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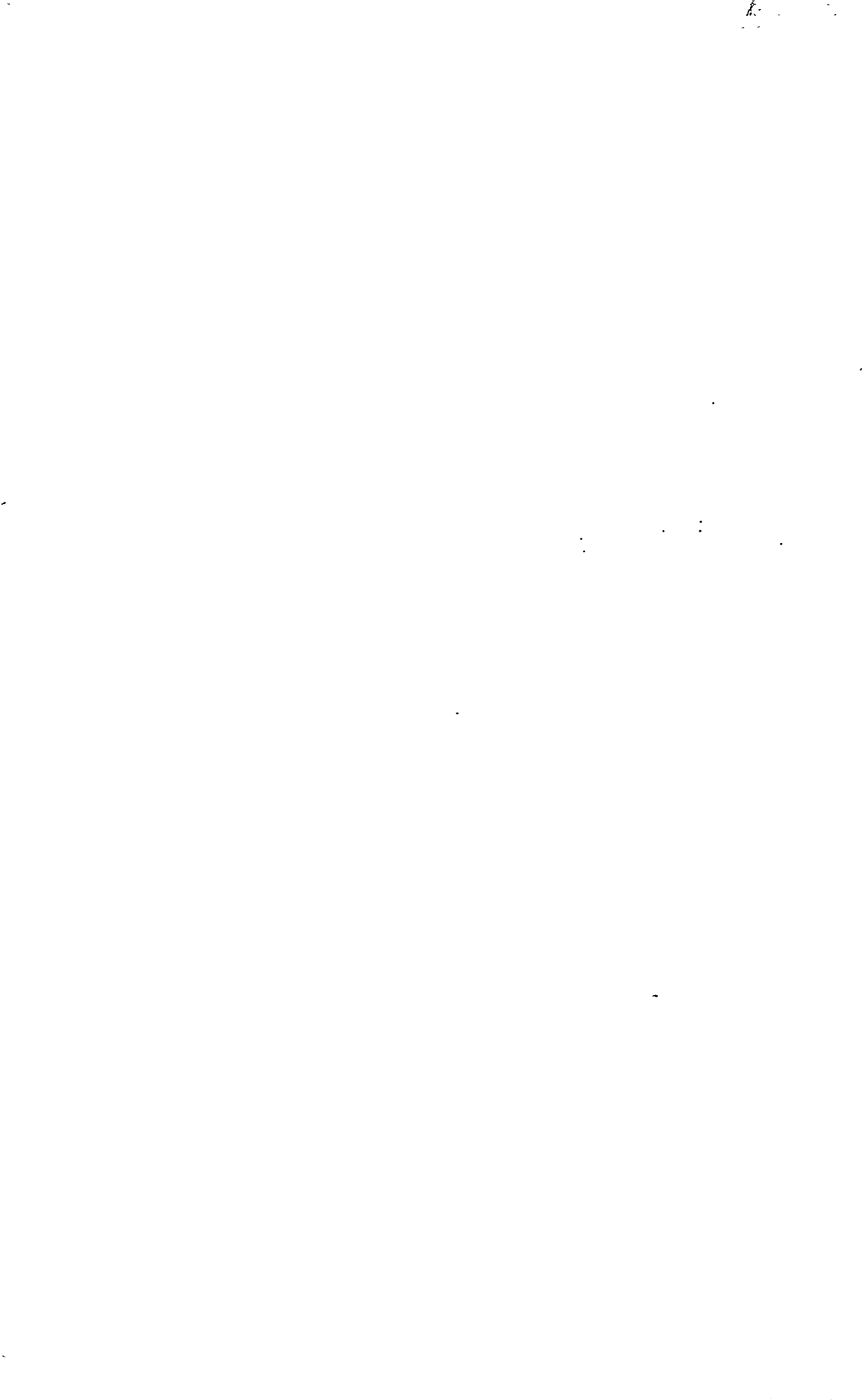
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PROCLAMATIONS.

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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 *Toronto*, on the eighth day of the month of October next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the thirtieth day of the month of August last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the eighth day of the month of October now next, at which time, at Our City of *Toronto*, you were held and constrained to appear: And Whereas, in and by an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, made and passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, and intituled, “An Act to re-
“unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*,” it is among other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor of Our Province of *Canada*, for the time being, to fix such place or places within any part of Our said Province, and such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Our said Province, as he may think fit, such times and places to be afterwards changed or varied as the said Governor may judge advisable and most convenient with general convenience and the public welfare, giving sufficient notice thereof, as in and by the said Act, reference being thereunto had, may more fully 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 and place aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Monday, the seventeenth day of the month of November next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Quebec*, 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 *Kincaidine*, 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 City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this twenty-second day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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 *Quebec*, on the seventeenth day of the month of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

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 seventeenth day of November instant : 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 seventeenth day of November instant.

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 *Kincaidine*, 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this sixth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this sixth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

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—

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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, on Wednesday, the twenty-fourth day of December next, then and there to have conference and treaty with the Great Men and Legislative Council of Our said Province.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this sixth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the sixth day of November last past, We thought fit to summon our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fourth day of the month of December instant, at which time, at Our City of *Quebec*, 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 Friday, the thirtieth day of the month of January now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Quebec*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, the twentieth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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 *Quebec*, on the thirtieth day of the month of January instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every
GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twentieth day of December last past, We thought fit to summon Our Provincial Parliament to the thirtieth day of the month of January instant, at which time, at Our City of *Quebec*, 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 ninth day of the month of March now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Quebec*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, the twenty-fourth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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 :

WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of *Canada*, begun and holden at Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of May, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign, and prorogued on the thirtieth day of August, in the fifteenth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for the establishment of a Church Society of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in each Diocese of that Church in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes connected with the recent division of the Diocese of *Quebec*,” was passed in

the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the thirtieth day of August aforesaid, presented to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 thereof held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and according to his discretion then and there declared, that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of Our Pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the establishment of a Church Society of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in each Diocese of that Church in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes connected with the recent "Division of the Diocese of *Quebec*," having been laid before Us in Council, on the tenth day of January now last past, We have been pleased to Assent to the same; and We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Assent to the said Bill; of which all Our loving subjects will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
A. N. MORIN, 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 *Quebec*, on the ninth day of the month of March next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-fourth day of January last past, We thought fit to summon Our Provincial Parliament to the ninth day of the month of March next, at which time, at Our City of *Quebec*, 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 seventeenth day of the month

of April now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Quebec*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER, C. C. Chy.

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—

GREETING :

W. B. Richards, } WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province
Atty. Genl. } of *Canada*, begun and holden at Our City of *Toronto*, in
Our said Province, on the twentieth day of May, in the fourteenth year of Our
Reign, and prorogued on the thirtieth day of August, in the fifteenth year of Our
Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Fort Erie* and *Buffalo*
“ Suspension Bridge and Tunnel Company,” was passed by the Legislative Council
and Assembly, and was, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the thirtieth
day of August aforesaid, presented to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Elgin* and
Kincardine, 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 thereof
held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, “ An Act to re-unite the
“ Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*,” and
according to his discretion then and there declared, that he reserved the aforesaid
Bill for the signification of Our Pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid
Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Fort Erie* and *Buffalo* Suspension Bridge
“ and Tunnel Company,” having been laid before Us in Council, on the second day
of February 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 Parli-
ament of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Assent to the said Bill; of which all Our loving
subjects, and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to
take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this fourth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
A. N. MORIN, 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 to whom the same may concern—
GREETING :

L. T. Drummond, } **W**HEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province
Atty. Genl. } of *Canada*, begun and holden at Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of May, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign, and prorogued on the thirtieth day of August, in the fifteenth year of Our Reign, two certain Bills, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty,” and “An Act to reduce the Salaries attached to certain Judicial Offices in the cases therein mentioned, and to fix the Salaries of the Speakers of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly,” were passed in the Legislative Council and Assembly, and were, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the thirtieth day of August aforesaid, presented to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 thereof held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, “An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*,” and according to his discretion, then and there declared, that he reserved the aforesaid Bills for the signification of Our Pleasure thereon : Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bills, intituled, respectively, “An Act to amend the Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty,” and “An Act to reduce the Salaries attached to certain Judicial Offices in the cases therein mentioned, and to fix the Salaries of the Speakers of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly,” having been laid before Us in Council, on the tenth day of January now last past, We have been pleased to Assent to the same ; and We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Assent to the said Bills ; of which all Our loving subjects will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this

ninth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
A. N. MORIN, 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 *Quebec*, on the seventeenth day of the month of April next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-seventh day of February last past, We thought fit to summon Our Provincial Parliament to the seventeenth day of the month of April instant, at which time, at Our City of *Quebec*, 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 twenty-fifth day of the month of May now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Quebec*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, the twelfth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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 *Quebec*, on the twenty-fifth day of the month of May instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twelfth day of April last past, We thought fit to summon Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fifth day of the month of May instant, at which time, at Our City of *Quebec*, 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 first day of the month of July next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Quebec*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein, to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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 :

W. B. Richards, } **WHEREAS**, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of
Atty. Genl. } *Canada*, begun and holden at Our City of *Toronto*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of May, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign, and prorogued on the thirtieth day of August, in the fifteenth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of the Act of the Parliament of "*Great Britain* passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of King *George* the "Third, and chaptered thirty-one, as relates to Rectories and the Presentation of

“ Incumbents to the same, and for other purposes connected with such Rectories,” was passed in the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the thirtieth day of August aforesaid, presented to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, 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 thereof held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, “ An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, “ and for the Government of *Canada*,” and, according to his discretion, then and there declared that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of Our Pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal “ so much of the Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain* passed in the thirty-first “ year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, and chaptered thirty-one, as relates “ to Rectories and the Presentation of Incumbents to the same, and for other purposes connected with such Rectories,” having been laid before Us in Council, on the fifteenth day of May now last past, We have been pleased to Assent to the same; and We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Assent to the said Bill; of which all Our loving subjects will take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this eighth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the fifteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
A. N. MORIN, 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 *Quebec*, on the first day of the month of July next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-second day of May last past, We thought fit to summon Our Provincial Parliament to the first day of the month of July next, at which time, at Our City of *Quebec*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now known ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the case 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 fifth day of the month of August now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of *Quebec*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, the twenty-eighth day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

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

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 *Quebec*, on the fifth day of August 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 fifth day of August now next, Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the nineteenth day of August now next, so that neither you nor any of you, on the said fifth day of August next, at Our City of *Quebec*, to appear are to be held and constrained, for We do will, that you and each of you be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; Commanding, and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and every one of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Thursday, the nineteenth day of August now next ensuing, at Our City of *Quebec* aforesaid, personally you be and appear for the despatch of business, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which, in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and 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 *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this sixteenth

day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

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

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 31st July, 1852.

Sir,—Herewith enclosed, I have the honor to transmit you my Return of the last General Elections in this Province, together with a certified copy of the Special Return made for the County of *Gaspé*, with a copy of a Letter the Returning Officer of that County has forwarded me, since his Special Return ; also, my Returns of the Elections for the Counties of *Huron* and *Two Mountains*, which took place after the General Elections, in virtue of Writs of Elections issued by His Excellency the Governor General, in conformity to the Provincial Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered sixty-five, and intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," in pursuance to Warrants addressed to me, to wit : for the former County, by the Honorable *Jean Chabot* and *François Lemieux*, Esquire, and for the latter, by *John Egan* and *Joseph Laurin*, Esquires, all four returned as duly elected for the respective Counties of *Bellechasse*, *Dorchester*, *Ottawa*, and *Lotbinière*, copies of which Warrants are herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, &c. &c. &c.
Quebec.

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, &c., &c., &c., bearing date the sixth day of November, 1851.

Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members Chosen.	Remarks.
Beauharnois, Bellechasse, Berthier, Bonaventure, Brockville,	Don. K. Lighthall, Esquire, Registrar. do do .. Fantaleon Forgues, do, do do .. Jean Baptiste Chalut, do, do do .. Robert W. Fitton, do, do do .. Robert Edmondson, do, do do ..	December 19, 1851... do 16, do ... do 15, do ... do 9, do ... do 18, do ...	December 24, 1851... do 23, do ... do 24, do ... January 9, 1852... December 24, 1851...	Ovide LeBlanc, Esquire. The Honorable Jean Chabot. Joseph Hilarion Jobin, Esquire David LeBoutillier, Esquire George Crawford, Esquire ...	Special Returning Officer. do do do do do do
Bytown, Carleton, Chamblay, Champlain, Cornwall,	Isaac Smith, do, do do .. Simon Fraser, do, do do .. Thomas Austin, do, do do .. Ferdinand Filteau, do, do do .. Charles Rattray, do, do do ..	do 12, do ... do do .. November 27, do ... December 12, do ... do 13, do ... do 11, do ...	do do ... do do ... do do ... do do ... do do ... do do ...	Daniel McLaughlin, Esquire ... Edward Malloch, Esquire. Louis Lacoste, Esquire. Thomas Marchildon, Esquire. Roderick McDonald, Esquire.	do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do
Dorchester, Drummond, Dundas, Durham, Essex, Frontenac,	Richard A. Fortier, do, do do .. Edmund Cox, do, do do .. Alexander McDonell, do, do do .. George C. Ward, do, do do .. William D. Baby, do, do do .. Thomas A. Corbett, do, do do ..	do 4, do ... do 13, do ... do 6, do ... do 13, do ... do do ... do 10, do ...	do do ... do do ... do do ... do do ... do do ... do do ...	François Lemieux, Esquire. John McDougall, Esquire. Jesse Wright Rose, Esquire. James Smith, Esquire. John Prince, Esquire .. Henry Smith, the younger, Esquire.	do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do do
Gaspé, Glengary,	Peter Winter, do, do do .. Robert Blackwood, do, do do ..	January 24, 1852... December 5, 1851...	February 4, 1852... December 18, 1851...	John Sandfield Macdonald, Esquire	Special Return. do do do do do do
Grenville, Haldimand,	John Patton, do, do do .. Richard Martin, do, do do ..	do 17, do ... do 13, do ...	do do ... do do ...	William Patrick, Esquire, William Lyon Mackenzie, Esquire.	do do do do do do
Halton, Hamilton, Hastings, Huntingdon,	Thomas Racey, do, do do .. George S. Tiffany, do, do do .. James W. D. Moodie, do, do do .. Jean Baptiste Lukin, do, do do ..	do do do ... do do do ... do do do ... do 12, do ...	January 5, 1852... December 31, 1851... January 2, 1852... December 22, 1851...	John White, Esquire	No oath of Office furnished.

	County...	John McDonald, Esquire, Sheriff ...	December 12, 1851...	January 2, 1852...	The Honorable Malcolm Cameron.	Special Returning Officer.
Huron,	do	do	do	do	The Honorable Malcolm Cameron.	
Kamouraska,	do	Jean G. Taché, Registrar.	do	December 24, 1851...	Jean Charles Chapais, Esquire.	
Kent,	do	John Waddell, Sheriff ...	do	do 31, do ...	George Brown, Esquire.	
Kingston,	City	William Ford, Junior, do,	do	do 26, do ...	The Honorable John Alexander Macdonald.	
Lanark,	County...	Andrew Dickson, do, Sheriff ...	do	do 22, do ...	James Shaw, Esquire.	
Leeds,	do	Adiel Sherwood, do, do ..	do	do 20, do ...	The Honorable William Buell Richards.	
Leinster,	do	Louis Archambeault, do, Registrar.	do	do 26, do ...	The Honorable Louis Michel Viger.	
Lenox & Addington, do...	do	Isaac Fraser, do, do ...	do	do 24, do ...	Benjamin Seymour, Esquire.	
Lincoln,	do	William Kingmill, do, Sheriff ...	do	do 29, do ...	The Honorable William Hamilton Merritt.	
L'Islet,	do	Joseph D. Lepine, do, Registrar.	do	do 23, do ...	Charles François Fournier, Esquire.	
London,	Town	Simeon Morrill, do,	do	do 29, do ...	Thomas C. Dixon, Esquire....	Special Returning Officer.
Lotbinière,	County...	Reni S. Noël, Registrar.	do	do 22, do ...	Joseph Laurin, Esquire.	
Mégantic,	do	John R. Lambly, do, do ...	do	do 24, do ...	John Greaves Clapham, Esquire.	
Middlesex,	do	James Hamilton, do, Sheriff ..	do	January 2, 1852...	Crowell Willson, Esquire.	
Missisquoi,	do	Richard Dickenson, do, Registrar.	do	December 29, 1851...	Seneca Paige, Esquire.	
Montmorency,	do	Louis C. LeFrançois, do, do ..	do	do 24, do ...	Joseph Cauchon, Esquire.	
Montreal,	City	John Boston, do, Sheriff ...	do	do 20, do ...	The Honorable John Young, and the Honorable William Badgley.	
do,	County...	George Hermann Ryland, do, Registrar	do	do do do	Michel François Valois, Esquire.	
Niagara,	Town	Joseph A. Woodruff, do,	do	do 26, do ...	The Honorable Francis Hincks	Special Returning Officer.
Nicolet,	County...	Joseph Jutra, do, Registrar.	do	do do do	Thomas Fortier, Esquire.	
Norfolk,	do	Henry V. A. Rapelji, do, Sheriff ...	do	do 26, do ...	The Honorable John Rolph.	
Northumberland,	do	Henry Ruttan, do, do	do	do 29, do ...	Asa A. Burnham, Esquire.	
Ottawa,	do	James F. Taylor, Registrar.	do	do 9, do ...	John Egan, Esquire.	
Oxford,	do	James Carroll, do, Sheriff ...	do	do 15, do ...	The Honorable Francis Hincks	
Peterborough,	do	Wilson S. Conger, do, do	do	do 24, do ...	John Langton, Esquire.	
Portneuf,	do	Roger Letièvre, do, Registrar.	do	do 23, do ...	Urbic Joseph Tessier, Esquire.	
Prescott,	do	Charles P. Treadwell, do, Sheriff ...	do	do 9, do ...	Thomas Hall Johnson, Esquire.	
Prince Edward,	do	James Macdonald, do, do	do	do 26, do ...	David Barker Stevenson, Esquire.	

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

Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members Chosen.	Remarks.
Quebec, City ..	William Smith Sewell, Esquire, Sheriff	December 6, 1851...	December 13, 1851...	George Okill Stuart, Esquire, and Hypolite Dubord, Esquire.	
do County...	Charles N. Montizambert, do, Registrar	November 27, do ...	November 28, do ...	Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau, Esquire.	
Richelieu, do ..	Pierre R. Chevallier, do, do ...	December 15, do ...	December 26, do ...	Antoine Nemése Gouin, Esquire.	
Rimouski, do ...	Augustin G. Ruel, do, do ...	do 4, do ...	do 10, do ...	Joseph Charles Taché, Esquire	
Rouville, do ...	François F. Z. Hamel, do, do ...	do 9, do ...	do 20, do ...	Joseph Napoleon Poulin, Esquire.	
Russell, do ...	George D. Reed, do, do ...	do do do ...	do do do ...	George Byron Lyon, Esquire.	
Saguenay, do ..	Charles Duberger, do, do ...	January 26, 1852...	February 9, 1852...	The Honorable Marc Pascal de Sales La Ferrière.	
Shefford, do ...	Hiram S. Foster, do, do ...	December 19, 1851...	December 26, 1851...	The Honorable Lewis T. Drummond.	
Sherbrooke, Town ...	George F. Bowen, do, Sheriff ...	do 16, do ...	do 20, do ...	Edward Short, Esquire.	
do, County ...	William Ritchie, do, Registrar.	do 15, do ...	do 19, do ...	John Sewall Sanborn, Esquire	
Simcoe, do ...	Benjamin W. Smith, do, Sheriff ...	do 16, do ...	January 12, 1852...	William Benjamin Robinson, Esquire.	
Stanstead, do ...	Charles A. Richardson, do, Registrar.	do 15, do ...	December 24, 1851...	Hazard Bailey Terrill, Esquire	
Stormont, do ...	Daniel E. McIntyre, do, Sheriff ...	do 8, do ...	do 15, do ...	William Matice, Esquire.	
St. Hyacinthe, do ...	Horace St. Germain, do, Registrar.	do 13, do ...	do 22, do ...	Louis Victor Sicotte, Esquire.	
St. Maurice, do ...	Louis Gonzague Duval, do, do ...	do 4, do ...	do 15, do ...	Joseph Edouard Turcotte, Esquire.	
Terrebonne, do ...	Alexander Gorrie, do, do ...	do 16, do ...	do 19, do ...	The Honorable Augustin Norbert Morin.	
Three Rivers, Town ...	Isaac Gouverneur Ogden, do, Sheriff.	November 25, do ...	do 3, do ...	Antoine Polette, Esquire.	
Two Mountains, County ...	Daniel de Hertel, do, Registrar.	December 15, do ...	do 24, do ...	William Henry Scott, Esquire	Deceased.
Toronto, City ...	William B. Jarvis, do, Sheriff ...	do 12, do ...	January 2, 1852...	George Percival Ridout, Esquire, and William Henry Boulton, Esquire.	
Vaudreuil, County ...	Hyacinthe F. Charlebois, do, Registrar	do 13, do ...	December 22, 1851...	Jean Baptiste Mongenais, Esquire.	

Verchères,	do ...	Pierre Menard,	do,	do ...	do	1, do ...	do	6, do ...	George Etienne Cartier, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Waterloo,	do' ...	George J. Grange,	do,	Sheriff ...	do	10, do ...	do	29, do ...	Adam Johnston Ferguson, Esquire.	do
Welland,	do ...	John Powell,	do,	Registrar.	do	19, do ...	do	23, do ...	Thomas Clark Street, Esquire	do
Wentworth,	do ...	Edward C. Thomas,	do,	Sheriff ...	do	do do ...	do	30, do ...	David Christie, Esquire.	do
Yamaska,	do ...	Jean Olivier Arcand,	do,	Registrar.	do	20, do ...	do	23, do ...	Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin, Esquire.	do
York, (North Riding) ...	do ...	Eli Gorham,	do,	.....	do	19, do ..	January	3, 1852....	Joseph Hartman, Esquire.....	do
do (South do)	do ...	Franklin Jaekes,	do,	.....	do	15, do ...	do	2, do ...	John William Gamble, Esquire	do
do (East do)	do ...	Silas B. Fairbanks,	do,	.....	do	24, do ..	do	12, do ...	Amos Wright, Esquire.....	do
do (West do)	do ...	Peter Z. Romaine,	do,	.....	do	20, do ...	do	7, do ...	George Wright, Esquire	do

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 9th February, 1852.

Province of *Canada*, } Register Office, County of *Gaspé*, *Percé*, the twenty-fourth
 County of *Gaspé*. } day of January, 1852.

The undersigned, *Peter Winter*, Registrar and Returning Officer for the County of *Gaspé*, for answer to the requisition and command contained, and unto me conveyed, in and by Her Majesty's Writ of Election to me directed, bearing date the sixth day of November last, whereby I am required and commanded to cause one Member or Representative to be chosen and elected to represent the said County of *Gaspé* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, do hereby report upon my Oath of office, as follows, to wit:—

That having received the said Writ of Election on the fifteenth day of the said month of November, I did issue my Proclamation, bearing date the nineteenth day of the same month, calling a meeting of the Electors of the said County of *Gaspé* for the purpose aforesaid, upon the enclosed ground of the Court Hall at *Percé*, in the said County, on the seventeenth day of the month of December then next, at the hour of noon, and caused the same to be posted up in all the Townships and Parishes, or places reputed such, throughout the said County, according to Law, and as by the said Writ I was required and commanded.

That on the day so appointed, the said Electors being assembled, the preliminaries, as provided by Law, being observed, *Thomas Savage*, Esquire, moved, seconded by *James Lenfestey*, Senior, Esquire, that *Henry Kavanagh*, Esquire, be chosen and elected Member or Representative as aforesaid; and *John LeBoutillier*, Esquire, moved, seconded by *Peter Mabe*, Esquire, that *Robert Christie*, Esquire, be chosen and elected Member or Representative, as aforesaid; and the said Electors present having expressed their unwillingness to close then and there the said Election by and upon a show of hands, but, on the contrary, demanded a Poll; I did accordingly grant the same.

Whereupon, I, the said Returning Officer, did then and there, pursuant to the terms of my said Proclamation, make known that the Poll should and would be opened and kept on the third and fifth days of the month of January then next, (a Sunday intervening,) at the following places, to wit:—

1st. At the point of *Havre-aux-Maisons* for the North-eastern Section of the *Magdalen Islands*, including the Territory between the East point and the North-western extremity of *Etang-du-Nord*.

2nd. At or near the Point of *Amherst Harbour* for the Territory between *Etang-du-Nord* and the said Harbour, being the South-western Section of the said *Magdalen Islands*, including *Entry Island*.

3rd. For the Township of *Newport* and reputed Parish of *St. Michel-de-Pabos*, at *Grand Pabos*, at or near the establishment of the *Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company*, on the West side of the River.

4th. For the reputed Parish of *St. Michel de la Grande Rivière*, at the house of *Jean Baptiste Couture*, Junior, near the Church at said place.

5th. For the Township of *Percé*, at or near the Court Hall at the said place.

6th. For the Township of *Malbay*, at or near the School House thereof.

7th. For the Township of *Douglas*, at *Douglastown*, School House No. 1.

8th. For the United Townships of *Gaspé South* and *York*, at *Gaspé Basin*, at or near the Court Hall.

9th. For the United Townships of *Gaspé North* and *Sydenham*, at or near the School House in peninsula.

10th. For the Township of *Cap-des-Rosiers*, at *William Hyman's House*, near *Grand Grève*.

11th. For the Township of *Fox*, and the Territory westward to *Magdalen River*, at or near the residence of *Narcisse Bernier*, *Little Fox River*.

12th. For *St. Norbert du Cap Chat* and *St. Anne des Monts* (united) and the Ter-

ritory thence eastward to *Magdalen River* aforesaid, at or near the Church of *Ste. Anne des Monts*.

And I, the said Returning Officer, did also then and there fix and proclaim the twenty-first day of January instant, as and to be "the day of the closing of the "Election," at the hour of ten in the forenoon, at the Court Hall of *Percé* aforesaid.

That on the said last mentioned day and hour, I, the said Returning Officer, accompanied by *George J. Tremblay*, Esquire, my Election Clerk, did proceed to the said place, and then and there declared unto the Electors then present, that the Returns of, and the Poll Books kept by my Deputies for the North eastern and South-western Sections of the *Magdalen Islands* had not been received, and thereupon I did for the said reason and pursuant to the twenty-fourth Section of the Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered twenty-seventh, adjourn the said meeting to the twenty-second day of January instant, at noon, and at the same place. And I did further inform the said Electors that the said meeting should be adjourned thence from day to day until the next Mail day, to wit: on this twenty-fourth day of January instant. And accordingly I did, on the said twenty-second and on the twenty-third days of January instant, attend at the said place, at noon, being the hour appointed, and then and there adjourned the said meetings from day to day to the said twenty-fourth day of January instant, at the hour of noon, and at the same place. And did then and there, at each such adjournment, assign publicly the same reason above stated, to wit: the absence of the Returns and Poll Books of and from the said *Magdalen Islands*.

And on this twenty-fourth day of January instant, the Courier being arrived at the Post Office of *Percé* aforesaid, and the Mail being opened, I, the said Returning Officer, did personally call at the said Post Office and enquired specially for the said Poll Books and Returns from the said *Magdalen Islands*, and was informed, that they had not arrived. Whereupon, on the said day and at the place and hour appointed as aforesaid, I, the said Returning Officer, accompanied by the said Election Clerk, did attend at the meeting of the Electors assembled for the closing of the said Election, and then and there declared unto the said Electors publicly and in an audible voice, that the Return of *John Francis Muncey*, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer, appointed for the North eastern Section of the *Magdalen Islands*, and the Return of *Jean Baptiste Félix Painchaud*, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer, appointed for the South western Section of the said *Magdalen Islands*, and the Poll Books by them respectively kept, were still missing and unheard of, in consequence whereof it was impossible to "ascertain the state of the General Poll and "the total number of Votes taken and recorded at the said Election in the whole "County of *Gaspé*," as required by Law.

And whereas the said Writ of Election is made returnable in *Quebec* on the second day of February next ensuing: And whereas, in and by the said twenty-fourth Section of the said Act of this Province above cited, it is amongst other things provided, that the Returning Officer "shall in no case continue the said adjournments "to solate a day as to prevent his returning the Writ of Election on the day appointed for that purpose:" And whereas the meeting for closing the said Election cannot be further adjourned, without committing a contempt of the Law and of the said Writ of Election; under such circumstances the said Election cannot at this time be further proceeded with.

And thereupon, in obedience to the enactment or proviso contained in the twenty-third Section of the said Act, which is in the following terms:—"Provided always, "that the Returning Officer shall not in any case proclaim any such person or persons duly elected, unless all the Poll Books shall have been returned to him by all "his Deputy Returning Officers," I, the said Returning Officer, have closed the

said meeting without proclaiming, as duly elected, any or either of the Candidates proposed at the said Election.

And in consequence of the above mentioned circumstances, and of the said enactments and provisions of the Law, I, the said Returning Officer, considering that I cannot legally report or proclaim a Member or Representative as being duly elected to represent the said County of *Gaspé* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, do, with this my Special Report, return the said Writ of Election hereunto annexed, with the other documents relative thereto, together with also all the Poll Books and Returns hitherto received by me.

And in order that the said Electors and other parties concerned may be duly informed of this my Special Return, and that none may plead ignorance thereof, I have at the said last mentioned meeting publicly read the same, together with the protest of *Thomas Savage*, Esquire, *James Lenfestey*, Senior, Esquire, and *Matthew Boringham*, farmer, Electors resident in the Township of *Percé* aforesaid, also hereunto annexed.

The whole humbly submitted as the answer of

(Signed,) P. WINTER,
Returning Officer, County of *Gaspé*.

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for the Province of *Canada*, do hereby certify that the document written on the foregoing annexed pages is a true and correct copy of the original answer of the Returning Officer for the County of *Gaspé*, to the Writ of Election bearing date the sixth day of November last past, the said original answer remaining of Record in my Office.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 9th February, 1852.

(Copy.)

Quebec, 17th May, 1852.

Sir,—I have just received, per Mail from *Gaspé*, and herewith transmit the Poll Books of the North eastern Section and South western Section of the *Magdalen Islands*, which should have been returned before the return day fixed in and by the late Writ of Election for the County of *Gaspé*, had the season permitted.

Upon reference to my Report or Special Return attached to the said Writ, it will be found that the proclamation of one of the Candidates did not take place, because of the absence of the said Poll Books, such proclamation being in such case forbidden by Law. I also transmit the account of expenses, and vouchers.

I beg to add, that the said Poll Books and other documents attached thereto, were received at the Register Office for the County of *Gaspé*, on the fifth instant, and thence transmitted to me per Mail.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) P. WINTER.

To *Félix Fortier*, Esquire,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec.

True Copy.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

(Copy.)

Quebec, 14th April, 1852.

Province of *Canada*.—To wit:—

By virtue of the Statute made and passed by the Legislature of this Province, in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, chap. 65, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province."

Whereas there is at present no Speaker, and whereas the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, since his Election as Member for the County of *Huron*, has accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of President of the Executive Council of this Province, by means whereof his seat in the said Legislative Assembly is become vacant, we whose names are under written, being two Members of the said Legislative Assembly, do hereby certify that the said *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, hath since his said Election accepted of an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of President of the Executive Council in and for the Province of *Canada*, by means whereof his seat has become vacant; and we give you this Notice pursuant to the above Statute, and hereby direct you make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member or Representative for the said County of *Huron*, in lieu of the said *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, and this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

(Signed,) J. CHABOT,
F. LEMIEUX.

To *Félix Fortier*, Esquire,
C. C. C.

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True Copy.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 21st May, 1852.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of April last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General in pursuance to the provisions of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered sixty-five, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," and directed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, (*John McDonald*, Esquire,) Returning Officer, *ex-officio*, for the County of *Huron*, as defined for representation purposes, for the election of one Member to represent the said County of *Huron*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, who since his Election as the Representative of the said County of *Huron*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of President of the Executive Council of the said Province of *Canada*, by means whereof the seat of the said *Malcolm Cameron*, as Representative of the said County of *Huron*, had become vacant, the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the twelfth day of May last, which is now lodged of Record in my Office.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

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

(Copy.)

Province of *Canada*.

To *Félix Fortier*, of the City of *Quebec*, in the Province of *Canada*, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for the said Province.

We, the undersigned, *John Egan*, duly elected Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, to represent therein the County of *Ottawa*, and *Joseph Laurin*, duly elected Member of the said Legislative Assembly, to represent therein the County of *Lotbinière*, do hereby make known and declare unto you, the said *Félix Fortier*, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery aforesaid, that *William H. Scott*, Esquire, who, by the Report of the Returning Officer for the County of *Two Mountains*, was returned to you as duly elected to represent the said County of *Two Mountains*, in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, hath, since being so returned, departed this life.

And we do hereby require you, the said *Félix Fortier*, in your capacity aforesaid, to issue a Writ for the Election of a new Member to represent the said County of *Two Mountains*, in the room and stead of the said *William H. Scott*, so deceased as aforesaid, in the manner and form prescribed by the Statutes in such case made and provided.—And herein fail not.

Witness our hands and seals, at the City of *Quebec* aforesaid, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

(Signed,) JOHN EGAN, M.P.P. (L.S.)
JOSEPH LAURIN, M.P.P. (L.S.)

