malloch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to exempt certain Concessions of the Township of *Osgoode* from the operation of the Act therein mentioned."

Mr. *Lyon* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, That all the words after "That" in the said Motion be struck out, and the following substituted: "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next, to consider the propriety of repealing the Act therein mentioned."

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boutillier*, *Burritt*, *Chabot*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Johnson*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Marquis*, *McFarland*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Notman*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Smith of DURHAM*, *Smith of WENTWORTH*, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Wetenhall*, and *Wilson*.—(27.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Bell*, *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Macdonald of GLENGARY*, *Macdonald of KINGSTON*, *Malloch*, *McConnell*, *McLean*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood of TORONTO*, *Stevenson*, and *Webster*.—(13.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House again divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding division.

Ordered, That the Bill to exempt certain Concessions of the Township of *Osgoode* from the operation of the Act therein mentioned, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

Canada Life Assurance Company Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Canada Life Assurance Company* was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

St. Paul's Church Glebe Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church, London*, to sell a part of the Glebe, on certain conditions, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be "An Act to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of *Saint Paul's Church, London*, to sell a part of the Glebe on certain conditions."

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Quebec Institut Canadien Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Quebec Institut Canadien Bill.

An engrossed Bill to render executory certain Judgments rendered by the late Courts of King's Bench for *Lower Canada*, was read the third time.

King's Bench Judgments Bill (L. C.)

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to continue and amend the Act for the inspection of Flour and Meal, and to provide for the inspection of Oatmeal, was read the third time.

Flour and Meal Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of the Honorable *Barthelemy Joliette*, of the Village of *Industry*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying aid for the *Joliette College* in that Village.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Yamaska*; praying aid to construct Bridges over the Rivers *Yamaska* and *St. Francis* in that County.

Of the Wardens and Members of the Municipal Council of the District of *London*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Council Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Portneuf*; praying for the amendment of the Municipal Council Law.

Of *Albert Furniss*, on behalf of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company; praying that the Act petitioned for, to incorporate another Gas Light and Water Company in *Toronto*, may not be granted.

Of *G. F. Orde* and others, of the District of *Colborne*; praying the repeal of the Act 8 Vic. c. 14, which deprives that District of a spring term of the Court of Assize, or that other provision be made for the said District in the premises.

Of *G. F. Orde* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying for the incorporation of that Town.

Of *Elias Burnham*, Esquire, and others, barristers and attorneys at law of the Town of *Peterborough*, in the District of *Colborne*; praying that the Act 9 Vic. c. 36, may be so amended as to allow judgments to be entered up in the several Districts, instead of being sent to the Clerk of the Crown at *Toronto*.

Of *Thomas Griffith*, Lieutenant-Colonel, late commanding the Loyal *Rawdon* Volunteers; praying indemnification for the loss of his property destroyed by incendiaries, while he was absent on duty during the late troubles.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*; praying for the indemnification of those clergymen of the Church of *England* who have incurred expenses by their attendance upon the sick and destitute Emigrants at *Point St. Charles* during the past season.

Of *Louis Legendre*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*; praying aid to complete the Bridge over the River *Duchêne*, and to improve the two hills on each side thereof.

Of *J. B. Vachon* and others, licensed Cullers for the Port and District of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act regulating the inspection and measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature.

Of *James Shaw* and others, of *Smith's Falls*, in the Township of North *Elmsley*; praying to be incorporated as the *Smith's Falls Road Company*.

Petitions read.

Of *H. Lyman* and others, of the Townships of *Granby*, *Farnham*, and *Dunham*; praying aid to improve the Road from the Village of *Granby*, in the County of *Shefford*, to *Nelsonville*, in the County of *Missisquoi*.

Of the Reverend *H. Moreau* and others, of *St. Martin* and other Parishes in the County of *Terrebonne*, and of *St. Eustache* and other places in the County of *Two Mountains*; praying aid to improve the Road between *Lachapelle's* Bridge over the River *des Prairies*, and the Bridge over the River *Jésus*, opposite to the Village of *St. Eustache*.

Of the Reverend *H. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*; of *J. B. Meloche* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*; of *Hyacinthe St. Germain* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*; and of the Reverend *A. Groux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoit*; praying indemnification for losses sustained during the troubles of 1837 and 1838.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Two Petitions of the Great Western Railroad Company referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company, praying the amendment of their Charter, by abolishing the Corresponding Committee in *England*, and repealing their extraordinary powers; and also, the Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company, praying for Public Provincial aid to secure the early completion of that Railroad, both presented to the House this day, be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the said Petitions.

And the Petitions were read accordingly; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines.

Petition of J. Ewart and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Ewart* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Webster*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of A. Fletcher and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Ashton Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Markham* and its vicinity, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Notman*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *Wetenhall*, and Mr. *Lyon*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Cayuga Township Division Bill.

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Division of *Cayuga*), with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to divide the Township of *Cayuga*, in the District of *Niagara*, into two Townships, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Oxford Election.

Mr. *Chabot*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, a candidate at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, as a Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, presented to the House the Final Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That the allegations contained in the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, touching the sufficiency of the declaration of Qualification produced at the late Election for the County of *Oxford* on behalf of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, are not sustained by evidence adduced before this Committee on the part of *Peter Carroll*, the said Petitioner.
2. *Resolved*, That the declaration of Qualification of the said Honorable *Francis Hincks* was duly and legally made at the said Election for the County of *Oxford*.
3. *Resolved*, That the said Honorable *Francis Hincks* was duly elected a Member to serve in the present Parliament, and ought to have been returned as such by the Returning Officer at the said Election for the County of *Oxford*.
4. *Resolved*, That the Petition of *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, is not frivolous or vexatious.
5. *Resolved*, That the defence by the Honorable *Francis Hincks* to the said Petition, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Oxford Election.

Mr. *Dumas*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, reported that the Committee met this day at one o'clock, P.M., and having waited for one hour, they were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Duchesnay* and Mr. *M^cConnell*, two Members of the Committee.

Cornwall Election.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duchesnay* and Mr. *M^cConnell* do severally attend in their places, in this House, on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson* have leave to absent himself from this House, during the remainder of the Session, on urgent business.

Leave of Absence.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Egan*, and the Question being put, That the Bill to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in the County of *Norfolk*, for the construction of Plank or Macadamized Roads within the said County, be read a second time on Monday next.

Norfolk Joint Stock Companies Bill.

The House divided; and it was carried in the affirmative.

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

Mr. *Scott* of *Two Mountains*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company," reported the amendments to the Bill; and the amendments, as far as the amendment in Clause 10, line 26, were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Western Telegraph Company Bill.

Clause 10, line 26, the next amendment, being again read, as followeth:—"Provided always, that the charges shall be so rated as not to pay a dividend in any year exceeding twelve per cent. on the Capital Stock over and above the expenses of carrying on the affairs of the Company, and keeping the Telegraphs and the property of the Company in repair;" and the Question of concurrence being put thereon, the House divided; and it passed in the Negative.

Then the residue of the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

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

Mr. *Lyon*, from the Committee of the whole House to amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, by providing that the fees received in virtue of the same be funded, and a salary allowed to the Shipping Master, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Shipping of Seamen Act.

Shipping of
Seamen Act.

Resolved, That the Act passed in the last Session, intituled, "An Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen," should be amended, by providing that the fees received under the said Act be funded, and that an annual salary of two hundred and fifty pounds currency, be paid to the Shipping Master, besides his necessary expenses and disbursements.

The said Resolution being read a second time, was agreed to.

Shipping of
Seamen Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and to fund the fees payable under the said Act.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said engrossed Bill be now read the third time; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the same.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and to fund the fees payable under the said Act, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Butter Inspec-
tion Bill.

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to provide for the Inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal*, reported the amendments to the Bill; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

Kingston Gas
Light Com-
pany Bill.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate "The City of *Kingston* Gas Light Company," reported the amendments to the Bill; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the said engrossed Bill be now read the third time; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the same.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate "The City of *Kingston* Gas Light Company," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

London Manu-
facturing Com-
pany Bill.

Mr. *Bouillier*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *London* Manufacturing Company, reported the amendments to the Bill; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

River Moira
Mill Dams
Bill.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the River *Moira*, reported the amendments to the Bill; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of Parliament,—Statement of the Accounts and Affairs of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year 1847.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (S.)

Penitentiary.
Appendix (S.)

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned, and to make better provision respecting Land Surveyors and the admeasurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Land Survey-
ors Bill (L. C.)

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Election Law of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Election Law
Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

Dundas Incor-
poration Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Marine Assurance Company, being read;

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

Canada Ma-
rine Assurance
Company Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the collection of the Taxes for the year 1845, in the Township of *Mosa*, in the *London* District, being read;

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

Mosa Taxes
Collection
Bill.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The Consumers' Gas Com-pany of *Toronto*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

Consumers
Gas Company
of Toronto
Bill.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic. c. 59, consolidating the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the City of *Montreal*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Montreal In-
corporation
Bill.

Montreal Incorporation Bill.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. *Laurin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received, on Monday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 20^o die Martii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

Bank and Insurance Statements.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statements of the Affairs of the Chartered Banks and Insurance Offices of the Province, received in conformity to an Order of the House of the 10th instant.

Appendix (T.) For the said Statements, see Appendix (T.)

Montreal Mechanics' Institute.

And also, Statement of the Real and Personal Estate of the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*, as required by the Act 8 Vic. c. 98.

Appendix (U.) For the said Statement, see Appendix (U.)

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Nelson*,—The Petition of *J. M. Lamothe*, Mayor, on behalf of the Municipal Council of the County of *Richelieu*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*,—The Petition of *F. Tremblay* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *N. Tétu* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*; and the Petition of *J. S. Damour* and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *Richard Martin*, President, and others, on behalf of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Haldimand*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *William Baker* and others, Trustees of the *Dunham High School*; and the Petition of *Albert Furniss*, on behalf of the *Toronto Gas Light and Water Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*,—the Petition of the *Toronto Board of Trade*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Albert Furniss*, on behalf of the *Toronto Gas Light and Water Company*, be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same.

And the Petition was read; praying that the Bill now before the House for incorporating a new Gas Company in the City of *Toronto*, may be recommitted, and that the Petitioner be allowed to appear by Counsel, at the bar of the House, to represent the claims, rights, and privileges of the *Toronto Gas Light and Water Company*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Toronto Board of Trade* be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same.