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True Copy.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 26th July, 1852.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the ninth day of June last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, in pursuance to the provisions of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, chaptered sixty-five, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," and directed to the Registrar of the County of *Two Mountains*, (*Daniel de Hertel*, Esquire,) Returning Officer, *ex-officio*, for the said County of *Two Mountains*, for the Election of one Member to represent the said County of *Two Mountains*, in the room and place of the late *William Henry Scott*, Esquire, who, since his Election as the Representative of the said County of *Two Mountains*, had departed this life, by means whereof the seat of the said late *William Henry Scott*, as Representative of the said County of *Two Mountains*, had become vacant, the Honorable *Louis Joseph Papineau* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the nineteenth day of July instant, which is now lodged of Record in my Office.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

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

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OF

CANADA.

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SESSION, 1852.

Parliamentum Provinciale Canadæ, inceptum et tentum apud civitatem Quebecensem, die Jovis, 19^o die Augusti, anno 16^o regni Dominæ nostræ VICTORIÆ, Dei gratiâ Britanniarum Reginæ, Fidei Defensoris ; annoque Domini 1852.

ON which day, being the first day of the Meeting of this Parliament for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation (hereunto annexed) of His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General,—*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 one o'clock in the afternoon, into the Room allotted for the Sittings of the Assembly, and *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty, and *Felix 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, together with two Certificates of Returns of Members for the Counties of *Huron* and *Two Mountains*, (copies of which List and Certificates are 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.

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

Gentlemen,

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

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

The Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

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

And the Members being returned;

The Honorable *Francis Hincks*, Member representing the County of *Oxford* and the Town of *Niagara*, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him, and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Esquire, which Motion was seconded by the Honorable *Augustin Norbert Morin*, Member representing the County of *Terrebonne*.

And the Clerk having put the Question, "That *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Maitice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>McLacilin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham,)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth,)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	(<i>Cornwall</i>)	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (East R. York,)</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	(55.) <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac,)</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	(<i>Kingston</i>)	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	(23.) <i>Wright (West R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Clerk having declared *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* and the Honorable Mr. *Morin*; 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. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
That the House do now adjourn ;
And the House accordingly adjourned till To-morrow.

Veneris, 20° die Augusti ;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Accordingly Mr. Speaker elect, with the House, went to the Council Chamber:
And there Mr. Speaker spoke to the following effect, viz :—

May it please Your Excellency,

The Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am 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.

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 occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

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

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

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

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

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

I have much pleasure in meeting you in order that we may unite our endeavors for the promotion of the interests of the Province.

Notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has, I am happy to inform you, prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament. I am enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province. Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and the Returns of the Census recently completed, furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population.

The estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service. There is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure.

A heavy calamity has, however, I am greatly concerned to state, befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*. I am confident that you will bestow your best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to you for the purpose of mitigating its effects.

The importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, has been frequently recognized by Parliament. A measure will be submitted for your consideration, which will, I have reason to believe, promote the accomplishment of these objects.

I shall cause such documents to be laid before you as will put you fully in possession of the steps which I have taken during the Recess with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways. I have endeavored, in these proceedings, to act, in so far as circumstances have permitted, in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces.

In connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, the position of Bonds issued on the credit of the Municipalities in *Upper Canada* merits attention. The security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description. It is not improbable, however, that your wisdom may devise measures which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market.

The importance of establishing direct Steam Communication between *Great Britain* and the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, has been repeatedly pressed on the Government by persons interested in the Commerce of the Province. The subject, which has a material bearing on the prospects of Immigration, and the reduction of freights on the *St. Lawrence*, has engaged my anxious attention during the Recess. A plan for the attainment of the object in view, which will I trust meet your approbation, will be submitted for your consideration.

I shall lay before you a Despatch which I have received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference to the Clergy Reserves; and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on this subject.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

The condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and indicates general prosperity among the consuming population of the Province.

I shall direct the Accounts for the past and the Estimates for the current year to be laid before you, and I rely on your readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance of the credit of the Province, and the efficiency of the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

Various subjects of much importance to the interests of the Province will no doubt engage your attention during the Session which is now commencing.

An addition to the Representation seems to be called for by the increasing population of the Province, and the rapid development of some of its more recently settled Districts.

It is probable that through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, you may be enabled to establish an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province.

In connection with this subject, I recommend for your consideration the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests.

The interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in a Country where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits. The absence of any sufficient provision for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, has been long a subject of complaint. I do not doubt that you will bestow your best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying this defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province.

It is probable that grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, may engage your attention. I am confident that in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, you will manifest a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province.

The arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylums appear to be, I regret to observe, in some respects defective. The care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, and I confide in your readiness to bestow your best attention on any measure that may be submitted to you for the remedy of this evil.

In all the measures which you may adopt for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and the happiness, and contentment of the People, you may rely on my zealous co-operation, and I shall now further detain you from the important duties in which you are about to engage, only to express my humble hope that the Almighty may render our endeavors efficacious for the public good.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith attend this House with the last Returns of the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the last Election of a Member for the County of *Gaspé*, and the Poll Books transmitted therewith, together with a Letter by him received from the Returning Officer of that County since his Special Return, and the Poll Books transmitted with the said Letter.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to Order, with the said Poll Books and other Documents, and laid the same before the House.

Resolved, That it appears by the said Return and Poll Books transmitted therewith, and the said Poll Books transmitted with the said Letter since the said Return, that at the close of the said Election, *Robert Christie*, Esquire, one of the Candidates, had a majority of votes.

Resolved, That the said *Robert Christie*, Esquire, ought to be returned as Knight Representative to serve for the County of *Gaspé* in this present Parliament.

Resolved, That the said *Robert Christie*, Esquire, has a right to take his Seat in this House as Representative for the said County of *Gaspé*, saving, however, to all Candidates and Electors their right of contesting the said Election, if they think proper, in such manner as by law and justice may appertain, and according to the usages of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, and amend the Return of the said County of *Gaspé*, by stating that at the said Election the said *Robert Christie*, Esquire, was duly elected to represent the said County of *Gaspé*.

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

Robert Christie, Esquire, Member for the County of *Gaspé*, having previously taken the Oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—Five Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the County of *Carleton* General Protestant Hospital.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*,—The Petition of *R. H. J. B. McCummin*, Esquire, Seigneur, and others, inhabitants of the Seignior of *Grande Vallée des Monts*, District of *Gaspé*; and the Petition of *L. Roy*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

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

Ordered, That the Clerk do charge to the Contingencies of this House, the Postage on all Letters and Printed Papers to and from Members of this House during the present Session.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee of eleven Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House; and that the said Committee be composed of the Honorable Mr. *Einhart*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Lacoste*, Mr. *Christie of Wentworth*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Short*, and Mr. *Patrick*.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,
The House adjourned till Monday next.

Lunæ, 23^o die Augusti;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

CHARLES FRANÇOIS FOURMIER, Esquire, Member for the County of *L'Islet*, 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. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Clerk's Office, Legislative Assembly,
Quebec, 23rd August, 1852.

Sir,—I have the honor, respectfully to submit the accompanying Letter which has been addressed to me by *George B. Faribault*, Esquire, the Clerk Assistant of the Assembly, informing me that the state of his health will prevent him from attending to the duties of his office immediately upon the opening of the Session.

I therefore respectfully pray, that in order to facilitate the business of the House, I may be permitted, with your approbation, to appoint a Deputy Clerk Assistant to act during Mr. *Faribault's* temporary absence.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient and very humble Servant,

Wm. B. Lindsay,
Clerk Assembly.

To the Honorable
The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Quebec, 20th August, 1852.

Sir,—I regret to be under the necessity of informing you, that the state of my health since my return from *Europe*, has been such that I find myself unable to attend the duties of my office immediately upon the opening of the Session.

I therefore beg that you would present my respectful apology to Mr. Speaker and the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly, relying on their indulgence

for the present, and entertaining a hope that an improved state of health will speedily allow me to resume my duties at the table of their Honorable House.

I remain, Sir,

Your very obedient and humble Servant,

G. B. Faribault,

Clerk Assistant.

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

Quebec, 20th August, 1852.

This is to certify that Mr. *Faribault* has been confined to his room with Rheumatism ever since his return from *Europe*, and in all probability will be confined for some time longer.

Jos. Morrin, M.D.

Mr. Speaker then acquainted the House, That the Clerk had, with his approbation, appointed Mr. *William B. Lindsay*, Junior, to act as Deputy Clerk Assistant during Mr. *Faribault's* temporary absence.

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

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Member representing the County of *Montmorency* in this present Parliament.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—Four Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; the Petition of *John Little* and others, of the Townships of *Mulmur* and *Torsorario*; and the Petition of *Allan Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; the Petition of the Reverend *T. B. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Terrebonne*, proprietors of the *College Masson*; the Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal* and others, Members of the Corporation of the *College of Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*; and four Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Rimouski*, Number one.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of Sister *E. Bruyère* and others, Nuns, on behalf of the *Communauté des Révérendes Sœurs de la Charité* at *Bytown*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. Aubert* and others, Priests, residing on the *Ottawa*; the Petition of *Joseph Aumont*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Ottawa*; and the Petition of *Peter Ayles* and others, of the District of *Ottawa*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *William P. McLaren* and others; the Petition of *Edmund Ritchie* and others; and the Petition of *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of *Robert McKee* and others, of the sixth Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; and two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*.

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

By Mr. *Brown*,—Two Petitions of *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*; and the Petition of the Reverend *William Jones* and others, of the Township of *Farnham*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *James Hamilton* and others, Trustees of the late *Peter H. Hamilton*, Esquire, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. D. Deziel* and others, Priests.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *M. Baret* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniorship of *Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *La Terrière*,—The Petition of *Frederic Tremblay*, of the Parish of *St. Irenée*, County of *Saguenay*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *William Atkinson* and others, Officers of the *St. Catharines Mechanics' Institute*; and the Petition of the Reverend *George Willson*, Moderator, and the Reverend *J. E. Ryerson*, Clerk, of the Eastern Baptist Association.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Richard Hutchinson* and others, Members of the Second Advent Conference.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Anson Beebe* and others, of the Valley of the *Magog*, in the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *J. O. Bouchier* and others, of the Township of *Georgina*, County of *Ontario*; and the Petition of *J. O. Bouchier* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the Townships in the United Counties of *York, Ontario, and Peel*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*; praying for the construction of a Canal of dimensions similar to the *St. Lawrence Canals*, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence* with *Lake Champlain*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*; praying that a Government Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds may be made to the *Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, to aid in the completion of the said Railway.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the Township of *Torbolton* to remain and continue a separate Corporation.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*; praying for a reduction of the impost duty on Red Pine Timber.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*; praying that the Jurors' Acts, 13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 55*, and 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 65*, may be revised and amended.

Of the President and Directors of the County of *Carleton* General Protestant Hospital; praying aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Company of proprietors of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock and extend the powers of the said Company.

Of *R. H. J. B. McCummin*, Esquire, Seignior, and others, inhabitants of the Seigniorship of *Grande Vallée des Monts*, District of *Gaspé*; praying for aid to construct a Road from *Mutane* to *Cap Chat*, and to extend the said Road along the coast to the said Seigniorship.

Of *L. Roy*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat*; praying for aid to open and construct a Road from *Matane* to *Cap Chat*, or the adoption of such measures as may afford them relief in their present isolated position.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the eight Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, reported that they had prepared Lists of Members accordingly; and the same were read, as follow:—

1. On Privileges and Elections:—The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*.

the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Polette*, and Mr. *Fergusson*.

2. On Expiring Laws:—The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Short*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Lyon*, Mr. *Laurin*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Clapham*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Shaw*, and Mr. *Tessier*.

3. On Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines:—Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Scotte*, and Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*.

4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills:—The Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Lacoste*, Mr. *Dixon*, Mr. *Malloch*, Mr. *Rose*, and Mr. *Marchildon*.

5. On Standing Orders:—The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *LeBlanc*, Mr. *Lenieux*, Mr. *Willson*, Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, Mr. *McLachlin*, Mr. *Gouin*, and Mr. *Hartman*.

6. On Printing:—Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Dumoulin*, Mr. *Burnham*, Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. *McDougall*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Patrick*, and Mr. *Mackenzie*.

7. On Contingencies:—Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Paige*, Mr. *Gamble*, Mr. *Valois*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and Mr. *Fournier*.

8. On the Public Accounts:—Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, Mr. *Ridout*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Mattice*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*, Mr. *Varin*, Mr. *Poulin*, and Mr. *Mongenais*.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth concur with the Select Committee in the said Report, in so far as it relates to the Select Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the said Report be recommitted in order to add the names of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and Mr. *Gamble* to the List of the Select Standing Committee on "Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines" added instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth concur with the Select Committee in the said Report, in so far as it relates to the Select Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the said Report be recommitted in order to leave out of the List of the "Select Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, the names "of Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and insert the "names of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Gamble*" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Boulton,
Brown,

Fergusson,

Gamble,

Ridout,
(6.) *Street,*

NAYS.

Messieurs

Burnham,
Cameron,

Fournier,
Gouin,

Malloch,
Mattice,

Shaw,
Scotte,

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chawoau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (East R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>(62.) Wright (West R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Report be postponed until Tomorrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Christie of Gaspé*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 24^o die Augusti;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House, a Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly on the state of the Joint Library of Parliament; which Report is as followeth :—

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*.

The Librarian, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, of the Joint Library of Parliament, begs leave respectfully to Report :—

That at the termination of the last Session of the Legislature, in the City of *Toronto*, on the thirtieth day of August, 1851, your Librarian received orders to close the Library, and pack the whole of the Books, in order to their being conveyed to *Quebec*, in a vessel chartered for that purpose by the Provincial Government.

That in pursuance of this order, your Librarian superintended the placing of the collection of the books and records of the Library in cases, for their transmission to this City, where they arrived safely early in the month of October of last year.

The new wing of the Parliament Building in which was the room appropriated for the reception of the books, not being prepared to receive them, *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of Your Honorable House, directed your Librarian to place them, *pro tempore*, in the Wardrobe of the east wing, where a fire being kept during the winter, they remained unopened, protected from the effects of humidity, or any other injury.

During the winter and spring of the past and present year, a room of noble proportions, handsomely decorated, and admirably adapted for a Library, was constructed by Mr. *George Brown*, the Architect of the Government, and was delivered to your Librarian for the reception of the collections of books under his charge on the 21st day of June last.

The arrangement and classification of the books was immediately commenced, and continued until the whole were deposited in the several compartments appointed to receive them.

Your Librarian has much satisfaction in stating, that although the books had from necessity remained many months in the cases unopened, they were found upon examination free from injury by damp; and having been carefully packed, had sustained in their transport to *Quebec* no damage, but were in excellent condition.

The Library contained, previous to the purchases made in *Europe* during the past winter, about five thousand volumes, almost the whole of which were in the English language. These had been procured since the year 1849 by appropriations of money voted by Your Honorable House, and consisted principally of works on Legislation and Parliamentary Law; including a valuable donation of the Journals of the Lords and Commons of the Imperial Parliament, and the Sessional papers of the latter House.

At the close of the Session of Parliament in 1851, *G. B. Faribault*, Esquire, the Clerk Assistant of Your Honorable House, was by a Resolution then passed, directed to proceed to *Europe*, on a Special mission for the purchase of Books for the Library, in the English and French languages. That Gentleman accordingly left *Quebec*, for the object of his mission, in the month of October last year, and returned to this City early in July. The acquisitions made by him have materially augmented the collection, both in number and value, and Your Librarian feels it his duty to give his humble tribute of praise to the exertions of Mr. *Faribault*, and the very successful manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of the mission with which he was honored by Your Honorable House. An afflicting bereavement, and painful disease, having rendered it necessary that Mr. *Faribault* should obtain assistance towards the close of his operations, and *G. W. Wicksteed*, Esquire, the Law Clerk of Your Honorable House, being then in *Europe*, he was instructed by the Government to proceed to *Paris* for the purpose of aiding Mr. *Faribault*, both there and in *London*, in completing the labors of the mission; and it is due to the latter Gentleman to state, that by his valuable assistance the whole was brought to a satisfactory conclusion. It is the intention of Mr. *Faribault*, so soon as the state of his health will permit, to present to Your Honorable House a detailed Report of his mission; to which, therefore, reference can be hereafter made for more complete information on the subject.

The Donations of Books made by the several departments of the States in *France*, are of great value. They are handsomely, and in some instances magnificently bound—are chiefly works of history and scientific research, and the generous manner in which they have been presented to the Parliament of *Canada*, Your Librarian would take the liberty of saying, does great honor to the liberality of the *French* Nation. It is a gift worthy of a great people, and cannot fail to be highly appreciated by the inhabitants of this Country.

Mr. *Faribault*, furthermore, succeeded in procuring from the Admiralty Office at *London*, a magnificent set of Charts and Plans of the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*, and other parts of the *North American* coast, together with copies of some scientific publications issued by the Admiralty for the use of Navigators. These are donations of great interest and value; and will be more fully described in the Library Catalogues.

In its present state the Library is composed of works in several European languages, principally however of French and English. Some six cases of Books are still to be received, amongst the contents of which are a complete set of the Records of *Great Britain*, published by the Record Commission, and presented by the Imperial Government; as also some further donations from the Government of *France*.

The collection of books, in its several classes, comprises works of the best Authors, and of the greatest utility in Civil, Constitutional, Parliamentary, Eng-

lish and International Law, also in Political Economy, Statistics, History, Science and Art, Geography, Belles-lettres and the Ancient Classics, forming the foundation of an extended Provincial Library which will prove of great value to the literature and progress of the Country in the Arts and Sciences.

Mr. *Faribault* has with much labor and research succeeded in procuring a numerous collection of rare works on the History of *America* generally, and of *Canada* in particular, which will in a great measure, if not wholly supply the loss of that which was unfortunately destroyed in the year 1849.

From the lateness of the period at which the new apartment for the Library was finished, and the time necessarily consumed in arranging and classifying the books therein, it has been impossible to prepare before the meeting of the Legislature, a full and classified catalogue of the collection, but such a perfect list of short titles has been compiled for distribution to both Houses of Parliament, as it is hoped will be found satisfactory for present use. The list of books in the class of the History of *America* has been separately made out, in alphabetical order, and will be found of easy reference.

Hereafter a more complete catalogue of the collection will be prepared by your Librarian, and with the authority of Your Honorable House, printed in such a number of copies for private and public circulation as in your wisdom may seem meet.

The whole of the Books in the Library at present, are in excellent condition, and the gross number of volumes is 12,150.

All of which is most humbly and respectfully submitted.

William Winder,
Librarian.

Library of Parliament,
19th August, 1852.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, for the year ending 31st December, 1851.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (D.)

And also, a Statement of the real and personal Estate of the Mechanics' Institute of *Toronto*.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (E.)

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

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. de Villers* and others, of the Townships of *Arthabaska* and *Chester*, County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Charles Ménard* and others, of *Beauport* and other Parishes, County of *Quebec*; the Petition of *William McBain* and others, of the Settlement of *Valcartier* and other places; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Corporation of *St. Viateur*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *St. Pierre de Chambly*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *Jean F. Caron*, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell Harbour*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Z. Sirois* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Pierre* and *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, in the

Counties of *L'Islet* and *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of *William Henderson*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Standon*, District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Brown*.—The Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Dalhousie*, *North Sherbrooke* and *Lavant*; two Petitions of *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Murney*.—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Crawford*.—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Viger*.—The Petition of the Reverend *M. J. E. Chevigny* and others, on behalf of the Academy of *St. Henry*, District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*.—The Petition of the Bank of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*.—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; and the Petition of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

By Mr. *Langton*.—The Petition of *Thomas J. Dennehy*, and others, of the County of *Peterborough*; the Petition of *David Sidey*, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; and two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Tessier*.—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Portneuf*; the Petition of *Michel Girard*, senior, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, yeoman; the Petition of *A. Marcotte* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond du Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*; the Petition of *Louis Petitclerc* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond du Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. P. Bedard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond du Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*.—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wellington*, *Waterloo*, and *Gray*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for a Statement, up to the 1st of August instant, shewing the amount of Cash at the credit of the Government of *Canada*, subject to the draft of the Receiver General thereof, acting on its behalf, in the various Banking and other monied Institutions of the Province, or in the hands of individuals holding Public Deposits in and out of *Canada*, including the Agents or Brokers who transact the business of the Province in *Europe*, specifying the amount in each place of deposit, and what rates of interest are payable to Government on any part of the Public Deposits, in what cases, and under what arrangements or conditions. 2nd. A Statement of the Public Debt of *Canada*, naming the date and purpose of each Loan, the rate of interest, and where payable; the times when the Debentures were sold, and at what rates sold; the amount of interest payable on the said Debt, shewing also the several Loans made to Companies or individuals, and the amount of Exchange or Bills on *London* bought by the Government and remitted to *London* since 1848, for payment of interest on the Public Debt; the rates at which the said

Bills were purchased, and from whom such Bills in all cases were purchased. 3rd. A Statement of the amount of money at the credit of the Sinking Fund of this Province, and how or where invested or deposited, stating the amount invested in 1850 and 1851. 4th. A Statement of the amounts paid by Government for managing or attending to the Public Debt, and the payments of the interest thereon, as commissions to Bankers, Agents, or otherwise, since January, 1848. 5th. Copies of all Correspondence (not already laid before the Legislature) between the Chartered Banks of *Canada* and the Government, relating to the transfer of the Public Accounts from the Banks of *Montreal* and *British North America*, to the Bank of *Upper Canada*.

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

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

Ordered, That the Officers connected with the several Chartered Banks, Savings Banks, Insurance and Railway Companies, and all other incorporated bodies, which are required by law to report annually for the information of the Legislature, do lay before this House, immediately, such Statements of their Affairs as are provided or required to be made by their several Acts of Incorporation.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish Courts of Conciliation or Arbitration in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt to the value of _____, the tools or implements of any householder's trade or calling, and the wearing apparel, the bedding, and other furniture required for the use of his family, from seizure and sale under execution for debt; and to prevent the property thus exempted from being assigned, pledged, or sold in liquidation of debts contracted for intoxicating drinks.

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. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to restrict the Acceptance of Office 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 the seventh day of September next.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for a Return, in continuation of the several latest Returns sent down to this House for *Upper Canada* and for *Lower Canada*, of all the receipts and expenditure of the Clergy Reserve monies or funds in *Upper* and in *Lower Canada*, in detail, up to as recent a period or periods as the records of the Public Offices may enable the accounting Officers to make,—said Return to shew the resources, the sales of land, timber, &c., the proceeds of rents paid, and the expenditure, with the particulars of each receipt and outlay; the salaries and pensions paid to Missionaries of the Church of *England*, and their widows, in both *Canadas*, as per Imperial Statute 3 & 4 *Vic. cap. 78*; the allowances paid to the Ministers of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Upper Canada*, under the same authority; also, the salaries of *Wesleyan Methodist* Missionaries, and all sums paid to or for the use of the *Roman Catholic* Church, and other Denominations, and to whom and for whom

paid, in both *Canadas*; the state of the Clergy Reserve Fund or Funds appropriated to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Church of *Scotland*, in the *Canadas*, since the date of the last Returns, as administered by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts; the monies received out of the Revenue Fund derived from the Lands reserved for the Clergy of the Church of *England* in *Lower Canada*, with the expenditure, since the dates included in the last Returns to this House; the like account as to all other Clergy Reserve Lands in *Lower Canada*; the Return to shew also, what balances there are of monies received out of the Clergy Reserve Funds, and where deposited, and whether the Banks or other depositaries are paying interest on said balances, and if so, what sums have been so paid; the receipts from Lands sold or rented, the principal and interest on sales, the charges of management, and to whom paid, and the disbursements.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide efficient remedy against any inconveniences which may result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature; The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Sicotte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province:

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament:

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population:

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure:

That this House, however, is greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and it will bestow its best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to it for the purpose of mitigating its effects:

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That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration such parts of the Report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the eight Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, as have not yet been concurred in ;

And the same being again read ;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the remainder of the said Report.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 25^o die Augusti ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the *Toronto, Simcoe and Huron* Railroad Union Company.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Charles H. Lassisseraye*, Head-Teacher of the Educational Association of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *Exercin Charlebois* and others, of the Village of *St. Henri des Tanneries des Rollands* ; the Petition of *Maurice Goujon* and others, of *Côteau St. Pierre* and other places in the Parish of *Montreal* ; and the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Duranseau* and others, of the Parish of *Lachine*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *A. Ross* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of *J. D. Goslee* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Julie Sicard* and Mrs. *Rose Moraud*, formerly of *Belœil*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*,—The Petition of *Charles Pentland* and others, of *Tadousac* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *R. D. Morkill* and others, Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Gédéon Durocher* and *Augustin St. Louis*, Esquires.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *St. George*, Township of *South Dumfries*; the Petition of *William Clarke*, Chairman, and *Charles Clarke*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Wellington*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Martha J. Waterous* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*.

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

Of *Joseph Cauchon*, of the City of *Quebec*, Advocate, and Representative of the County of *Montmorency* in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; setting forth: That at the time of the late Election which took place in the County of *Montmorency*, for the choice of a Representative for the said County to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Notary, Registrar for the first Division of the said County of *Montmorency*, was appointed by the Government to discharge the office of Returning Officer in and for the said County of *Montmorency*: That the Petitioner and *Germain Guay*, Esquire, Notary, both canvassed the suffrages of the Electors of the said County, about the period of the said last Election: That the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, in his capacity aforesaid of Returning Officer, acted with partiality in opposition to the interests of the Petitioner, and on divers occasions gave judgment against the Petitioner in favor of the other candidate, the said *Germain Guay*: That the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, in his said capacity of Returning Officer, by his words, speeches, and other means, persuaded or endeavored to persuade the Electors of the said County to vote against the Petitioner in favor of the said *Germain Guay*: That the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, personally, or through the intervention of his friends, agents or servants, threatened or caused to be threatened, many of the Electors of the said County of *Montmorency* who were indebted to him, that he would institute legal proceedings against them for the recovery of the sums due to him by them, if they did not record their votes against the Petitioner, and that the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* used his influence as a creditor, in order to control the votes of the Electors of the said County who were indebted to him, and known to be favorable to the Return of the Petitioner: That the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, in his said capacity of Returning Officer, offered or caused to be offered the office of Deputy Returning Officer, during the said Election, to influential persons in the said County, to induce the said persons to procure votes in favor of the said *Germain Guay*: That the Petitioner has every reason to believe, and does sincerely believe, that the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* was the cause of the contestation which took place at the Election in the said County as aforesaid, and that he made use of his influence as a public officer, and as a creditor, to gratify his

personal hatred against the Petitioner, and with a view to profit and lucre; and praying that the House will be pleased to summon the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* to appear at the Bar of the House, and there to render an account of his conduct as Returning Officer during the said Election for the County of *Montmorency*, and to answer to the allegations of the present Petition which the Petitioner offers to prove, whenever required so to do by the House.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that the jurisdiction of the County Courts may be extended.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that they may have the control of all County expenditures which they are called upon to sanction, and that the Act 13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 48*, may be amended with reference thereto.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that the jurisdiction of Division Courts may be further extended.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying the adoption of certain measures for the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths.

Of *John Little* and others, of the Townships of *Mulmur* and *Torsoranto*; praying that measures be adopted to determine certain disputes existing between inhabitants of the Townships of *Mulmur*, *Mono*, *Torsoranto* and *Adjala*, as to the boundaries thereof,

Of *Allan Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Ship Canal around the *Sault de Ste. Marie*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; praying for aid in behalf of the *College Masson*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; praying for aid in behalf of the *Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*.

Of the Reverend *T. B. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Terrebonne*, proprietors of the *College Masson*; praying aid in behalf of that Institution.

Of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal* and others, Members of the Corporation of the *College de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying that a loan of £75,000 may be granted to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railroad Company to aid in the construction of the said Railroad.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; suggesting that the Clergy Reserves be appropriated to Common School purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for the amendment of the Jury Law of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying that the duties now performed by the Revenue Inspectors may be transferred to the several Municipalities, and that the duties of County Inspectors of Taverns, Stills, Shop Licenses, &c., may be intrusted to Township Inspectors.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Rimouski*, Number one; praying for the division of the said County, for Parliamentary purposes, and that the District Town of the District of *Kamouraska* may be removed to a more central position.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*; recommending the adoption of decided and urgent measures for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, and the settlement of the Clergy Reserve and Rectory questions.

Of Sister *E. Bruyère* and others, Nuns, on behalf of the *Communauté des Révérendes Sœurs de la Charité* at *Bytown*; praying aid to enable them to carry into effective operation the General Hospital at *Bytown*.

Of the Reverend *P. Aubert* and others, Priests, residing on the *Ottawa*; praying aid in behalf of the *College* at *Bytown*.

Of *Joseph Aumont*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Ottawa*; praying for

the construction of a Canal of dimensions similar to the *St. Lawrence* Canals, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence* with those of Lake *Champlain*.

Of *Peter Aylen* and others, of the District of *Ottawa*; praying for the construction of a Canal to connect the *Great Chaudière* and *Chats* Lakes.

Of *William P. McLaren* and others; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from the Town of *Goderich* to the most convenient point of intersection of the *Great Western* Railroad.

Of *Edmund Ritchie* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to revive the "Act to incorporate a Company to extend the *Great Western* Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*," or otherwise to pass an Act incorporating them as "The *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railroad Company."

Of *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, and others; praying for the passing of an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railroad from the Town of *Guelph*, to connect with the *Great Western* Railroad at the Town of *Galt*.

Of *Robert McKee* and others, of the sixth Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying that the existing division line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the said Township may not be altered.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; representing certain inconveniences arising out of the Municipal and other Acts.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; praying for a reduction of the Taxes levied under the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 48, to defray the cost of the erection of the Lunatic Asylum, and other Public Buildings in *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York*, *Ontario*, and *Peel*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the By-Laws passed by the late Municipal Council of the Home District for establishing Roads, and all the By-Laws of the Township Municipalities in the said Counties passed for the same purpose.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York*, *Ontario*, and *Peel*; praying for the adoption of measures to secure a uniform Geological and Descriptive Survey of new Townships, and to facilitate the early settlement thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York*, *Ontario*, and *Peel*; praying for certain amendments to the Laws now in force relating to Juries, the licensing of Public Houses, Fees of Registration, expenses of Board of Public Instruction, the administration of Justice, and the Municipal Council Act.

Of *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*; praying that measures be adopted to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*; praying the adoption of measures to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath, by carrying the mails and traffic through the Canals on that day.

Of the Reverend *William Jones* and others, of the Township of *Farnham*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of labor on the Lord's Day in connection with the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *James Hamilton* and others, Trustees of the late *Peter H. Hamilton*, Esquire, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to them in their said capacity, a certain part of the Road allowance between Lots 14 and 15, fourth Concession of the Township of *Barton*.

Of the Reverend *J. D. Deziel*, and other Priests; setting forth that they represent many Churches and Church-buildings, and praying for an Act incorporating them as a Mutual Insurance Company for the better security thereof.

Of *M. Baret* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniorship of *Ste. Magdelaine de Rigaud*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the rights and privileges of Seigniors, and to provide equitable recourse in certain cases.

Of *Frederic Tremblay*, of the Parish of *St. Irenée*, County of *Saguenay*; praying indemnity for loss sustained by him as Contractor for the construction of that part of the Road between the said County and the District of *Quebec*, called "*Chemin des Caps*."

Of *William Atkinson* and others, Officers of the *St. Catharines Mechanics' Institute*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Reverend *George Willson*, Moderator, and the Reverend *J. E. Ryerson*, Clerk, of the Eastern Baptist Association; praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may be sold, and the proceeds appropriated to purposes of general education.

Of *Richard Hutchinson* and others, Members of the Second Advent Conference; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize any Ordained Minister of Adventists in *Canada East*, being a subject of Her Majesty, to baptize, solemnize marriages, bury dead, and keep Registers thereof, and that such Registers be of like effect as those kept by any other Priest or Minister of Religion in *Canada East*.

Of *Anson Beebe* and others, of the Valley of the *Magog*, in the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*; praying aid for the construction of a Road from Lake *Memphramagog* to the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *J. O. Bouchier* and others, of the Township of *Georgina*, County of *Ontario*; praying that the said Township be disunited from the County of *Ontario* and annexed to the County of *York*.

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Ordered, That the Petition of *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, and others; the Petition of *Edmund Ritchie* and others; and the Petition of *William P. McLaren* and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*.

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

Mr. *Fortier* moved, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *McDougall*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. *Clapham*, the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, and the mover, be appointed to enquire into the system upon which Lands have been conceded and sold in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, and into the causes which obstruct the settlement of the said Townships, and to report the best mode for correcting existing abuses; with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report from time to time; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stevenson* have leave to bring in a Bill to supply an omission in Schedule B to the Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850.

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

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,

Ordered, That it shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and cause to be printed, and delivered to each Member, at the commencement of every Session of the Legislature, a List of the Reports or other periodical Statements which it is the duty of any Officer or Department of the Government, or any Bank or other corporate body, to make to the Legislative Assembly, referring to the Act or Resolution, and page of the volume of the Laws or Journals in which it may be contained, and placing under the name of each Officer or Corporation a List of Reports or Returns required of him, or if to be made, and the time when the Report or periodical Statement may be expected.

Ordered, That the said Order be a Standing Order of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was yesterday proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province:

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament:

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population:

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure:

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That the importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently re-

cognized by Parliament, this House will attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects :

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That in connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, this House will attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada* ; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market :

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That while this House deeply regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Ministers have refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it will give its best consideration to the Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course :

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That they will give their best attention to the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and to the Estimates of the year, when laid before them, and that His Excellency may rely on their readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintainance of the credit of the Province and the efficiency of the Public Service :

That this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects referred to by His Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid developement of some of its more recently settled districts :

That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention :

That this House concurs in opinion with His Excellency that the interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in this Country, where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits, and that it has long been a subject of complaint that no sufficient provision exists for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the

Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, and this House will bestow its best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying such defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province :

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That this House regrets to learn from His Excellency that the arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylum, appear to be in some respects defective, and being of opinion that the care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, they will readily bestow their best attention on any measure that may be submitted to them for the remedy of the evil :

That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good;

And the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

On motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow; and be then the first Order of the day, after the reading of Petitions.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Lyon*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 26^o die Augusti;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a detailed Statement of Bonds and Securities which have been registered to 19th August, 1852, prepared in compliance with the 15th Sec. 4 & 5. *Vic. cap. 91.*

For the said Statement, see Appendix (F.)