And the Petition was read; praying that so much of the Provincial Customs Act as imposes Duties of Customs on Agricultural Produce imported into this Province, be repealed.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Petition be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Petition of Toronto Gas Light and Water Company.

Petition of Toronto Board of Trade.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the "Town of *Dundas*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Wetenhall* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Western Telegraph Company Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *London Manufacturing Company*, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

London Manufacturing Company Bill.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the River *Moira*, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Flint* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

River Moira Mill Dams Bill.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the Inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal*, was read the third time.

Mr. *Holmes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Drummond*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal*."

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Badgley, Beaubien, Bell, Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Burritt, Cameron, Cayley, Chabot, Christie, Cuthbert, Drummond, Egan, Flint, Gogy, Hall, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Laterrière, Lyon, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, McConnell, McFarland, McLean, Meyers, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Robinson, Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stevenson, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Wilson*.—(43.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Boutillier, Cauchon, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Laurin, Lemieux, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis and Taché*.—(11.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Butter Inspection Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate "The Consumers Gas Company of *Toronto*," was read the third time.

Mr. *Morrison* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the Consumers Gas "Company of *Toronto*."

Mr. *Drummond* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Holmes*, That all the words after "That" in the said Motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House; and that the *Toronto Gas Light and Water Company* be heard by Counsel, before the Committee, against the provisions of the Bill."

Consumers Gas Company of Toronto Bill.

Consumers
Gas Company
of Toronto
Bill.

The Question being put on the Motion of amendment, the House divided; and it passed in the Negative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Morrison do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of T. J. Forbes and others, of *Hawkesbury*; praying for the completion of the Road from the *Ottawa* to the *St. Lawrence* upon the boundary line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

Of John Macawley, of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Ottawa*, Teacher; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the School Teachers in that Township to realize the whole amount allowed them by Government.

Of the City Council of the City of *Kingston*; praying an amendment to their Act of Incorporation.

Of Edmund Deedes and others, of the County of *Oxford*; setting forth:—That the Petitioners have learned, with considerable surprise and regret, that certain members of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock* have forwarded a Memorial,—and a large assembly in the Township of *East Oxford* a Petition—to His Excellency the Governor General, in both of which the act of the Returning Officer, John G. Vansittart, Esquire, in rejecting Mr. Hincks' qualification as illegal, is declared to be utterly unjustifiable; and that in the resolutions of the *East Oxford* meeting his motives of action are interpreted and set forth, and his character maligned, in language too gross and vituperative to be repeated to the House: That the Petitioners presume not to present to the House any expression of their political sentiments, neither do they venture to offer any opinion on the legality of the act of the Returning Officer,—the decision of this matter the Petitioners can confidently refer to the competent tribunal; nor would they have troubled the House on the subject, had not the personal character of the Returning Officer been so maligned: That the Petitioners, however, in the very natural apprehension that such assertions tacitly acquiesced in might be supposed to have challenged and obtained general credence in the County of *Oxford*, do regard it as their imperative duty to present to the House their united, cordial, and unhesitating assurance, that from a long and very intimate acquaintance with many of them, and from the public and acknowledged estimate of the character of the said Returning Officer among them all, the Petitioners do solemnly declare their belief that Mr. Vansittart is utterly incapable of entertaining such base motives as those imputed to him in the resolutions above alluded to; that his demeanor, distinguished as it ever has been, by impartiality and kindness to all, irrespective of political opinions, presents to the candid and honorable mind the best proof of his own integrity and justice in the discharge of his public duties: That the Petitioners beg to press upon the attention of the House the obviously rational conclusion, that nothing but a sense of duty could have influenced Mr. Vansittart to make the Return he did, inasmuch as considerations of interest whether personal or party, would have suggested to him the expediency of a directly contrary course of action,—it being at that time apparent that the majority of the present House would be more favorably inclined towards Mr. Hincks than towards Mr. Carroll; and craving the indulgence of the House for this declaration of their sentiments.

Of James Atchison and others, of the Village of *Smith's Falls*, in the County of *Bathurst*; praying that the Act 10 and 11 Vic. cap. 53, defining the

boundary line of the Townships of *Montague* and *Elmsley*, may not be repealed, as petitioned for. Petitions read.

Of the Reverend William Bell, A. M., and others, of the District of *Bathurst*; praying the adoption of measures for the suppression of Drunkenness, and the making and vending of Spirituous Liquors,—and for the regulation of Temperance Houses or places of a like character.

Of Jean Bélanger and others, sufferers by the fires in *Quebec* in the year 1845; praying to receive current money in exchange for the Debentures issued to them, to enable them to rebuild their Houses destroyed by those fires.

Of Alexander M. Lockhart and others, of the Township of *Sherbrooke Forest*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying that all that part of the Township of *Moulton* south of the *Welland Canal Feeder*, and east of *Sherbrooke*, may be annexed to the Township of *Sherbrooke Forest*,—or otherwise that the said last mentioned Township may remain as at present defined.

Of Simcoe Chapman and others, of the County of *Welland*; praying for the construction of an artificial Cut from the River *Welland* to the *Niagara River*, so as to render the vicinity thereof more healthy.

Of George S. Tiffany, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Gore*; praying that the existing law for the preservation of Fish and Fisheries may be amended, by increasing the penalty for its violation.

Resolved, That the Petition of G. F. Orde and others, of the Township of *Peterborough*, (Act of Incorporation,) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Hall, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Notman, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Smith of *Durham*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Petition of G. F. Orde and others:

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Colborne*, (Land Tax) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Hall, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Notman, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Smith of *Durham*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Of the Colborne Municipal Council:

Ordered, That the Petition of Alexander M. Lockhart and others, of the Township of *Sherbrooke Forest*, in the District of *Niagara*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (*Dockstader Tract*.) Of A. M. Lockhart and others:

Resolved, That the Petition of William Bradley and others, of the Township of *Caledonia*, in the District of *Ottawa*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Hall, Mr. Bell, and Mr. Egan, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Of W. Bradley and others:

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend William Bell, A. M., and others, of the District of *Bathurst*, be referred to the Select Committee on Intemperance. Of the Rev. W. Bell and others referred.

Ordered, That Mr. Bell be added to the said Committee.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the year 1847, be printed in each of the English and French Languages, for the use of the Members of this House. Public Works.

Cornwall
Election.

According to Order, *Antoine Juchereau Duchesnay*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Portneuf*, who was absent, on Saturday last, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of the Committee, on that day; and having verified the same upon oath;

Ordered, That Mr. *Duchesnay* be excused for not attending the Committee on Saturday last.

According to Order, *John M'Connell*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Stanstead*, who was absent, on Saturday last, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, attended in his place; and having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of the Committee, on that day; and having verified the same upon oath;

Ordered, That Mr. *M'Connell* be excused for not attending the Committee on Saturday last.

Montreal In-
corporation
Bill.

Mr. *Holmes*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic. c. 59, consolidating the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the City of *Montreal*, reported the amendments to the Bill; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic., c. 59, consolidating the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the City of *Montreal*, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to the "Incorporation of the City of *Montreal*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Holmes* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Supply.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Webster* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Richards*,

Ordered, That the Petitioners in the matter of the Controverted Election for the County of *Stormont*, have leave to add the following names to the List of Witnesses handed in, in their behalf, at the striking of the Committee, viz.:—

Hugh Richardson, Esquire, of Montreal.

The Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, Member for Cornwall.

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Watts*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Oxford*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, Esquire, who, since the last general Election, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Inspector General of Public Accounts for this Province.

Oxford Writ.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, seconded by Mr. *Richards*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Kenneth M'Kenzie*, of *L'Orignal*, in the County of *Prescott*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Thomas Hall Johnson*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the County of *Prescott* in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of March instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioner, his counsel, or agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

Prescott Elec-
tion.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *M'Connell*, and the Question being put, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders of the
day.

The House divided; and it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the Election of one Member to serve in this present Provincial Parliament for the Town of *Three Rivers*,—the Returning Officer for the said Town not having returned any Member to serve in the said Parliament for the said Town.

Three Rivers
Writ.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to continue for a limited time certain Acts therein mentioned, being read;

Expiring
Laws' Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Richards* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Richards* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders defer-
red.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Notman*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 21° die Martii.

ANNO 11° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *William C. Hume* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*; and the Petition of *Frederick Dallas* and others, of the Townships of *Orillia* and *Medonte*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *John Jarron*, Chairman, and *D'Arcy Boulton*, Secretary, of a meeting of inhabitants of *Dunnville*, and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Francis Duclou* and others, of the City and District of *Montreal*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Edmund Deedes*, of the District of *Brock*, Esquire.

Petition read.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Edmund Deedes*, of the District of *Brock*, Esquire, be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same.

And the Petition was read; setting forth:—That the Petitioner in approaching the House on a matter apparently of a private and personal interest, is impelled by a sense of justice towards the Returning Officer for the County of *Oxford*, *John George Vansittart*, Esquire: That the Petitioner desires not on the present occasion to express an opinion on the legality of *Mr. Vansittart's* procedure in returning *Mr. Carroll*: That the Petitioner feeling in duty bound to make known to the House a circumstance, in his opinion, clearly proving the honorable motives which actuated *Mr. Vansittart* in the discharge of his duty, begs, upon his solemn word of honor, to state that in a conversation a short time previous to the day of return, *Mr. Vansittart* declared to the Petitioner that "he felt himself placed in an exceedingly critical position, for that if he did as he honestly believed the law required, he should be doing that which would be injurious to the Conservative cause, and of all things most likely to destroy the chance of any Conservative who might be induced to come forward at another Election, and at the same time hazardous to his own personal interests; but that if he did otherwise, he must feel that he was shirking his duty to accommodate himself to circumstances;" and praying to be excused for troubling the House with this statement of an important fact.

Expiring
Laws' Bill.

An engrossed Bill to continue for a limited time certain Acts therein mentioned, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That *Mr. Holmes* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Stormont
Election.

Mr. Jobin, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, reported, That the Committee met this morning at eleven o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of *Mr. Drummond*, one of their number.

Ordered, That *Mr. Drummond* do attend in his place, in this House, to-morrow.

Markham and
Elgin Mills'
Road Bill.

Mr. Morrison, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Ashton Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Markham* and its vicinity, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate the *Markham and Elgin Mills Plank Road Company*, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

Report on
Petition relating
to Niagara
District Town.