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

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *J. Rouleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Claire de Joliet*, County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. H. Jean* and others, Trustees appointed for the construction of an Agricultural and Industrial College in the Parish of *Pointe Levi*, and others of the said Parish; and the Petition of *Pierre Paquet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. George d' Aubert Gallion*, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Edmund Boland* and others, of the Townships of *Whitchurch* and *East Gwillimbury*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Stamford*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *William Bacon*, of the Village of *Ogdens-*

burgh, in the State of *New York*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *George Tooth*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Gamble*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Pearson* and others, of the Township of *King*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Gosselin* and others, of the Island of *Orleans*; the Petition of *Jean Renaud* and others, of the County of *Montmorency*; and the Petition of *W. A. Stewart* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Famille* and *St. Pierre de l'Isle d'Orleans*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of *William Sheppard* and others, of *Grantham* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne*, of the Parish of *St. Damase*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the *Toronto* House of Industry.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, M. D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *J. B. Miville de Chêne*, of *St. Henry*, District of *Quebec*.

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

Of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; representing that he was appointed Clerk to the late Council of the Municipal District of *Quebec*, and obtained judgment on legal recourse for remuneration for his services therein, but that in consequence of a subsequent general Act of Parliament he was prevented from enforcing the said judgment; and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Reverend *P. de Villers* and others, of the Townships of *Arthabaska* and *Chester*, County of *Drummond*; praying for aid to improve the *Gosford* and *Blandford* Roads, and to construct a Bridge across the River *Bécancour*, and that they be placed under the supervision of the Board of Works.

Of *Charles Ménard* and others, of *Beauport* and other Parishes, County of *Quebec*; praying that the *Bourg-Royal* Road, from where it joins the *Beauport* Road to the distance of three miles and a half, may be placed under the control of the Commissioners of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust.

Of *William McBain* and others, of the Settlement of *Valcartier* and other places; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Commissioners of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust to raise a certain sum of money for the construction of a Road and Bridge leading from the Parish of *St. Ambroise*, County of *Quebec*, to the north side of the River *Jacques Cartier*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Commissioners of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust, to construct a Road and Bridge leading from the Parish of *St. Ambroise* to the north side of the River *Jacques Cartier*.

Of the Corporation of *St. Viateur*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Corporation of the College of *St. Pierre de Chambly*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; praying that the Jurors Acts 13 & 14 Vic. and 14 & 15 Vic. may be so amended as to lessen the costs attendant thereon.

Of *Jean F. Caron*, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*; representing his past services as Captain of Militia, and his present indigence and helplessness; and praying relief.

Of the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *Z. Sirois* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Pierre* and *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, in the Counties of *L'Islet* and *Bellechasse*; praying aid for the opening and construction of a Road through the said Parishes.

Of *William Henderson*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Standon*, District of *Quebec*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *L'Eau Chaude*.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Dalhousie*, *North Sherbrooke*, and *Lavant*; praying that the Clergy Reserves and Rectories may be devoted to the support of Common Schools.

Of *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying that the Ministers of the said Church may be placed on an equality, in regard to the performance of the marriage ceremony, with Ministers of the Church of *England* and *Rome*, and for a reduction of the present Fee on Marriage Licenses.

Of *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying that the Act 12 *Vic.* cap 22, may be so amended as to relieve Protestants from the observance of Ecclesiastical Holidays of the Church of *Rome* therein mentioned.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying that the Jurors' Acts 13 & 14 *Vic.* and 14 & 15 *Vic.* may be so amended as to lessen the costs attendant thereon.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain By-Laws of the late Western District Municipal Council imposing a certain tax on wild lands in the said District.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying that the Petition of certain inhabitants of the Township of *Romney* to be disunited from the Township of *Tilbury East*, may be granted.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying for certain amendments to the Jury Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying for the repeal of certain Orders in Council relating to the cutting of Timber on Crown Lands, and the adoption of more equitable regulations with reference thereto.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying for the construction of a Canal at *Presqu'Isle* to connect the waters of the Bay of *Quinté* with those of Lake *Ontario*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying that the Law may be so amended that the payment of Jurors and all other expenses of the Administration of Criminal Justice in *Upper Canada* may be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Of the Reverend *M. J. E. Chevigny* and others, on behalf of the Academy of *St. Henry*, District of *Montreal*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Bank of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock thereof, and to make such Shares of the said Bank as are owned in *Europe* transferable in *Great Britain*.

Of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and to the Act amending the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain By-Laws of the Council of the late District of *Brock*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; praying for certain amendments to the Jury Law.

Of the *Woodstock* and Lake *Erie* Railway and Harbour Company; praying for the extension and amendment of their Charter, and an increase of their Capital Stock.

Of *Thomas J. Dennehy* and others, of the County of *Peterborough*; praying that the Survey Act 12 Vic. cap. 35, may be so amended as to provide for the running of side lines in concessions with double fronts, where the lands are not described in half lots.

Of *David Sidey*, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; representing that he was the Contractor for the improvement of the inland waters of the *Newcastle* District, and that through the indiscretion and misrepresentation of the Engineer employed by the public Commissioners, and the calling out of his men on Militia service, he has sustained a loss of upwards of £1000,—and praying compensation in the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain By-Laws of the Municipal Council of the late District of *Colborne*, and to legalize proceedings had thereon, and indemnify those who acted under the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying that the Jurors' Law of *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to reduce the expenses thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Portneuf*; praying that the Act incorporating the City of *Quebec* may be so amended as to prevent the imposition of a tax upon farmers bringing their produce to the market of the said City, and that the former Parish Municipalities may be substituted for the existing Municipalities of Counties.

Of *Michel Girard*, senior, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, yeoman; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing a further loan to be made to him to enable him to complete the re-construction of his house destroyed by the great Fire in the City of *Quebec*.

Of *A. Marcotte* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond du Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*; praying aid to construct a Bridge over the stream which runs through the said Parish from the east to the west.

Of *Louis Petitclerc* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond du Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*; praying for aid to open certain Roads in the Townships of *Gosford*, *Colbert*, and other places.

Of the Reverend *J. P. Bedard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond du Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the rights of Seigniors in certain cases.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wellington*, *Waterloo*, and *Gray*; praying certain amendments to the Jury Laws.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was on Tuesday last proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province:

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament:

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population:

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure :

That this House, however, is greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and it will bestow its best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to it for the purpose of mitigating its effects :

That the importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently recognized by Parliament, this House will attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects :

That this House will give its best consideration to such documents as may be laid before it by order of His Excellency, to put it in possession of the steps which His Excellency has taken during the Recess, with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways, and which steps have, so far as circumstances permitted, been taken in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces :

That in connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, this House will attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada*; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market :

That the importance of establishing direct Steam communication between *Great Britain* and the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, having engaged the anxious attention of His Excellency during the Recess, and the subject having been repeatedly pressed on the Government by persons interested in the Commerce of the Province, and having a material bearing on the prospects of Immigration, and the reduction of freights on the *S. Lawrence*, this House will carefully consider any plan which may be submitted to it for the attainment of the object in view :

That while this House deeply regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Ministers have refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it will give its best consideration to the Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that the condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and such as to indicate general prosperity among the consuming population of the Province :

That they will give their best attention to the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and to the Estimates of the year, when laid before them, and that His Excellency may rely on their readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance of the credit of the Province and the efficiency of the Public Service :

That this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects referred to by His Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid development of some of its more recently settled districts :

That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Muni-

cipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention :

That this House concurs in opinion with His Excellency that the interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in this Country, where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits, and that it has long been a subject of complaint that no sufficient provision exists for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, and this House will bestow its best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying such defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province :

That the grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, will engage the attention of this House ; and in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, they will manifest a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province :

That this House regrets to learn from His Excellency that the arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylum, appear to be in some respects defective, and being of opinion that the care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, they will readily bestow their best attention on any measure that may be submitted to them for the remedy of the evil :

That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good ;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day, after the reading of Petitions ;

The House divided :

Yeas, 28.

Nays, 36.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament :

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That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention:

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That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 27^o die Augusti;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, for the year ending 31st December, 1851
For the said Accounts, see Appendix (D.)

Also, Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, to 30th June, 1852.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (G.)

Also, Statement of the Affairs of the *Welland* Canal Loan Company.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (H.)

And also, Statement of the Affairs of the *Quebec* and *Richmond* Railroad Company, to 31st July, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (I.)

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

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *Edmund Coulson* and others, of the Township of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Thom* and others, Members of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at *Three Rivers*; the Petition of *Kenneth M. Fenwick* and others, on behalf of the Congregational Church at *Kingston*; the Petition of *Duncan McColl*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Aldborough*; the Petition of *Thomas Renwick* and others, of the Township of *Romney*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Aldborough*; and the Petition of *John Moodie* and others, of the Townships of *Glenelg* and *Bentinck*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *Louis Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne* and *St. François-Xavier de Batiscan*; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Chabot* and others, of the County of *Nicolet*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. J. Martineau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marthe*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *William Hoople*, Pilot, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, County of *Stormont*; and five Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Emily Mackie* and others, the Ladies Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; the Petition of *B. S. Lafleur*, of the City of *Quebec*, Water Bailiff of the Port of *Quebec*; the Petition of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; and the Petition of *Richard J. Shaw* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *William Crosbie Hanson*, Esquire, of the District of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and others, Members of the Corporation of the *Seminaire de Nicolet*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others; and the Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,—Two Petitions of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Charlotte McCormick*, widow of the late *Sheppard McCormick*, a Commander in the Royal Navy.

By Mr. Egan,—The Petition of *Louis M. Coullée* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*.

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

Of the *Toronto, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company*; praying for the amendment of the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Charles H. Lassisseraye*, Head-Teacher of the Educational Association of *Three Rivers*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Association.

Of *Exercin Charlebois*, and others, of the Village of *St. Henri des Tanneries des Rollands*; and of *Maurice Goujon* and others, of *Côteau St. Pierre*, and other places in the Parish of *Montreal*; praying that the Ordinance providing for the improvement of the Roads in the neighborhood of *Montreal* may be so amended as to exempt them from the payment of more than a certain rate of Toll in going from the said Village to the said City of *Montreal*.

Of the Reverend *Antoine Duranseau* and others, of the Parish of *Lachine*; praying to be exempted from the payment of Turnpike Tolls in going to and returning from their Church in the said Parish.

Of *A. Ross* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and to improve the main Road in the said Township, and that the said works be placed under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

Of *J. D. Goslee* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*; praying that the boundaries of the new Township of *Brighton* may be more clearly defined.

Of Mrs. *Julie Sicard* and Mrs. *Rose Moraud*, formerly of *Belœil*, in the District of *Montreal*; representing that they sustained severe loss through the occupancy of their house by the Provincial Troops during the troubles of 1838, and that they proved such loss during the first Commission appointed by Government for that purpose, but failed in so doing before the last Commission for want of information as to its sittings,—and praying that their claim may be admitted and placed on the list notwithstanding.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*; praying that the Act 12 Vic. cap. 81, may be so amended as to dispense with the Oath of Office thereby imposed upon Township Officers, leaving it to the discretion of the respective Municipalities to enforce the duties of such Officers.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*; praying the adoption of measures for the repeal of the Imperial Statute 14 Geo. 3, cap. 88, in order that the several Municipalities may have the full control of Tavern Licenses and Houses of Public Entertainment, and the appointment of Collectors of the Revenue therefrom.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Three Rivers*; praying for the amendment of the Ordinances 17 Geo. 3, cap. 13, and 30 Geo. 3, cap. 7, and of the Act 59 Geo. 3, cap. 8, to prevent accidents by Fire in the late Province of *Quebec*.

Of *Charles Pentland* and others, of *Tadousac* and other Townships; praying for aid to open a Road through the Townships of *Tadousac*, *Bergeronnes*, *Escoumain* and *Iberville*, and that Mr. *George Duberger* be appointed to make the survey of the said line of Road.

Of *R. D. Morkill* and others, Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*; praying the usual aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *Gédéon Durocher*, of the Parish of *St. Aimé*, in the County of *Richelieu*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the County of *Richelieu* aforesaid, and as such duly qualified, and *Augustin St. Louis*, of the place called *William Henry*, in the County aforesaid, Esquire, one of the Electors for the said County; setting forth : That at the late Election in and for the County of *Richelieu* of a Member to represent the said County of *Richelieu* in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, which Election was opened and begun in the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the said County,

on the 28th day of November in the year of our Lord 1851, being the nomination day for the said Election, *Antoine Némèse Gouin*, of the place called *William Henry*, in the said County, Esquire, *Jacques Dorion*, of the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the County aforesaid, Esquire, *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, also of the place called *William Henry*, Esquire, and the Petitioner, *Gédéon Durocher*, were the Candidates: That at the said Election a poll was demanded, granted, and proceeded with, and that at the closing of the said Election, to wit, on the 13th of December, 1851, the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* was declared returned as duly elected by the Returning Officer, to represent the said County of *Richelieu* in Parliament, upon which occasion the said *Gédéon Durocher* tendered to the said Returning Officer a written protest against the Return of the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin*: That at and before the said 28th day of November in the year aforesaid, and at and during the time of the said Election, the said Petitioner, *Augustin St. Louis*, was and since hath continued to be, and still is, an Elector of and Voter for the said County, and as such had a right to vote at the said Election for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the said County of *Richelieu*: That by an Act of the Parliament of *Great Britain and Ireland*, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," it is in effect enacted, in the 28th Clause, as follows:—"That no person shall be capable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, who shall not be legally or equitable seised as of freehold, for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in free and common soccage, or seised or possessed for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in *fief* or in *roture*, within the said Province of *Canada*, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages and incumbrances charged upon and due and payable out of or affecting the same; and that every Candidate at such Election, before he shall be capable of being elected shall, if required by any other Candidate, or by any Elector, or by the Returning Officer, make the following declaration:—"I, A. B., do declare and testify, that I am duly seised at Law, or in Equity, as of freehold, for my own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in free and common soccage (or duly seised or possessed for my own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in *fief* or in *roture*, as the case may be,) in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same; and that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said Lands and Tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*:" That by the Provincial Statute 12 *Vic. cap. 27, sec. 49*, it is enacted, "That it shall be lawful for any person with a view to his becoming a Candidate at any such Election, to make, at any time, as well before as after the date of the Writ of Election, voluntarily and without waiting to be required so to do, any such declaration as is mentioned in the next preceding Section; and that any such declaration so made voluntarily as aforesaid, shall to all intents and purposes have the same force and effect as if it had been made after his being thereunto required according to Law; but no such declaration, when any Candidate shall be required to make the same by any other Candidate, or by any Elector, or by the Returning Officer, in the manner hereinabove provided, need be so made by such Candidate, unless the same shall have been personally required of him on or before the day of nomination of Candidates at such Election, and before a Poll shall have been granted, and unless he shall not have already made the same voluntarily as he is hereinabove allowed to do, and not in any other case; and when any such declaration shall have been so required according to Law, the Candidate called upon to

make the same may do so at any time during such Election; provided always, that it be made before the Proclamation to be made by the Returning Officer at the closing of the Election, of the person or persons elected at such Election; and when such declaration shall be so made by any Candidate, whether voluntarily or in consequence of his being thereunto so required as aforesaid, it shall be made either before the Returning Officer or before some Justice of the Peace, or the Mayor, or one of the Aldermen of some City or Town in this Province, and such Returning Officer, Justice of the Peace, Mayor, or Alderman shall take the same, and shall attest it by writing at the foot thereof the words "taken and acknowledged before me," or other words to the like effect, and by dating and signing such attestation; and any Candidate who shall deliver or cause to be delivered such declaration so made and attested to the Returning Officer at any time before the Proclamation made by him at the closing of the Election as above mentioned in this section, shall be deemed to have complied with the Law to all intents and purposes as regards such declaration: That the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* being such Candidate as aforesaid for the Election of the said County of *Richelieu*, was, at the said Election, to wit, on the nomination day aforesaid, required to make such declaration by one of the Candidates aforesaid, to wit, by the said *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, Esquire, as provided by the said Statute: That nevertheless, notwithstanding the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* was so personally required to make such declaration as aforesaid, before a Poll had been granted as aforesaid, he the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* did not make such declaration when he was thereunto so required as aforesaid, nor did the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* make such declaration at any time during such Election, and before the Proclamation made by the Returning Officer at the close of the Election of the said County of *Richelieu*, nor did the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* make such declaration or any other declaration at the said time, or at any other times whatsoever: That the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* was, in and by the Return to the Writ of Election for the said County of *Richelieu* made by the Returning Officer at the same Election, declared to have been duly elected to represent the said County of *Richelieu* during the present Parliament, as above alleged: That the Petitioners conceive and are advised, and do aver, that the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* was not capable of being elected and chosen, and was unduly returned to represent the said County in the said Parliament, as well for and by reason of the said premises having relation to the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin*, as on account of the grounds and reasons hereinafter mentioned: Because a large majority of legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Gédéon Durocher*: Because the majority of the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin*, and a large number over the same, to wit, five hundred and more, was only a colorable majority, and was composed of persons not entitled to vote at the said Election: Because one thousand of the votes and upwards which purport to have been duly given and recorded as legal votes, for and on the behalf of the said *A. N. Gouin*, were those of persons who were not possessed, at the time of giving their votes at the said Election, for their own use and benefit as proprietors, by virtue of a legal title vesting such property in them, either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common soccage, or in *fief* or *en roture*, or in *franc aleu*, or by virtue of a certificate derived and under the authority of the Governor in Council of the late Province of *Quebec*, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of either the late Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of Lands and Tenements lying and being in the said County of *Richelieu*, on which the said one thousand Voters respectively gave such their votes, and being of the clear yearly value of Forty-four shillings and five pence and one farthing, currency, to wit, the currency set forth in the Statute in that behalf, equal to forty shillings sterling, or upwards, over and above all annual rents, (*rentes foncières*,) or constituted rents, (*rentes constituées*,) or any other rents and charged payable out of and in respect of

the same; and because such last mentioned Voters were not at the time of giving such their votes at the said Election, and had not been in actual and uninterrupted possession of the Lands and Tenements upon which they claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as proprietors, according to the true intent and meaning of the Statute in that behalf, or in the receipt of the rents and profits of such Lands and Tenements, as proprietors as aforesaid, according to the same true intent and meaning, by virtue of and under such title as aforesaid, for their own use and behoof severally and respectively, during at least six calendar months next before the date of the said Writ of Election, the said Petitioners averring, that the said last mentioned Lands and Tenements upon which the said last mentioned Voters claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as aforesaid, had not come to them, nor to any one of them, by descent or inheritance, nor by devise, marriage or contract of marriage, and that they did not, nor did any one of them, have or possess any deed or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale (*promesse de vente*) in their favor, or in favor of any one of them, at the time they claimed to vote, and did vote at the said Election, of any property whereof they were then in possession, or in favor of any other person or persons through whom they held such property at the time of the said Return, so as to constitute a legal title vesting such property in the persons of such Voters; nor did the said Voters, or any one of them, have or possess any such deed or instrument, which not being a Notarial deed or instrument, had been duly enregistered twelve months before the said Election: Because the said *A. N. Gouin*, after the teste of the said Writ for the said Election, and at and during the said Election and before the Return of the said *A. N. Gouin* at such Election, did directly and indirectly, by himself and his authorized agents for that purpose, employ divers means of corruption by giving sums of money, offices, employments, gratuities, rewards, and bonds, bills and notes, and conveyances of lands, and promises of the same to divers Electors of the said County whose votes have been given and recorded in favor of him the said *A. N. Gouin*, and by threatening divers of the said Electors with the loss of their offices, incomes and advantages, with the intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the said Electors to vote for him the said *A. N. Gouin*, and to keep back divers others of them from voting for any other Candidate; and that the said *A. N. Gouin* did, during the period aforesaid, by the said means of corruption, corrupt and bribe divers of the said Electors to vote for him the said *A. N. Gouin*, and divers others of them to keep back from voting for any other Candidate: Because two hundred and fifty of the same persons voted more than once for the said *A. N. Gouin*, at the polling places for the said County of *Richelieu*, at the said Election, whereby each of the said two hundred and fifty persons last mentioned gave two or more votes in favor of the said *A. N. Gouin*, contrary to Law: Because two hundred and fifty persons so voting in favor of the said *A. N. Gouin* at the said Election, so voted at polling places not situate within the Parish containing the property qualifications upon which their votes were given: Because at the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in the said County, on the ninth and tenth days of December, respectively, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty one, being the days of polling in the said Parish for the said Election, the said *A. N. Gouin*, his agents and partizans, did, long before the hour of polling, on each of the said days, take possession of the Poll House there, and did during the whole of the said days respectively, and until after the hours of polling, keep possession of the said Poll House, and did by force and violence, and by intimidation, exclude therefrom the said *Gédéon Durocher*, his Voters and Electors, partizans, agents, and friends, and did also exclude therefrom the said *Jacques Dorion* and *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, the others of the said Candidates, their Voters and Electors, partizans, agents, and friends: Because the said Poll House, in the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel* was so taken possession of by the said *A. N. Gouin*, his agents and partizans, for the purpose and with the intention of facilitating the taking of illegal votes for and in favor of the said *A. N. Gouin*; and be-

cause in fact a large number of illegal votes, to wit, one thousand such votes and upwards, were taken and recorded at the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel* in favor of the said *A. N. Gouin*, the said Petitioners averring that the ascertained number of votes in the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel* is only seven hundred, and that, nevertheless, the said *A. N. Gouin*, at the said Election, polled and recorded in his favor, at the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, twelve hundred and seventy-eight votes, no other Candidate at the said Election having polled, received, or recorded any vote whatever in the said Parish, notwithstanding that the said *Gédéon Durocher* had Voters and Electors in his favor in the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, to the number of two hundred and fifty and more: Because the number of votes purporting to have been given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *A. N. Gouin* was one thousand three hundred and thirty-two; the number of votes given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *Gédéon Durocher* was one thousand one hundred and seventy-three; the number of those purporting to have been given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *Jacques Dorion* was five hundred and ninety-eight, and that no votes were given or recorded for the said *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, as the same appears in and by the Poll Books of the said Election, thereby making the total number of votes taken and recorded in the said Election, in the whole of the said County, to amount to the number of three thousand one hundred and three: And because, inasmuch as the said *A. N. Gouin* had not then a majority of the total number of votes so counted and added up, and which purported to have been taken and recorded according to Law in all the said County, he the said *A. N. Gouin* was by the said Returning Officer unduly and illegally proclaimed as being duly elected a Member to represent the said County in the said Legislature, and the said Election was and is by reason of the premises null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever: Because *Joseph Octave Duplessis*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, refused and rejected the votes of persons legally entitled to vote at the said Election who presented themselves at the polling places to vote for the said Petitioner, *Gédéon Durocher*: Because of the gross partiality and illegal and improper conduct on the part of the said *J. O. Duplessis*, the Deputy Returning Officer aforesaid, for the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in favor of the said *A. N. Gouin*, operating injuriously against the election of the Petitioner *Gédéon Durocher*; the said *J. O. Duplessis*, as such Deputy Returning Officer, amongst other things having unlawfully rejected legally qualified Electors who presented themselves to vote for the said *G. Durocher*, being such Candidate as aforesaid, whereby others similarly situated were prevented from coming forward to vote for him: Because the said *J. O. Duplessis*, as such Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, at the said Election, conniving with the said *A. N. Gouin*, his partizans, agents and attorneys, and with a view and for the purpose of favoring the Election and Return of the said *A. N. Gouin*, did put down, write and inscribe, and cause and suffer, and more particularly one _____, the Clerk of the Poll in the said Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, to put down, write and inscribe in the Poll Books of the said Parish, at the said Election, as Electors and Voters for the said *A. N. Gouin*, a large number of names, to wit, one thousand names, of persons not qualified to vote as such Electors, and of persons who were not present at the said Poll House, but on the contrary thereof were absent from the said Parish during the said Election, and of imaginary persons and names having no existence whatever: Because, lastly, that at the last Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Richelieu*, the said Petitioner, *Gédéon Durocher*, was a Candidate then as now duly qualified as such, and the said Petitioner, *Augustin St. Louis*, was then and now is an Elector for the said County, and had a right to vote at the said Election; that at the said Election the said *A. N. Gouin*, the said *Gédéon Durocher*, the said *Jacques Dorion*, and the said *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, were the Candidates to represent the said County in Parlia-

ment; that the said *A. N. Gouin* was, by the Returning Officer of the said County, declared duly elected as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County; that before and after the teste and issuing out of the Writ for holding the said Election, and at, during and after the said Election, the said *A. N. Gouin* did, by himself, his agents, friends, managers, partizans, and others on his behalf, by divers ways and means, directly and indirectly, give, present, and allow to persons having votes at such Election, money, meat, drink, entertainment, and rewards, and promises, agreements, obligations and engagements to give and allow money, meat, drink, entertainments and rewards, and promises to and for such persons, in order that he, the said *A. N. Gouin*, might be elected, and being elected might serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Richelieu*; that the said *A. N. Gouin* by himself, his agents, friends, managers, partizans, and others on his behalf, was guilty of extensive and systematic bribery, treating, and corrupt practices, in order to procure persons having, or claiming to have a right to vote at the said Election, to vote for the said *A. N. Gouin*, or to forbear to give their votes for the said *G. Durocher*, or for the other Candidates at the said Election; and that such bribery and corrupt practices were open and notorious in the said County, and were well known to the Electors thereof; that the Return of the said *A. N. Gouin* was procured by the said corrupt and unlawful practices, by reason whereof the said Election and Return of the said *A. N. Gouin* was and is wholly null and void; and praying that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare that the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* was not duly elected, and that the said *Gédéon Durocher* was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as the Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Richelieu*, and order that the name of the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* be erased from the Return made of the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin* by the Returning Officer of the said County, and the name of the said *Gédéon Durocher* inserted in the place and stead of the name of the said *Antoine Némèse Gouin*, and to grant to the Petitioners such other and further relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.

Of *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *St. George*, Township of *South Dumfries*; praying for the passing of an Act similar to that now in force in the State of *Maine*, for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops.

Of *William Clarke*, Chairman, and *Charles Clarke*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Wellington*; and of *Mrs. Martha J. Waterous* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Hamilton* and others, Trustees of the late *Peter H. Hamilton*, Esquire, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of the Company of proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour; the Petition of the Bank of *Montreal*; the Petition of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. D. Deziel*, and other Priests, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

By the Rules adopted by Your Honorable House during the last Parliament in reference to Private Bills, it is required that all Private Bills shall be printed, at the expense of the parties interested therein, by the contractor for the Sessional Printing of the House, but no provision is made for securing to him the payment of his account for the same; and it has been represented to Your Committee by the

contractor, (Mr. Lovell,) that during the last Session he was in some instances unable to obtain the amount of his account from the parties. With a view to remedy this difficulty, and to provide against future risk, Your Committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of a plan similar to that suggested by the Private Bill Committee last Session, in their 18th Report, namely, that parties applying for a Private Bill be required to pay into the Private Bill Office (irrespective of the fee of £15, payable in certain cases under the 70th Rule,) a sum sufficient to defray all expenses connected with the printing of the same.

Your Committee would also beg leave to submit that the number of copies of Private Bills which, by the 67th Rule, are required to be furnished, has been found insufficient for the purposes of Your Honorable House, as the number required for the fyles, and the various offices and departments, leaves but a single copy for each Member; they would, therefore, suggest that the number be increased to two hundred and fifty.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was on Tuesday last proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament :

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament :

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population :

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure :

That this House, however, is greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and it will bestow its best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to it for the purpose of mitigating its effects :

That the importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently recognized by Parliament, this House will attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects :

That this House will give its best consideration to such documents as may be laid before it by order of His Excellency, to put it in possession of the steps which His Excellency has taken during the Recess, with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways, and which steps have, so far as circumstances permitted, been taken in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces :

That in connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, this House will attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada*; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market :

That the importance of establishing direct Steam communication between *Great Britain* and the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, having engaged the anxious attention of His Excellency during the Recess, and the subject having been repeatedly pressed on the Government by persons interested in the Commerce of the Province, and having a material bearing on the prospects of Immigration, and the reduction of freights on the *St. Lawrence*, this House will carefully consider any plan which may be submitted to it for the attainment of the object in view :

That while this House deeply regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Ministers have refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it will give its best consideration to the Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that the condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and such as to indicate general prosperity among the consuming population of the Province :

That they will give their best attention to the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and to the Estimates of the year, when laid before them, and that His Excellency may rely on their readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance of the credit of the Province and the efficiency of the Public Service :

That this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects referred to by His Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid development of some of its more recently settled districts :

That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention :

That this House concurs in opinion with His Excellency that the interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in this Country, where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits, and that it has long been a subject of complaint that no provision exists for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, and this House will bestow its best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying such defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province :

That the grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, will engage the attention of this House; and in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, they will manifest

a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province :

That this House regrets to learn from His Excellency that the arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylum, appear to be in some respects defective, and being of opinion that the care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, they will readily bestow their best attention on any measure that may be submitted to them for the remedy of the evil :

That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good ;

And the Question being again proposed ;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Dixon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day ; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	(29.) <i>Wright,</i> (<i>East R. York.</i>)
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston.</i>)	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>MacNab,</i> Sir <i>A. N.</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (<i>Frontenac.</i>)	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hinks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i> Sol. Gen.	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie,</i> (<i>Wentworth.</i>)	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Drummond,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall.</i>)	<i>Richards,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	(40.) <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament :

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament :

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value,

and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population :

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure :

That this House, however, is greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and it will bestow its best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to it for the purpose of mitigating its effects :

That the importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently recognized by Parliament, this House will attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects :

That this House will give its best consideration to such documents as may be laid before it by order of His Excellency, to put it in possession of the steps which His Excellency has taken during the Recess, with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways, and which steps have, so far as circumstances permitted, been taken in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces :

That in connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, this House will attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada*; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market :

That the importance of establishing direct Steam communication between *Great Britain* and the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, having engaged the anxious attention of His Excellency during the Recess, and the subject having been repeatedly pressed on the Government by persons interested in the Commerce of the Province, and having a material bearing on the prospects of Immigration, and the reduction of freights on the *St. Lawrence*, this House will carefully consider any plan which may be submitted to it for the attainment of the object in view :

That while this House deeply regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Ministers have refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it will give its best consideration to the Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that the condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and such as to indicate general prosperity among the consuming population of the Province :

That they will give their best attention to the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and to the Estimates of the year, when laid before them, and that His Excellency may rely on their readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance of the credit of the Province and the efficiency of the Public Service :

That this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects referred to by His Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid development of some of its more recently settled districts :

That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention :

That this House concurs in opinion with His Excellency that the interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in this Country, where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits, and that it has long been a subject of complaint that no sufficient provision exists for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, and this House will bestow its best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying such defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province :

That the grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, will engage the attention of this House; and in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, they will manifest a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province :

That this House regrets to learn from His Excellency that the arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylum, appear to be in some respects defective, and being of opinion that the care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, they will readily bestow their best attention on any measure that may be submitted to them for the remedy of the evil :

That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to supply an omission in Schedule B to the Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850, being read ;

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 30^o die Augusti;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

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

By the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the second Municipal Division of the County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of the Reverend *A. Simard* and others, on behalf of the Association of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Eleanor Teed*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *J. Easton*, M. D., and others, of the Town of *Prescott*; the Petition of *James Turnbull*, junior, and others, of the Town of *Prescott*; the Petition of the Reverend *James Elliott* and others, the *Wesleyan Methodist* Congregation of the Town of *Prescott*; and two Petitions of the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *François Boucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—The Petition of *André A. Asselin*, Teacher, of *St. François Xavier du Lac St. Pierre*, County of *Yamaska*; and the Petition of *J. B. Pepin*, President, and others Trustees, of the Corporation of the Common of the Seigniorship of *St. Antoine de La Baie*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *William Ruthven*, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Edouard Faucher* and others, of the Parishes of *Lotbinière* and *Ste. Croix*, County of *Lotbinière*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of *Robert C. Struther* and others, of the Township of *Murray*, and that part of the Township of *Brighton* formerly making part of the said Township of *Murray*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *A. English* and others, mechanics, operatives and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *P. M. Bardy*, Esquire, Secretary, on behalf of the School of Medicine of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *Lewis Clement*, of the Village of *Thorold*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Donald Fraser* and others engaged or interested in the Cod Fisheries in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*; and the Petition of *Antoine Bernier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *William P. Vidal*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*; and the Petition of *William B. Wells*, Esquire, and others, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Kent*, in Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *J. A. Mathison* and others, of *Pointe à Cavagnal*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Henry Smith*, Esquire, late Warden of the Provincial Penitentiary of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; and the Petition of *M. Anderson* and others, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. L. Lahaye* and others, of *Stanford*, *Blandford*, and other places in the Counties of *Nicolet* and *Lotbinière*;

and the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Chartré* and others, of *St. Pierre les Becquets*, County of *Nicolet*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Louis Harvay* and others, of *L'Isle aux Coudres*, County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa*, and others, Members of the *Société Ecclesiastique de St. Michel*; the Petition of Sister *M. A. M. Mallet*, Superior, and other Nuns, Sisters of Charity of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Ouimet* and others, of the Townships of *Upton* and *Acton*.

By Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of *Samuel Ault* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruch*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. H. Prévost*, Director, and others, Officers and Members of "*La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville Marié*," of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *William Patton*, Esquire, and others, of the Judiciary District of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. Alain* and others, of the Township of *New Richmond*, County of *Bonaventure*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Lore* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church of *Mono Center, Canada West*; the Petition of *Henry Stevens* and others, of the Village of *Warsaw*, Township of *Dummer*; the Petition of the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*; and the Petition of the Reverend *William Meldrum* and others, of the Congregation of *Puslinch* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Thomas Robson* and others, of the western part of the Township of *London*; and the Petition of *William Jameson* and others, Members of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Varin*,—The Petition of *Benoit Hoffay*, late Sergeant, and *Alexis Rubin*, late Corporal, of the *DeMeuron* Regiment.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company.

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

Of *J. Rouleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Claire de Joliet*, County of *Dorchester*; praying for aid to re-construct a Bridge across the River *Etchemin*, in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *P. H. Jean* and others, Trustees appointed for the construction of an Agricultural and Industrial College in the Parish of *Pointe Levi*, and others of the said Parish; praying for aid to enable them to complete the said College.

Of *Pierre Paquet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. George d'Aubert Gallion*, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid to repair the Bridge *de la Famine* on the *Kennebec* Road, in the said County.

Of *Edmund Boland* and others, of the Townships of *Whitchurch* and *East Gwillimbury*; of *Benjamin Pearson* and others, of the Township of *King*; and of *Edmund Coulson* and others, of the Township of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal or mechanical purposes.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Stamford*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to the said Municipality additional powers, to enable them better to provide for the protection and comfort of visitors to the Falls of *Niagara*.

Of *William Bacon*, of the Village of *Ogdensburg*, in the State of *New York*; representing that he was part owner of the Steamer *Sir Robert Peel*, destroyed du-

ring the troubles of 1838; that the other in part owners received indemnification for their said loss; but that he, not being a British subject, did not receive such compensation, and praying to be indemnified therefor.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying for the repeal of the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 73, which provides for raising the sum of Four millions of pounds for the construction of a Grand Trunk Railway to *Halifax*.

Of *George Tooth*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that certain property of which he was deprived when committed to the Penitentiary at *Kingston*, may now be restored to him.

Of the Reverend *A. Gosselin* and others, of the Island of *Orleans*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the River *Lafleur*.

Of *Jean Renaud* and others, of the County of *Montmorency*; praying for aid to improve the Road between the said County and the County of *Saguenay*, called the *Chemin des Caps*.

Of *W. A. Stewart* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Famille* and *St. Pierre de l'Isle d'Orleans*; praying for the passing of an Act to prevent depredations on their lands by persons from *Quebec* and elsewhere, who go on fishing and hunting excursions.

Of *William Sheppard* and others, of *Grantham* and other Townships; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *St. Francis*, opposite the Village of *Drummondville*.

Of *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne*, of the Parish of *St. Damase*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to authorize them to construct a Toll Bridge over the River *Yamaska*, in the said Parish.

Of the Corporation of the *Toronto* House of Industry; praying for the passing of an Act to define the powers of the said Corporation.

Of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying indemnity for damages sustained by their property, by reason of the act of Colonel *Higgins* in blowing up certain buildings with powder during the fire in the said City on the 26th December, 1851.

Of *J. B. Miville de Chêne*, of *St. Henry*, District of *Quebec*; praying indemnity for the loss of his Schooner laden with provisions, wrecked in the year 1816, while in the service of the Government.

Of the Reverend *James Thom* and others, Members of the Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at *Three Rivers*; of *Kenneth M. Fenwick* and others, on behalf of the Congregational Church at *Kingston*; of *Duncan McColl*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Aldborough*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Aldborough*; and of *John Moodie* and others, of the Townships of *Glenelg* and *Bentinck*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the Public Service.

Of *Thomas Renwick* and others, of the Township of *Romney*; praying that the said Township may be separated from the Township of *Tilbury East*, and erected into an independent Municipality.

Of *Louis Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne* and *St. François-Xavier de Batiscan*; praying for the passing of an Act to compel the proprietors of the *Ste. Anne, Batiscan*, and all other Bridges, to commute with those living near such Bridges for the amount of Tolls to be paid by them annually or otherwise.

Of the Reverend *E. Chabot* and others, of the County of *Nicolet*; praying that so much of the Report of the Select Committee appointed during the last Session to enquire into the causes which retard the settlement of the Eastern Townships, as recommends the opening of a Road through the Township of *Maddington*, may be carried into effect.

Of the Reverend *A. J. Martineau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marthe*,

County of *Vaudreuil*; praying the adoption of measures for defining the rights of Seigniors and removing certain Seigniorial abuses.

Of *William Hoople*, Pilot, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, County of *Stormont*; praying compensation for his services in being mainly instrumental in the establishment of the North Channel of the *Longue Sault* Rapids, as a safe and convenient passage for Steamers playing between *Montreal* and *Kingston*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying for the modification or repeal of the Act incorporating the Trust and Loan Company.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying for the passing of an Act similar to the *Maine Liquor Law*, for the suppression of intemperance.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying for certain amendments to the Jury Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying that the office of County Revenue Inspector be abolished, that his duties be performed by the Township Inspector, and that the monies arising from Licenses to Public Houses be paid directly into the Township Treasury.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying the adoption of certain measures for appropriating the Clergy Reserves to Common School purposes, and to abolish the Rectories.

Of Mrs. *Emily Mackie* and others, the Ladies Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *B. S. Lafleur*, of the City of *Quebec*, Water Bailiff of the Port of *Quebec*; representing that he has served in that capacity for seventeen years, and that by the Act 12 Vic. cap. 114, his salary has been much diminished, and praying that it may be increased.

Of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; praying for the passing of an Act to secure him the enjoyment of his Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and to indemnify him for losses sustained by the misconstruction of the Act granting the privilege of erecting the said Bridge.

Of *Richard J. Shaw* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as the "Temperance Hall Association."

Of *William Crosbie Elanson*, Esquire, of the District of *Three Rivers*; praying indemnification for the loss he has sustained, and the damage done to his property, in consequence of the building of a Bridge by the Government over the River *Godfroy* in the said District.

Of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and others, Members of the *Séminaire de Nicolet*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, Notary Public, late a Candidate for the County of *Kamouraska*, and as such duly qualified, and *Alexander Fraser*, of the Parish of *St. André*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, Notary, and *Cyprien Lebel*, of the Parish of *St. Louis* of *Kamouraska*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, Esquire; setting forth: That at the late Election in and for the County of *Kamouraska* of a Member to represent the said County in this Parliament, being a General Election, which took place in the said County of *Kamouraska*, in November and December last, *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Denis*, in the said County, and the Petitioner, *Luc Letellier*, were the Candidates, and that the other Petitioners at the time of the said Election were, hence hitherto have been, and still are Electors of and Voters for the said County, duly qualified and having a right to vote at the Election to which this Petition relates, and that they voted for the said *Luc Letellier* at the said Election: That at the said Election a Poll was demanded, granted, and proceeded with, and that at the closing of the said Election, to wit, on the tenth day of December last, the said

Jean Charles Chapais was declared and returned as duly elected to represent the said County by the Returning Officer, on which occasion several Electors of the said County duly qualified to vote at the said Election, tendered to the said Returning Officer a written protest against the Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, which protest the said Returning Officer refused to receive, and with which protest he refused to comply: That the Petitioners have good reason to believe, and do verily believe and aver, that a large majority of legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*, and that the majority of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, with a large number of Voters besides, to wit, five hundred and more, was only a colorable one, being composed of persons not entitled to the franchise, or whose votes were rendered illegal by reason of bribery, violence and corruption: That in the Parish of *St. Pacôme*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, being a Parish within the meaning of the Law, to wit, within the meaning of the Provincial Statute of the 12th *Vic. cap 27*, including tracts of land which, at the date of the Writ of the said Election, to wit, on the sixth day of November last, was generally reputed to form a Parish, and was duly erected into a Parish, wherein a Poll should have been opened and kept separately, no such Poll was opened and kept separately during the said Election, whereby a very great number of the Electors in that Parish and other places, only qualified to vote therein at the said Election upon property lying within the limits of the said Parish of *St. Pacôme*, and others having a right and being bound by Law to vote in that Parish, and who were desirous of voting therein for the said *Luc Letellier*, were deprived of an opportunity to record their suffrages in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*: That in the Parish of *Mont Carmel*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, being a Parish within the meaning of the Provincial Statute of the 12th *Vic. cap. 27*, including tracts of land which, at the date of the said Writ, to wit, on the sixth day of November last, was generally reputed to form a Parish, and was in fact a Parish wherein a Poll ought to have been opened and kept separately, no such Poll was opened and kept separately during the said Election, although a Poll had been appointed for the same by the Returning Officer of the said County, by his Proclamation, which said Poll was subsequently unlawfully suppressed, and which Poll the said Returning Officer. on the nomination day, to wit, on the twenty-eighth day of November last, immediately after having granted a Poll and before adjourning his proceedings, did refuse and neglect publicly to proclaim from the hustings, whereby a very great number of Electors in that Parish and other places only qualified to vote therein at the said Election upon property lying within the limits of the said Parish of *Mont Carmel*, and others having a right and being bound by law to vote in that Parish, and who were desirous of voting therein for the said *Luc Letellier*, were deprived of an opportunity of recording their suffrages in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*: That in the Township of *Ixworth*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, being at the time of the said Election a Township wherein a Poll ought to have been opened and kept separately during the said Election, whereby a very great number of Electors in that Township and other places only qualified to vote therein at the said Election upon property lying within the limits of the said Township of *Ixworth*, and others having a right and being bound by Law to vote in that Township, who were desirous of voting therein for the said *Luc Letellier*, were deprived of an opportunity of recording their suffrages in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*; whereby the said *Jean Charles Chapais* obtained an undue advantage over the said *Luc Letellier*, by means whereof the said *J. C. Chapais* was unduly and illegally elected as the Representative in Parliament for the County of *Kamouraska*, and whereby the said Election and the Return of the said *J. C. Chapais* are wholly and altogether null and void: That a very great number of the Voters of the said *J. C. Chapais*, to wit, five hundred voters and more, at the said Election, recorded their votes in favor of the said *J. C. Chapais*, without having any of the qualifications required by the Statutes in this

behalf, namely, without having been possessed for their own use and benefit as proprietors by virtue of some legal title vesting such property in them, either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common soccage, or in *fief* or in *roture*, or in *franc aleu*, or by virtue of a Certificate derived under the authority of the Governor and Council of the late Province of *Quebec*, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of either the late Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of lands and tenements lying and being in the said County, and being of the clear annual value of forty-four shillings and five pence and one farthing currency, equal at the time of passing of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the thirty first year of the Reign of His Majesty *George* the Third, commonly called the Constitutional Act, to forty shillings sterling or upwards, over and above all annual rents (*rentes foncières*,) or constituted rents (*rentes constituées*,) or any other rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same, and without such persons at the time of giving their votes at the said Election having been in actual and uninterrupted possession of any lands or tenements, or in the receipt of the rents and profits thereof as proprietors as aforesaid, by virtue of or under their own use and benefit, during at least six calendar months next before the date of the Writ for the said Election, to wit, before the sixth of November last, and without the same having come to them by descent, or inheritance, or by devise, marriage or contract of marriage, and without such Voters having any deed or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale in their favor, and without such Voters being in possession of property mentioned in any deed or instrument in writing as aforesaid, or without having any deed or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale as aforesaid in favor of any other person or persons through whom such Voters held the property mentioned in such deed or instrument in writing, which might be considered, for the purposes of the Statute in such case made and provided, as a legal title vesting such property in the persons who so voted as aforesaid, and without such deed or instrument, not being a Notarial deed or instrument, having been enregistered at least twelve months before the said Election, and without such Voters having any of the other qualifications required by Law to vote at the said Election: That the said *J. C. Chapais*, being such Candidate as aforesaid, at the said Election for the County of *Kamouraska*, did directly and indirectly employ means of corruption, by giving sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities, and rewards, and bonds, bills and notes, and conveyances of lands, and make promises of the same to divers Electors having votes in the said County, to wit, to five hundred of the said Electors and more, and did threaten divers others Electors of the said County, to wit, five hundred Electors of the said County and more, with loss of offices, salaries, incomes and advantages then and there possessed by such Electors, and this both by himself and his authorized agents for this purpose, with the intent to corrupt and bribe such first mentioned Electors to vote for him the said *J. C. Chapais*, as such Candidate as aforesaid, and to keep back the said last mentioned Electors from voting for the said *Luc Letellier*, the other Candidate at the said Election; and that the said *J. C. Chapais* being such Candidate as aforesaid, did open and support, and caused to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, divers houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of the Electors of the said County, in which said houses of public entertainment, and divers other places in the said County, he did give and distribute, and cause to be given and distributed, large quantities of flour, bread, and pork, drink, spirituous liquors, and other provisions, to the said Electors in and for the said County, with the intent to corrupt and bribe the Electors of the said County to vote for him the said *J. C. Chapais*: That the said *J. C. Chapais*, and his agents and partizans as aforesaid, by the employment of such means, of such threats as aforesaid, and other undue, corrupt and illegal practices, did obtain and have over the said *Luc Letellier*, as such other Candidate as aforesaid, an undue majority, by means whereof he was unduly and illegally returned

as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Kamouraska*: That at the said Election for the said County of *Kamouraska*, divers persons did give and and cause to be given and loan divers sums of money, and did give divers gratuities and rewards, and did give divers bonds and notes, and did make divers conveyances of lands and other property, and did promise the same to divers Electors in consideration and for the purpose of corrupting such Electors to vote for him the said *J. C. Chapais*, being such Candidate as aforesaid, and to forbear to give their votes to the said *Luc Letellier* as such other Candidate as aforesaid, and as a compensation to such Electors for their loss of time and expenses, in going to and returning from voting as aforesaid: That the said *J. C. Chapais*, by means of corruption last above mentioned, did obtain and have over the said *Luc Letellier*, as such other Candidate as aforesaid, an undue majority, by means whereof he was unduly and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Kamouraska*: That the said *J. C. Chapais*, being such Candidate for the representation of the said County of *Kamouraska*, did, with intent to promote his election, provide and furnish entertainment at his expense to divers meetings of Electors assembled for the purpose of promoting such Election, and did pay for, procure, and engage to pay for such entertainment; and that divers other persons, with intent to promote the Election of the said *J. C. Chapais* as such Candidate as aforesaid for the representation of the said County, did provide and furnish entertainment at their expense, at divers meetings of Electors assembled for the purpose of promoting such Election, both previous to and during the said Election, at which he the said *J. C. Chapais* was a Candidate as aforesaid, and did pay for, provide and engage to pay for such entertainment as aforesaid: That the said *J. C. Chapais*, by the means of corruption, bribery, and treatment last above mentioned, did obtain and have over the said *Luc Letellier*, as such other Candidate as aforesaid, an undue majority, by means whereof he was unduly and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Kamouraska*: That the Petitioners do further humbly allege and aver, that at the last Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Kamouraska*, the Petitioners had a right to vote and did vote at the said Election, save and except the said *Luc Letellier*; that at the said Election the said *J. C. Chapais* and the said *Luc Letellier* were the Candidates to represent the said County in Parliament; that the said *J. C. Chapais* was, by the Returning Officer of the said County, declared duly elected as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County; that before and after the teste and issuing out of the Writ for holding the said Election, and at, during, and after the said Election, the said *J. C. Chapais* did, by himself, his agents, friends, managers, partizans, and others on his behalf, by divers ways and means, directly and indirectly give and present, and allow to persons having votes at such Election, money, meat, drink, entertainment, and rewards, and promises, agreements, obligations, and engagements to give and allow money, meat, drink, entertainments and rewards, and promises to and for such persons, in order that he the said *J. C. Chapais* might be elected, and being elected might serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Kamouraska*; that the said *J. C. Chapais* by himself, his agents, friends, managers, partizans, and others, on his behalf, was guilty of extensive and systematic bribery, treating, and corrupt practices, in order to procure persons having or claiming to have a right to vote at the said Election to vote for the said *J. C. Chapais*, or to forbear to give their votes for the said *Luc Letellier*, and that such bribery and corrupt practices were open and notorious in the said County, and were well known to the Electors thereof: That the Return of the said *J. C. Chapais* was procured by the said corrupt and unlawful practices, by reason whereof the said Election and Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* was and is wholly null and void: That the Petitioners do further humbly represent, that *Jean George Taché*, as such Returning Officer, did not cause the Proclamation to be by him issued within eight days after the reception of the said Writ of Election for

the said County, to be posted up in the manner required by the Statute in that behalf, at least eight days before the day which, by such Proclamation, he had fixed for holding the said Election, to wit, the day called the nomination day: That the Petitioners do further humbly represent and aver, that at the said Election for the said County of *Kamouraska*, *Jean George Taché*, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the said County of *Kamouraska*, did neglect to appoint a Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, commonly called the Parish of *Kamouraska*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, to receive and register the votes of the Electors of the said Parish, wherein a Poll was appointed, and that no Poll Clerk was duly named and appointed for the same Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, by means whereof the said Election for the said County of *Kamouraska* is altogether null and void, the votes in the said Parish having been taken by the said *Jean George Taché* in person; and praying the House will be pleased to direct the Return for the said County to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and inserting instead thereof, the name of the said *Luc Letellier*; and that the House will take the premises into consideration and will declare the Election and Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* null and void, or that the House will afford such other relief in the premises as to the House may seem meet.

Of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the College of *St. Marie*, at *Montreal*.

Of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm and extend the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*; praying for aid.

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

Of Mrs. *Charlotte McCormick*, widow of the late *Sheppard McCormick*, a Commander in the Royal Navy; praying that the Pension granted to her late husband by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for his service in that Province, may be continued to his widow and children.

Of *Louis M. Coutlée* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*; praying for aid to complete the Road from *Grenville* to *Fort William*, to construct Bridges thereon, and to extend the navigation of the *Ottawa* River to the *Joachim* Rapids.

Ordered, That the Petition of *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne*, of the Parish of *St. Damase*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; the Petition of *Richard J. Shaw* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *James Hamilton*, and find the Notice sufficient.

They have also examined the Petitions of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad,—of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company,—and of the Bank of *Montreal*, severally praying for amendments to their respective Acts of Incorporation, and they find that the said amendments are not of such a nature as to require the publication of notice. The Petition of the Reverend *J. D. Deziel* and others, for incorporation of a Mutual Insurance Company for *Roman Catholic Churches*, is also one that does not come within the provisions of the rule requiring Notice.

Your Committee would respectfully represent to Your Honorable House, that it is most desirable that Members having charge of Petitions referred to the Committee, should be prepared, immediately after such reference, to lay before them the

proofs that the requisite Notices have been given, as much loss of time and labor on the part of the Committee would thereby be saved, and all unnecessary delay in the consideration of the Petition be avoided.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases.

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

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have directed their attention at the commencement of their labors to the subject of an alteration in the present form in which the Journals and Appendices of Your Honorable House are printed.

By reference to a Report made by the Printing Committee of last Session, Your Committee find that this change appears to have been favorably entertained, and a Resolution passed in its favor and reported to the House.

Your Committee having given the subject their attentive consideration, are unanimously of opinion, as well on the score of economy as that of convenience, to recommend to Your Honorable House, that, in future, the Journals and Appendices, as also Sessional Papers, (Bills excepted,) be printed in Royal Octavo Form, of the size of the Report on Trade and Navigation for 1851, with new Small Pica Type, without Marginal Notes, and with but two blank lines between the page heading and the reading matter. The Yeas and Nays in the Journals to be in Long Primer, in four columns.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said 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.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was on Tuesday last proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province:

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament:

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population :

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure :

That this House, however, is greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and it will bestow its best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to it for the purpose of mitigating its effects :

That the importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently recognized by Parliament, this House will attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects :

That this House will give its best consideration to such documents as may be laid before it by order of His Excellency, to put it in possession of the steps which His Excellency has taken during the Recess, with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways, and which steps have, so far as circumstances permitted, been taken in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces :

That in connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, this House will attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada*; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market :

That the importance of establishing direct Steam communication between *Great Britain* and the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, having engaged the anxious attention of His Excellency during the Recess, and the subject having been repeatedly pressed on the Government by persons interested in the Commerce of the Province, and having a material bearing on the prospects of Immigration, and the reduction of freights on the *St. Lawrence*, this House will carefully consider any plan which may be submitted to it for the attainment of the object in view :

That while this House deeply regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Ministers have refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it will give its best consideration to the Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that the condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and such as to indicate general prosperity among the consuming population of the Province :

That they will give their best attention to the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and to the Estimates of the year, when laid before them, and that His Excellency may rely on their readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance of the credit of the Province and the efficiency of the Public Service :

That this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects referred

to by His Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid development of some of its more recently settled districts :

That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention :

That this House concurs in opinion with His Excellency that the interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in this Country, where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits, and that it has long been a subject of complaint that no sufficient provision exists for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, and this House will bestow its best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying such defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province :

That the grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, will engage the attention of this House; and in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, they will manifest a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province :

That this House regrets to learn from His Excellency that the arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylum, appear to be in some respects defective, and being of opinion that the care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, they will readily bestow their best attention on any measure that may be submitted to them for the remedy of the evil :

That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good ;

And the Question being again proposed ;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

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

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Brown,
Cameron,
Cartier,
Cauchon,
Chabot,
Chapais,
Chauveau, Sol. Gen.
Christie, (Wentworth,) Langton,

Fergusson,
Fortier,
Fournier,
Gouin,
Hartman,
Lacoste,

Marchildon,
Mattice,
McLachlin,
Mongenais,
Morin,
Paige,
Patrick,
Polette,

Sanborn,
Sicotte,
Stuart,
Taché,
Tessier,
Turcotte,
Valois,
Varin,

<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (East R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>47. Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>16. Wright (West R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The twelfth to the seventeenth paragraphs being again read, were agreed to.

The seventeenth paragraph being again read, as followeth:—That the grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, will engage the attention of this House; and in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, they will manifest a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Lacoste*, That all the words after “scrupulous regard for” be left out, and the words “the just rights of all parties interested” inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>19. Varin.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (East R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Wright (West R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>44. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The seventeenth paragraph was then agreed to.

Then the subsequent paragraphs being again read, were agreed to.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House will cordially unite its endeavors with those of His Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province:

That this House learns with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament:

That this House rejoices that His Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and is gratified to learn that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census recently completed furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population :

That this House is glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure :

That this House, however, is greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and it will bestow its best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to it for the purpose of mitigating its effects :

That the importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently recognized by Parliament, this House will attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects :

That this House will give its best consideration to such documents as may be laid before it by order of His Excellency, to put it in possession of the steps which His Excellency has taken during the Recess, with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways, and which steps have, so far as circumstances permitted, been taken in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces :

That in connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, this House will attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada*; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market :

That the importance of establishing direct Steam communication between *Great Britain* and the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, having engaged the anxious attention of His Excellency during the Recess, and the subject having been repeatedly pressed on the Government by persons interested in the Commerce of the Province, and having a material bearing on the prospects of Immigration, and the reduction of freights on the *St. Lawrence*, this House will carefully consider any plan which may be submitted to it for the attainment of the object in view :

That while this House deeply regrets to learn that Her Majesty's Ministers have refrained from introducing a measure into the Imperial Parliament during its last Session, for the repeal of the Imperial Statute on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, it will give its best consideration to the Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course :

That this House learns with much satisfaction that the condition of the Revenue is satisfactory, and such as to indicate general prosperity among the consuming population of the Province :

That they will give their best attention to the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, and to the Estimates of the year, when laid before them, and that His Excellency may rely on their readiness to grant such Supplies as may be necessary for the maintenance of the credit of the Province and the efficiency of the Public Service :

That this House will give its best consideration to the various subjects referred to by His Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid development of some of its more recently settled districts:

That this House will consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, it may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliament: Electors in that part of the Province, and in connection with this subject, the classes of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage its attention:

That this House concurs in opinion with His Excellency that the interests of Agriculture are entitled to the special care and attention of Government in this Country, where so large a portion of the community is employed in Agricultural pursuits, and that it has long been a subject of complaint that no sufficient provision exists for obtaining correct statistical information respecting the productions of the Country, and for diffusing knowledge which may be serviceable both to those engaged in Agriculture and to persons proposing to become settlers, and this House will bestow its best consideration on any unobjectionable measures that may be suggested for remedying such defect, and for effecting the more speedy settlement of unoccupied lands in both sections of the Province:

That the grievances which are alleged to exist under the Feudal Tenure that obtains in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, will engage the attention of this House; and in dealing with this subject, which is one of great delicacy, they will manifest a scrupulous regard for rights of property which have been acquired and exercised in good faith, and with the sanction tacit or declared of the legal tribunals of the Province:

That this House regrets to learn from His Excellency that the arrangements now in force in both sections of the Province for the maintenance of indigent Patients consigned to the Lunatic Asylum, appear to be in some respects defective, and being of opinion that the care of these unfortunate persons involves considerations of humanity of the highest order, they will readily bestow their best attention on any measure that may be submitted to them for the remedy of the evil:

That this House is fully assured of the gracious co-operation of His Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and will engage in its important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render its endeavors efficacious for the public good:

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *Christie of Wentworth*, Mr. *Cartier*, and Mr. *Rose*, to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Legislature, in conformity to the said Resolution.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *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.

May it please Your Excellency,

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

We assure Your Excellency that we shall cordially unite our endeavors with those of Your Excellency for the promotion of the interests of the Province.

We learn with much satisfaction that notwithstanding the deep interest occasioned by a General Election, the utmost tranquillity has prevailed throughout the Province during the period which has elapsed since the close of the last Session of Parliament.

We rejoice that Your Excellency has been enabled under these favorable circumstances again to congratulate Parliament on the prosperity of the Province, and are gratified to learn, that Provincial Securities continue to rise steadily in value, and that the Returns of the Census, recently completed, furnish most satisfactory evidence of the advancement of the Colony in wealth and population.

We are glad to learn that the estimated deficiency in the Postal Revenue has not been exceeded, although greatly extended accommodation has been afforded to the public by the establishment of additional Post Offices, and increased postal service, and that there is reason to believe that before long the receipts of the Department will balance the expenditure.

We are, however, greatly concerned to learn that a heavy calamity has befallen the Province in the destruction by Fire of a large portion of the important City of *Montreal*, and we shall bestow our best consideration on any measure that may be proposed to us for the purpose of mitigating its effects.

The importance of placing the Currency of *British North America* on a uniform basis, and of introducing the Decimal system, having been frequently recognized by Parliament, we shall attentively consider any measure for promoting the accomplishment of these objects.

We shall give our best consideration to such documents as may be laid before us by order of Your Excellency, to put us in possession of the steps which Your Excellency has taken during the Recess, with the view of giving effect to the intentions of the Legislature embodied in the Acts passed last Session for promoting the construction of Railways, and which steps have, so far as circumstances permitted, been taken in concert with the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces.

In connection with these works, and with the subject of public improvements generally, we shall attentively consider the position of Bonds issued on the credit of Municipalities in *Upper Canada*; and though the security afforded to holders of such Bonds under the Municipal Act now in force in that part of the Province, is of a very ample and satisfactory description, yet it is probable that measures may be devised, which, without materially altering their character, may tend to enhance their value in the market.

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Majesty's Imperial Government in reference thereto, and stating the grounds on which Her Majesty's Ministers have adopted such a course.

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We shall give our best consideration to the various subjects referred to by Your Excellency as being of much importance to the interests of the Province, among which is an addition to the Representation, which seems to be called for by its increasing population and the rapid developement of some of its more recently settled districts.

We shall consider whether through the instrumentality of the Municipal system now in full operation in *Upper Canada*, and of the Assessment Law, we may be enabled to devise an efficient and inexpensive mode of registering Parliamentary Electors in that part of the Province; and in connection with this subject, the claims of certain classes of occupiers now excluded from the franchise, on whom, there is reason to believe, it may be conferred with advantage to the public interests, will engage our attention.

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We are fully assured of the gracious co-operation of Your Excellency in all measures which may be adopted for the promotion of the interests of the Province, and for the happiness and contentment of the People, and shall engage in our important duties with an humble hope that the Almighty will render our endeavors efficacious for the public good.

The said Address being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General

to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with its Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, 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 three o'clock, P.M., at the Government House.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 31^o die Augusti;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had attended upon His Excellency with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of the Legislature, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I thank you cordially for your Address and for the assurances of support which it contains, and I confidently rely on your assistance in my endeavors to promote the interests of the Province.

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

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of Colonel *Gordon Higgins* of the Royal Artillery, President of the *Canada* Military Asylum, and others, members of the acting Committee thereof; and the Petition of *Alexander Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Onslow*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Orillia*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Mono*; two Petitions of *Charles C. Small*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire; and the Petition of *Thomas P. Cooper* and others, of the Township of *St. Vincent*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of *Robert M. Boucher* and others, of the Townships of *Cramahe* and *Haldimand*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Brant* and of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Halton*, and *Brant*; the Petition of *Alexander Brander* and others, of the Township of *Ancaster*, County of *Wentworth*; the Petition of *Henry Lemmon* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; the Petition of *A. Huntington*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; the Petition of *A. Kirkland*, President, on behalf of the Mechanics' Institute of *Brantford*; the Petition of *Margaret Henderson* and others, daughters of Temperance, and others, of the Township of *Ancaster*, County of *Wentworth*; the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Grand River* Navigation Company; and the Petition of *John Mackenzie* and others, of *Glenmorris* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *Cyprien Sawé* and others, *Censitaires*, of

the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, County of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *Garnino Poirier Censitaires* of the Seignior of *Rigaud*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *V. Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish and Town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of *Jacob J. Merkley* and others, of the County of *Dundas*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of *Daniel McDonald* and others, of the Townships of *Yonge* and *Escott*, United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *George S. Derome* and others, of the Parish of *St. Casimir*, County of *Portneuf*; the Petition of the Reverend *Augustin Milette* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Augustin* and *Pointe aux Trembles*, and other places; the Petition of the *Carouge Pier and Wharf Company*; and the Petition of *George Jirriac* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Catharine* and *St. Raymond*, County of *Portneuf*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Margaret Lunn* and others, the Directresses and Lady Managers of the *University Lying-in Hospital, Montreal*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *John Strachan*, Esquire, of the Town of *Goderich*, United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*; the Petition of *Neh Ford* and others, of the *Grand River* and its vicinity; and the Petition of the *Hamilton Gas Light Company*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railroad and Harbour Company*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *Abraham Bockus* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *John Gilbert*, of the Township of *Wainfleet*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of Municipality Number one, of the County of *Rimouski*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *Jacques Viger*, Esquire, President, and the Reverend *A. F. Truteau*, Secretary, on behalf of the Association of the School of *St. Jacques, Montreal*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John McMurray* and others, Office-Bearers of the Free Presbyterian Congregation, *Brockville*; and the Petition of *Norman Macdonald* and others, of the Town of *Brockville*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *J. S. Vallée*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *John Farnsworth* and others, of the Township of *Hungerfield*; of the Reverend *William Gundy* and others, Members of the *Canadian Wesleyan Methodist New Connexion Church*; and the Petition of *Robert Adamson*, Chairman, and *John Irvine*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Lobo*, County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Joseph S. Raymond*, Superior of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Damase Dufour* and others, of the County of *Saguenay*; and the Petition of *James Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Frampton* and adjacent parts, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of *Pierre Gamelin*, Clerk of the late Municipal Council of the District of *St. John's*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of *Jonathan Gundry* and others, of

the Town of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of *George J. Ryerse* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of Miss *Eliza Taylor*, Secretary, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of *Patrick Brennan* and others, Manufacturers of Pot and Pearl Ashes, of the Province of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Thomas Simard* and others, Pilots for and below the Port of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Cornelius O'Sullivan* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Thomas C. Lee* and others interested in the Shipping in the Port of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Joseph E. LeBlanc*, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, District of *Montreal*, Esquire, Notary; and the Petition of *Flavien Vallerand*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *S. S. Foster*, President, and others, Directors of the *Shefford* Academy.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Board of Directors of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, for the year ending November, 1851.

For the said Report, see Appendix (J.)

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also 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 30th of May, 1851, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, 1st. a Return of the aggregate amounts of all the funds in the Court of Chancery, and subject to the control thereof, on the 1st day of April, 1851, namely, the aggregate of all funds deposited in Banks or in Trust and Loan Companies, or invested in Stocks, Mortgages, and other Securities, and all other funds and property under control of said Court; the said Return to show, in separate and distinct items, the names of all the estates, heirs, owners, claimants, suitors, wards, minors, and parties claiming and interested in the said funds, and for what purpose the same are held, whether in trust or otherwise, and the precise amounts of principal, interest and accumulation, and whether the said funds are all properly secured, and so that those under whose more immediate direction they are, may not waste or misapply them, to the injuries of the widows, orphans, infants, and others concerned; the said Return also to shew in the same manner, all such funds, to the said date, as were placed in the said Court, and under its control, by virtue of any rules, orders or decisions of the late Vice-Chancellor, the Honorable *R. S. Jameson*, or of the Officers of his Court, and to specify whether any, and, if so, what part thereof belong to parties unknown to the Court, or who have made no claim during the six years ending on said 1st day of April. 2nd, A Return shewing the nature and extent of security that is given by Institutions and Officers entrusted with the control, management, or use of the funds in Chancery.

For the said Return, see Appendix (K.)