Mr. Cauchon, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (relating to the District Town) and another reference, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Your Committee, in obedience to the Order of your Honorable House, have examined the contents of the Petition referred to them, as also the Entries in the Journals of previous Sessions upon this subject, and have unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendations of previous Committees, and again most earnestly to recommend to the favorable consideration of your Honorable House, the passage of a Bill removing the site of the present District Town to a more central position, in accordance with the prayer of the Petition, emanating as it does, from a body representing the interests of every section of the District.

On motion of *Mr. Wettenhall*, seconded by *Mr. Morrison*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Adam Johnston Ferguson* and others, Electors of the County of *Waterloo*, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *James Webster*, Esquire, to represent the said County in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Friday, the twenty-fourth day of March instant, at the hour of five o'clock, P.M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by *Mr. Speaker* to the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty *George the Fourth*, chapter four.

Report on
Petition relating
to Niagara
District Town.

Waterloo
Election.

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

Message from
the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Inspection of Butter in *Quebec* and *Montreal*:"

Butter Inspection
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of *St. Paul's Church, London*, to sell a part of the Glebe on certain conditions:"

St. Paul's
Church Glebe
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to render executory certain Judgments rendered by the late Courts of *King's Bench for Lower Canada*:"

King's Bench
Judgments'
Bill (L. C.)

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "The City of *Kingston Gas Light Company*:"

Kingston Gas
Light Company
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the River *Moira*:"

River Moira
Mill Dams'
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "The Consumers Gas Company of *Toronto*:"

Consumers'
Gas Comp'y. of
Toronto Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "The Western Telegraph Company:"

Western Tele-
graph Com-
pany Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*:"

Dundas Incoor-
poration Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and to fund the fees payable under the said Act:"

Shipping of
Seamen Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regulating the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, were intended to have force and effect:"

Jurors' Bill,
(L. C.)

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "*Institut Canadien de Québec*:"

Quebec In-
stitut Canadien
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto Athenæum*:"

Toronto Athe-
næum Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue and amend the Act for the inspection of Flour and Meal, and to provide for the inspection of Oatmeal."

Flour and
Meal Bill.

And then he withdrew.

Supply.

Mr. *Webster*, from the Committee of Supply, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to meet the exigencies of the Public Service connected with the Public Works, and to sustain the credit of this Province in that branch of the Public Service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight; to be accounted for in detail, at the opening of the ensuing Session of the Legislature.
2. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand pounds currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to meet the necessary and indispensable Expenses of the Government of this Province, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, not otherwise provided for; to be accounted for in detail, at the opening of the ensuing Session of the Legislature.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

Ways and Means.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Boutillier* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That towards raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of One hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds currency, be raised by Debentures, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.
2. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of One hundred and forty thousand pounds currency, be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province not otherwise appropriated.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

Supply Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to grant a certain sum to Her Majesty for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed.

Debentures Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill for raising, on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a sum of money required for the Public Service.

He accordingly presented the Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the day for the attendance of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Oxford*, at the bar of this House, being read; Oxford Election.

And the House being informed that Mr. *Vansittart* attended at the door; he was called in.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, That *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Oxford*, having taken upon himself to return *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, as Member for the said County to serve in this present Parliament, contrary to the majority of votes received by him on the Poll Book in favor of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, who ought therefore to have been returned, acted illegally, in defiance of law, in manifest violation of the rights of the freeholders of the said County, and in breach of the privileges of this House.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That all the words after "That" in the said Motion, be struck out; and the following substituted: "a copy of any Resolution or Resolutions that may be adopted by this House, respecting the Returning Officer for the County of *Oxford*, be furnished to him; that time be given to him for twenty-four hours after the delivery of such Resolution or Resolutions to prepare his answer or defence thereto; and that he be informed that he has the permission of this House to be heard at the bar by counsel."

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Badgley*, *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Cuthbert*, *Daly*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *Meyers*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Stevenson*, and *Webster*.—(16.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Dumas*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of BYTOWN, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Watts*, and *Wetenhall*.—(40.)

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, the House again divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Beaubien*, *Bell*, *Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Duchesnay*, *Egan*, *Flint*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Fourquin*, *Guillet*, *Hall*, *Holmes*, *Jobin*, *Johnson*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis*, *Mongenais*, *Morrison*, *Nelson*, *Notman*, *Papineau*, *Richards*, *Sauvageau*, *Scott* of BYTOWN, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Watts*, and *Wetenhall*.—(38.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley*, *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, *Malloch*, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of TORONTO, *Stevenson*, and *Webster*.—(13.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Notman* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being put, That *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, do appear forthwith at the bar of this House; that the foregoing Resolution be read to him; and that he be heard in his defence.

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tion.

The House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding division,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

John George Vansittart was then called, and appeared at the bar forthwith; and the said Resolution having been read to him, he addressed the House; and was subsequently examined; as followeth:—

By Mr. *Notman*,

1. Were you the Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Oxford*?—I was.

2. Were *Peter Carroll*, Esquire, the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, and *Robert Campbell*, Esquire, candidates at the said Election, and were they severally proposed and seconded as such, and was a show of hands taken thereat?—These three Gentlemen were candidates, and there was a show of hands.

3. On a show of hands, whom and which of the said candidates did you declare as having the majority?—The Honorable *Francis Hincks*.

4. Was a Poll demanded on behalf of either or both of the candidates—the said *Peter Carroll*, and the said *Robert Campbell*?—It was demanded on the part of both.

5. Was the Qualification of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* demanded on the day of nomination; and by whom was it handed to you on his behalf?—It was demanded; and, I think, handed me by Mr. *Brown*, but of this I am not certain.

By Mr. *Prince*,

6. Did Mr. *Brown* then state to you that he was authorized by Mr. *Hincks* to put in the Declaration?—I do not remember that he positively expressed it.

By Mr. *Notman*,

7. Did you accept it, and did you send out Poll Books to your several Deputies with the name of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* entered in them as a properly qualified candidate?—I filed the Qualification;—I say no to the latter part of the question.

By Mr. *Prince*,

8. Did Mr. *Brown* at any time during the election, represent himself as the agent of Mr. *Hincks*; and if so, did he produce any authority from Mr. *Hincks* to support his representation to that effect?—Mr. *Brown* sent his name to me immediately before the proceedings of the nomination, desiring to act as Mr. *Hincks*' friend, which I allowed; but he produced no authority to that effect.

By Mr. *Morrison*,

9. Did you instruct or intimate to your Deputy Returning Officers, that the Honorable *Francis Hincks* was a candidate for whom they were to receive votes?—No.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

10. Were the Poll Books prepared with columns for the names of the candidates, and if aye, was there, or not, a column with Mr. *Hincks*' name entered at the head thereof, as a candidate?—I directed the two or three clerks or persons employed to prepare Poll Books, to rule columns for the candidates, lots, townships, and remarks, and to head them for the different Townships.

11. Was there any notice or intimation given by you to the Deputies, relating to Mr. *Hincks*' Qualification?—No.

By Mr. *Richards*,

12. Was the name of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* inserted as a candidate in the Poll Books sent out by you to your Deputies at the said Election, and before the said Poll Books were given to the said Deputies?—Not by my orders. From conversations had since with some of the Deputies, I believe it was inserted in some of them, but it had not been by me.

13. Were you, or not, aware at the time that the said Poll Books were sent to your Deputies, that the

name of the said *Francis Hincks* was inserted in them, or some of them, as a candidate?—I do not remember whether it was the case; but it may have escaped my attention, as I did not consider it a matter of importance whether it was the case or not.

14. Did you, or not, examine the said Poll Books before they were sent to your Deputies, to see if they were made out according to law?—I examined the proof page as a pattern for the rest, to see if it was correct, on which there was no writing.

By Mr. *Notman*,

15. Are the several letters, respectively bearing date the sixth day of January last, the fifteenth day of January last, and the eighteenth day of January last, accompanying the Poll Books, the Writ of Election, and the Return thereto, in your handwriting?—They are.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

16. Did you cause a column to be prepared, or were you aware whether or not a column was prepared, for the name of Mr. *Carroll* as a candidate, or did you consider that of no importance?—In the proof page that I examined, there were three columns, but whether Mr. *Carroll*'s name was written there I know not: I thought it of little importance.

By Mr. *Morrison*,

17. Did you or did you not intimate to your Deputy Returning Officers, who were the candidates nominated at the Election; if yea, state the names of such candidates; if nay, who gave your Deputies the names of the candidates for your Poll Books, to the best of your belief?—Indeed I did not; for the matter was of such notoriety, that I thought it quite unnecessary.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

18. Look at the Poll Books now shewn to you. Were they prepared under your direction in the form in which they now appear?—I believe they are in accordance with the proof page of which I have spoken before, and on which there was no writing.

By Mr. *Richards*,

19. Look at the first page of the Poll Books for the several townships now shewn to you, and say in whose handwriting are the names of *Carroll*, *Hincks*, and *Campbell*, at the head of each of them?—I really cannot say: I recognize some of them in the handwriting of Mr. *Foquett*, my clerk at the time, the only one whose handwriting I was familiar with.

By Mr. *Morrison*,

20. What are the names of the candidates whose notoriety you have referred to in a former answer; and whose names you did not think necessary to intimate to your Deputies on account of such notoriety?—Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Carroll*, and Mr. *Campbell*.

By Mr. *Notman*,

21. Had you any legal advice for the course you pursued; and, if so, from whom did you receive that advice, and their names?—Legal opinion, in conversation, I had from several; and, directly, from Mr. *Hughes*, a barrister, formerly at *Woodstock*, and now at *London*; from Mr. *Cameron*, late Solicitor-General; and, in an indirect manner, from Mr. *Hatt*, a barrister at *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Smith of Durham*,

22. Did you give the electors to understand, at the time of the nomination, that you should hold votes given to the said Honorable *Francis Hincks* as thrown away, and that you considered him ineligible?—I have before stated that I had then reserved my opinion upon the Qualification.

23. Did you not say at the nomination, that the question of Qualification would be left to this House for decision?—I believe not.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Oxford Elec-
tion.

Ordered Election

On motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the case of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Oxford*, be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered, That *George Brown*, Esquire, do attend this House to-morrow, to be examined as a witness, touching the matter of complaint against the said *John George Vansittart*, Esquire.

Contingencies of the House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Nine thousand five hundred and sixty-four pounds currency, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Smith of Durham*, and Mr. *Smith of Wentworth*, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

Orders deferred.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Notman*, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Wentworth*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 22° die Martii.

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Leave of absence.

ORDERED, That Mr. *McConnell* have leave to absent himself from this House during the remainder of the present Session, on urgent private business.

Contingencies of the Session.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of the Speaker of this House, for the sum of Five thousand pounds, to enable him to defray certain Contingencies of the Session, already voted, and to be provided for in a Bill of appropriation to be passed in the present Session.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Notman*, and the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, do present the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General.

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

Sessional Allowance and Mileage to Members.

Resolved, That the Sessional allowance to Members, for the present Session, be Fifty pounds, to those who have not been absent without leave for more than twenty days; and mileage at the rate of ten shillings for twenty miles, in coming to Parliament, and the same in returning home:

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Government House,
Montreal, 22nd March, 1848.

His Excellency intends to prorogue the Legislature.

Sir,
I am commanded by the Governor General to inform you, that it is His Excellency's intention, should the state of the public business permit, to prorogue

the Provincial Legislature, to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock.

His Excellency intends to prorogue the Legislature.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

T. Edmund Campbell,
Major.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly,
&c. &c. &c.

Mr. *Meyers* brought up the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle*, praying that both sections of the Province may be placed upon the same footing with respect to the payment of the expenses of the Administration of Justice; and laid the same upon the table.

Petition brought up.

An engrossed Bill to grant a certain sum to Her Majesty for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, was read the third time.

Supply Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill for raising, on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a sum of money required for the Public Service, was read the third time.

Debitures Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Petitions read.

Of *J. M. Lamothe*, Mayor, on behalf of the Municipal Council of the County of *Richelieu*; praying that the place of meeting of the said Council may be changed from the Parish of *St. Denis* to the Parish of *St. Ours*.

Of *F. Tremblay* and others, of *Baie St. Paul*; praying indemnification for expenses incurred by them as Contractors on the Road known as *Le Chemin des Caps*, between the Parishes of *St. Joachim* and *Baie St. Paul*.

Of *N. Têtu* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*; praying aid to complete the Road from the *Rivière des Trois Pistoles* to Lake *Temiscouata*, and for the construction of wharves and landing-places below the Harbour of *Quebec*.

Of *J. S. Damour* and others, Pilots for and below the Port of *Quebec*; representing the dangers incident to them and their families from fever and other diseases, in consequence of their detention on vessels at Quarantine; and praying relief.

Of *Richard Martin*, President, and others, on behalf of the Agricultural Society of the County of *Haldimand*; praying that the said County may enjoy the same privileges as Agricultural Districts.

Of *William Baker* and others, Trustees of the *Dunham High School*; praying the usual aid in support of that Institution.

The House being informed that the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Town of *Cornwall*, was sitting;

Cornwall Election.

The Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, and the Question being put, That the Members of the said Committee be requested to attend in their places in this House, with a view of proceeding with the business of the House.

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

Cornwall
Election.

YEAS.

Messieurs *Badgley, Christie, Crysler, Cuthbert, Laurin, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, McLean, Meyers, Robinson, Sherwood* of TORONTO, and *Webster*.—(12.)

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Messieurs *Beaubien, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chabot, DeWitt, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Holmes, Jobin, Laterrière, Lyon, McFarland, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Scott* of BYTOWN, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Thompson*, and *Wetenhall*.—(23.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker then left the Chair.

And when the said Committee had returned to the House,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Message from
the Council.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Expiring Laws
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes:"

Debentures
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act for raising, on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a sum of money required for the Public Service:"

Supply Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to grant a certain sum to Her Majesty for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty eight:" And also,

Montreal In-
corporation
Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

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Lines.

Sir Allan N. MacNab, from the Standing Committee on Railways and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have directed their anxious attention to the subject of Railway extension through *Canada*—a subject whose importance cannot be overrated, and in favor of which the public voice has conclusively declared itself. That Railways are of the greatest assistance in developing the resources of a country, both agricultural and commercial, has been too fully established in *Great Britain* and the *United States*, to require discussion. This Province is naturally well adapted for the construction of Railways, and would be benefitted by them in an equal, if not greater, degree than any other country. With great facilities for foreign and internal commerce during the summer season, by means of its magnificent chain of water communication, *Canada* labors under great disadvantages from the complete cessation of business, and exclusion from the markets of *Europe* during its long winters.

These disadvantages can only be overcome by a well-arranged and comprehensive system of Railroads, which would allow of an active and uninterrupted trade, both foreign and domestic, being carried on for the whole year, and in that respect would put it upon a par with the neighbouring States.

The three great lines of Railway which at present press themselves on the public attention, as being of primary importance, and connected with the general prosperity of the Province, are:

1st. The line extending from *Quebec* westward along the north shores of the River *St. Lawrence*

and *Lake Ontario* to *Toronto*, from that City to *Hamilton*, and from thence along the Great Western Railway to *Windsor*, opposite *Detroit* in the State of *Michigan*.

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2nd. The Railroad projected, and now in progress of construction, from the *St. Lawrence*, opposite *Montreal*, to the Province Line, and there to be connected with another Road, also in progress, running to the City of *Portland* in the State of *Maine*, and on the Atlantic seaboard.

3rd. The Railway connecting the Cities of *Halifax* and *Quebec*, and passing through the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

There are several other lines of Railroad proposed, all of great utility to their respective localities; but the Committee have not taken them into consideration, as they are generally of a limited extent, and may be safely left to private enterprize.

The first line naturally divides itself into five Sections.

Beginning at *Quebec*, the first Section will terminate at *Montreal*, a distance of about 180 miles. No Charter has yet been obtained for this portion of the line, nor any steps taken to obtain one. The *St. Lawrence* and Atlantic Railroad Company propose to run their Road through the Eastern Townships for seventy miles, to *Melbourne*, on a course towards *Quebec*. It remains yet to be settled whether it would be preferable to extend this Road to *Quebec*, or to construct a separate one on the north bank of the River. No surveys having been made of this section, the probable expense cannot be estimated.

The second Section, from *Montreal* to *Kingston*, a distance of 180 miles, is another necessary link in the great chain of Railway communication.

A Charter was obtained for it in 1845, but the Company has not yet organized itself, nor have any surveys or estimates been made. A Railway has been finished from *Montreal* to *Lachine* under a separate Charter. By their Charter, this Company are bound to transfer their Railroad, on certain specified terms, to any other Company who will extend it onwards towards *Kingston*, and shall have *bonâ fide* expended the sum of £100,000 on such extension. This Section, connecting as it does, the great chain of Lakes with the chief commercial City of *Canada*, and with the Atlantic navigation, will undoubtedly command a large and lucrative trade. It will probably, in a few years, be intersected by a Railway running from *Bytown* to *Prescott*, and connecting the *Ottawa* and *St. Lawrence*. The *Ogdensburg* Railroad, with its terminus opposite *Prescott*, will also contribute to increase its trade.

The third Section extends from *Kingston*, 165 miles along *Lake Ontario*, to *Toronto*. A Charter has been obtained for this Road, and a preliminary survey made, estimating the probable cost of the work at £865,000. The prospects and advantages of this Road are stated at length in the Prospectus of their Company, and the Report of their Engineer published in 1846. It will be connected at *Kingston*, with "The *Rome, Watertown, and Cape Vincent* Railroad," in the State of *New York*, by means of Steam Ferries over the *St. Lawrence*, and a short Railroad of seven miles across *Wolfe Island*. A complete Railway communication will thus be established between *Kingston* and the Atlantic Cities of *Boston* and *New York*.

Active exertions are now being made by the *Port Hope* and *Peterborough* Railroad Company, to commence their undertaking, which will intersect the main Road at *Port Hope*, and pour into it the large and increasing trade of the *Newcastle* and *Colborne* Districts.

A Charter has also been granted for the fourth Section, connecting *Toronto* with *Hamilton*. The length of this portion of the line is about 40 miles; but its

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construction has not been begun, nor have the Company as yet made any preparations for that purpose.

The fifth and last Section has been for some years before the public, as "The Great Western Railway."

This great undertaking cannot be better described than by the following extracts from the able and elaborate Report of Mr. C. B. Stuart, the Chief Engineer, of the 1st September last:—

"The Stockholders of this Company control the destiny, and may appropriate the profits of a line of Railway, 228 miles long, under a liberal Charter, with a right to exact Toll without legal restriction, to make various important branches running through a district of country highly favoured by nature, and occupying a site, which for attainment of speed, and the future economy of working, is unsurpassed in this country or *Europe*. Commencing on the west, at the head of Lake *Erie*, where daily Steamers connect it with all the shores of the great Upper Lakes, and the fertile lands of the Northwestern States, and a Railway now nearly finished, completes the line through the heart of *Michigan*, touching on its route, and by its tributaries, at convenient Ports on Lakes *St. Clair*, *Huron*, and *Ontario*, and terminating in the east on *Niagara River*, where two Railways and a noble Canal form its continuation to *New York* and *Boston*; and Lake *Ontario* and the *St. Lawrence* furnish an independent channel to *Montreal* and *Quebec*. This work seems destined to absorb the traffic of a wider region than often falls to the share of any single enterprize."

Again Mr. Stuart says:—"It is a work running through the Western Peninsula of *Canada*, which depends for its support—

"1st. On the trade and travel of the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Ontario*, brought from the east by numerous steamers to the mouth of the *Niagara River*, and to the City of *Hamilton* at the head of the Lake.

"2nd. On that of the State of *New York*, brought by the *Eric Canal* to the foot of Lake *Erie* and *Niagara River*, near the Falls.

"3rd. On that brought by existing Railways from the Cities of *New York* and *Boston*, and the other ports of the *New England States*, through the centre of *New York*, to *Buffalo* and *Niagara Falls*, destined for *Michigan* and the North Western States.

"4th. On the traffic and travel brought by steamboats from Lakes *Michigan*, *Superior*, and *Huron*, to the western termini of your Road.

"5th. On the trade and travel of the States of *Michigan*, *Illinois*, and the *Mississippi Valley*, brought to the same point by the *Michigan Central Railway*, soon to be completed to Lake *Michigan*, opposite *Chicago*.

"These are the great contributors to the support of your work—the lines already in activity, which diverge from its extremities towards the east and west—quite independent of the wealth and resources of the immediate district traversed by the improvement itself, by far the most populous and fertile portions of *Canada West*, which this line *must control*, without rival, or the probability of future rivalry.