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Reports of the Endowment Board of the University of *Toronto*, *Upper Canada* College and Royal Grammar School,—of the Caput of the University of *Toronto*,—and of the Principal of *Upper Canada* College, for the year 1851.

For the said Reports, see Appendix (L.)

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 16th June, 1851, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of all Reports made in duplicate to His Excellency by the Endowment Board of the University of *Toronto*, and of *Upper Canada* College and Grammar School, and by the Auditors of Accounts of those Institutions, in compliance with the provisions contained in Sections 22 and 23, and 59 and 60, of the University Act of 1849, shewing the state of the property and effects, and generally of the fiscal or financial affairs of the said University, College and School, since they were established upon principles “to conciliate the confidence and ensure the support of “all classes and denominations of Her Majesty’s subjects;” also, copies of all Annual Reports made by the Principal of *Upper Canada* College and the Royal Grammar School, shewing their condition and progress, under the authority of Section 55 of the said Act, or so much of the said copies of Reports as may have been received by the Government.

For the said Return, see Appendix (M.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 18th June, 1851, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Tabular Return of the Professors and other persons who received salaries or other emoluments from the late University of King’s College, and of the Professors and other persons receiving salaries from, or to whom salaries have been assigned, in the University of *Toronto*, up to the present time, distinguishing each year the amount of their respective salaries and emoluments, the number of Students attending each course of Lectures, and whether such Students attending have been matriculated or not; the fees charged to each Student, the number of Lectures delivered each week by each Professor, and the number of attendances at each Lecture; the annual income of the University, and whether any and what part of the endowment has been applied to the annual expense, and during what years has any part of the endowment been so applied; and what Pensioners are paid out of the funds of the University.

For the said Return, see Appendix (N.)

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the progress made in the Geological Survey of the Province in the years 1850–51.

For the said Report, see Appendix (O.)

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Report be printed in pamphlet form, in each of the English and French Languages, for the use of the Members of this House; and that the said Report be translated by a person specially appointed for that purpose.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York*

Railroad Company, and have ascertained that the requisite Notices have been duly given.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. O. Bouchier* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of Townships in the United Counties of *York*, *Ontario*, and *Peel*; the Petition of *J. O. Bouchier* and others, of the Township of *Georgina*, County of *Ontario*; and the Petition of *Allan Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Stamford* be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Street*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Boulton*, and Mr. *Cartier*, 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 the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to direct to be laid before this House, an Abstract Statement of the amount of the Public Debt for which Debentures are now outstanding, what amount of the same was issued for the construction of Public Works in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and the nett amount of Toll received on each, after paying the necessary expenses; also, an Estimate of the present value of each Public Work, based on six per cent. income, representing a capital of one hundred pounds.

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. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of this Province, or between any Member of the Administration of this Province and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the main Trunk Line of Railway between *Halifax* and *Quebec*, and thence westward through *Upper Canada*.

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.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dubord*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Clapham*, be appointed to enquire into and report on the expediency of encouraging Ship-building in this

Province, and the most advisable mode of protecting the Shipping interests therein; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, to amend the Acts regulating their practice, expediting and simplifying the proceedings of the said Courts, and for the settlement of disputes without litigation.

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 the eighth of September next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others in all Her Majesty's Courts in *Canada*, and to abolish the title or distinction of Queen's Counsel.

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 the eighth of September next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration certain proposed Resolutions upon which to found an Address to Her Majesty, praying that She will be pleased to sanction the introduction into the Imperial Parliament of an amendment to the Act of 1846, by introducing the same principle of Reciprocity retained in the Act of 1849.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to modify the Usury Laws.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money.

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

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General; praying for copies of all Correspondence between the Government of this Province and the authorities of Trinity College, *Toronto*, in regard to a Royal Charter for the said College.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 77, intituled, "An Act to authorize the employment of Military Pensioners and others, as a local Police Force."

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. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to secure Mechanics and others, a Lien on Buildings erected by them in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the payment to Mechanics and others, in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, of wages in goods or by way of truck.

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. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the deterioration of lands and hereditaments charged with hypothecs.

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. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a List of all persons employed under the Office of Crown Lands, both within and without the said Office, including the Agents of the Seigniories belonging to the Crown in *Lower Canada*, shewing their names, profession, residence, the nature of their duties respectively, their yearly stipend, and the sums allowed to them for contingent expenses, or the cases in which they receive a per centage on the sums which they collect, what extent of Land each local Agent has under his management, and the date of their appointment to office respectively.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a List of persons appointed by His Excellency to be Inspectors of Elementary Schools in *Lower Canada*, in pursuance of the Act of the last Session of the last Parliament 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 97, shewing their profession or calling, their residence, and over what extent of the Province each Inspector was appointed, the remuneration awarded for each such Inspector, and whether such remuneration includes all expenses for travelling, &c., contingent to them, or whether they are to be further allowed for such expenses, and how much.

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. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill for avoiding doubts which might otherwise arise from the Act making alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada* having come into effect since the last General Election.

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

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence that has passed between the Government and the authorities of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at *Toronto*, during the last year, relative to the management of that Institution, or the funds available for its support.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act authorizing the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*, so as to compel them to keep their Roads in repair.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the several Despatches enumerated in the accompanying Schedule.

Government House,

Quebec, 31st August, 1852.

SCHEDULE.

1. Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, Circular, 9th December, 1851. Transmitting copy of a Letter from Her Majesty's Commissioners for the Exhibition of 1851.
2. Sir *J. Pakington* to the Earl of *Elgin*, No. 9, 6th April, 1852. In reply to the Address of the Assembly to the Queen for the repeal of certain parts of the Imperial Acts 3rd *Geo.* 4, *cap.* 119, and 6th *Geo.* 4, *cap.* 59.
3. Ditto to ditto, No. 12, 22nd April, 1852. On the subject of the Clergy Reserves.
4. The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 26th February, 1852. Enclosing a Minute of the Executive Council advising that Mr. *Hincks*, Inspector General, should proceed to *England* to confer with Her Majesty's Government on the subject of aid to be granted to *British American* Railways.
5. Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, No. 689, 20th February, 1852. Forwarding the copy of a Letter addressed to Mr. *Hincks*, dated 20th February, 1852, on the subject of the Railway.
6. Sir *J. Pakington* to the Earl of *Elgin*, No. 25, 20th May, 1852. Communicating the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the proposals of the Provincial Delegates with reference to the Imperial aid required for the construction of the *Halifax* and *Quebec* Railway.
7. Sir *J. Pakington*, No. 47, 17th July, 1852. Transmitting copy of a Treasury Minute on the establishment of a uniform Currency for *British North America*.
8. Ditto, No. 48, 17th July, 1852. Stating with reference to the above Despatch, that he will defer submitting to the Queen the Provincial Act for introducing the Decimal system into the Currency of *Canada*.

For the said Despatches, see Appendix (P.)

Ordered, That Five hundred copies of the said Message and Despatches be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to declare the intention of the Law organizing the Notarial Profession, with respect to the study of that Profession.

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

On motion of Mr. *Taché*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, Specifications for the Wharves now being built on the River *St. Lawrence* below, together with the names of the Contractors for the building thereof respectively, and those of their several securities, the price of each separate work, and a statement of the quantities of material and workmanship required for the different works, exhibiting at one view the prices allowed to the Contractors respectively.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of Sheriffs of Counties in *Upper Canada*, at periodical Elections by the freeholders.

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 the eighth day of September next.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie of Gaspé*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Mongenais*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Ridout*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Lyon*, and the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, be appointed to enquire into and report upon the state of the Fisheries carried on in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and on the *Labrador* coast, by the Inhabitants of this Province, the disadvantages under which they labor, the best means of removing the same, and the expediency of providing Legislative encouragement for such Fisheries, in what respect, and how; to report thereon from time to time, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Taché*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Christie of Wentworth*, Mr. *Poulin*, Mr. *Valois*, and Mr. *Jobin*, be appointed to enquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, and concerning the best means of advancing the interests of that branch of industry, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Mattice*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy or copies of any Agreement or Agreements entered into by the *Quebec and Richmond* Railway Company, with *William Jackson*, Esquire, M.P., and others, for the completion of the said Railway; also, for a copy of any Correspondence between the Government of this Province, or any Member thereof, with the said *William Jackson*, Esquire, and others, in regard to the Trunk Railroad through this Province.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide efficient remedy against any inconveniences which may result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish Courts of Conciliation or Arbitration in *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt to the value of _____, the tools or implements of any householder's trade or calling, and the wearing apparel, the bedding, and other furniture required for the use of his family, from seizure and sale under execution for debt; and to prevent the property thus exempted from being assigned, pledged, or sold in liquidation of debts contracted for intoxicating drinks, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the First Report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to supply an omission in Schedule B to the Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*, 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 amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Fortier*, and Mr. *Valois*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 1^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron, Perth, and Bruce*; the Petition of *Samuel Barnard* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Amherstburg*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the *Industry Village and Rawdon* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Thomas Ferguson* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, County of *Grenville*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; and the Petition of *Thomas Bingley* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of *Joshua Adams*, Esquire, and others, of the United Counties of *Lanark and Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the Township of *Thorah*; the Petition of *Thomas Appleton*, of the Township of *King*; and the Petition of *N. Gatchell* and others.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *William Webster* and others, of the Township of *Escott*, in the United Counties of *Leeds and Grenville*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *Jacob Brown* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, County of *Stormont*.

By Mr. *Gouin*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *Eliazar Hays* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *Soulanges*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council Number one, of the County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Hercule Bruneau* and others, of the Parish of *Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *Joseph Blais*, of the Parish of *St. Pierre*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Street*,—Four Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln and Welland*; and the Petition of *Andrew Oliphant*, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—Two Petitions of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Charles Rollit* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; the Petition of *William Brown* and others, of the United Counties of *Lanark and Renfrew*; the Petition of *John C. Ball*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Niagara*; and the Petition of the Reverend *R. L. Tucker* and others, of the County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Antoine Monfet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, County of *Lotbinière*; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. Bedard* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, School Commissioners, and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of *André Bézeau*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Megantic*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *John Mills* and others, of the City

of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of the Honorable *J. Elmsley* and others, *Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Diocese of Toronto*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *M. G. Mountain* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Joseph Hamel* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *Alexander McNaughton* and others, of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company; and the Petition of the *Toronto and Guelph Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Joseph Bedard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch of Quebec*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Widow Olivier Blais*, of the Parish of *St. Roch of Quebec*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—Five Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex and Lambton*; and the Petition of *Lauchlan McDougal*, senior, of *Wallaceburgh*, County of *Kent*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—Four Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln and Welland*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of *Emmanuel C. Després*.

By Mr. *Christie of Wentworth*,—The Petition of *A. Greeley* and others, Electors of the County of *Prince Edward*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the second Municipal Division of the County of *Saguenay*; praying aid to open and improve certain Roads, and to construct Bridges over certain Rivers in the said County.

Of the Reverend *A. Simard* and others, on behalf of the Association of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Association.

Of Mrs. *Eleanor Teed*, of the City of *Quebec*; complaining of injustice done to her late husband, by his imprisonment on suspicion of treason in the year 1838, by which his days were shortened; and praying redress and relief in the premises.

Of *J. Easton*, M.D. and others, of the Town of *Prescott*; of the Reverend *James Elliott* and others, the *Wesleyan Methodist Congregation* of the Town of *Prescott*; of *Henry Stevens* and others, of the Village of *Warsaw*, Township of *Dummer*; of the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson* and others, of the Town of *St. Catherines*; of the Reverend *William Meldrum* and others, of the Congregation of *Puslinch* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and of the Reverend *James Lore* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church of *Mono Center, Canada West*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *James Turnbull*, junior, and others, of the Town of *Prescott*; of *M. Anderson* and others, of the Town of *London*; of *Samuel Ault* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*; and of *Thomas Robson* and others, of the western part of the Township of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*; praying that a Provincial Loan of £75,000 may be granted to the *Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, to aid in the completion of the said work.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*; praying for the construction of a Canal similar in dimensions to the *St. Lawrence Canals*, to connect the waters of the *St. Lawrence* with *Lake Champlain*.

Of *François Boucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize and provide for the partition of the Common of *Maskinongé* among those interested therein.

Of *André A. Asselin*, Teacher, of *St. François-Xavier du Lac St. Pierre*, County

of *Yamaska*; praying compensation for his services in teaching the French additional School of District No. 3, from 26th November, 1832, to 15th August, 1843.

Of *J. B. Pepin*, President, and others, Trustees of the Corporation of the Common of the Seigniory of *St. Antoine de La Baie*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the conceding of certain portions of the said Common, for the better government thereof.

Of *William Ruthven*, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*; praying for aid to promote the circulation of a work published by him on Agricultural Chemistry, simplified and adapted for Elementary Schools.

Of the Reverend *Edouard Faucher* and others, of the Parishes of *Lotbinière* and *Ste. Croix*, County of *Lotbinière*; of the Reverend *P. L. Lahaye* and others, of *Stanford*, *Blandford*, and other places in the Counties of *Nicolet* and *Lotbinière*; and of the Reverend *J. B. Chartré* and others, of *St. Pierre les Becquets*, County of *Nicolet*; praying for aid to improve the *Blandford Road*, and to construct a Bridge over the River *Bécancour*.

Of *Robert C. Struther* and others, of the Township of *Murray* and that part of the Township of *Brighton* formerly making part of the said Township of *Murray*, County of *Northumberland*; praying that the peninsula of *Presqu'Isle* may be attached to the Township of *Cramahe*,—that the Gore of *Murray*, east of *Trent River*, may remain attached to the Township of *Seymour*, and that otherwise the said Township of *Murray* may be restored to its original limits.

Of *A. English* and others, mechanics, operatives, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act similar to that introduced last Session, to prohibit the payment, to Mechanics and Artificers, of wages in goods or by way of truck, or otherwise than in the current coin of the Province, and also to secure Mechanics and others erecting buildings and furnishing materials therefor, by a Lien upon the same.

Of *P. M. Bardy*, Esquire, Secretary, on behalf of the School of Medicine of *Quebec*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Lewis Clement*, of the Village of *Thorold*, County of *Welland*; praying payment of the arrears of the pension granted him in consideration of the wounds he received during the late War with the *United States*.

Of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as "*La Compagnie des Cent Associés*," for the construction of one or more Steamboats to navigate the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *Donald Fraser* and others engaged or interested in the Cod Fisheries in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*; representing that the encouragement given by Foreign Countries, by bounty and otherwise, to their subjects engaged in the Fishing Trade, gives them an unfair advantage over Canadians fishing in the same waters,—and praying for such encouragement and protection as may advance that branch of the trade of *Canada*.

Of *Antoine Bernier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf and the opening of a Road in the Seigniory of *Nicholas Rioux*.

Of *William P. Vidal*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*; praying that the Government allowance for Road across the front Lots, from number thirty-seven to number sixty-four, inclusive, in the said Township, may be closed up, and granted to the owners of the respective Lots, as recompense for the more practicable Road granted by them through their said lands.

Of *William B. Wells*, Esquire, and others, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Kent*, in Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Laws requiring the publication in local newspapers of Convictions by Justices of the Peace, and of Quarterly Returns of Licenses issued.

Of *J. A. Mathison* and others, of *Pointe à Cavagnal*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying

for the passing of an Act to define the rights and privileges of Seigniors, to remove certain abuses, and to provide equitable recourse in certain cases.

Of *Henry Smith*, Esquire, late Warden of the Provincial Penitentiary of *Canada*; complaining of the manner in which the investigation of charges preferred against him was conducted by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, and also of his suspension and final removal from the said office,—and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying certain amendments to the Jury Law,—for a reduction of the expenses of the Administration of Justice,—for the amendment of the Municipal Corporation Act,—and that the Lunatic Asylum Tax be reduced, or otherwise such change made in its management as that all classes may be admitted.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying for an increase of the Harbour Dues on Saw Logs exported from the shores of *Lake Erie*.

Of *Louis Harvay* and others, of *L'Isle aux Coudres*, County of *Saguenay*; praying that in the adoption of such measures as may be deemed expedient to settle the question existing between the Seigniors and *Censitaires* of *Lower Canada*, the interest of the latter party may be duly cared for.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa*, and others, Members of the *Société Ecclésiastique de St. Michel*; praying an Act of Incorporation authorizing the said Society to acquire and hold Real Estate to a certain amount.

Of Sister *M. A. M. Mallet*, Superior, and other Nuns, Sisters of Charity of *Quebec*; praying an Act of Incorporation under the name of "*Les Sœurs de la Charité de Québec.*"

Of *Dunbar Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, setting forth: That at the late Election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the County of *Megantic* in this Province, *John Greaves Clapham*, of the said City of *Quebec*, Esquire, *François Lemay Poudrier*, of the Township of *Somerset*, in the said County of *Megantic*, Esquire, Land Surveyor, and the Petitioner, were Candidates, and that the Petitioner claimed and still claims the right to have been returned at the said Election as the Member for the said County: That under and in virtue of the Writ of Election for the said County, bearing date at the said City of *Quebec*, on the sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1851, the nomination day for the said Election was appointed for the fifth day of December, in the year aforesaid, on which last day, *John R. Lambly*, Esquire, Registrar of the first Division of the said County, being and acting as the Returning Officer for the said Election, proceeded to hold the said Election at the Township of *Leeds*, in the said County: That after the opening of the said Election, and the observance of certain formalities required by law in that behalf, the Petitioner voluntarily made and delivered to the said Returning Officer, the declaration in writing in that behalf by law required of him as such Candidate as aforesaid; and then and there on the said day of nomination, and before a Poll was demanded or granted, duly demanded and required of the said *John Greaves Clapham* and *François Lemay Poudrier*, and of each of them personally, to make and deliver to the said Returning Officer on their behalf and the behalf of each of them, the declaration in writing by law required of them and of each of them, as such Candidates as aforesaid, as the same appears by the Certificate of the said Returning Officer in the following words:—"I, *John R. Lambly*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of *Megantic*, for the Election now last holden for and in the said County, in and by virtue of the Writ of Election issued for the Election of a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province for the said County, bearing date the sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, do hereby, in my quality aforesaid, certify, that on the day of the nomination of the said Election, and before a Poll was granted, the different Candidates at the

“ said Election, to wit, *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, *John Greaves Clapham*, Esquire, and *François Lemay Poudrier*, Esquire, were each and severally personally required, in the manner required by the Statutes in that behalf made and provided, to make and deliver to me in my quality aforesaid, the declaration and qualification required by law in order to make a Candidate, or to make either of the said Candidates capable of being elected Member to serve in the said Legislative Assembly of this Province. Given under my hand, at the Township of *Leeds*, County of *Megantic*, this 22nd day of December, 1851. (Signed,) *John R. Lambly*, R.O., County *Megantic*,” whereupon the said *John Greaves Clapham* made and delivered to the said Returning Officer, a certain document in writing purporting to be such declaration, whereof the following is a copy, and of the certificate of the Returning Officer thereunto attached:—“ I, *John Greaves Clapham*, do declare and testify, that I am duly seized at law or in equity as of freehold for my own use and benefit, of Lands and Tenements held in free and common soccage in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances, charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and that I have not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said Lands and Tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; and I further declare that the Lands or Tenements as aforesaid, consist of Lot No. 9, in the 14th range of *Nelson*; 150 acres of Lot numbered 15, 5th range; the north-west half of Lot numbered 13; the north-west half of Lot No. 17; the Lot No. 18, in the 7th range of the Township of *Inverness*; the north-west half of Lot No. 10, in the 6th range of the Township of *Halifax*; the north-east half of Lot No. 15, in the 2nd range; the Lot numbered 15; the north-east half of Lot No. 16; the south three-fourths of Lot No. 17; the south-east half of Lot No. 18; the south half of the north-west half of Lot numbered 19, situated in the 4th range of the Township of *Ireland*; together with all the houses, barns, stables, mill-sites, ameliorations, and betterments, that may be upon the aforesaid Lots and half Lots respectively, in the said Townships of *Nelson*, *Inverness*, *Halifax*, and *Ireland*, being in the County of *Megantic*, in the District of *Quebec*, in the Province of *Canada*. *Leeds*, County *Megantic*, 4th December, 1851. (Signed,) *J. G. Clapham*.”

“ I certify the above to be a true copy of *John Greaves Clapham*, Esquire’s, qualification given and deposited with me on the day of the nomination at the Election now last holden for the County of *Megantic*. (Signed,) *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer for the County of *Megantic*. *Leeds*, the 20th day of December, 1851, after Proclamation made:” That the said *François Lemay Poudrier* thereupon also made and delivered to the said Returning Officer, a certain other document in writing, purporting to be such his declaration in that behalf, whereof the following is a copy: “ *Qualification de Frs. L. Poudrier comme Candidat à l’Election de Mégantic: Je prétend me qualifier sur les propriétés suivantes: sur les lots 56 et 55 du cinquième rang de St. Pierre les Becquets, borné à l’ouest au No. 57, et au nord-est au No. 54, joignant par le nord au 4e rang, et par le sud au 6e rang; lot No. 29, du 7e rang de Somerset, comprenant la moitié du sud-est du dit lot borné en front par le nord au sixième rang, et par le sud au huitième rang; une terre de trois arpents et un tiers de front, sises et situées au huitième rang du Township de Somerset, faisant partie du lot No. 28, joignant par le sud-ouest à l’Honorable Louis Massue, et par le nord-est à Pierre Hubert Prince et François-Xavier Delisle, joignant par le nord au septième rang et par le sud au neuvième rang, avec plusieurs bâties dessus construites, circonstances et dépendances. Je certifie que les propriétés ci-dessus mentionnées m’appartiennent suivant bon et juste Titres. (Signed,) F. L. Poudrier. Somerset, ce 4e Décembre, 1851.*”

That by the Provincial Statute 12 Vic. cap. 27, sec. 49, it is amongst other things

enacted as follows:—"and when such declaration" (that is to say, the declaration required of a Candidate as aforesaid) "shall be so made by any Candidate, whether voluntarily or in consequence of his being thereunto so required as aforesaid, it shall be made either before the Returning Officer or before some Justice of the Peace, or the Mayor, or one of the Aldermen of some City or Town in this Province, and such Returning Officer, Justice of the Peace, Mayor, or Alderman shall take the same, and shall attest it by writing at the foot thereof the words "taken and acknowledged before me," or other words to the like effect, and by dating and signing such attestation; and any Candidate who shall deliver or cause to be delivered such declaration so made and attested to the Returning Officer at any time before the Proclamation made by him at the closing of the Election as above mentioned in this section, shall be deemed to have complied with the law to all intents and purposes as regards such declaration;" and by section 48, of the same Statute, it is also amongst other things enacted, as follows, that is to say: "and any person who, in giving the description of such Lands or Tenements as above required," (namely, the description of Lands and Tenements required by the said Statute to be given and inserted at the foot of the declaration aforesaid,) "shall knowingly and wilfully make any false statement relative to the situation, position, extent or bounds of such Lands or Tenements, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on being duly convicted thereof, incur the same pains and penalties as may by law be inflicted on persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury:" That the said declaration in writing, so made and delivered by the said *John Greaves Clapham* as such Candidate as aforesaid to the said Returning Officer, was not made before the said Returning Officer, nor before any one of the said public functionaries by the said Statute appointed in that behalf; nor was the said declaration taken by the said Returning Officer, or any one of the said public functionaries, nor was the same attested by them, or any one of them, in the manner prescribed in and by the said Statute, nor otherwise howsoever: That the said *John Greaves Clapham* did not, at any time before the Proclamation made by the said Returning Officer at the closing of the said Election, acknowledge the said document purporting to be such his declaration as aforesaid, nor cause the same to be taken and attested in the manner prescribed by the Statute aforesaid, nor otherwise howsoever; nor did he make and deliver to the said Returning Officer any other declaration, conformable to the provisions of law in that behalf, nor other document in writing whatsoever as and for such declaration: That by reason of the premises, the said document in writing purporting to be the declaration of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, so duly required and demanded of him in manner aforesaid, to be by him made in obedience to the requirements of law in that behalf, before he "could be elected, or be capable of being elected or returned" a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, was and is null and void, and of no effect whatever, as such declaration in law: That the said *John Greaves Clapham* having thus omitted and refused to make and deliver to the said Returning Officer, a declaration in writing conformable to the requirements of law in that behalf, in order to render him capable of being elected as a Member to represent the said County in the Provincial Parliament, and so duly required and demanded of him as aforesaid, cannot be deemed to have complied with the law as enacted in and by the Statute in that behalf; but, on the contrary thereof, the said *John Greaves Clapham* has, to all intents and purposes, as regards such declaration and such Election, utterly failed and neglected so to do, and so it ought to be deemed and held by the House, and that all, each, and every, the votes of the Electors of the said County given and enregistered for and on behalf of the said *John Greaves Clapham* were and are void and of no legal effect whatever, and are in law, and ought to be by the House, deemed and considered as thrown away and of no effect; and by reason thereof also, the Indenture or Instrument in wri-

ting, made and executed in that behalf by and before him the said Returning Officer, and bearing date on the twentieth day of December, in the year aforesaid, and the Return of the said *John Greaves Clapham* as such Member, by the said Returning Officer, to represent the said County as aforesaid, were and are, and each of them was and is null and void and of no effect whatever, and so ought to be considered and held by the House: That the Petitioner doth further aver, that on the day of the opening of the said Election, to wit, on the said fifth day of December, in the year aforesaid, the said *John Greaves Clapham* was not, nor did he then and there, after being so duly required so to do as aforesaid, nor at any time before the closing of the said Election, declare and testify in conformity with the law in that behalf, that he was duly seized at law or in equity as of freehold, for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in free and common soccage, or duly seized or possessed for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held *en fief*, or *en roture*, in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances, charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and that he had not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said Lands and Tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling him to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; and further, that the Lands and Tenements mentioned and described in the aforesaid document purporting to be such declaration in law as aforesaid, were not on the day last aforesaid, nor are they now of the value of Five hundred pound sterling money aforesaid, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances, charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same: That the number of votes purporting to have been taken and recorded for and on behalf of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, is five hundred and sixty-five; that the number of votes given and recorded for and on behalf of the Petitioner, is five hundred and thirty-eight; and the number of those purporting to have been given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, is five hundred and fourteen, as the same appears in and by the Poll Books of the said Election, thereby making an apparent majority of twenty-seven votes for the said *John Greaves Clapham*, over the votes polled on behalf of the Petitioner; and praying, without waiver of any objection in law to the legality of the votes so purporting to have been taken and enregistered on behalf the said *John Greaves Clapham* and of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, respectively, and without waiver also of any objection in law to the legality of the Election and Return of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, upon other and further grounds, that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and declare the said Election and Return of the said *John Greaves Clapham* wholly null and void, and thereupon that the House will direct the Return for the said County to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and inserting instead thereof the name of the Petitioner, or that the House will declare the said Election for the said County wholly null and void, and direct that a new Writ do issue for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the same, and grant to the Petitioner such other and further relief in the premises, as to the House may seem meet.

Of *Benjamin Ouimet* and others, of the Townships of *Upton* and *Acton*; praying that the said Townships may be annexed to the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, and the District of *Montreal*.

Of the Reverend *T. H. Prévost*, Director, and others, Officers and Members of "*La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville-Marie*, of *Montreal*"; praying an Act of Incorporation, with certain provisions.

Of *William Patton*, Esquire, and others, of the Judiciary District of *St. Thomas*; praying that a more extended Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction be granted to the said District.

Of the Reverend *F. Alain* and others, of the Township of *New Richmond*, County of *Bonaventure*; praying aid for the erection of Bridges over the *Grand* and *Little Cascapedia* Rivers.

Of *William Jameson* and others, Members of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of *Renfrew*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *Benoit Hoffay*, late Sergeant, and *Alexis Rubin*, late Corporal, of the *DeMeuron* Regiment; representing that in the year 1818 they were granted a right to a certain quantity of land which they have not yet been able to locate, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William P. Vidal*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*; the Petition of the Reverend *A. Simard* and others, on behalf of the Association of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; the Petition of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company; the Petition of *Edmund Coulson* and others, of the Township of *Toronto*; the Petition of Sister *M. A. M. Mallet*, Superior, and other Nuns, Sisters of Charity of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa*, and others, Members of the *Société Ecclésiastique* of *St. Michel*; and the Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

The Honorable Mr. *La Terrère*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne*, and find that all the Notices required by the Rules have been given.

With respect to the Petition of *Allan Macdonell* and others, for authority to construct a Canal around the *Sault Ste. Marie*, the locality in question being beyond the settled parts of the Province, is not within the limits of any County, and it has been consequently impossible to comply with the Rule requiring Notice in a local paper; but Your Committee would submit, that in this and all similar cases, a Notice in the Official Gazette should be accounted sufficient.

On the two Petitions of *J. O. Bouchier* and others, praying that the Township of *Georgina* may be disunited from the County of *Ontario* and annexed to the County of *York*, Your Committee have ascertained that no Notice has been published.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Court of Chancery of *Upper Canada*, which was presented yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Young*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to the directions of several Acts of the Provincial Parliament,—Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the year 1851.

For the said Report, see Appendix (Q.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Laurin*,

Resolved, That the time for receiving Private Bills and Reports thereon, and Petitions for Private Bills, be extended for thirty days beyond the time within which the same are now limited respectively.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill for taking and recording the Votes of Members of the Legislature on the final passage of Bills.

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 the fifteenth day of September next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,
Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration a certain Resolution whereon to adopt an humble Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying that She may be pleased to order the distribution of Medals to the survivors who served in either of the various Battles in resisting the several Invasions of *Canada* during the Campaigns of 1812, 1813, and 1814.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act providing for the summary trial of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Mr. *Christie of Gaspé*, the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and Mr. *Prince*, be appointed to revise the Rules of this House, and to consider and devise means calculated to expedite the performance of its duties, and to report thereon with all convenient speed.

On motion of Mr. *Christie of Wentworth*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to transmit to this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Her Majesty's Government in *Canada*, or any Member thereof, and the Imperial Government, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves since the 1st June, 1851.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Burnham* have leave to bring in a Bill to confer certain powers on Municipal Corporations and Companies to take materials to repair Roads.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Library.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, communicating to their Honors a copy of the foregoing Resolution appointing certain Members to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament; and requesting their Honors to appoint Members of their Honorable Body to unite with the Members of this House therein named, for the said purpose.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Ship Canal at *Sault Ste. Marie*.

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 the fifteenth instant.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide efficient remedy against any inconveniences which may result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, and Mr. *Polette*, 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 extend the provisions of the said Bill to a certain Act now in force in that part of this Province, called *Lower Canada*, imposing a tax on Advocates for certain purposes.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 2^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition *George W. Cameron* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of the Township of *Lochaber*.

By Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas, and Glengary*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *F. C. T. Arnoldi*, Esquire, M.D., and others, Lecturers in the *St. Lawrence* School of Medicine of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *Hypolite Valiquette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joachim de la Pointe Claire*, County of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Joseph Daout* and others, of the Parishes of *Lachine* and *Pointe Claire*, County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Henry Moyle*, Esquire, of the Township of *Brantford*, County of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *James F. Bradshaw*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Manager of the Bank of *Upper Canada*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nelson*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *John Corbitt* and others, of the Townships of *Biddulph* and *McGillivray*, County of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *Richard J. Doyle* and others, of *Oshawa* and its vicinity; the Petition of *T. Bickle* and others, of the

Township of *Markham* and other places; and the Petition of *William Pogue* and others, of *Richmond Hill* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Brown*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Sarnia*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Chatham*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Murdoch Mackenzie*, of the City of *Quebec*, Sergeant in the late 103rd Regiment; and the Petition of Mrs. *M. H. Mountain* and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec* in connexion with the Church of *England*.

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

Of Colonel *Gordon Higgins* of the Royal Artillery, President of the *Canada* Military Asylum, and others, members of the acting Committee thereof; praying for an Act of Incorporation to promote the object of the said Asylum.

Of *Alexander Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Onslow*; praying that a new Survey be made of the sixth and seventh lines of the said Township.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Orillia*; of the Reverend *John McMur-ray* and others, Office-Bearers of the Free Presbyterian Congregation, *Brockville*; of *Norman Macdonald* and others, of the Town of *Brockville*; of *John Farnsworth* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; and of the Reverend *William Gundy* and others, Members of the *Canadian Wesleyan* Methodist New Connexion Church; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Mono*; praying that the said Township may be attached to the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*.

Of *Charles C. Small*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the travelled Road through his Lots Nos. 34 and 33, third Range of the Township of *Pickering*, and to vest in him, in lieu thereof, the original Road allowance west of the said Lots.

Of *Charles C. Small*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire; praying for the payment of certain arrears of salary alleged to be due him as Clerk of the Crown and Common Pleas for the Province of *Upper Canada*.

Of *Thomas P. Cooper* and others, of the Township of *St. Vincent*; praying aid for the construction of a Pier or Wharf at the Village of *Meaford*, in the said Township.

Of *Robert M. Boucher* and others, of the Townships of *Cramahe* and *Haldimand*, County of *Northumberland*; praying that the first six Lots from the front to the rear of the said Township of *Haldimand* may be annexed to the said Township of *Cramahe*.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Brant* and of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Hulton*, and *Brant*; praying that the improvement of the navigation of the *Grand River* may be assumed by the Government as a Provincial work.

Of *Alexander Brander* and others, of the Township of *Ancaster*, County of *Wentworth*; of *A. Huntington*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; of *Margaret Henderson* and others, daughters of Temperance, and others, of the Township of *Ancaster*, County of *Wentworth*; of *John McKenzie* and others, of *Glennorris* and vicinity; of *Jacob J. Merkley* and others, of the County of *Dundas*; of *Abraham Bockus* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*; and of *Jonathan Gundry* and others, of the Town of *Simcoe*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Henry Lemmon* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the payment, to mechanics and labourers, of wages in goods, or otherwise than in the current coin of the Province.