"Ample Surveys which have extended over every route, offering any pretension to authorize its exploration, have led to the conclusion that there is no appropriate ground on which to place a competitor on either side of that which has been recommended for your adoption."

The main trunk line of the Great Western Railway extends from *Hamilton* to *Windsor*, a distance of nearly 186 miles, and will cost, according to the Engineer's estimate, the sum of £989,853.

A branch from this main line runs from *Hamilton*, 42 miles, to the *Niagara River*, at the estimated expense of £248,767. Another branch extends to *Port Sarnia*, at the foot of Lake *Huron*. This branch is

about 50 miles long, and will cost £166,410, making the total estimated expense of the Great Western Railway and Branches, £1,404,930.

It appears from the Petition of the Company to the Legislative Assembly, presented to this House during the present Session, and referred to the Committee, that the Capital Stock of the Company is £1,500,000, divided into 60,000 Shares of £25 each; of those Shares, 20,725 are held in *England*, on 10,000 of which five per cent. has been paid in, and on the remaining 10,725, five shillings sterling per Share has been paid in; that 5000 Shares are also held in this Province, on which five per cent. has been paid; that the amount taken by the Contractors will be about 8,847 Shares, making in the aggregate, 34,572 Shares. It also appears by this memorial, that the right of way for the most part has been acquired by the Company; that spacious depot grounds have also been secured at *Windsor*, *Chatham*, *Lobo*, *London*, *Ingersoll*, *Woodstock*, *Paris*, *Dundas*, *Hamilton*, *Grimsby*, *St. Catharines*, and *Niagara River*; that the portions of the line from *Hamilton* to *Niagara*, and from *London* to *Windsor*, have been placed under contract at rates under the estimate of the Engineer; and that the Contractors take, in payment, one-fourth of the amount of their contracts in the Capital Stock of the Company at par; that a commencement has been made on both these Sections; that the Section in the City of *Hamilton* has also been contracted for at a price below the Engineer's estimate, taking one-fourth in Stock as part payment,—which work has also been commenced; that a Company is now formed who will take the residue of the line from *Hamilton* to *London* on similar terms, and at the estimate of the Engineer,—thus placing the entire line under contract to responsible Contractors, for a sum not exceeding the estimated expense.

The Company have already expended about Fifteen thousand pounds, and are vigorously prosecuting the work as fast as their limited means will allow.

The second great line is that known as "The *St. Lawrence* and Atlantic Railroad." The whole distance from *Montreal* to *Portland*, the two termini of the Railway, is 280 miles, of which 130 lie in *Canada*, and the remaining 150 in the *United States*. Two Incorporated Companies—one American, "The *Atlantic* and *St. Lawrence*," and the other Canadian, "The *St. Lawrence* and Atlantic Railroads"—have undertaken to complete this line. Though quite unconnected as to stock, liabilities, and profits, and in every respect independent, these Companies have a common object and similar interests—act in perfect unison with each other. The cost of construction of the Joint Line is estimated at £1,750,000; and that of the Canadian Section at £825,000.

The advantages of this line are thus described by Mr. A. C. Morton, the intelligent Engineer of the Railway:—"With reference to your Road as a great thoroughfare, it occupies a most remarkable position, connecting as it does the *St. Lawrence* and the Atlantic, at a point where the *New England Coast* approaches nearest to the *Western Waters*; and having a large and populous city at either terminus, with capacious harbours, and a rich intervening country, it cannot fail to be one of the most important and profitable Roads yet commenced. From its peculiar position, it never can be subject to competition. It is the shortest and cheapest channel through which the travel and trade of the Provinces can reach the seaboard. With a long line of natural and artificial communication, connecting *Montreal* with the *Western Waters* and the far West, it cannot be doubted that the completion of this last link will change entirely the channel of trade, open new resources, and add vastly to the business of the Public Works of the Province, and to the wealth and enter-

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prize of the country through which it passes. To the City of *Montreal*, it is of vital importance; situated as she will be, at the foot of this long line of communication on the one hand, and within ten hours ride of one of the best harbours of the Atlantic coast on the other, she must unavoidably receive large accessions to her trade and commerce, and a vast increase of wealth."

The Capital Stock of the Company is £600,000, divided into 12,000 shares of £50 each. Of this Stock, 4083 shares have been subscribed in *Canada*, 750 shares more will be absorbed in the contracts for the portion of the Road under construction, and 700 shares remain on the list subscribed in *Great Britain*, making a total of 5493 shares, and forming a capital of £274,650. *Vide Annual Report, 1847.*

It appears from the last Annual Report of the Directors, of the 19th January, 1848, that the right of way for the first thirty miles, has been adjusted with 304 of the landowners. The first division of the work, lying between the *St. Lawrence* and *Richelieu* Rivers, a distance of sixteen miles, is in progress, and expected to be finished in August next. From the *Richelieu* to *St. Hyacinthe* the grading is in a state of much forwardness, and the bridge over the *Richelieu* nearly completed. The total amount of expenditure by the Company, to 1st November last, was £82,511 13s. 9d.

The prosperity of that part of the Province through which this Road will pass, has hitherto been greatly retarded from the want of water communication with its chief market, *Montreal*, and the consequent great expense of land carriage over the ordinary country roads. This disadvantage will be overcome by the Railroad, which will, at all seasons, give the inhabitants of the neighbouring Counties, a speedy, safe, and cheap means of access to market. The route as surveyed passes through the Counties of *Chambly*, part of *Verchères*, *Rouville*, *St. Hyacinthe*, *Shefford*, *Sherbrooke*, and *Stanstead*, and in the vicinity of *Richelieu* and *Drummond*, all of which Counties will be materially benefitted by the construction of the Railway; and it may be stated with confidence that at least 140,000 inhabitants of the Province will be directly benefitted by this undertaking, without any reference to its favorable bearing on the interests of the Province at large. *Vide Statistical Statement submitted to Parliament in 1844.*

The third and last great line of Railway is that connecting *Halifax* and *Quebec*, and passing through *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

Your Committee are happy to learn, from the Speech from the Throne at the beginning of the Session, that the Engineers to whom was entrusted the survey of this important route, have discovered a good and practicable line of Road.

The Province may therefore expect that the Imperial Government will, ere long, take this great national undertaking into its most favorable consideration. Your Committee have no data on which to form a satisfactory opinion as to the probable cost or profits of the line.

The expense has been variously estimated from three and a-half to five millions. To this Province it will be of immediate benefit, as securing an access to the Ocean, and the means of communication with the Mother Country at all seasons of the year, without being liable to the inconveniences which arise from the passing through a Foreign Country, and will especially ensure us the regular and uninterrupted passage of the Mails to and from *Europe* with as much expedition as by the route through the *United States*, and without the annoyances lately suffered from the Postal differences between that country and *Great Britain*.

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Our Sister Colonies will participate in these advantages, and the Road will be in a greater degree beneficial to them, as passing through the settled parts of their country, and giving them a large and lucrative way business. Convinced of this, *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* have entered upon the project with great vigour and enthusiasm.

To Imperial interests this Road is of paramount importance, as affording the only sure Military communication with *Canada* during the winter months, and as the means of employing and settling a large number of the surplus labouring population of the Empire. The magnitude of this undertaking is such, that the united action of the three Provinces, aided by the Mother Country, will be required in order to carry it through. And Your Committee can now only say with respect to it, that they are well assured that *Canada* will meet the views of the other Provinces in the most liberal spirit, and will heartily concur in such measures as may be jointly agreed upon.

With respect to the two first lines of Railway, which may be considered as exclusively Canadian, Your Committee fear that, from the cost of their construction, and the want of capital in the Province, they cannot, within any definite period, be completed by private enterprise.

It may also be considered as certain that the large amount of capital required for the unfinished and projected Railways in *Europe*, and the present depression in the money market in *England*, will prevent British Capitalists from investing their monies in such distant enterprises, on the credit of the Works alone, however favorable may be the prospects of a profitable return.

Unless, therefore, some assistance is afforded by the Provincial Government, Your Committee are apprehensive that the completion of these Works will be postponed to an indefinite period, and that the Province must submit to see itself fall behind the rest of the world in the great march of improvement; and with all its natural advantages, to sink into a hopeless inferiority in comparison with the neighbouring States.

The Great Western and the *St. Lawrence* and Atlantic Railways are both applicants for aid from the Province, and should the Government think themselves justified in entertaining the proposition at all, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that such aid should, in the first place, be granted to these two Railroads, as being now in actual progress. The remainder of the great line from *Quebec* to *Hamilton* might afterwards be assisted as circumstances would permit; and Your Committee are of opinion that the success of the two Railways above mentioned, when finished, will be so decided as to induce Capitalists, by degrees, to undertake the whole line.

Three modes by which the Provincial Government might assist these Companies are suggested by the Directors of the Great Western Railroad. 1st. By a direct loan on the security of the Road and Property. 2nd. By taking Stock to a specified amount; and, 3rd. By guaranteeing six per cent. interest to any Capitalists taking the Stock and completing the Works.

Your Committee are fully impressed with the conviction that these Railroads can only be completed by the hearty concurrence of the Government, and that such concurrence must be regulated by a prudent regard to the state of the Finances of the Province, and the preservation of the Public Credit.

It is not therefore the desire of Your Committee, nor is it within their province, to do more than invite the serious attention of the Legislature and Government to these propositions, and to submit them for their most favorable consideration.

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Whenever the Government may feel themselves justified to take up the subject, with a view to grant the assistance prayed for, Your Committee are of opinion that the guaranteeing of the legal interest to Capitalists will be found the least objectional mode.

Increasing the debt of the Province by a large loan may have a prejudicial effect on the Public Credit; and the objections to the Province becoming a Stockholder in these works, in connection with private Capitalists, are also obvious.

It would appear from the applications of the two Companies, that a million of money, in addition to their present funds, would enable them to finish their undertaking; and that were the Government to guarantee the interest on that amount, the Stock so guaranteed could readily be disposed of at par.

It is confidently expected that these two Railroads will, when completed, return an ample revenue; and that the Province will never be called upon to advance a farthing on their guarantee.

But looking at the subject in its worst point of view, even if the Railroads, or either of them, did not for the first few years meet the whole interest on the amount guaranteed, the Province would only be liable for the deficiency, Your Committee are decidedly of opinion, that under no circumstances could such deficiency exceed three per cent. of the interest; and in such case the whole amount of the annual liability of the Province would not be more than £30,000,—a sum of no importance when compared with the great objects attained.