Of *A. Kirkland*, President, on behalf of the Mechanics' Institute of *Brantford*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of the President and Directors of the *Grand River Navigation Company*; praying that the said undertaking may be assumed by the Government as a Provincial work.

Of *Cyprien Sauv e* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, County of *Vaudreuil*; and of *Garnino Poirier* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to remedy certain abuses arising out of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Of *V. Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish and Town of *Three Rivers*; praying for the passing of an Act to facilitate the administration of the new Diocese of *Three Rivers* by the Bishop thereof.

Of *Daniel McDonald* and others, of the Townships of *Yonge* and *Escott*, United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying that the said Townships may be divided by a line running east and west along the 5th and 6th Concession lines of *Yonge*, and the 6th and 7th of *Escott*, and that the two fronts be annexed, as also the two rears, forming thus a front and a rear Township out of the said two Townships.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for the passing of an Act to vest the rights and interests of the *Port Hope Harbour and Wharf Company* in certain Commissioners named for that purpose by the said Municipal Council.

Of the Reverend *George S. Derome* and others, of the Parish of *St. Casimir*, County of *Portneuf*; praying aid to construct a Bridge over the River *Ste. Anne*, in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *Augustin Milette* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Augustin* and *Pointe aux Trembles*, and other places; praying aid to macadamize the Church Road of the said Parish.

Of the *Carouge Pier and Wharf Company*; praying for a special Act of Incorporation.

Of *George Jirriac* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Catherine* and *St. Raymond*, County of *Portneuf*; praying aid to open a Road between the said Parishes, and to construct a Bridge over the outlet of *Lake Sergent*.

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Mrs. Margaret Lunn* and others, the Directresses and Lady Managers of the University Lying-in Hospital, *Montreal*; praying aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *John Strachan*, of the Town of *Goderich*, in the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, Esquire; setting forth: That an Election was held at *Clinton*, in the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, on the twelfth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, for the purpose of electing a Member of Parliament to represent the said United Counties in Provincial Parliament for the present Parliament: That at the said Election, the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* was declared by the Returning Officer, *John McDonald*, Esquire, as duly elected, and was returned by him as the Member chosen at the said Election to represent the said United Counties in the said Parliament: That the Petitioner and others, at the time of the said Election, entered a protest against the said Election and the Return of the said *Malcolm Cameron*, which protest was not entertained or acted upon by the said Returning Officer: That the Petitioner was at the time of the said Election, and still is, a resident freeholder in the said United Counties, and had a right to vote at the said Election: That the said Election was and is void, and the Return of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* as aforesaid, illegal and unconstitutional, on the grounds and for the reasons that the Writ of Election under

which the said Election was held, was issued by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery without sufficient authority, because such Writ was not issued under the Warrant of the Speaker of the House, there being then no Speaker of the House; nor was such Writ issued under the Warrant of two Members of the House who had taken the Oath required by law, and because the Warrant under which the said Writ was issued was and is illegal and void, because made and executed and delivered to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in the interval between two Parliaments and not in the interval between two Sessions of the same or one Parliament, without any provision by law for the making of such Warrant between two Parliaments, and because at the time the said Writ of Election was issued, there was and were no person or persons lawfully competent to authorize the issuing of the said Writ of Election: That the said Election was void also on the ground that previous thereto the said *Malcolm Cameron* had been returned as duly elected at an Election held under lawful authority, to serve as a Member of Parliament for the said Counties in the same Parliament for which he was so returned at the Election first above mentioned, and that the said *Malcolm Cameron* did not and could not legally resign or vacate his seat, nor could such seat be legally vacated before the expiration of the first fifteen days of the Session of Parliament next after such Election; and also on the ground that the said first Election was contested and protested against, and such contest has not yet been decided, and he could not legally or constitutionally before such contest was decided, resign or vacate his seat in the said Parliament, by acceptance of office or otherwise: That the Petitioner is therefore aggrieved by the said Election and the Return of the said *Malcolm Cameron*, as aforesaid; and praying, for the above causes and for other good reasons, that the said Election first above mentioned, and the Return of the said *Malcolm Cameron* as the Member chosen thereat to represent the said United Counties of *Huron, Perth, and Bruce*, may be declared void, and such other relief granted as to the House shall seem fitting and expedient.

Of *Neh. Ford* and others, of the *Grand River* and its vicinity; praying that a Commission be appointed to inquire into certain grievances connected with the ejection of Settlers on Indian Lands in the Townships of *Oneida* and *Tuscarora*.

Of the *Hamilton Gas Light Company*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of the President and Directors of the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*; praying for an Act specially to incorporate the said Company.

Of the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend and amend the Charter and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Company.

Of *John Gilbert*, of the Township of *Wainfleet*; praying for a grant of land in consideration of his long and active service in Her Majesty's Navy.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality Number one, of the County of *Rimouski*; praying aid to reconstruct the Bridge over the River of the Parish of *L'Isle Verte*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality Number one, of the County of *Rimouski*; praying aid to rebuild the Bridge across the River *des Trois Pistoles*.

Of *Jacques Viger*, Esquire, President, and the Reverend *A. F. Truteau*, Secretary, on behalf of the Association of the School of *St. Jacques, Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *J. S. Vallée*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, County of *L'Islet*; praying aid to open a Road and construct a Bridge in the Township of *Monmin*.

Of *Robert Adamson*, Chairman, and *John Irvine*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Lobo*, County of *Middlesex*; praying that the

Clergy Reserves may be secularized, the Rectories abolished, and the separate School system repealed.

Of the Reverend *Joseph S. Raymond*, Superior of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying aid in behalf of the said College.

Of *Damase Dufour* and others, of the County of *Saguenay*; praying that in the adoption of such measures as may be deemed expedient to settle the Seigniorial question of *Lower Canada*, the interests of the *Censitaires* may be duly protected.

Of *James Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Frampton* and adjacent parts, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for the construction of Roads and Bridges in the said Township.

Of *Pierre Gamelin*, Clerk of the late Municipal Council of the District of *St. John's*; praying payment of his claim for the services rendered by him in the said capacity.

Of *George J. Ryerse* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them, as heirs and devisees of the late *Samuel Ryerse* of the same place, to make perfect titles to the lands so devised unto them.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to dispose of certain lots of land in the Town of *London*, and to purchase other land in lieu thereof for the purpose of holding free Fairs, according to the intention of the original grant.

Of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company; praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation.

Of Miss *Eliza Taylor*, Secretary, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*; praying aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *Patrick Brennan* and others, Manufacturers of Pot and Pearl Ashes, of the Province of *Canada*; praying certain amendments to the Act regulating the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

Of *Thomas Simard* and others, Pilots for and below the Port of *Quebec*; of *Cornelius O'Sullivan* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and of *Thomas C. Lee* and others interested in the Shipping in the Port of *Quebec*: praying the repeal of the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec*.

Of *Joseph E. LeBlanc*, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, District of *Montreal*, Esquire, Notary; praying compensation for his services as Clerk of the Council of the late Municipal District of *Richelieu*.

Of *Flavien Vallerand*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying compensation for his services as Clerk of the Council of the late Municipal District of *Richelieu*.

Of *S. S. Foster*, President, and others, Directors of the *Shefford* Academy; praying aid in behalf of the said Academy.

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

Pursuant to "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," I do hereby appoint the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, Member for the County of *Bellechasse*; the Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald*, Member for the City of *Kingston*; *David Christie*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Wentworth*; *George Percival Ridout*, Esquire, Member for the City of *Toronto*; *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Three Rivers*; and *John Sewall Sanborn*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Sherbrooke*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this second day of September, 1852.

J. S. Macdonald, Speaker.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles C. Small*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, relative to a Road allowance, and the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Pickering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That five hundred Copies of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, laid before the House yesterday, be printed in the English and French Languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill further to secure the independence of the Legislative Assembly, by prohibiting the Clergy of all Denominations from voting or interfering at Elections.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to improve the Law of Evidence in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts regarding the right and liability of Foreign Executors, Administrators and Corporations to sue and be sued in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes.

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

A Bill to provide efficient remedy against any inconveniences which may result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, was according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to provide an efficient remedy against any inconveniences which might result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the First Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, being read;

Ordered, That the said Report be now committed to a Committee of the whole.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Smith of Frontenac* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That in future, the Journals and Appendices, as also Sessional Papers, (Bills excepted,) be printed in Royal Octavo form, of the size of the Report on Trade and Navigation for 1851, with new Small Pica Type, without Marginal Notes, and with but two blank lines between the page heading and reading matter. The Yeas and Nays in the Journals to be in Long Primer, in four columns.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company* to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land

necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 3^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statements of the Affairs of the *Quebec* Bank, to 31st July, 1852 ; of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, to 31st August, 1852 ; of "*La Banque du Peuple*," to 1st September, 1852 ; of the *Montreal* City and District Savings Bank, to 1st January, 1852 ; of the *Quebec* Provident and Savings Bank, to 1st March, 1852 ; of the *Northumberland* and *Durham* Savings Bank, to 1st June, 1852 ; and of the *Montreal* Provident and Savings Bank, to 31st August, 1852.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (R.)

Also, Statements of the Affairs of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, to 31st December, 1851 ; and of the *Guelf* and *Arthur* Road Company, to 25th August, 1852.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (I.)

Also, Statement of the Real and Personal Estate held by the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (E.)

And also, Reports of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*, for 1851–52.

For the said Reports, see Appendix (S.)

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

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *George Arundel Hill*, of the Township of *Dummer*, yeoman ; and the Petition of *Daniel Doran*, of the Town of *Peterborough*, Cloth Manufacturer.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Cramahe* ; and the Petition of the Reverend *G. F. Playter* and others, of *Huntingdon* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Bryce*, *McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *John Taylor* and others, of *Brockville*, Manufacturers, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic* Bishop of *Montreal* ; the Petition of Sister *Ste. Jeanne de Chantal* and others, Sisters of Mercy, Directresses of *L'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal* ; and the Petition of the *Montreal* Ladies Benevolent Society.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *John Lightbody* and others, of the Township of *Markham* ; and the Petition of *Thomas Fuyard* and others, of the Township of *Scarborough*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Francis M. Whitelaw* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Mary Ann Watts* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *N. C. T. Cheltenham* and others, of the Township of *Chinguacousy*.

By Mr. *Paige*,—The Petition of *Frederick A. Cutter*, of the Township of *Sutton*, and *Richard Hutchinson*, of the Township of *Shefford*, Physicians and Surgeons; and the Petition of *John E. Bangs*, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, Physician and Surgeon.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Samuel S. Wood*, Chairman, and others, the Committee of Management of the *Three Rivers* Academy.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Marcelle Michaud* and others, of the Township of *Whitworth*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Joseph Gould* and others, of the Townships of *Uxbridge* and *Scott*, County of *Ontario*; the Petition of *Royford Coristine* and others, of the Township of *East Gwillimbury*; and the Petition of *Rowland Burr*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Antoine Paquet* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of Messieurs *Charles E. Levey* and Company, and others, Shipbuilders, and others interested in the Trade of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *John Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *J. Forbes* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *William Newell* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, Traders and Petty Chapmen; and the Petition of the Reverend *George Mackie*, D.D. and others, the Committee of Management of the National Schools at *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*, and of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *Margaret Doherty* and others, females, of the Town of *Amherstburg*; and the Petition of *George Duncan* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*; praying that the Salaries of all County Officers may be placed under the control of the Municipal Councils.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*; praying that the Jurors Act of *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to reduce the Fees imposed thereby.

Of *Samuel Barnard* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*; and of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Amherstburg*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Council to sell or lease the present market site in the said Town, and to acquire another, and build thereon.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*; praying for the repeal of the Act requiring an annual appointment of County Constables, and that such appointments, and certain matters connected therewith, be left to the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions.

Of the *Industry Village and Rawdon Railroad Company*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Thomas Ferguson* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, County of *Grenville*; praying for the repeal of so much of the Act 13 and 14 *Vic. cap. 85*, as affects the posts planted in the authorized Survey of the 8th Concession of the said Township, and that no change be made in the said posts.

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; of the Reverend *Charles Rollet* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; of *William Brown* and others, of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; of *John C. Ball*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Niagara*; and of the Reverend *R. L. Tucker* and others, of the County of *Ontario*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's day in the Postal Department of the Public Service.

Of *Thomas Bingley* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*; praying that the Bill petitioned for, to annex a part of the said Township to the Township of *Cramahe*, may not be granted.

Of *Josluua Adams*, Esquire, and others, of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for the construction of a Railway from the River *St. Lawrence* by way of *Smith's Falls* and *Perth* to the *Georgian Bay*.

Of *Donald Cameron*, of the Township of *Thorah*; praying for the adoption of certain measures to obtain for him and his followers the issue of Deeds of Lands for which they have received Location Tickets.

Of *Thomas Appleton*, of the Township of *King*; praying payment of his claim for his proportion of the allowance for Schools, due since the year 1828.

Of the there-undersigned; setting forth: That at the last Election held in the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, for the City of *Toronto*, for two Members to represent the said City in the Provincial Assembly of *Canada*, *William Henry Boulton*, of the said City, Esquire, was a Candidate at the said Election, and was thereat declared elected and returned a Member for the said City to represent the same, and is now one of the sitting Members representing the said City of *Toronto*, in the City of *Quebec*, in the Legislative Assembly: That the said *William Henry Boulton* was, at the commencement of the said Election, duly required to make and give in his proper qualification: That the said *William Henry Boulton* professed to be duly qualified to be elected, and did make oath of his possession of the requisite amount of real estate as required by law: That at the said Election there were in all five Candidates for the representation of the said City, namely: the said *William Henry Boulton*, *Henry Sherwood*, *George Percival Ridout*, *Terence J. O'Neil*, and *Frederick Chase Capreol*, for whom votes were polled: That the said *William Henry Boulton* at the time of the said Election and of his Return as aforesaid, was not duly qualified to be elected or returned a Member to represent the City of *Toronto* in the Legislative Assembly: That the said *William Henry Boulton*, on or about the twenty-first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, made oath in a certain matter of complaint then pending in the Court of Queen's Bench, at the said City of *Toronto*, in which "*William Walker*, *T. B. Anderson*, *John B. Forsyth*, and "*William Forsyth Grant*," were complainants, and the said *William Henry Boulton*, defendant, that "he the said *William Henry Boulton* was insolvent and unable to pay "a certain sum of money or any part thereof due by him and mentioned in his affidavit filed in the said Court:" That at the said time of holding the said Election, the said *William Henry Boulton* was not duly qualified: That if the said *William Henry Boulton* was possessed of real estate at the time of holding the said Election, the Petitioners believe it was obtained collusively and colorably for the express purpose of qualifying and enabling him, the said *William Henry Boulton*, to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly: That the Petitioners had a right to vote and did vote at the said Election, and at the time of the said Election were and still are duly

qualified to vote for two Members to represent the said City of *Toronto* in the Legislative Assembly; and praying that the House will cause an investigation of the premises, or take such other steps as the wisdom of the House shall direct, to declare the Election of the said *William Henry Boulton* void.

Of *William Webster* and others, of the Township of *Escott*, in the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying that no alteration may be made in the boundary of the said Township.

Of *Jacob Brown* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, County of *Stormont*; praying for compensation for damages done to their property by laborers and others engaged in the construction of the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Of the Municipality of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Town under the name of the Town of *Sorel*.

Of *Eleazer Hays* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *Soulanges*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying the adoption of measures for defining the rights of Seigniors, and removing certain Seigniorial abuses.

Of the Municipal Council Number one, of the County of *Drummond*; praying for the establishment of Parish or Township Councils, in lieu of County Councils as now existing.

Of *Hercule Bruneau* and others, of the Parish of *Mashinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying that no division be made of the Commou of the said Parish as petitioned for.

Of *Joseph Blais*, of the Parish of *St. Pierre*, County of *L'Islet*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable Testamentary Executors to carry into effect certain dispositions included in last Wills and Testaments.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying the reimbursement of certain monies paid by them for the administration of Criminal Justice.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying that the Office of County Revenue Inspector be abolished, and the duties thereof transferred to the Town or Township Officers appointed by the Councils for that purpose.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying that an inquiry be made into the management of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum and the expenditure of the funds thereof, and that admission thereto be extended to non-paying Patients in cases of poverty.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying that the Jury Laws may be so amended as to reduce the expenses thereof.

Of *Andrew Oliphant*, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*; praying for a pension, in consideration of severe injury sustained by him while serving in the Militia during the late Rebellion.

Of the Mayor and Town Council of *Bytown*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Town under the name of the City of *Ottawa*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Corporation to raise a Loan upon the Debentures of the City, for the redemption of certain Notes and Debentures, and for other purposes.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act.

Of *Antoine Monfet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, County of *Lotbinière*; praying aid to complete the centre Road of the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *P. Bedard* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*; praying aid to reconstruct the *Gaspard Bridge* in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, School Commissioners, and others, of

the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying aid for the maintenance of the Academy of *St. Michel*.

Of *André Bezeau*, of the Township of *Halifax*, in the County of *Megantic*, Esquire, Trader and Justice of the Peace, *Richard Charles Porter*, of the Township of *Ireland*, in the said County, Trader and Postmaster, and *William Brogan*, of the said Township of *Halifax*, in the County aforesaid, Farmer and Agriculturist; setting forth: That under and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election, bearing date at the City of *Quebec*, on the sixth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, issued for the election of a Member to represent the said County of *Megantic* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, an Election was opened and begun in the Township of *Leeds*, in the said County, on the fifth day of December in the said year, being the nomination day for the said Election, by *John R. Lambly*, Esquire, Registrar of the first division of the said County, being and acting as the Returning Officer for the said Election: That at and before the day of the date of the said Writ of Election, and at and during the time of the said Election, the Petitioners were, and have since continued to be, and still are, Electors of and Voters for the said County, and as such had a right to vote and did vote at the said Election for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the said County of *Megantic*: That *Dunbar Ross*, of the said City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, *John Greaves Clapham*, of the said City of *Quebec*, Esquire, and *François Lemay Poudrier*, of the Township of *Somerset*, in the said County of *Megantic*, Esquire, Land Surveyor, were severally Candidates at the said Election: That after the opening of the said Election and the observance of certain formalities required by law in that behalf, the said *Dunbar Ross* voluntarily made and delivered to the said Returning Officer the declaration in writing in that behalf by law required of him as such Candidate as aforesaid, and then and there on the said day of nomination, and before a Poll was demanded or granted, duly demanded and required of the said *John Greaves Clapham* and *François Lemay Poudrier*, and of each of them personally, to make and deliver to the said Returning Officer on their behalf, and the behalf of each of them, the declaration in writing by law required of them, and of each of them, as such Candidates as aforesaid; whereupon the said *John Greaves Clapham* made and delivered to the said Returning Officer a certain document in writing purporting to be such declaration, and the said *François Lemay Poudrier* thereupon also made and delivered to the said Returning Officer a certain other document in writing purporting to be such his declaration in that behalf: That by the Provincial Statute 12 *Vic.* cap. 27, sec. 49, it is amongst other things enacted, as follows:—"and when such declaration" (that is to say, the declaration required of a Candidate as aforesaid) "shall be so made by any Candidate, whether voluntarily "or in consequence of his being thereunto so required as aforesaid, it shall be made "either before the Returning Officer or before some Justice of the Peace, or the "Mayor, or one of the Aldermen of some City or Town in this Province, and such "Returning Officer, Justice of the Peace, Mayor, or Alderman shall take the same, "and shall attest it by writing at the foot thereof the words "taken and acknowledged before me," or other words to the like effect, and by dating and signing "such attestation; and any Candidate who shall deliver or cause to be delivered "such declaration, so made and attested to the Returning Officer at any time "before the Proclamation made by him at the closing of the Election as above "mentioned in this section, shall be deemed to have complied with the law to all "intents and purposes as regards such declaration" and by section 48, of the same Statute, it is also amongst other things enacted, as follows, that is to say: "and any "person who, in giving the description of such Lands or Tenements as above "required," (namely, the description of Lands and Tenements required by the said Statute to be given and inserted at the foot of the declaration aforesaid) "shall

“knowingly and wilfully make any false statement relative to the situation, position, extent or bounds of such Lands or Tenements, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on being duly convicted thereof, incur the same pains and penalties as may by law be inflicted on persons guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury:” That the said declaration in writing, so made and delivered by the said *John Greaves Clapham* as such Candidate as aforesaid to the said Returning Officer, was not made before the said Returning Officer, nor before any one of the said public functionaries by the said Statute appointed in that behalf; nor was the said declaration taken by the said Returning Officer, or any one of the said public functionaries, nor was the same attested by them, or any one of them, in the manner prescribed in and by the said Statute, nor otherwise howsoever; nor did the said *John Greaves Clapham* at any time before the Proclamation made by the said Returning Officer at the closing of the said Election, acknowledge the said document purporting to be such his declaration as aforesaid, nor cause the same to be taken and attested in the manner prescribed by the Statute aforesaid, nor otherwise howsoever; nor did he make and deliver to the said Returning Officer any other declaration conformable to the provisions of law in that behalf, nor other document in writing whatsoever as and for such declaration: That the Petitioners further aver, that at the time of the said Election, and long previously thereto, the said *John Greaves Clapham* was, and hence hitherto has been and still is notoriously insolvent, and unable to qualify himself as a Candidate for the representation of the said County in the Provincial Parliament, and that such insolvency and defect of qualification were, before and at and during the said Election, a matter of notoriety in the said County, and among all the Electors thereof: That by reason of the premises, the said document in writing purporting to be the declaration of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, so duly required and demanded of him in manner aforesaid to be by him made in obedience to the requirements of law in that behalf before he could be elected, or be capable of being elected or returned a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, was and is null and void, and of no effect whatever, as such declaration in law: That the said *John Greaves Clapham* having thus omitted and refused to make and deliver to the said Returning Officer, a declaration in writing, conformable to the requirements of law in that behalf, in order to render him capable of being elected as a Member to represent the said County in the Provincial Parliament, and so duly required and demanded of him as aforesaid, cannot be “deemed to have complied with the law,” as enacted in and by the Statute in that behalf; but on the contrary thereof, the said *John Greaves Clapham* hath, to all intents and purposes as regards such declaration and such Election, utterly failed and neglected so to do, and so it ought to be deemed and held by the House; and that by reason thereof, all, each and every the votes of the Electors of the said County given and enregistered for and on behalf of the said *John Greaves Clapham* were and are void, and are in law, and ought to be by the House, deemed and considered as thrown away and of no effect whatever; and by reason thereof, also, the Indenture or Instrument in writing made and executed in that behalf by and before the said Returning Officer, and bearing date on the twentieth day of December in the year aforesaid, and the Return of the said *John Greaves Clapham* as such Member, by the said Returning Officer, to represent the said County as aforesaid, were and are, and each of them was and is null and void, and of no effect whatever, and so ought to be considered and held by the House: That the Petitioners do further aver, that on the day of the opening of the said Election, to wit, on the said fifth day of December in the year aforesaid, the said *John Greaves Clapham* was not, nor did he then and there, after being so duly required so to do as aforesaid, declare and testify, in conformity with the law in that behalf, that he was duly seized at law or in equity as of freehold for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in free and common soccage, or duly seized or possessed for his

own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held *en fief* or *en roture* in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and that he had not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said Lands and Tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling him to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; and further, that the Lands and Tenements mentioned and described in the aforesaid document purporting to be such declaration in law as aforesaid, were not on the day last aforesaid, nor are they now, of the value of Five hundred pounds sterling money aforesaid, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same: That the Petitioners take leave also to shew, that the said declaration in writing so made and delivered by the said *François Lemay Poudrier* as such Candidate as aforesaid, to the said Returning Officer, was not made before the said Returning Officer, nor before any one of the said public functionaries by the said Statute appointed in that behalf; nor was the said declaration taken by the said Returning Officer, or any one of the said public functionaries, nor was the same attested by them, or any one of them, in the manner prescribed in and by the said Statute, or otherwise howsoever; nor did the said *François Lemay Poudrier* at any time before the Proclamation made by the said Returning Officer at the closing of the said Election, acknowledge the said document purporting to be such his declaration as aforesaid, nor cause the same to be taken and attested in the manner prescribed by the Statute aforesaid, nor otherwise howsoever; nor did he make and deliver to the said Returning Officer any other declaration conformable to the provisions of law in that behalf, nor other document in writing whatsoever, as and for such declaration; and further, that at the time of the said Election, and long previously thereto, the said *François Lemay Poudrier* was, hence hitherto hath been, and still is notoriously insolvent, and unable to qualify himself as a Candidate for the representation of the said County in the Provincial Parliament, and that such insolvency and defect of qualification were before and at, and during the said Election, a matter of public notoriety in the said County and among all the Electors thereof: That by reason of the premises, the said document in writing purporting to be the declaration of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, so duly required and demanded of him in manner aforesaid, to be by him made in obedience to the requirements of law in that behalf, before he could be elected, or be capable of being elected or returned a Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, was and is null and void, and of no effect whatever as such declaration in law: That the said *François Lemay Poudrier* having thus omitted and refused to make and deliver to the said Returning Officer a declaration in writing, conformable to the requirements of law in that behalf, in order to render him capable of being elected as a Member to represent the said County in the Provincial Parliament, and so duly required and demanded of him as aforesaid, cannot be deemed to have complied with the law as enacted in and by the Statute in that behalf; but on the contrary thereof, the said *François Lemay Poudrier* hath, to all intents and purposes, as regards such declaration and such Election, utterly failed and neglected so to do, and so it ought to be deemed and held by the House; and that by reason thereof, all, each and every the votes of the Electors of the said County given and enregistered for and on behalf of the said *François Lemay Poudrier* were and are void, and are in law, and ought to be by the House, deemed and considered as thrown away and of no effect whatever: That the Petitioners further aver, that on the day of the opening of the said Election, to wit, on the said fifth day of December in the year aforesaid, the said *François Lemay Poudrier* was not, nor did he then and there, after being so duly required so to do as aforesaid, declare and testify, in conformity with the law

in that behalf, that he was duly seized at law or in equity as of freehold for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in free and common soccage, or duly seized or possessed for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held *en fief* or *en roture* in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money aforesaid, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, and that he had not collusively or colorably obtained a title to or become possessed of the said Lands and Tenements, or any part thereof, for the purpose of qualifying or enabling him to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; and further, that the Lands and Tenements mentioned and described in the aforesaid document purporting to be such declaration in law as aforesaid, were not, on the day last aforesaid, nor are they now, of the value of Five hundred pounds of sterling money aforesaid, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same: That the said *John Greaves Clapham* was, in and by the Indenture or Instrument aforesaid, and in and by the Return to the said Writ of Election made by the said Returning Officer, declared to have been duly chosen and elected to represent the said County of *Megantic* during the present Parliament: That the Petitioners conceive and are advised, and do aver, that the said *John Greaves Clapham* was not capable of being elected and chosen, and was unduly returned to represent the said County in the said Parliament, as well for and by reason of the premises, (having relation to him the said *John Greaves Clapham*.) as on account of the grounds and reasons hereinafter mentioned, that is to say: Because a large majority of legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*: Because the majority of the said *John Greaves Clapham* was only a colorable majority, and was composed of persons not entitled to vote at the said Election: Because two hundred and upwards of the votes recorded in favor of the said *John Greaves Clapham* were those of persons not possessing at the time of the said Election, the qualifications required by law to enable them to vote thereat: Because two hundred and upwards of the votes which purport to have been duly recorded as legal votes for and on behalf of the said *John Greaves Clapham* were those, partly of persons who were not, at the time of so voting at the said Election, British Subjects by birth or naturalization, and partly of others who had not then attained the full age of twenty-one years, and partly of others who had voted more than once at the said Election, and partly of others who were not possessed at the time of giving their votes at the said Election, for their own use and benefit as proprietors by virtue of a legal title vesting such property in them, either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common soccage, or *en fief*, or *en roture*, or *en franc aleu*, or by virtue of a certificate derived under the authority of the Governor in Council of the late Province of *Quebec*, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of Lands or Tenements lying and being in the said County of *Megantic*, and in the Townships in which the said two hundred Voters respectively gave such their votes, and being of the clear yearly value of forty-four shillings and five-pence one farthing currency, to wit, the currency set forth in the Statute in that behalf, equal to forty shillings sterling, or upwards, over and above all annual rents, whether ground rents, (*rentes foncières*) or constituted rents, (*rentes constituées*) or any other rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same; and because the said last mentioned Voters were not, at the time of giving such their votes at the said Election, and had not been in actual and uninterrupted possession of the Lands or Tenements upon which they claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as proprietors, according to the true intent and meaning of the Statute in that behalf, or in the receipt of the rents and profits of such Lands and Tenements as proprietors as aforesaid, according to the same true intent and meaning, by virtue of and under some such title as aforesaid, for their

own use and benefit, severally and respectively during at least six calendar months next before the date of the said Writ of Election, the Petitioners averring, that the said last mentioned Lands and Tenements upon which the said last mentioned Voters so claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as aforesaid had not come to them, nor to any one of them, by descent or inheritance, or by devise, marriage, or contract of marriage, and that they did not, nor did any one of them, have or possess any deed or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale (*promesse de vente*) in their favor, or in the favor of any one of them, at the time they claimed to vote and did vote at the said Election for the said *John Greaves Clapham*, of any property whereof they were then in possession, or in favor of any other person or persons through whom they held such property at the time of the said Election, so as to constitute a legal title vesting such property in the persons of the said Voters, and whereof such title, not being a Notarial Deed or Instrument, had been duly enregistered twelve months before the said Election: That the said *John Greaves Clapham*, after the teste of the Writ for the said Election, and at and during the said Election, and before the Return of the said *John Greaves Clapham* at such Election, did directly and indirectly, by himself and his authorized agents for that purpose, employ divers means of corruption, by giving sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities, rewards and bonds, bills and notes, and conveyances of land, and promises of the same, to divers Electors of the said County whose votes have been given and recorded in favor of him the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and by threatening divers of the said Electors with the loss of their offices, salaries, incomes, and advantages, with the intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the said Electors to vote for him the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and to keep back divers others of them from voting for any other Candidate; and that the said *John Greaves Clapham* did, during the period aforesaid, by the said means of corruption, corrupt and bribe divers of the said Electors to vote for him the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and divers others of them to keep back from voting for any other Candidate: That the majority obtained by the said *John Greaves Clapham* by means of the premises, was apparent and colorable only, and was and is fictitious and fraudulent, and that the majority of good and legal votes polled and tendered at the said Election was in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*, who ought to have been declared duly elected and returned as Member for the said County, instead of the said *John Greaves Clapham*: That at the Township of *Somerset*, in the said County, on the thirteenth day of the said month of December, being the second day of polling in the said Township for the said Election, at the hour of nine in the forenoon of the said day, the said *Dunbar Ross* being then and there such Candidate at the said Election as aforesaid, repaired to the Poll House situate in the said Township, where the votes of the Electors resident in the said Township were then being received, and finding the said Poll House surrounded by a large concourse of people, and the entrance into the same guarded by a mob of persons, the said *Dunbar Ross* demanded admittance, which was refused, and the said *Dunbar Ross* was then and there forcibly prevented by the said mob of persons from gaining an admittance into the said Poll House; and being then and there interrogated to that effect by the said *Dunbar Ross*, a number of persons of the said mob openly declared that they would prevent by force and violence the entrance of the said *Dunbar Ross* into the said Poll House: That the said *Dunbar Ross* then and there endeavored to push his way through the said mob into the said Poll House, but was immediately repulsed by them: That the said *Dunbar Ross* then immediately endeavored to effect an entrance by another door in the rear of the said Poll House, whereupon a part of the said mob immediately rushed to the said door, declaring openly and loudly, such move to be made by them for the purpose of preventing an entrance by the last mentioned door: That the said *Dunbar Ross* thereupon immediately knocked several times at the back door and windows of the said

Poll House, addressing himself loudly and repeatedly, by name, to *Charles Prince*, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Township of *Somerset*, at the said Election, requiring him, the said *Charles Prince*, to procure an entrance for the said *Dunbar Ross* into the said Poll House, to which repeated appeals, although made within the hearing of the said *Charles Prince*, he the said *Charles Prince* paid no attention whatever, and utterly refused to comply with the same: That on the day previous to the opening of the said Poll by the said *Charles Prince*, and on the following day, to wit, on the eleventh and twelfth days of the same month of December, there was a general rumour current in the said Township that the said Poll House was intended to be taken possession of by force and violence by certain persons resident in the said Township, commonly called "Squatters," not legally qualified to vote at the said Election, but pretending to and claiming a right to vote at the same, being partizans of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*: That on the said twelfth day of the same month of December, in the said Poll House, and during the hours appointed by law for the polling of the votes in the said Township, and after the votes of several of the said persons, called "Squatters," had been rejected, it was publicly and loudly declared by such persons, in the presence and hearing of the said *Charles Prince*, that they, the said persons, and the partizans of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, would return on the following day to the said Poll House, and take possession of the same by force and violence, in order to cause their said illegal votes to be taken and registered, and to exclude from the said Poll House the other Candidates at the said Election, their agents and attornies, for the purpose of preventing any objection being made by them to the receiving of the said illegal votes: That on the said twelfth day of December, the said *Dunbar Ross* called the attention of the said *Charles Prince*, being such Deputy Returning Officer as aforesaid, to the said rumours and threats of violence, and then and there required him, the said *Charles Prince*, to swear in the usual numbers of Constables required by law to keep the peace at the said Poll House, and such additional number as would be sufficient to guard against the said threats of violence, and ensure the liberty of voting to all the qualified Electors of the said Township; to which request and demand the said *Charles Prince* falsely pretending to comply with the same, answered that he would swear in as many Constables as would be necessary; but that the said *Charles Prince* on the contrary thereof, unlawfully aiding and abetting the said persons in their said unlawful designs and proceedings, did illegally and unjustly, and corruptly neglect and refuse to swear in any Constables whatever at any time during the said Election, notwithstanding that he was by the Law and Statutes in that behalf strictly enjoined and required so to do: That moreover, the said *Charles Prince* did, during the whole of the said Election, openly avow himself to be a partizan of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, and a party to the said illegal proceedings, and did conspire with the other partizans of him the said *François Lemay Poudrier* to defeat the law by facilitating the taking of such illegal votes, and refusing access to the said Poll House to the said Candidates and their agents, and the persons duly qualified to vote at such Election for the said other Candidates: That the said mob of persons did, during the whole of the night preceding the said thirteenth day of December, and during the whole of the polling hours of the said thirteenth day of December, keep possession of the said Poll House by force and violence, and exclude the other Candidates therefrom, and did then and there cause to be enregistered for the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, by the connivance and with the assistance of the said *Charles Prince*, three hundred and fifty votes of persons, called "Squatters," having no right to vote at the said Election, and of others who were under age, and of others who had no property, or right or claim to any property whatever in the said Township; of all which premises, the said *Dunbar Ross*, as well as the said *John Greaves Clapham*, being then and there present as such Candidates as aforesaid, and being aggrieved by the unlawful proceedings

aforesaid, made their several protests in due form, and of which protest of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, an authentic copy was by him delivered to the said Returning Officer, which is by the said Returning Officer returned with his Return to the said Writ of Election : That in consequence of the said riotous proceedings at the said Polling House, in the said Township of *Somerset*, and the acts of violence there committed and systematically continued by the partizans of the said *François Lemay Poudrier*, and the exclusion of the said *Dunbar Ross*, his agents and Voters from the said Polling House, on the said thirteenth day of December, in the year aforesaid, divers Electors in the said Township duly qualified to vote at the said Election, and desirous of tendering and giving their votes for the said *Dunbar Ross*, were intimidated from repairing to the said Poll House, and were, by the illegal means aforesaid, forcibly excluded therefrom and wholly prevented from giving their votes in favor of the said *Dunbar Ross*, according to such their intention and desire : That by reason of the premises, the said *Dunbar Ross* as such Candidate as aforesaid, and the said Petitioners as such Electors as aforesaid, have suffered grievous injury and damage, whereby the Election of the said County of *Megantic* came to be and was and is wholly and absolutely null and void, and so ought to be held and adjudged by the House : That on the day fixed by the said Returning Officer for closing the said Election, to wit, on the said twentieth day of December, in the year aforesaid, at the Township of *Leeds* aforesaid, the said Returning Officer proceeded to ascertain the state of the general Poll at the said Election, by counting and adding up, from each Poll Book, the total number of votes taken and recorded at the said Election in the whole of the said County ; and it was thereupon then and there ascertained by the said Returning Officer, that the number of votes purporting to have been given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *John Greaves Clapham* was five hundred and sixty-five, that the number of votes given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *Dunbar Ross* was five hundred and thirty-eight, and that the number of those purporting to have been given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *François Lemay Poudrier* was five hundred and fourteen, as the same appears in and by the Poll Books of the said Election, thereby making the total number of votes taken and recorded at the said Election, in the whole of the said County, to amount to the number of one thousand six hundred and seventeen votes ; and inasmuch as the said *John Greaves Clapham* had not then a majority of the total number of votes so counted and added up, and which purported to have been taken and recorded according to law in all the Townships in the said County, he the said *John Greaves Clapham* was by the said Returning Officer, unduly and illegally proclaimed as being duly elected a Member to represent the said County in the said Legislative Assembly, and the said Election was and is by reason of the premises, null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever ; and praying that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare that the said *John Greaves Clapham* was not duly qualified, and did not at any time during and before the closing of the said Election, qualify himself as a Candidate at the said Election ; and that the said *John Greaves Clapham* ought not to have been elected or returned as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Megantic* ; and that the said *Dunbar Ross* was duly elected and ought to have been returned as such Member as aforesaid ; and thereupon that the House will direct the Return for the said County to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and by inserting, in the stead thereof, the name of the said *Dunbar Ross*, or that the House will declare the said Election for the said County wholly null and void, and direct that a new Writ do issue for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the same, and grant to the Petitioners such other and further relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.

Of *John Mills* and others, of the City of *Hamilton* ; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for supplying the said City with Water.

Of the Honorable *J. Elmsley* and others, *Roman Catholic Inhabitants* of the Diocese of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the rights and privileges of separate Schools.

Of *M. G. Mountain* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to prevent any more interments being made in the Protestant Burial Ground in *St. John's* Suburbs, or the *Hôtel-Dieu* Burial Ground in the Upper Town of the said City.

Of *Joseph Hamel* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as the "*Chambre de Lecture de St. Roch.*"

Of *Alexander McNaughton* and others, of the County of *Halton*; praying that the said County be separated from the County of *Wentworth* and erected into a distinct County, and that the Village of *Milton* be made the County Town thereof.

Of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company; praying for the amendment of their Charter, and for power to increase their Capital Stock from time to time, to the amount of £500,000.

Of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company; praying for the amendment of the Act incorporating the said Company, and for power to extend the said Railroad to Lake *Huron* or the River *St. Clair*.

Of *Joseph Bedard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the right of voting for Church Wardens of the Parish of *St. Roch* to certain others besides Pew-holders.

Of Mrs. *Widow Olivier Blais*, of the Parish of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*; praying indemnity for a certain amount adjudged against her in the Admiralty Court, through an error in the English translation of the Act to exempt Masters of Vessels from taking Pilots in certain cases, and which error was subsequently corrected by another Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act to indemnify the said Council from actions on account of certain By-Laws passed by the late Council of the Western District, and to confirm the same, and to enable them to collect taxes under the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*; praying for certain amendments to the Jury Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*; praying that the Law governing Tavern Licenses may be so amended as to leave the granting of such Licenses in the hands of each Municipality.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to Municipal Councils the power to decide upon all disputed Elections or Returns of Municipal Councillors, or Township Reeves.

Of *Lauchlan McDougal*, of *Wallaceburgh*, County of *Kent*; praying for the arrears of his pension discontinued from the year 1819 while he was in the wilderness among the *Hurons*, to the year 1852 when he was restored to the list.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying for the passing of an Act to empower Municipal Councils of Counties to grant, in certain cases, titles to concession allowances and side lines to parties granting in lieu thereof Roads parallel to or near the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying that the jurisdiction of Division Courts may be increased, and that County Courts be abolished.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying that the Assessment Law may be so amended as to enable Municipal Councils to assess certain portions of their Municipalities for local improvements.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying for the reduction of the Tax imposed for the Lunatic Asylum.

Of *Emmanuel C. Després*; praying compensation for loss sustained by him in the construction of the Court House and Gaol of the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the year 1834.

Of the there-undersigned Freeholders and Voters at the last General Election of the County of *Prince Edward* for a Member to represent the said County in Provincial Parliament; setting forth: That at the last General Election, an Election was held in and for the County of *Prince Edward*, in the month of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, *James McDonald*, Esquire, Sheriff of the said County of *Prince Edward*, acting as Returning Officer for the Election of one Member to represent the said County in the House of Assembly of this Province, and that *David Barker Stevenson*, Esquire, and *Roger Bates Conger*, Esquire, were Candidates duly nominated to represent the said County in Parliament as aforesaid: That at and pending the said Election, the said *David Barker Stevenson* (being thereunto duly required) made and subscribed before the Returning Officer aforesaid, the declaration as to his property qualification required by law to constitute and render him eligible to be elected as a Member aforesaid: That the Lands and Tenements constituting the freehold mentioned and subscribed to by the said *David Barker Stevenson* in the said declaration, are not and were not at the time of making such declaration, or at the time of such Election or Return, of sufficient value over and above all rents, mortgages, charges, and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same, to qualify the said *David Barker Stevenson* to be legally elected to sit and vote as a Member of the said House of Assembly: That notwithstanding the want of qualification as aforesaid, the said *David Barker Stevenson* was returned as duly elected to represent the said County of *Prince Edward* in the said House of Assembly, and has taken his seat therein; and praying that the House will cause the said Return to be amended, by declaring *Roger Bates Conger*, Esquire, who is duly qualified to represent the said County of *Prince Edward*, and who, next to the said *David Barker Stevenson*, had the greatest number of votes polled at the said Election, duly elected to represent the County of *Prince Edward* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, reported to the House, That their several Addresses of the 24th and 31st August last (That the Papers therein respectively mentioned might be laid before this House,) had been presented to His Excellency the Governor General; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would give directions accordingly.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, one of the Members of this present Parliament for the County of *Mentmorency*, complaining that *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, acted with partiality, and illegally, and praying that he may be summoned to the Bar of the House to answer for his conduct in that behalf, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Industry Village and Rawdon Railroad Company*; the Petition of *François Boucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of *V. Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish and Town of *Three Rivers*; the Petition of *Joseph Blais*, of the Parish of *St. Pierre*, County of *L'Islet*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; the Petition of the *Toronto and Guelph Railway Company*; the Petition of the Corporation of the *Toronto House of Industry*; the

Petition of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company; and the Petition of *John Mills* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William B. Wells*, Esquire, and others, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Kent*, in Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Dixon*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Hartman*, and Mr. *Brown*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *Richard J. Shaw* and others,—of *William P. Vidal* and others,—and of the President and Directors of the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company, and find that due Notice has been given in each case.

The Petitions of the Reverend *A. Simard* and others,—of Sister *M. A. M. Mallet* and others,—and of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Tloa*, and others, being severally for the incorporation of Associations of a charitable nature, do not require the publication of Notice.

The Petition of *Edmund Coulson* and others, for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, being of a public nature, has been erroneously referred to Your Committee.

Upon the Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, for incorporation of a Company for the construction of Steamboats to navigate the River *St. Lawrence*, it appears that no Notice has been published; as, however, the Petitioners do not seek for any exclusive rights or privileges, but merely for the ordinary corporate powers necessary to enable them to carry on business as a Joint Stock Company, Your Committee submit to Your Honorable House to determine whether it might not be expedient to suspend the 64th Rule in their favor.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *La Société des Dames Charitables de la Paroisse de St. Etienne de la Malbaie*.

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. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of *St. Michel*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,

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 detailed Statement of the sums of money respectively received by the several Public Officers mentioned in the Act assigning fixed Salaries to certain Officers of Justice in *Lower Canada*, and forming a special fund out of the salaries, fees, emoluments and pecuniary profits attached to their offices (13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 37*); and also, a detailed Statement of the outlay or expense of management of each office for each year since that Act came in force; also, a List of the Officers, Deputies and Clerks, the amount assigned, and the amount actually paid to each of them; and also, copies of all Instructions given for the purpose of carrying the above into effect; with copies of the Accounts rendered to the Inspector General of Public Accounts under that Act, and a Statement of balances, if any, paid over by the said Officers respectively to the Receiver General, pursuant to the provisions of the same Act; and lastly, a Statement of any monies that may have been advanced out of the public funds to make up any deficiencies in salaries assigned or otherwise; copies of applications, if any, for unpaid salaries, and generally all the information and documents respecting the working of the said Act.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Fournier*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, be appointed to inquire into the following matters relative to the *Magdalen Islands*:—1st. Under what description of Tenure the inhabitants of these Islands hold their Lands; 2nd. What is the present condition of their Agriculture, Trade, Fisheries, and other branches of industry, whether in mines, minerals, or otherwise, and what would be the most efficient means for their improvement should that be deemed necessary; 3rd. Whether these Islands generally, in a Commercial point of view, are advantageous to this Province, or otherwise; lastly, into all matters having reference thereto; to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, seconded by *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all the Correspondence which has taken place between the Government of *New Brunswick* and that of this Province, with reference to the Division Line between this Province and *New Brunswick*; and also, of all the Reports of the Commissioners and

Surveyors employed in the settlement of this matter since the last Report laid before this House by Government on this subject, or such portions thereof as His Excellency shall deem necessary for the information of this House with reference thereto.

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

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, the following Statements for the last five years:—1st, Of the Imports and Exports by way of the River *St. Lawrence*, from and to the different Ports and Harbours of the Provinces of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, *Prince Edward's Island*, and the Island of *Cape Breton*, specifying each Port and Harbour from and to which the said Imports and Exports were made. 2nd, Of the sums paid to Government arising from the Sales of Timber in the Counties of *Bellechasse*, *L'Islet*, *Kamouraska*, *Rimouski*, *Gaspé*, and *Bonaventure*; of the number of Vessels which have loaded with Timber and Fish for exportation, and the average value of their cargoes for the same period. 3rd, Of the number of Schooners or other Vessels entered at the Custom House constructed or purchased by persons resident in the Parishes or Townships of those different Counties in the same period, and their tonnage, specifying if possible, the Counties in which they were built.

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. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to allow the *Fabriques* of the Diocese of *Quebec* to form a Mutual Insurance 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. *Tessier* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the more speedy Distribution of the Statutes.

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 Saturday the eighteenth instant.

On motion of Mr. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Polette*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Instructions given by the Imperial Government to the Governors, Lieutenant Governors, or Administrators of the Government of *Lower Canada*, relative to grants of Land by way of reward or otherwise; and also, of the Sales of uncultivated Crown Lands in *Lower Canada*.

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. *LaTerrière* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent fishing with Gill Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed

in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, 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 for avoiding doubts which might otherwise arise from the Act making alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada* having come into effect since the last General Election, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read a third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confer certain powers on Municipal Corporations and Companies to take materials to repair Roads, being read ;

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luncæ, 6^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statement of the Affairs of the *Kingston* Fire and Marine Insurance Company, to 31st March, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (R.)

And also, Statements of the Affairs of the *Montreal* and *Laclune* Railroad Company, to 31st December, 1851; and of the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry* Village Railroad Company, to 31st December, 1851.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (I.)

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Gloucester*; the Petition of *Andrew Russell* and others, of the Village and Township of *Packingham*; and the Petition of *Leonard Wood* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Peterborough*; the Petition of *Thomas Richard* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; and the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Julien Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Pointe Levy*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. Durocher* and others, of the Townships of *Bagot* and *Chicoutimi*.

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

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *John B. Ashin*, President, on behalf of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *F. Cumberland* and others, of the City of

Toronto and other places; the Petition of *Henry Rowed*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Seymour* and its vicinity; the Petition of *George B. Hall* and others; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Gemley*, Minister, and others, the members of the Congregation of the *Wesleyan Methodist Church* of the Town of *Peterborough*, and others.

By Mr. *Sunborn*,—The Petition of *Nathaniel Jenks*, M.D., and others, of *Barnston*; and the Petition of *Marcus Child*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Skinner* and others, of the Township of *London*, County of *Middlesex*; and the Petition of *Philip Hodgkinson* and others, of the Township of *Malahide*, County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *Daniel Snyder* and others, of the Township of *Colchester*,

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *A. Derousselle*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Beauport* and other places.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William King*, Minister, and others, of the Congregation of the Free Presbyterian Church of *Buxton*; the Petition of the Reverend *John Corbett* and others, of the Township of *Wakefield* and vicinity, in the County of *Ottawa*; the Petition of *Robert Allan* and others, of the Township of *Plympton*; and the Petition of *Andrew Mullins* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Thomas Rowland* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Hurlburt*, in behalf of the *Adelaide Academy*; the Petition of *Thomas Smith* and others, of the Village of *Mitchell*; the Petition of *Peter Catanach* and others, of the Townships of *Sombra* and *Moore*, County of *Kent*; the Petition of *Simon Newcomb* and others, of the Township of *Bayham*; and the Petition of *Neil Clark* and others, of the Township of *Chinguacousy*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Shefford*; and the Petition of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Shefford*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Hector L. Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *John Harris* and others, of the Village of *Mount Pleasant*; the Petition of the Reverend *George Cheyne* and others, in behalf of the Congregations of *Saltfleet* and *Binbrook* in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; the Petition of *A. Huntington* and others, of the County of *Brant*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Halton*, and *Brant*; the Petition of *John A. Wilkes*, of the Town of *Brantford*; and the Petition of *Warren Nichols* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*, County of *Lambton*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the *Trafalgar, Esquesing* and *Erin Road Company*; the Petition of *John Kennedy*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Halton*, and *Brant*; the Petition of *John White* and others, of the Township of *Trafalgar*, and others; the Petition of *William Firstbrook* and others, of the Township of *Erin*; and the Petition of Mrs. *E. Hart*, of the City of *Hamilton*, widow.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *James Maclaren*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Wakefield* and vicinity, County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *André Brien* and others, of the Townships of *Kildare* and *Cathcart*.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *Archibald Petrie* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*, County of *Russell*; the Petition of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire,

President, on behalf of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; and the Petition of *John Ramsay*, Chairman, and *J. W. Marston*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of *L'Orignal* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *James Hodgson*, President, and others, on behalf of the *Whitby* Mechanics' Institute.

By Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of *Peter Shaver*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Matilda*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Charrae*, and Administrator of the Diocese of *Kingston*, and others, the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the said Diocese; and the Petition of *Griffith Jones*, of the City of *Kingston*.

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

Of *George W. Cameron* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of the Township of *Lochaber*; of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*; of *Richard J. Doyle* and others, of *Oshawa* and its vicinity; of *T. Bickle* and others, of the Township of *Markham* and other places; of *William Pogue* and others, of *Richmond Hill* and vicinity; of *John Lightbody* and others, of the Township of *Markham*; of *Thomas Fuyard* and others, of the Township of *Scarborough*; of *Francis M. Whitelaw* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; of *Mary Ann Watts* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; of *N. C. T. Cheltenham* and others, of the Township of *Chinguacousy*; of *Joseph Gould* and others, of the Townships of *Uxbridge* and *Scott*, County of *Ontario*; of *Royford Coristine* and others, of the Township of *East Gwilliambury*; of *Margaret Doherty* and others, females, of the Town of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity; and of *George Duncan* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glen-gary*; praying for aid to improve the Road leading to the River *aux Raisins*, and to repair the Bridge over the said River, in the Township of *Charlottenburgh*.

Of *F. C. T. Arnoldi*, Esquire, M.D., and others, Lecturers in the *St. Lawrence* School of Medicine of *Montreal*; praying that the said School may be placed on the same footing with others, in *Lower Canada*, so far as regards pecuniary aid.

Of *Hypolite Valiquette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joachim de la Pointe Claire*, County of *Montreal*; praying aid to establish an Academy in the said Parish.

Of *Joseph Daout* and others, of the Parishes of *Lachine* and *Pointe Claire*, County of *Montreal*; praying aid to macadamize the Road from *Lachine* to *Ste. Anne*.

Of *Henry Moyle*, Esquire, of the Township of *Brantford*, County of *Brant*; complaining of the conduct of *G. M. Johnson*, an agent of the *New England* Company, in publishing treasonable letters, and praying that measures may be adopted to obtain such alterations in the Charter of the said Company as to prevent a recurrence of such conduct on the part of its agents.

Of *James F. Bradshaw*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Manager of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the Chartered Banks of this Province to make shares thereof held in *Europe* transferable, and the dividends thereof payable there as in *Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Nelson*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the conveyance to the said Municipality of a certain lot of land for the purpose of erecting thereon a Township Hall.

Of *John Corbitt* and others, of the Townships of *Biddulph* and *McGillivray*, County of *Huron*; praying that the said Townships may be detached from the said County, and annexed to the County of *Middlesex*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Sarnia*; praying the adoption of measures for the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to Educational purposes.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Sarnia*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Chatham*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Cramahe*; and of the Reverend *G. F. Playter* and others, of *Huntingdon* and other Townships; praying for the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the Public Service.

Of *Murdoch Mackenzie*, of the City of *Quebec*, Sergeant in the late 103rd Regiment; praying indemnity for the loss of his house blown up by gunpowder during the great fire in the said City, in June, 1845.

Of Mrs. *H. M. Mountain* and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec* in connexion with the Church of *England*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *George Arundel Hill*, of the Township of *Dummer*, yeoman; praying that the Christian Sabbath may be considered a human and not a divine institution, and that previous to any additional Legislative interference being had with regard to that Day, he may be heard at the Bar of the House with reference thereto.

Of *Daniel Doran*, of the Town of *Peterborough*, Cloth Manufacturer; praying for the abolition of the Court of Chancery, and that an Equity Jurisdiction be conferred upon the Courts of Common Law.

Of Messieurs *Bryce, McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Law now in force,

Of *John Taylor* and others, of *Brockville*, Manufacturers, and others; praying the adoption of measures to protect the Domestic Manufactures of *Canada*.

Of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic* Bishop of *Montreal*; praying that the usual annual aid of £1000 to the *Montreal* General Hospital, may be divided between the said Hospital and the *St. Patrick's* Hospital in the said City.

Of Sister *Ste. Jeanne de Chantal* and others, Sisters of Mercy, Directresses of *L'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the *Montreal* Ladies' Benevolent Society; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Frederick A. Cutter*, of the Township of *Sutton*; *Richard Hutchinson*, of the Township of *Shefford*, Physicians and Surgeons; and of *John E. Bangs*, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, Physician and Surgeon; praying for the passing of an Act granting to them the like privileges as those conferred on certain persons by the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 105*, amending the Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*.

Of Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying an Act of Incorporation as an Association to provide for the destitute Orphans of the said City.

Of the Reverend *Samuel S. Wood*, Chairman, and others, the Committee of Management of the *Three Rivers* Academy; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *Marcelle Michaud* and others, of the Township of *Whitworth*, County of *Rimouski*; praying for aid to improve the Roads and construct Bridges in the said Township.

Of *Rowland Burr*, Esquire; praying that the Law regulating trials by Jury in *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to dispense with Juries, except in cases where parties desire the same, leaving decisions in matters of fact as well as of law to the Judge or Judges presiding at such trials, similar to the system now prevailing in the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*.

Of *Antoine Paquet* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the repeal of the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec*.

Of Messieurs *Charles E. Levey* and Company, and others, Shipbuilders, and others interested in the Trade of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to permit all articles imported and used for Shipbuilding purposes to be imported free of duty.

Of *John Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; praying to be reimbursed a certain amount of money paid by him, under protest, as Duties on articles imported by him from *Nova Scotia*.

Of *J. Forbes* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying aid to construct a Public Wharf at old *Bic Harbour*.

Of *William Newell* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, Traders and Petty Chapmen; praying for the passing of an Act to remove certain restrictions on their trade at the said City.

Of the Reverend *George Mackie*, D.D., and others, the Committee of Management of the National Schools at *Quebec*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*, and of the City of *Quebec*; praying for aid to construct a Pier at *St. Michael's Cove*, in the said County.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas, and Glengary*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School and Municipal Corporations Acts.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 128*, so as to enable the said Corporation to consolidate the Debt of the said City by raising a Loan in *England*, or elsewhere, for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Donald Fraser* and others engaged or interested in the Cod Fisheries in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report upon the state of the Fisheries carried on in the Gulf of the *St. Lawrence*, and on the *Labrador* coast, by the Inhabitants of this Province.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *John Mills* and others,—and of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*, and find that the requisite Notices have been given.

The Petition of *V. Guillet*, Esquire, and others, prays for the passing of an Act to facilitate the administration of the new Diocese of *Three Rivers*, including (amongst other matters) authority to impose a rate within the Parish of *Three Rivers*, for the erection of a new Church therein. Your Committee are of opinion that the matter last mentioned is the only part of the Petition which comes under the provisions of the 64th Rule, and of this no Notice has been given by the applicants; as however it has been proved to the satisfaction of Your Committee that a public meeting of the Parishioners was held, whereat Resolutions in favor of the rate were unanimously adopted, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the usual Notice be dispensed with.

The Petition of the Corporation of the *Toronto* House of Industry for an Act to define their powers, is not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 1st instant, praying His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be

laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between Her Majesty's Government in *Canada*, or any Member thereof, and the Imperial Government, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, since the 1st June, 1851.

For the said Return, see Appendix (T.)

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Return be printed in the English and French languages for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Rectories.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the recovery of just debts due by Incorporated Companies.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal such Clauses of the Common School Acts of *Upper Canada* as authorize the establishment of Sectarian Schools endowed with the public money.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the more convenient assembling of Parliament.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same.

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

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for a Return of all Officers or Servants appointed to any place or office in or connected with the collection of the Customs Revenue during the last two years, stating to what offices severally appointed, the date of each appointment, the income in each case, and whether such income has been increased or diminished, and by how much; distinguishing all the new offices and places created, and stating by what authority and order each new office has been created, and shewing, where possible, the necessity warranting such increase; and a Return of the public monies expended within the last four years in payment of the expenditure for missions to *Washington*, *Halifax*, and *London*, for purposes connected with Financial or Railway business, or Reciprocity of trade, stating the amounts severally so paid by the Receiver General, and to whom paid.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouin* have leave to bring in a Bill for avoiding doubts as to

the true meaning of a certain enactment in the Act regulating Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all Despatches and Correspondence which have passed between the Colonial Office in *England*, and His Excellency the Governor General, relative to the Seigniorial and Feudal Tenure in *Lower Canada*, since the last Session of the last Parliament; and also, copies of all Despatches and Correspondence between the said Colonial Office and the Government of this Province, relative to the different Tenures of Land in *Lower Canada*, since it has been under British rule.

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.

A Bill for avoiding doubts which might otherwise arise from the Act making alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada* having come into effect since the last General Election, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the First Report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration certain proposed Resolutions upon which to found an Address to Her Majesty, praying that She will be pleased to sanction the introduction into the Imperial Parliament of an amendment to the Act of 1846, by introducing the same principle of Reciprocity retained in the Act of 1849; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

And the Question being put, That the Committee have leave to sit again;—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the said proposed Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Egan*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and Mr. *Lemieux*, to report thereon with all convenient speed.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the fifteenth instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 77, intituled, "An Act to authorize the employment of Military Pensioners and others, as a local Police Force," being read;

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to secure Mechanics and others, a Lien on Buildings erected by them in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, 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 prevent the deterioration of lands and tenements charged with hypothecs, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act authorizing the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*, so as to compel them to keep their Roads in repair, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gamble*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prohibit the payment to Mechanics and others, in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, of wages in goods or by way of truck, 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 declare the intention of the Law organizing the Notarial Profession, with respect to the study of that Profession, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to secure the independence of the Legislative Assembly, by prohibiting the Clergy of all Denominations from voting or interfering at Elections, being read;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to confer certain powers on Municipal Corporations and Companies to take materials to repair Roads; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

and Mr. *Crawford* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, one of the Members of this present Parliament, for the County of *Montmorency*, complaining that *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, acted with partiality, and illegally, and praying that he may be summoned to the Bar of the House to answer for his conduct in that behalf, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate *La Société des Dames Charitables de la Paroisse de St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>31. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>14. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>White,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was according read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 7° die Septembris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statements of the Affairs of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, to 30th August, 1852; and of the City Bank, to 31st August, 1852.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (R.)

And also, Statements of the Affairs of the *St. Lawrence Inland Marine Assurance Company* for the year 1851; and of the *British America Fire and Life Assurance Company*, to 30th June, 1852.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (R.)

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *George Hamilton* and others, of the County of *Prescott*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *T. Kirwan* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Town and vicinity of *London*; and the Petition of *John McIntosh*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—Two Petitions of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company; two Petitions of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; and the Petition of *Alexander Workman* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*, merchants, and others.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of *Dundas*; and the Petition of *William Smith*, Moderator, and *Thomas L. Davidson*, Clerk, on behalf of the *Grand River* Association of Regular Baptists.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John McLachlan* and others, of the Village of *Acton* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the University of Queen's College at *Kingston*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *George Gurnet*, Esquire, and others, Clerks of the Peace of the Western Division of *Canada*; and the Petition of *William Laurie* and others, of the Township of *West Gwillimbury*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of Mrs. *E. Arnoldi* and others, Charitable Ladies, the Directresses and Officers of the Catholic Orphan Asylum at *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Brigitte Gosselin*, of the City of *Quebec*, widow of the late *Augustin Laperrière*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *B. W. Stevens* and others, of the Townships of *Caradoc*, *Lobo*, and *Delaware*.

By Mr. *Poulin*,—The Petition of *Charles Fortin*, of the Parish of *St. George* of *Henryville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Groulx* and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoit*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George J. Ryerse* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*; and the Petition of Colonel *Gordon Higgins* of the Royal Artillery, President of the *Canada* Military Asylum, and others, Members of the acting Committee thereof, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the several Reports of the Agricultural Societies of *Lower Canada* laid before this House, be referred to the Select Committee to enquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joshua Adams*, Esquire, and others, of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of this House, and to consider and devise means calculated to expedite the performance of its duties, have leave to report from time to time.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, from the said Select Committee, then presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have commenced a careful examination of the Rules of Your Honorable House, with the view of preparing and submitting such alterations as may tend to expedite the business of the House, as well as to simplify the practice in matters of ordinary routine. They have not yet completed their labors, but having agreed as to the expediency of the following amendments, they have thought it advisable to report the same without delay, in order that, if found desirable, the improvements suggested might at once be carried into effect.

Your Committee would first direct attention to the 6th Rule, which requires that immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk—a practice which is now rendered unnecessary by the Votes and Proceedings being printed, day by day, and placed in the hands of Members, who are thus enabled, in a much more satisfactory manner, to detect any errors or omissions that may occur, and to have them at once corrected. Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that the 6th Rule be rescinded.

The present mode of presenting Petitions, by a Member rising in his place and addressing the Speaker, appears to Your Committee to take up much of the time of the House unnecessarily, and they would suggest that the 83rd Rule be so amended as to provide that for the future all Petitions (excepting Election Petitions) be laid on the table before five o'clock each day, with the name of the Member presenting the same endorsed on the back; and that a list of the Petitions so deposited, be printed with the Votes and Proceedings, but not in the Journals of the House; and that after they shall have lain on the table two days, such Petitions be read by the Clerk, and if received by the House, then entered in the Journals.

Your Committee also consider the practice that at present prevails with respect to Notices, as tending to delay the business of the House; and they would recommend the adoption of a Rule requiring Notices (not less than two days) of all Motions for leave to present a Bill, Resolution, or Address, or for the appointment of a Committee, to be laid on the table of the House each day before five o'clock, and that such Notices be printed with the Votes and Proceedings of the day.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to several Addresses,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 31st ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of all Correspondence that has passed between the Government and the authorities of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at *Toronto*, during the last year, relative to the management of that Institution, or the funds available for its support.

For the said Return, see Appendix (J.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 31st ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of all Correspondence between the Government of this Province and the authorities of Trinity College, *Toronto*, in regard to a Royal Charter for the said College.

For the said Return, see Appendix (U.)

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Post Office Department, for the year ending 5th April, 1852.

For the said Report, see Appendix (V.)

Ordered, That the said Report, exclusive of the Appendix, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects.

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. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill for the registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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 the twenty-first instant.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Patrick*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Johnson*, and Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, be appointed to enquire into and report upon the best means of remedying the difficulties which have arisen in several Counties of *Canada West*, from the informality of the By-Laws of the Municipal Councils imposing County rates.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the powers of the Junior Judges of County Courts in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of Assistant Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* in certain cases.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors 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 Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the effect of fraudulent Elections of Municipal Councillors in *Lower Canada*.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Member for the County of *Oxford*, and also for the Town of *Niagara*, made his election to serve for the County of *Oxford*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Town of *Niagara*, in the room of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, who has made his election to serve for the County of *Oxford*.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government, or any Member thereof, and the Contractor or Contractors for furnishing Steam Tug Boats on the River *St. Lawrence*, or with the *Montreal* Board of Trade, or any other person or persons, on the subject of withdrawing the said Tug Boats, and discontinuing the accommodation afforded by them to the Trade of the Province.

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. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Consolidated Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*.

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

A Bill to declare the intention of the Law organizing the Notarial Profession, with respect to the study of that Profession, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to confer certain powers on Municipal Corporations and Companies to take materials to repair Roads, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Burnham* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-eighth instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to restrict the Acceptance of Office in certain cases, being read;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>

<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	45. <i>Wright,</i> (W.R. York.)
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	14. <i>Wright,</i> (E.R. York.)
<i>Christie</i> (<i>Wentworth.</i>)	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1851.

For the said Tables, see Appendix (A.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, The Public Accounts for the year 1851.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (B.)

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 8^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of *Montreal*, to 31st August, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (R.)

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Elizabeth Segmullar* and others, female inhabitants of the Town of *Stratford*, County of *Perth* ; the Petition of *John Kastner* and others, male and female German inhabitants of the Township of *Ellice*, County of *Perth* ; and the Petition of *William Chalk* and others, of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Gordon Serviss* and others, of the Township of *Oxford* ; the Petition of *Horace Hutchins* and others, of the County of *Grenville* ; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville* ; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford* ; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *Robert McIntire* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *J. W. Parent* and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Tardif* and others, of the Island of *Orleans*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. St. Germain*, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Municipal Councils of the Township of *Brantford*, of the County of *Brant*, and of other places.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *John Bayne* and others, of *Galt* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—The Petition of *A. S. Gouin*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Sister M. R. Coullée*, Superior, and others, Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *John Ward* and others, of the Township of *Etobicoke*; the Petition of *Francis Creighton* and others, of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lambton*; and the Petition of *John Watt* and others, of the Townships of *Nichol* and *Garafaxa*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Samuel Andres* and others, of the County of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchants, Ship-owners, and others, of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the British and Canadian School Society.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *William H. Ellerbeck* and others, of the Town of *Brockville*.