Your Committee, in conclusion, beg leave to call the attention of the Legislature to the able and satisfactory letter of Mr. Lot Clark, of New York, of the 1st March, 1848, to Sir Allan N. MacNab, the President of the Great Western Railroad Company, hereunto annexed, shewing to what extent and in what manner similar enterprizes have been aided by the States of the neighbouring Union.

New York, March 1st, 1848.

To Sir Allan MacNab,
President of the Great Western Railroad.

SIR,—In reply to the inquiries:

1. Whether it would be beneficial to the Company to apply for, and receive a loan through the aid of Government, to assist in the construction of your work, with reference to the value of the Stock?

2. Whether in my opinion such aid could be afforded by the Government, consistently with the public interest and the exercise of its proper functions?

3. Whether similar aid had been afforded in the United States, and if so, what had been its effects upon the public interest?

I would state that the answer to the first inquiry must depend on the expense of construction, and the amount of business which would probably be done on the road to be constructed. For the purpose of satisfying myself on these points, I have carefully examined the Report of Major Stuart to the Board of Directors of your Company, dated 1st September, 1847, which has been furnished me. I have scrutinized the Survey reported on, as the only means in my power to ascertain the probable expense of its construction. It seems to me to have been made with much care, and the estimates for the expense appear fair, and the allowance for contingencies quite liberal. From these, and my knowledge of the country over which it is located, I have but little doubt that it can be completed within the estimate, from Niagara River to Detroit, to wit, £1,238,520, Halifax currency, or 4,954,080 dollars.

I have also examined the statistics in that Report, and compared them with statistics in my possession, such as the trade and navigation of the Lakes, the

Canals, the arrivals and departure and tonnage of the several ports, and the Railroad and Steamboat passenger traffic, &c. It seems to me that Major Stuart is fully sustained by them in his estimates of business and profits. Indeed, I shall be very much mistaken if the profits he anticipates are not more than realized, if the work shall be successfully completed and prudently managed.

It has been our experience in all improvements, and channels of business and traffic connected with the Western Country and the Lakes, that they have far outstripped the most sanguine anticipations. This has been strikingly illustrated in the case of the Erie Canal and the line of Western Railways.

It may not be improper here to remark, that I regard Major Stuart's Report as the most able document of the kind that has fallen under my observation in a long time. No one can rise from its perusal without feeling a conviction of its reliable character.

If I am right, then, in my conclusion thus drawn,—that the work can be constructed within the estimate, and that the profits will be as large as contemplated, a loan contracted with or without the aid of Government, at a reasonable interest, much below the per-centage of profits, for a period of considerable duration, it would follow that such a loan of a portion of the capital for constructing the Road, would make the Stock much more valuable to the holders, because the excess beyond the interest would go to swell the dividends as much as the profits should exceed the interest, or be applied as a sinking fund to diminish every year and finally extinguish the principal of the loan.

The second question is not as easy of demonstration, because it depends on more complicated circumstances, some of which are not connected with the immediate work before us.

It may safely be adopted as our axiom, that all Governments are or should be administered with reference to the general interests of their constituents, and that no departure from this general rule should be tolerated, except where the favouring of a local or particular interest will in no material degree prejudice the whole or any of the other parts.

It would not therefore be right for Government to furnish capital for a sectional road or private improvement, without a reasonable prospect and security for its indemnity; because the application of it would not be universal, but the money would come from a common fund in which all would be interested.

It might be adopted as another safe axiom, that wherever it can be done without injury or probable injury to the whole or its other parts, Government should lend its aid to advance the interest and prosperity of any class or section of its people. And in ratio to the extent and magnitude of the benefit, is the obligation imperative to put forth a helping hand. In deciding then on the answer to the second question, we must be governed by the foregoing rules. I do not think this Railway can be presented as one that will so universally embrace the interest of the people of the Province, as to warrant the Government in embarking in a loan without at least a fair prospect of indemnity; but it is nevertheless a work of very extensive interest; as much so at least to your people, as was the Erie Canal to the people of the State of New York, and as large a proportion of them would participate in its benefits, as did the people of the States in the benefit of the Canal.

It connects Lake Ontario by a direct line with the Upper Lakes. It forms a base line where nearly all the people of Canada West, and with other and cheap communications, connect. It is a part of a line of Railways that will soon be made, passing through the interior to the Atlantic, and will be a portion of the outlet from the whole region of the

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Upper Lakes to the sea; and is a short connecting link between waters following the *St. Lawrence* to the Atlantic, and ascending *Detroit River* to the head of *Lake Superior*, in all following a demarcation of 2,000 miles through and along the Province. It gives your people the carrying business and traffic, and makes your country the transit between five Western States, and seven Eastern States of the Union. This must be a source of great profit and advantage to your people, and may become a source of revenue to your Government. In every point of view it is clear, that your Road embraces an interest general enough to command the attention and patronage of Government, at least so far as will be compatible with general interests. This brings me to enquire whether the Government can, with safety to its own interest as such, lend you the benefit of its security.

In the first place, all the interest in the Road will be pledged for the payment of the loan, and unless that pays more than enough to pay the interest, nothing will go to the Stockholders; they get no dividends. I am not informed as to the amount of the contemplated loan, but I will assume it to be one half of the estimated expense of the work, as I understand the other half is already subscribed. Interest on this sum, say at 5 per cent, would be £31,250 currency, or \$125,000 yearly. To endanger the safety of this loan, then, the profits of the Road must amount to less than this sum, or about 2½ per cent on the outlay. The *Utica Railroad* from *Buffalo East* parallel with *Lake Ontario* and the *Erie Canal*, with which it has had to compete without materially shortening the distance, has averaged over 15 per cent profits yearly since its construction, and the last year has netted about 20 per cent. The *Central Railway of Michigan* completed only 144 miles, and terminating in a wilderness, running from *Detroit West*, netted last year 14 per cent. These Railways are mentioned because they are at the termination of your Road east and west of it, and furnish more approximate data to ascertain the profits of your Road than any other; but they do not in my opinion furnish or possess the advantage for profits that yours does; because yours from *Hamilton to Detroit*, 166 miles, will be without a competitor. It will shorten the distance of all the travel up and down the Lakes more than one third, and shorten the time two-thirds, besides giving a safer and more agreeable passage. It would appear from these facts that the Government can lend you the aid of their credit without any public injury, or the most remote hazard of loss, and if I am right in this, they can fulfil a duty, render an incalculable benefit to a very great proportion, and probably a majority, of their constituents.

That it is one of the proper functions of Government thus indirectly to aid the people in the improvement of the country, seems to me to be a settled question, if indeed it ever was a question.

It is done extensively in *England* and *France*; indeed, in various forms, all over *Europe*, and in nearly all the States in the Union, and by the General Government of the Union.

Should it be objected that it would be unsafe, even with such ample security, to advance the Public Credit, because the Corporation may so mismanage its concerns that the Road will not produce enough to indemnify the Government, I answer that the whole Road lies within the Province, and will be under their eye and control, and they have the power in their own hands. If the agents mismanage the concerns of the Road, they can check or remove them, and take the Road under their own control whenever the Government is put in jeopardy by such mismanagement, and thus secure the faithful payment of the loan.

In reference to the third question, whether "such aid has been granted to Companies by the States, and with what effect?" I answer, that the State of *Massachusetts* has guaranteed to Railroad Companies upwards of eight millions of dollars, which has enabled them to carry the means of transportation to nearly every section of the State, and to penetrate other States also, and thus to draw their commerce to their own State. These roads, it is believed, have doubled the valuation of the land in that State, and probably more than doubled their commercial business, and the State has never had a dollar of the interest to pay, and seems in no manner of danger of ever being obliged to pay any.

The State of *New York*, about nineteen years ago, loaned to the *Hudson and Delaware Canal Company*, by an issue of debentures, 793,000 dollars, which enabled them to complete their works. They have always paid their interest punctually, have reduced of the principal about half, and have a surplus on hand sufficient to pay the remainder. This Canal has been of very great benefit to the section of country within the reach of its influence, has made heavy dividends to the Stockholders, and the Stock is now worth over 150 per cent. in market.

The State has since made similar loans of credit to the *Auburn and Syracuse Railroad Company*, the *Auburn and Rochester Railroad Company*, the *Tonawanda Railroad*, the *Long Island Railroad*, and the *Schenectady and Troy Railroad Company*, all of which have punctually paid their interest and provided sinking funds for the principal, and nearly all of them made large dividends to the Stockholders. No well grounded fears exist that the State will ever meet with any loss by them, and these Works too have increased the business and enhanced the value of property within their influence, to an unknown extent. The only Corporations by which the State has suffered by becoming security, are the *Canneghanie and Catskill Railroad Company*, the *New York and Erie Railroad Company*, the *Utica and Oswego*, and the *Hudson and Berkshire Railroad Company*.

The two first failed because the amount of Stock subscribed, and the loans guaranteed by the Government, were not more than one-fourth sufficient to complete the Roads, and when this was expended the Roads were only just begun and unproductive, and being a doubtful Stock, they could raise no more money to complete them. The two latter Roads were located where there was neither travel nor business, and the income scarcely enough to support the Roads. Yet it is believed the Government will yet be indemnified for the loan to the *Berkshire and Hudson Company* by a sale of the Road. All these unfortunate loans were made at a time of great expansion of currency and commerce, when the nominal value of real estate was every where swollen, and the public excited by these fictitious prices almost to mania. The Government partook of this excitement to a dangerous extent. In short they were most improvident guarantees, and a little prescience ought to have foretold the disastrous issue.

No inference unfavourable to Government guarantees for internal improvements can be drawn from the failure of the loans to these four Roads, any more than would an improvident loan to an insolvent individual, where the mortgaged property was without value, and a defective title given, be evidence against a provident loan with good security and perfect title.

I would not advise that Government should lightly or without most satisfactory evidence of safety, loan its credit to a Company. Nor would I think it advisable, even in cases otherwise holding out strong assurance of indemnity, to loan more than half the amount of the Capital. It appears to me, too, that the Government should require, in all cases, that

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there should be an annual sinking fund to be applied to a reduction of the principal. Where one half of the capital is furnished by Stockholders, their willingness to invest and give the loan a preference and make their own holden for it, furnishes one very notable item of information to the Government in determining the safety of the loan.

The State of *Maryland* has loaned about four millions of dollars to the *Chesapeake* and *Ohio* Railroad Company. This road is completed to the *Cumberland* Mountains, is carrying on an extensive traffic, and saving the Government harmless.

Its benefits to *Maryland* are beyond calculation. Recently the State of *Tennessee*, which is nearly free from debt, and in this respect deemed very prudent and cautious, has loaned its credit to a Railroad Company for \$800,000. Indeed it has; indeed it is practised by most of the States of the Union in a greater or less degree, and where reasonable caution has been used, always, so far as I have learned, with excellent effects.

Some of the new States in the south-west parts of the Union, anxious to afford extensive commercial facilities, to force their business into competition with older and more commercial neighbouring States, have lent their credit to Banks, and in some cases to Banks connected with Railroads. Such loans have generally proved failures, and involved the States. The States of this kind are, *Alabama*, *Mississippi*, and *Arkansas*; each of these has entailed upon itself a heavy, cumbrous, and in some cases a repudiated debt. The other States that have brought upon themselves burthensome debts are, *Pennsylvania*, *Indiana*, *Illinois*, and *Michigan*. But none of the debts of these States were incurred by lending their credit to Corporations. They undertook to make their improvements directly by the Government, and not by encouraging individual enterprize. None of them, that I am aware, became surety for any Company, except *Michigan* in one single case, which was carried through successfully, and the Government saved harmless.

I have thus, Sir, given you my views on this subject, and have avoided, as far as I was able, all matters foreign to the matter in hand. I am under an impression that your Road promises more accommodation and better profits than any unconstructed work now before the public, within my knowledge.

I am, with great respect,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) *Lot Clark.*

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Report be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to the Incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Amendment into consideration.

And the Amendment was read; and is as followeth:—

Press 3, line 4. After the word "pleaded," insert Clause (A.)

Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue in force for two years; and from thence until the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer."

The said Amendment being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That *Mr. Holmes* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Mr. DeWitt, accompanied by the other Messengers, reported to the House, that their Address of yesterday, to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Nine thousand five hundred and sixty-four pounds currency, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same, had been presented to His Excellency; and that he had been pleased to say that he will comply with the Address of this House.

Answer to an
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Mr. Drummond presented, pursuant to the directions of an Act of the Provincial Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*—Assessment Rolls for thirteen Districts of that part of *Canada* heretofore *Upper Canada*, and for the City of *Toronto*, for the year 1847.

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For the said Assessment Rolls, see Appendix (V.)

Appendix (V.)

According to Order, *Lewis T. Drummond*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Shefford*, who was absent, yesterday, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, attended in his place; and, having given satisfactory reasons for his not being present at the meeting of that Committee, yesterday; and having verified the same upon oath;

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Ordered, That *Mr. Drummond* be excused for not attending the Committee, yesterday.

The House proceeded to take into further consideration the case of *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of *Oxford*.

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And the Order of the day for the attendance of *George Brown*, Esquire, as a witness, touching the matter of complaint against the said *John George Vansittart*, Esquire, being read;

And the House being informed, that *George Brown* attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the bar, examined, as followeth:—

By *Mr. Notman*,

1. Were you present at the nomination of the *Oxford* Election, in December last, as agent for the Honorable *Francis Hincks*?—I was.

2. Was *Mr. Hincks*' Qualification demanded; and to whom did you hand it?—It was demanded; and I handed it to the Returning Officer.

3. Did the Returning Officer make any remark thereupon: say what took place?—When I handed it to *Mr. Vansittart*, *Mr. Carroll* and one or two other gentlemen came forward, and inspected the contents of the Qualification very eagerly, and some one remarked, "just as we thought." *Mr. Vansittart* then sat down in his chair, and *Mr. Carroll* sat down beside him, and a whispered conversation took place between them for some minutes. I observed them for some minutes, and having called the attention of some of my friends to the proceeding, I said to the Returning Officer that I thought his conduct was very indecent, whispering over in that way over the Qualification of one of his opponents. *Mr. Vansittart* started up, and said that he had a right to talk to a private friend without interference; and he added: "At any rate I have decided the point in your favour. I shall hold *Mr. Hincks*' Qualification to be good for the present occasion;" and, as I understood it, he added that he would leave the other

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parties to have a decision elsewhere. I was told by a political opponent on the hustings, on the declaration day, that the Returning Officer had said at the nomination, that "he would hold Mr. *Hincks'* Qualification to be good for that day only, and that he would consider the matter previous to the close of the Election," and not, as I have stated, leave the parties to find redress from his final decision. And I also heard the observation of Mr. *Vansittart* as to that point yesterday, but I did not hear any such statement made on the nomination day; and had there been such statement, I must have heard it.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the last preceding Answer contains hearsay evidence, and is therefore inadmissible by the Law of Evidence and the practice of Parliament.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Badgley, Cameron, Cayley, Crysler, Daly, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, Sir *Allan N. MacNab, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood* of TORONTO, and *Webster*.—(12.)

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Messieurs *Beaubien, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, Fortier, Fournier, Guillet, Holmes, Jobin, Laterrière, Laurin, Marquis, McFarland, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Taché, and Thompson*.—(25.)

So it passed in the Negative.

4. Did you protest against the Qualification oaths of Mr. *Carroll* and of Mr. *Campbell*?—I did.

5. Did the Returning Officer make any remark when you handed him the protest against Mr. *Carroll's* Qualification?—The protest I gave in against Mr. *Carroll's* Qualification was general, on the ground of informality, and being contrary to the statute. When I handed it to the Returning Officer, Mr. *Carroll* and he inspected it for a few minutes, and the Returning Officer then came to me and said, "Mr. *Brown*, what are the informalities in Mr. *Carroll's* Qualification?" I said that I thought that was not a part of his duty as Returning Officer, and declined telling him. Mr. *Vansittart* said he had no interest in the matter; it was only in order to keep the parties right. He then took the protest, and Mr. *Carroll's* Qualification, and consulted with one of the officials of the District; after inspecting them, they discovered that Mr. *Carroll* had omitted to describe the property upon which he qualified. Mr. *Vansittart* pointed this out to Mr. *Carroll*, who amended his Qualification, interlining the property on which he qualified, as may be seen on the original document now in the possession of the House.

6. In whose favor was the show of hands; and did the Returning Officer declare Mr. *Hincks* duly elected by a show of hands?—The show of hands was in favor of Mr. *Hincks*, and the Returning Officer declared it so.

7. What days were fixed upon as the polling days; and were the days first fixed upon changed; and if so, why were they changed?—At the commencement of the proceedings on the nomination day, I was informed that the polling days would be Tuesday and Wednesday of the week following; but before the close of the proceedings, they were changed to Saturday and Monday, being New Year's day and the Town-Meeting day. Of course, I have no positive knowledge of the reason of this change, but I can suspect the reason.

8. Did the Returning Officer send circulars to his Deputies; and if so, on what point; and did you apply to him in reference to those circulars,—and

what was his reply?—The Returning Officer did send circulars to his Deputies in reference to his construction of the Naturalization Act. He called at my hotel during the progress of the Election, and I then took occasion to show him, if possible, that his instructions were illegal, and likely to prove very injurious to Mr. *Hincks'* interest. He stated that he had taken legal advice on the subject, and that he had been his mature decision. I then called his attention to the proclamation which had just appeared in the *Royal Gazette*, extending the Alien Act for a further period, and requested him, as he had already sent one circular, that he would send another, bringing under the notice of his Deputies the proclamation in the *Royal Gazette*. He said he could not do that as it would be taking a side, and refused to comply with my request. I think Mr. *Vansittart* said that he had not seen the *Royal Gazette* referred to.

9. Was the Returning Officer associated with Mr. *Carroll's* Committee during the Election?—If I give any answer to that question, it must be upon hearsay evidence; evidence, however, of the truth of which I have no doubt.

10. Did you tender a second Qualification oath, or declaration of Qualification by Mr. *Hincks* to the Returning Officer, before the close of the Election; and did he accept or refuse it; and what happened as to it?—Mr. *Hincks* had sent up, before the declaration day, a second Qualification, not doubting that the date of the first one was perfectly legal, but under the impression that some legal technicality might be found in the document. This impression, on examination, was seen to be unfounded; but as a rumour was current on the morning of the declaration, that notwithstanding the large majority of votes which Mr. *Hincks* had received at the Polls, the Returning Officer was about to return Mr. *Peter Carroll*, I called upon Mr. *Vansittart* at his office, and not finding him, spoke to him in the Court House on the subject of the second Qualification which I had received. I told him that Mr. *Hincks* had no doubt, nor had I myself, nor counsel, whose opinion we had obtained, that Mr. *Hincks'* first Qualification was perfectly valid; but, as it had been urged against that Qualification that, though Mr. *Hincks* might have been possessed of the necessary property in August preceding yet he might not be so qualified on the nomination day, in order to remove all conscientious doubts which he might have upon returning a gentleman possibly not having the proper Qualification, I had brought him a second Qualification oath, shewing that, in fact, Mr. *Hincks* was possessed of the very same property one week before the nomination. Mr. *Vansittart* replied that it was too late; and did not wish to receive it. On my urging his receiving it, he did so; but brought it again to me within a few minutes, and insisted on my taking it from him, which I did.

11. Is there any other matter or circumstance within your own knowledge, not before mentioned by you, which you desire to state; or, if mentioned, you wish to explain?—Previous to the nomination, it was generally believed, and indeed Mr. *Vansittart* stated yesterday to the House, that he had taken legal advice on the point previous to the nomination, that Mr. *Hincks'* Qualification would be summarily refused by the Returning Officer on the nomination day; and as we were, consequently, afraid of some such proceeding, we had arranged, in that event, to bring forward another candidate. Mr. *Vansittart's* temporary acceptance of Mr. *Hincks'* Qualification deprived us of this resource, and was, no doubt, the reason why the Qualification was not summarily refused; besides this advantage that the step need not have been resorted to, in case Mr. *Carroll* gained the majority of votes. After Mr. *Vansittart* declared

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Mr. Carroll duly elected, in addressing the Electors I commented on his conduct, and mentioned that the only excuse I had heard for it was, that he acted on the advice of Mr. John Hillyard Cameron; and proceeded to shew that the advice of the leading partizans in the contest was no excuse for his not exercising his judgment in so plain a case. Mr. Vansittart rushed forward, and said, "that is not true: I do not act under the advice of Mr. Cameron." I appealed to Mr. Riddell, who was on the hustings, whether he had not told me so, and whether such was not the fact. Mr. Riddell admitted it to be the fact. The last point is as to the political partizan character of all the Deputy Returning Officers, and the illegal conduct of many of them; but as petitions are before the House in reference to this, I conceive it unnecessary to make any statement.

By Mr. Prince,

12. Have you, since the examination of Mr. Vansittart, read or discussed any of the questions put to, or answers made by, Mr. Vansittart, at the bar, yesterday?—I took notes of Mr. Vansittart's examination yesterday, and I have discussed the merits of his evidence.

13. With whom have you discussed them, and where?—I believe that I have spoken on this subject with most persons with which I have been since the evidence has been taken.

14. Have you discussed the subject with any Member or Members of this House, and if so, with which or whom of them?—I had no discussion with any Member of the House,—I have spoken to many of them, and stated to them my opinion; their names I cannot accurately condescend upon.

15. Did you at any time, prior to this examination, receive any intimation of the character of the questions which have been put to you; if yes, from whom?—I was, as to some of those questions, and as to others also which have not been put by Mr. Notman.

16. You acted as the friend of Mr. Hincks at the Election; did you so act by his desire, or as his agent authorized by him,—or were your services voluntarily proffered?—I was requested so to act by several different parties, and I understand that Mr. Hincks was one of those parties. It was exceedingly doubtful whether I would be able to be in Oxford during the Election, and Mr. Hincks' Qualification had been many weeks previous to the Election lying at Woodstock, for whoever should be his agent. On my arrival in Toronto the day previous to the nomination, I found a Telegraph report waiting me, begging that I would go to Woodstock to represent Mr. Hincks; and on my arrival there, all the papers were handed to me, Mr. Hincks having, I presume, previously written that I would act as his friend, if I could be present on the occasion.

17. By whom were you telegraphed?—The communication was signed by Mr. L. H. Holton; and Mr. Hincks has since told me he desired him to send it on his behalf.

18. You have stated that you talked with Mr. Notman on this subject; were any of the questions shewn to you as intended to be put to you by Mr. Notman, altered, amended, or withdrawn at your suggestion?—Not one;—and the questions which have not been asked, I think are those which I could not have answered, unless under hearsay evidence.

19. Did you deliver in Mr. Hincks' declaration of Qualification by his desire; from whom did you receive that declaration; and if you did not deliver it to Mr. Vansittart, as Returning Officer, by Mr. Hincks' desire, at whose instance did you so deliver it?—As I have already stated, Mr. Hincks' Qualification was sent up to the County long previous to

the Election, with instructions from him that it should be presented as his Qualification, by whoever should represent him, in case of an Election occurring during his absence in England. Before Mr. Hincks' arrival from England, in this country, I was actively engaged in the County on his behalf; and at the request of many of the leading Electors, I had consented to act as Mr. Hincks' agent, in case he did not arrive in time for the Election. After Mr. Hincks arrived, he was in full expectation of being present himself; but not being able to overtake it, he wrote to Mr. Shenstone, who held his Qualification, that I would probably be there to represent him, and in that case to hand me the Qualification. Upon the authority of these documents, the knowledge from third parties that Mr. Hincks was desirous of my representing him, and on my acquaintance with his handwriting, I acted.

20. Are you a freeholder of the County of Oxford; and, if so, did you vote at the late Election; and for whom?—I am not a freeholder in the County of Oxford, and I did not vote.

21. Were you, on the day on which Mr. Vansittart made his Return, threatened to be committed by him for intemperate and abusive language used by you towards him as Returning Officer?—The language I used on the declaration day would no doubt be differently estimated according to the variety of opinion held as to his conduct by different individuals; but I believe my own friends were of opinion that the language I used was temperate in the circumstances, and well merited. Mr. Vansittart did threaten to commit me for putting a hypothetical case, that if a person under oath, on a perfectly clear case, decided against common sense, upon the advice of any lawyer, whoever he might be, he was in my opinion guilty of moral perjury. He did not carry out his threat, and I believe he will himself admit that my interference alone prevented violence ensuing in consequence of it—an interference which, on several occasions during the Election, he asked and obtained.

22. Have you lately expressed your opinion as to the result of this investigation, or as to what punishment ought to be awarded to Mr. Vansittart for his conduct as Returning Officer?—I have expressed no opinion as to the result of this investigation. I have stated that in my opinion Mr. Vansittart should be severely punished.

23. Did the Returning Officer inform you that the polling days would be Tuesday and Wednesday?—I am under that impression, but I am not certain that it was him.

24. Are you aware that at any public meeting, about or after the time of the Election, a resolution or other declaration that Mr. Vansittart was to be deprived of his offices was made, and that Mr. Hincks ought to enforce it, if he intended to be returned again for Oxford, or words to that effect?—I never heard of such a resolution, directly or indirectly.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. Notman, seconded by Mr. Causton,

Ordered, That John George Vansittart, Esquire, do appear forthwith at the bar of this House; that the foregoing evidence be read to him, and that he be heard in reference thereto.

Mr. Vansittart appeared at the bar accordingly; and the foregoing Order being read to him, he stated that he had no desire of taking up the time of the House by the reading of the evidence of Mr. Brown, having been present during his examination: he subsequently addressed the House in reference thereto.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

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Petition of
J. G. Vansittart.

Sir Allan N. MacNab brought up a Petition of John George Vansittart, Esquire, Returning Officer at the last Election for the County of Oxford.

Ordered, That the Petition be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was read; setting forth:— That prior to being placed at the bar of the House, the Petitioner had received no intimation of the course that would be adopted towards him, and was not in any manner made aware that evidence would be adduced against him: That the Petitioner begs to say, that several of the statements made by George Brown, Esquire, at the bar of the House, as a witness, relative to the conduct of the Petitioner, are erroneous and not founded in fact; and that the Petitioner will be able, if time is afforded him, to disprove such erroneous and ill-founded statements by competent and credible witnesses; that such witnesses reside in the County of Oxford, and that, if permitted, the Petitioner will procure their attendance at the bar of the House; and praying that no decision may be come to by the House on the Petitioner's case, involving as it does not only his future prospects, but affecting his personal honor, until an opportunity is given him of producing the said testimony.

Ordered, That the prayer of the said Petition be granted, and the Petitioner have time to produce the testimony offered in his Petition, until the fourth day of the next Session of Parliament.

Ordered, That the said John George Vansittart, Esquire, do attend at the Bar of this House, on that day.

Message from His Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Despatches relative to Emigration.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying copies of Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, relative to the Emigration of last year.

Government House,
Montreal, 21st March, 1848.

Appendix (W.) For the Documents accompanying the above Message, see Appendix (W.)

Jesuits' Estates.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 16th March, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a copy of the Security Bond given by Louis Eléonore Dubord, Esquire, as Agent for the Jesuits' Estates in the District of Three Rivers.

Appendix (X.) For the said Return, see Appendix (X.)

Then, on motion of Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. M'Farland,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M.

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ON motion of Sir Allan N. MacNab, seconded by Mr. Drummond,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House be directed to write to John Partridge, Esquire, Portrait Painter to Her Majesty The Queen, requesting him to forward the likeness of Her Majesty, painted for this House.

The Queen's Portrait.

On motion of Sir Allan N. MacNab, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Macdonald,

Resolved, That the Petition against the Return of the sitting Member for the County of Huron is not now pending, the Petitioner having failed to enter into the Recognizance required by law.

Huron Election.

The Honorable Mr. Boulton moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Drummond, and the Question being proposed, That no Member of the Legislative Council hath any right to give his vote in the election of any Member to serve in the Commons House of Parliament of this Province;—

Legislative Councillors.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor-General, by Frederick Starr Jarvis, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Royal assent to Bills.

Mr. Speaker,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to acquaint this Honorable House, that it is the pleasure of His Excellency that the Members thereof do forthwith attend him in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency; where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—

An Act to make better provision with respect to Emigrants, and for defraying the expenses of supporting indigent Emigrants, and of forwarding them to their place of destination, and to amend the Act therein mentioned:

Emigration Bill.

An Act to remove doubts as to the time from which the provisions of the Act regulating the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada were intended to have force and effect:

Jurors' Bill (L. C.)

An Act to incorporate "The City of Kingston Gas Light Company:"

Kingston Gas Light Company Bill.

An Act to incorporate "The Toronto Athenæum:"

Toronto Athenæum Bill.

An Act to authorize the Rector and Church Wardens of St. Paul's Church, London, to sell a part of the Glebe, on certain conditions:

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An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes :

Debentures
Bill.

An Act for raising, on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, a sum of money required for the Public Service.

Speaker's address
to His
Excellency.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency, as followeth :
May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's loyal and faithful Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, having taken into our serious consideration the Message of Your Excellency on the subject of the monies required for the Public Service, have voted a Supply to the amount estimated on the part of Your Excellency, although we have not had time to examine fully the financial state of the Province, and to enquire into the details to which the Estimates refer, and having thus evinced our desire to enable Her Majesty to meet the wants of the present year, we fully rely that the grant of Her Majesty's faithful Commons, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, will be applied with due regard to economy and the public resources.

Royal assent
to Supply Bill.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, then presented the following money Bill :
An Act to grant a certain sum to Her Majesty, for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words :—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

After which, His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses :—

His Excellency's Speech.

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

I have reason to believe that I shall best consult the public interest and your convenience by bringing the present Session to a close, with a view to the resumption of our joint labors at an early period.

In pursuance of my declared intentions, I have taken measures for the formation of a new Administration, and I am enabled to apprise you that the arrangements necessary for that purpose are completed.

I trust that the measures which have been adopted by the Provincial and Imperial Parliaments for preventing the recurrence of the calamities by which last year's Immigration to the Province was attended, may effect the objects they are designed to accomplish.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I thank you, in Her Majesty's name, for the readiness with which you have granted the Supplies which are requisite for the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

Your attention will necessarily be directed after the recess to various measures for developing the resources of the Province, and promoting the social well-being of its inhabitants.

It is my sincere desire to co-operate with you for the attainment of these important objects, and to abet by all means in my power your endeavours to establish and to increase the happiness and contentment of Her Majesty's subjects in *Canada*.

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

Parliament
prorogued.

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

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Tuesday the second day of May next, to be then here holden ; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Tuesday the second day of May next.

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