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

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Gloucester*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time limited by the eighth Section of the Assessment Amendment Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 110*.

Of *Leonard Wood* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton*; and of *Andrew Russell* and others, of the Village and Township of *Packingham*; praying for the construction of a Canal of the same dimensions as the *St. Lawrence* Canals, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence* with those of *Lake Champlain*.

Of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Peterborough*; praying for the passing of a special Act to incorporate the Company formed for the construction of a Railway from the Town of *Cobourg* to the Town of *Peterborough*.

Of *Thomas Richard* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying that a new Survey of the sixth and seventh Concessions of the said Township may be made, for the purpose of setting the true boundaries thereof.

Of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable him to recover a certain amount due him for his services in making a Survey of the Township of *Hamilton*, and marking permanently certain boundaries therein.

Of *Julien Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Pointe Levy* and others; praying that the Act amending the Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the Navigation of the waters of this Province, may be so amended as to dispense with the inspection of their Steanboats used as Ferries and Tow-boats.

Of the Reverend *F. Durocher* and others, of the Townships of *Bagot* and *Chicoutimi*; praying aid to improve the *Sydenham* Road, and to construct a Bridge over the *Rivière à Mars*.

Of *M. Townsend* and others, Directors of the *Clarenceville Academy*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *John B. Askin*, President, on behalf of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the Titles of the said Society to a certain piece of land in the Town of *London*.

Of *F. Cumberland* and others, of the City of *Toronto* and other places; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railroad from the said City to the Town of *Peterborough*.

Of *Henry Rowed*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Seymour* and its vicinity; and of *George B. Hull* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Lake Huron Railway Company*.

Of the Reverend *John Gemley*, Minister, and others, the members of the Congregation of the *Wesleyan Methodist Church* of the Town of *Peterborough*, and others; of the Reverend *William King*, Minister, and others, of the Congregation of the Free Presbyterian Church of *Buxton*; of the Reverend *John Corbett* and others, of the Township of *Wakefield* and vicinity, in the County of *Ottawa*; of *Robert Allan* and others, of the Township of *Plympton*; of the Reverend *George Cheyne* and others, in behalf of the Congregations of *Saltfleet* and *Binbrook* in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and of *Archibald Petrie* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*, County of *Russell*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *Nathaniel Jenks*, M.D., and others, of *Barnston*; praying aid to enable them to maintain an Academy in the Township of *Barnston*.

Of *Marcus Child*, Esquire, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from opposite the City of *Montreal*, *viâ Chambly* and the outlet of Lake *Memphramagog*, to the Province Line in *Stanstead*.

Of the Reverend *James Skinner* and others, of the Township of *London*, County of *Middlesex*; of *Philip Hodgkinson* and others, of the Township of *Malahide*, County of *Elgin*; of *Daniel Snyder* and others, of the Township of *Colchester*; of *Andrew Mullins* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*; of *Thomas Rowland* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*; of *Thomas Smith* and others, of the Village of *Mitchell*; of *Simon Newcomb* and others, of the Township of *Bayham*; of *Neil Clark* and others, of the Township of *Chinguacousy*; of *John Harris* and others, of the Village of *Mount Pleasant*; of *John Kennedy*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*; of *John White* and others, of the Township of *Trafalgar*, and others; of *William Firstbrook* and others, of the Township of *Erin*; of *James Maclaren*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Wakefield* and vicinity, County of *Ottawa*; and of *Peter Shaver*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Matilda*, praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *A. Derousselle*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Beauport* and other places; praying that the *Laval Road* may be placed under the control of the Commissioners of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust*, for the improvement of the said Road.

Of the Reverend *J. Hurlburt*, in behalf of the *Adelaide Academy*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Peter Catanach* and others, of the Townships of *Sombra* and *Moore*, County of *Kent*; praying that the Petition of *John A. Wilkes*, of the Town of *Brantford*, for the passing of an Act to grant or confirm to him the right of constructing Dams or other erections in the Township of *Sombra*, over the River *North Sydenham* and its tributary, *Black Creek*, be not granted.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Shefford*; praying that the main Eastern Townships Road, from *Longueuil* to *Granby Village*, may be put into a better state of repair.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Shefford*; praying for the establishment of Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction and Quarterly Sessions of the Peace within the said County.

Of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Shefford*; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from opposite the City of *Montreal*, *viâ Chambly* and the outlet of *Lake Memphramagog*, to the Province Line.

Of *Hector L. Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; praying for the repeal of so much of the second Section of the Act of *Lower Canada* 41 *Geo.* 3; cap. 7, as prevents parties in *Upper Canada* from prosecuting any action, opposition, or suit before the Courts of Civil Jurisdiction in *Lower Canada*, without giving security for the costs thereof.

Of *A. Huntington* and others, of the County of *Brant*; praying that the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 74, for protecting the Indians in *Upper Canada* from imposition, and their lands from trespass or injury, may be amended or repealed.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; praying that the improvement of the *Grand River* Navigation may be assumed, and made a Provincial work.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Halton*, and *Brant*; praying for a general revision and simplification of the Laws, that they be published in a convenient form, and the Queen's Printer required to furnish copies of the same to any person at the actual cost of publication.

Of *John A. Wilkes*, of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for the passing of an Act to grant or confirm to him the right of constructing Dams or other erections on his own land, in the Township of *Sombra*, over the River *North Sydenham*, and its tributary, *Black Creek*.

Of *Warren Nichols* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*, County of *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize proprietors of Lot No. 16, in the 13th Concession, and above the same, in the said Township, to construct Dams or other erections over the River *North Sydenham* and *Black Creek*, in the said Township.

Of the *Trafalgar*, *Esquesing* and *Erin* Road Company; praying that the Act for establishing a Provincial Post may be amended, so as to enable them to collect Toll on conveyances carrying the Provincial Mails.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Halton*, and *Brant*; praying that the Office of Inspector of Licenses may be abolished, and the issue of Licenses placed under the control and for the benefit of each Municipality.

Of *Mrs. E. Hart*, of the City of *Hamilton*, widow; praying to be liberated from the Gaol of the United Counties of *Wentworth*, *Halton*, and *Brant*, where she has been confined for two years, and is still confined for debt.

Of *André Brien* and others, of the Townships of *Kildare* and *Cathcart*; praying aid for the improvement of certain Roads in the said Townships.

Of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, President, on behalf of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; praying for the establishment of a Model Farm at the eastern extremity of *Upper Canada*, and that a yearly grant be made for the maintenance thereof.

Of *John Ramsay*, Chairman, and *J. W. Marston*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of *L'Orignal* and its vicinity; praying for the establishment of a Model and Experimental Farm to be attached to the District Grammar School at that place.

Of *James Hodgson*, President, and others; on behalf of the *Whitby* Mechanics' Institute; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Charraë*, and Administrator of the Diocese of *Kingston*, and others, the Roman Catholic Clergy and Laity of the said Diocese; praying that the Common School Act may be so amended as to grant to

the *Roman Catholics of Upper Canada*, a separate Board of Education, separate Schools, and an equitable share of the Common School Funds.

Of *Griffith Jones*, of the City of *Kingston*; complaining that he has been denied admission to the Provincial Penitentiary in his usual capacity of Foreman of Edge-tool Makers, for having stated certain facts derogatory to the character and management of that Institution, and praying for inquiry and relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *T. H. Prévost*, Director, and others, Officers and Members of "*La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville-Marie, of Montreal*," and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nelson*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Aumond*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Ottawa*; the Petition of *Peter Ayles* and others, of the District of *Ottawa*; and the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Peterborough*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. Street, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Stamford*, presented to the House, the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to report, That they have attentively considered the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Stamford*, praying that extended powers may be conferred upon them in their corporate capacity, so as to enable them to make By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations for the better government of that part of the Township which lies contiguous to or in the immediate neighbourhood of the Falls of *Niagara*; and looking at the vast importance of promoting the peace and security of that locality, and ensuring, as far as practicable, civility and attention to visitors, and others, who annually resort there in great numbers, Your Committee are of opinion that the powers prayed for are highly essential for the welfare of the community in that locality, and they strongly recommend Your Honorable House to pass an Act conferring upon the Municipality the powers which they seek to obtain.

Mr. Lemieux, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *British America Fire and Life Assurance Company*, and find that Notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette*. This Company not being one of a local nature, as its operations extend over the whole Province, Your Committee are of opinion that the Notice is sufficient.

The Petition of Colonel *Gordon Higgins*, for incorporation of the *Canada Military Asylum*, is not of such a nature as to come under the provisions of the 64th Rule.

The Petition of *Joseph Blais*, sets forth certain difficulties under which he labors in carrying out the provisions of a Will to which he is an Executor, and prays for the passing of an Act, either for his particular relief, or as a general Law, to meet all cases of a like nature. So much of the Petition as relates to the passing of a general Law does not of course come within the province of Your Committee; but so far as any application for a Private Bill is concerned, the Petitioner has given no Notice of his intention, and is not therefore in a position to seek for the passing of an Act to meet his own case individually.

With respect to the Petitions of *George J. Ryerse* and others,—and of the City of *Toronto Gas Light and Water Company*, both of which relate to matters of a private and local nature, though it appears that Notices have been inserted in the *Canada Gazette*, yet none have been published in newspapers belonging to the localities affected, consequently the Notice given is insufficient.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide an efficient remedy against any inconveniences which might result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*,” without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, James Morris, Boulton, and Taché*, be appointed to act on behalf of this House as Members of the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, and to unite with the Members of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly named for the same purpose, by the Resolution of which a copy is contained in the Message on that subject, this day received from that House.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Legislative Assembly, by one of the Masters in Chancery.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to convey portions of a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Barton*, between Lots 14 and 15 in the fourth Concession, to *James Hamilton* and others, as Devisees in trust of *P. H. Hamilton*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation of Marriages, and to place upon a footing of equality the several Religious Denominations relative to the solemnization or celebration of Matrimony.

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 the twenty-second instant.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have passed between the *Roman Catholic* Bishop of *Toronto* and the Superintendent of Education for *Upper Canada*, on the subject of separate Common Schools.

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

On motion of Mr. *Taché*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That the Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of *Quebec*, be exempted from the application of the 64th Rule of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*,

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, all Documents and information respecting the Marriage License Fund arising in *Lower Canada*, and copies of the Commissions or authority given since the Union of *Upper and Lower Canada* to the persons from time to time entrusted with the issue of such Licenses, together with an account in detail of all monies collected, received, or paid for Marriage Licenses in *Lower Canada*, and of all

expenses attending the collection and payment thereof, specifying the sums received, the sums retained, and the sums paid into the hands of the Receiver General in each year, by the several and respective persons charged with the issuing of such Licenses, and shewing also whether any of the money so collected remains to be accounted for.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Office of Queen's Printer, and to provide for the public printing and legal advertizing.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Fergusson* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill further to extend the time limited for certain purposes by the *Montreal* Registry 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 To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce*, *McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders, of the City of *Toronto*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company on Marine Assurance.

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 reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Luc Letellier*, *Alexander Fraser*, and *Cyprien Lebel*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, is unobjectionable.

The Honorable *Jean Chabot*, the Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald*, *David Christie*, Esquire, *George Percival Ridout*, Esquire, *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, and *John Sewall Sanborn*, Esquire, being the Members appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, severally took the following Oath:

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, without fear or favor, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

Mr. Speaker appointed To-morrow at Ten of the clock in the forenoon; in Committee Room No. 1, for the first meeting of the General Committee of Elections.

The Honorable Mr. *Viger* claimed to be excused from serving on Election Committees, on grounds of ill health.

Resolved, That the Honorable Mr. *Viger* be excused from serving on Election Committees during the present Session.

The Honorable Mr. *Papineau* claimed to be excused from serving on Election Committees, on account of his advanced age and ill health.

Resolved, That the Honorable Mr. *Papineau* be excused from serving on Election Committees during the present Session.

Thomas Hall Johnson, Esquire, claimed to be excused on the grounds that he holds an Office which requires his attendance during the sittings of the Court of Queen's Bench in the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*, and that the Act under which he is appointed makes no provision for the nomination of a Deputy.

Mr. *Taché* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That *Thomas Hall Johnson*, Esquire, be excused from serving on Election Committees for the reasons assigned by him; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Corrected Alphabetical List of Members to serve on Election Committees, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Luc Letellier*, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, and as such duly qualified, and *Alexander Fraser*, of the Parish of *St. André*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, Notary, and *Cyprien Lebel*, of the Parish of *St. Louis* of *Kamouraska*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, aforesaid, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, which was presented on the 27th day of August last, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish Courts of Conciliation or Arbitration in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Johnson*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Dumoulin</i> ,	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , (<i>Frontenac</i> .)
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> ,	<i>Malloch</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>LaTerrière</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Dixon</i> ,	<i>Laurin</i> ,	<i>Prince</i> ,	<i>Viger</i> ,
<i>Dubord</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,	20. <i>Wright</i> , (<i>W.R. York</i> .)

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Merritt</i> ,	<i>Sanborn</i> ,
<i>Boulton</i> ,	<i>Gouin</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Seymour</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Paisé</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Papineau</i> ,	<i>Street</i> ,
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Johnson</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Tessier</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> (<i>Wentworth</i> .)	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,	<i>Turcotte</i> ,
<i>Clapham</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Valois</i> ,
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i> .)	<i>Ridout</i> ,	<i>Varin</i> ,
<i>Drummond</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>White</i> ,
<i>Fergusson</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Rolph</i> ,	<i>Willson</i> ,
<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>McLachlin</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> ,	44. <i>Wright</i> , (<i>E.R. York</i> .)

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	44. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	20. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Rose*, Mr. *Hartman*, and Mr. *Boulton*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, The House adjourned.

Jovis, 9° die Septembris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Reports of the Corporation of *La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix* of the Parish of *St. Laurent*,—and of the Corporation of *L'Académie Industrielle de St. Laurent*.

For the said Reports, see Appendix (W.)

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Frederick Mack* and others, of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Alexander M. Delisle* and *William H. Brehaut*, Esquires, Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Sherbrooke*; and the Petition of the Council of *Bishop's College* at *Lennoxville*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the *Brantford* and *Buffalo*

Joint Stock Railroad Company; and the Petition of *George Rolph*, Esquire, of the Town of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *George Jackson* and others, of *Bentinck* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Marchildon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Fugère* and others, of the Parish of *St. Stanislas*, County of *Champlain*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *John Gilleland* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Dickson* and others, of the Township of *Caledonia*, County of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *William Pringle*, Junior, and others, of the Township of *Markham* and places adjacent, United Counties of *York*, *Ontario*, and *Peel*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Robert Rogers* and others, the Congregation of *St. James' Church* in the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Crowland*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *William Price*, Esquire, and others, interested in the Trade and Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Edmund Boyle*, of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *P. A. R. de Bellefeuille* and others, late Officers of the Municipal District of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *F. X. Garneau*, Esquire, and others, Officers of *L'Institut Canadien de Québec*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*, and of the inhabitants of the Parish of *Charlesbourg* and other places.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of *Alfred Digby*, Surgeon, and others, Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations of Indians residing on the *Grand River*; and the Petition of *H. P. Holmes* and others, of the Township of *Yonge*.

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

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *George Hamilton* and others, of the County of *Prescott*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; and of *Alexander Workman* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*, merchants, and others; praying for the construction of a Canal of dimensions similar to the *St. Lawrence* Canals, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence* above the Village of *Caughnawaga* with those of Lake *Champlain*.

Of the Very Reverend *T. Kirwan* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Town and vicinity of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the rights and privileges of separate Schools under the Common School Act.

Of *John McIntosh*; praying payment of a certain amount for articles furnished by him to the Militia on the order of their Colonel, at *Fort Erie*, during the troubles of 1837.

Of *William Smith*, Moderator, and *Thomas L. Davidson*, Clerk, on behalf of the *Grand River* Association of Regular Baptists; of *William Laurie* and others, of the Township of *West Gwillimbury*; and of *B. W. Stevens* and others, of the Townships of *Caradioc*, *Lobo*, and *Delaware*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; and of the *Bytown* and *Préscott* Railway Company; praying that a Loan £75,000 in Provincial Debentures be granted to aid in the completion of the said Railway.

Of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of *Dundas*; praying for the passing of an Act similar in its provisions to that adopted by the Legislature of the State of *Maine*, for the suppression of Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford*; and of the Reverend *John McLachlan* and others, of the Village of *Acton* and its vicinity; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the University of Queen's College at *Kingston*; praying aid for the endowment of the said University.

Of *George Gurnet*, Esquire, and others, Clerks of the Peace of the Western Division of *Canada*; praying that no further reduction be made in the income of Clerks of the Peace.

Of Mrs. *E. Arnoldi* and others, Charitable Ladies, the Directresses and Officers of the Catholic Orphan Asylum at *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of Mrs. *Brigitte Gosselin*, of the City of *Quebec*, Widow of the late *Augustin Laperrière*; praying that a Pension be granted to her in consideration of the long and faithful services of her late husband as a Messenger to the Legislative Assembly.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*; praying for certain amendments to the Jurors' Acts 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 55, and 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 65.

Of *Charles Fortin*, of the Parish of *St. George* of *Henryville*; praying to be indemnified for loss sustained by him during the late Rebellion.

Of the Reverend *A. Groulx* and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoît*; praying indemnity for the destruction of the Church and Church Property of the said Parish by the Army, in the year 1837.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas Simard* and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Cornelius O'Sullivan* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Thomas C. Lee* and others interested in Shipping in the Port of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Antoine Paquet* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of Messieurs *Charles E. Levey* and Company, and others, Shipbuilders, and others interested in the Trade of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the expediency of encouraging Shipbuilding in this Province.

Mr. Dubord moved, seconded by *Mr. Christie* of *Gaspé*, and the Question being proposed, That the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, *M. D.*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying indemnity for damages sustained by their property by reason of the act of Colonel *Higgins* in blowing up, with powder, certain buildings during the Fire in the said City, on the 26th December, 1851, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable *Mr. Papineau*, *Mr. Prince*, *Mr. Langton*, *Mr. Christie* of *Gaspé*, 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;

Mr. Christie of *Gaspé* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by *Mr. Smith* of *Frontenac*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "so much only of the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, *M. D.*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, against Colonel *Higgins*, as asks for inquiry, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable *Mr. Papineau*, *Mr. Prince*, *Mr. Langton*, *Mr. Dubord*, and the mover, to report thereon "with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records" added instead thereof;

And Mr. Speaker having declared that the said proposed Amendment and Motion were both out of order; and Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* having persisted in addressing the House after being repeatedly called to order by Mr. Speaker, he was eventually named by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. *Christie* then explained.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

Resolved, That the explanation given by Mr. *Christie* be accepted by this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Marcus Child*, Esquire, and others; the Petition of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Shefford*; the Petition of the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad Union Company; the Petition of *George B. Hall* and others; the Petition of *Henry Rowed*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Seymour* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *J. B. Pepin*, President, and others, Trustees of the Corporation of the Common of the Seigniorship of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York, Ontario, and Peel*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the best means of remedying the difficulties which have arisen in several Counties of *Canada West* from the informality of the By-Laws of the Municipal Councils imposing County rates.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That they had selected the following six Members to be the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees for the present Session:—*François Lemieux*, Esquire, *George Etienne Cartier*, Esquire, the Honorable *William Badgley*, *Adam Johnson Fergusson*, Esquire, *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That they had divided into three Panels the List of Members to serve on Election Committees.

Whereupon the Clerk decided by lot, at the Table, the order of the said Panels, and distinguished each of them by a number, denoting the order in which they were respectively drawn, as follows:—Panel C. No. 1; A. No. 2; and B. No. 3.

Ordered, That the said Panels be printed.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes, and have agreed to certain amendments thereto, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dubord* have leave to withdraw the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, M.D., Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnson* have leave of absence for one week, on urgent business.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 31st August, 1852, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a List of persons appointed by His Excellency to be Inspectors of Elementary Schools in Lower Canada, in pursuance of the Act of the last Session of the last Parliament 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 97, shewing their profession or calling, their residence, and over what extent of the Province each Inspector was appointed, the remuneration awarded for each such Inspector, and whether such remuneration includes all expenses for travelling, &c., contingent to them, or whether they are to be further allowed for such expenses, and how much.

For the said Return, see Appendix (X.)

Ordered, That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr *Malloch*, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Burnham*, Mr. *Malloch*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and the mover, be appointed, to which shall be referred the several Petitions on the subject of Sabbath labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals, to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records;

And objections being made to the Committee being named by the mover; and Mr. Speaker having decided that any one Member objecting to the same was sufficient not to receive the Motion.

And an Appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Dumoulin</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen-
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Egan</i> ,	<i>Lenieux</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> ,
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> ,	<i>Tessier</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Gouin</i> ,	<i>McLachlin</i> ,	<i>Turcotte</i> ,
<i>Chauveau</i> , Sol. Gen.	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	<i>Valois</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> (<i>Wentworth</i> .)	<i>Johnson</i> ,	<i>Murney</i> ,	<i>Varin</i> ,
<i>Clapham</i> ,	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Papineau</i> ,	<i>White</i> ,
<i>Drummond</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Polette</i> ,	<i>Wright</i> , (E.R. York.)
<i>Dubord</i> ,	<i>Laurin</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,	40. <i>Young</i> .

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i>)	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>Taché</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Sanborn</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>Malloch</i> ,	<i>Seymour</i> ,	<i>Willson</i> ,
<i>Dixon</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Shau</i> ,	25. <i>Wright</i> , (W.R. York.)
<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Paige</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,	
<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Prince</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , (<i>Frontenac</i> .)	
<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Ridout</i> ,	<i>Street</i> ,	

So the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed, to which shall be referred the several Petitions on the subject of Sabbath labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals, to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Malloch*, Mr. *Polette*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Sanborn*, and Mr. *Patrick*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in certain Inhabitants of the Township of *Moore*, a Road allowance therein, and to established a new Road in lieu thereof.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and explain the Ordinance concerning the registration of hypothecs in *Lower Canada*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

Ordered, That the Orders of this House of yesterday, referring the Petitions of *Joseph Aumond*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Ottawa*,—of *Peter Aylen* and others, of the District of *Ottawa*; and of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Peterborough*, to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be rescinded.

Ordered, That Mr. *Egan* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province, at certain seasons of the year.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt to the value of _____, the tools or implements of any householder's trade or calling, and the wearing apparel, the bedding, and other furniture required for the use of his family, from seizure and sale under execution for debt; and to prevent the property thus exempted from being assigned, pledged, or sold in liquidation of debts contracted for intoxicating drinks, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Machenzie*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the sixteenth instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," 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 increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, to amend the Acts regulating their practice, expediting and simplifying the proceedings of the said Courts, and for the settlement of disputes without litigation, being read;

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Street*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 10^o *die Septembris*;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, is unobjectionable.

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

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *O. Larue* and others, of the Parish of *Gentilly*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of *James Boyce* and others, of the seventh Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; and the Petition of *Matthew Rosevear* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Fraser* and others, the United Presbyterian Congregation of the Township of *West Gwillimbury*, County of *Simcoe*; the Petition of *Michael Shafer* and others, of the Township of *Glanford*, County of *Wentworth*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Mary Wood* and other Ladies, inhabitants of the Town of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Philander Smith*, Chairman, and the Reverend *Samuel Morrison*, Secretary, on behalf of the Ministers of *Niagara Annual Conference* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*,—The Petition of *André Cimon* and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of *L. T. Simard*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; and the Petition of *Ovide A. Clément*, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *Robert Kneeshaw* and others, of *St. Andrews, Canada East*, Sons of Temperance and others; and the Petition of *Robert Mason* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Lachute*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Charles D. Day* and others, the Governors of the University of *McGill College*; and the Petition of the Trustees of the *Montreal Cemetery Company*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Reid* and others, the Minister and Elders of the Presbyterian Congregation at *Picton*, County of *Prince Edward*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dawn*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Gray* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*; the Petition of *Duncan McKinlay* and others, of the Townships of *Oro* and *Medonte*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Tiny* and *Tay*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Thomas Bickell* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Québec*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—The Petition of *Édward McGillivray*, on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Bytown* and the surrounding coun...

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *Milton Williams* and others, Mill Owners on the *Salmon River*, Counties of *Hastings* and *Lenox*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *R. S. Macdonald*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Lancaster*, County of *Glengary*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of *William Coyne* and others, of the Town of *St. Thomas* and vicinity; and the Petition of *John Benson* and others, of the Township of *Dunwich*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of *Hugh Allan*, Esquire, Chairman of the Convention of Delegates of the Boards of Trade.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of *Elizabeth Segmullar* and others, female inhabitants of the Town of *Stratford*, County of *Perth*; of *John Kastner* and others, male and female German inhabitants of the Township of *Ellice*, County of *Perth*; of *Gordon Serviss* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*; of *Horace Hutchins* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; of *John Bayne* and others, of *Galt* and vicinity; of *John Ward* and others, of the Township of *Etobicoke*; of *John Watt* and others, of the Townships of *Nichol* and *Garafraxa*; and of *William H. Ellerbeck* and others, of the Town of *Brookville*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *William Chalk* and others, of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the extension of the *Buffalo* and *Brantford* line of Railroad to the Port of *Goderich*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford*; and of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying that a loan of £75,000, in Provincial Debentures, be granted to aid in the completion of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway.

Of *Robert McIntire* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying the adoption of certain measures for defining the rights of Seigniors, and removing certain Seigniorial abuses.

Of *J. W. Parent* and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Vaudreuil*; complaining that they have sustained loss by reason of the inundation of their lands caused by the Dam constructed at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal, and praying indemnity therefor, and that a Pier be constructed to prevent the recurrence of a like damage.

Of the Reverend *J. Tardif* and others, of the Island of *Orleans*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the end of the said Island.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Germain*, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*; praying for aid to enable him to establish a School of Arts and Trades in connection with the *Académie Industrielle* already established in the said County.

Of the Municipal Councils of the Town of *Brantford*, of the County of *Brant*, and of other places; praying for a special Act of Incorporation to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Company to extend the said line of Railroad from *Fort Erie* to the Town of *Goderich*.

Of *A. S. Gouin*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Yamaska*; praying for the establishment of a Circuit Court in the said County.

Of the School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of Sister *M. R. Coutlée*, Superior, and others, Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Francis Creighton* and others, of the Township of *Moore*, County of *Lamb-*

ton; praying that the Petition of *W. P. Vidal*, Esquire, and others, for the closing up of a certain Road allowance in the said Township, and granting the same to the owners of certain lots as a recompense for the more practicable Road granted by them through their said lots, may not be granted.

Of *Samuel Andres* and others, of the County of *Chambly*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from opposite the City of *Montreal*, *viâ Chambly* and the outlet of *Lake Memphramagog*, to the Province Line.

Of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchant, Ship-owners, and others, of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*, may not pass into law.

Of the President and Directors of the British Canadian School Society; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Resolved, That the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Patrick*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Rose*, Mr. *Chapais*, and Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, 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.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Turnbull*, Junior, and others, of the Town of *Prescott*, and the Petition of *Gordon Serviss* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Councils of the Town of *Brantford*, of the County of *Brant*, and of other places,—and the Petition of *William Chalk* and others, of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nelson*, and find the Notice sufficient.

The Petition of the Reverend *T. H. Prévost* and others, for the incorporation of "*La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville-Marie*," of *Montreal*, is not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

With respect to the Petition of *François Boucher* and others, for an Act to authorize a partition of the Common of *Maskinongé*, it appears that Notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette* only, and in no local paper; but a Petition having been presented to Your Honorable House, from *H. Bruneau* and others, in opposition to the application, Your Committee would respectfully submit, that the object and intention of the 64th Rule has been sufficiently answered.

The Petition of *J. B. Pepin* and others, Trustees of the Corporation of the Common of the Seigniorship of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, prays for an Act to define the rights of property in the said Common, and to authorize the concession of certain portions of the Common for the better government thereof; Your Committee find, that no Notice of the application has been given. It has been represented to them, however, by the Member in charge of the Petition, that the Petitioners are prepared to abandon that part of their application which relates to a partition of the Common, if necessary; and as that is the only portion which, in their opinion, comes under the provisions of the 64th Rule, they would beg to recommend that the Petitioners be allowed to proceed upon the remaining part of their Petition.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *William B. Wells*, Esquire, and others, Justices of the Peace in and for the County of *Kent*, in Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition referred to them, and have given their attentive consideration to the prayer thereof; they find that by the Act 4 & 5 *Vic.* cap 12, it is required that the Quarterly Returns of Convictions by Justices of the Peace shall be published in the local newspapers, and also that copies of such Returns shall be transmitted to the Inspector General, and shall also be posted up in the Court House and in the Office of the Clerk of the Peace for each County.

Your Committee also find, that by the Act 6 *Will.* 4, cap. 5, it is required that the Quarterly Returns of Licenses issued shall also be published in the newspapers. With a view of removing any unnecessary burden upon the finances of the various Municipalities, Your Committee would beg leave to suggest, that such an alteration be made in the law with respect to both these Returns as to leave it in the power of the different Municipal Councils to publish them in the newspapers, or not, at their discretion.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize the *Montreal and New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company; and have agreed to certain amendments thereto, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Appendix to the Report of the Post Office Department for the year ending 5th April, 1852, which was presented on the 7th instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House, with the exception of the Book of Instructions to Post Masters.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of Instructions given by the Government to *Oliver Wells*, Esquire, Surveyor, to explore the Lands situated on the River *St. Maurice* and its tributaries, of his Notes of such exploration, and also the Report and the Map drawn by the said *Oliver Wells* in pursuance of the said Instructions, as also of all papers and documents relating to the steps taken by the Government to open the territory on the *St. Maurice* to the Timber Trade.

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.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to legalize and “continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*," was read for the first time. On motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to supply an omission in Schedule B to the Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850, be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill extending to persons charging or charged with Criminal Offences, the right of being assisted by Counsel. 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Hector L. Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, praying for the repeal of so much of the 2nd Section of the Act of *Lower Canada* 41 Geo. 3 cap. 7, as prevents parties in *Upper Canada* from prosecuting any action, opposition or suit before the Courts of Civil Jurisdiction in *Lower Canada*, without giving security for the costs thereof, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Polette*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, and Mr. *Taché*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts as to the powers of the Junior Judges of County Courts in *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Rose* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the appointment of Assistant Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* in certain cases, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 13^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statements of the Affairs of the Canadian Branches of the Bank of *British North America* to the 31st August, 1852,—and of the *Canada Life Assurance Company*, to 30th April, 1852.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (R.)

And also, Statement of the Affairs of the *Toronto Hospital*, to 1st September, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (Y.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave of absence for one month from Thursday next, on urgent private business.

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of the Reverend *S. S. Strong* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Reid*, the Minister, and others, the Elders of the Presbyterian Congregation at *Picton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Herbert Simmonds* and others, of the Town of *London* and surrounding country; and the Petition of *J. Cuppage* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *George Wright*, Esquire, Chairman, and *P. McPhail*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Peel*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *James A. Davidson* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; the Petition of *Sylvester Carroll* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; the Petition of *Charles Donaldson* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; the Petition of *Angus Cook* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; and the Petition of *W. H. Ward* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Félix Lavoie* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch*, *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *Denis Collins* and others, of the Township of *Maidstone*, and *Amherstburg*, County of *Essex*.

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

Of the Reverend *Frederick Mack* and others, of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity; of the Reverend *William Fraser* and others, the United Presbyterian Congregation of the Township of *West Gwillimbury*, County of *Simcoe*; of the Reverend *Philander Smith*, Chairman, and the Reverend *Samuel Morrison*, Secretary, on behalf of the Ministers of the *Niagara Conference* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; of the Reverend *Joseph Gray* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*; of *Duncan McKinlay* and others, of the Townships of *Oro* and *Medonte*, County of *Simcoe*; of the Reverend *Robert Rogers* and others, the Congregation of *St. James' Church* in the City of *Kingston*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *Alexander M. Delisle*, and *William H. Brehaut*, Esquires, Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*; praying to be indemnified for the loss they have sustained

by the reduction of their Salaries under certain Acts therein mentioned, and that the said Salaries be placed on a permanent footing.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Sherbrooke*; praying that the present Municipal system may be continued, and that the Councils be invested with additional powers for licensing the sale of Spirituous Liquors, and for assessing certain Lands.

Of the Council of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*; praying aid in behalf of the said College.

Of the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to carry on and complete the said Railroad from *Fort Erie* to the *Paris* Depot of the Great Western Railroad, and thence to the Town of *Goderich*.

Of *George Rolph*, Esquire, of the Town of *Dundas*; praying that the Act to incorporate the Great Western Railroad may be so amended as to secure him in his rights of property, and to compel the said Company to pay costs in certain cases.

Of *George Jackson* and others, of *Bentinck* and other Townships; of the Reverend *Thomas Dickson* and others, of the Township of *Caledonia*, County of *Peel*; of *H. P. Holmes* and others, of the Township of *Yonge*; of *Michael Shafer* and others, of the Township of *Glanford*, County of *Wentworth*; of *Mrs. Mary Wood* and other Ladies, inhabitants of the Town of *Dundas*; of *Robert Kneeshaw* and others, of *St. Andrews, Canada East*, Sons of Temperance, and others; of *Robert Mason* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Lachute*; of the Reverend *William Reid* and others, the Minister and Elders of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Picton*, County of *Prince Edward*; of *Thomas Bickell* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Quebec*; of *Edward McGillivray*, on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Bytown* and the surrounding country; of *R. S. Macdonald*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Lancaster*, County of *Glengary*; of *William Coyne* and others, of the Town of *St. Thomas* and vicinity; and of *John Benson* and others, of the Township of *Dunwich*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Joseph Fugère* and others, of the Parish of *St. Stanislas*, County of *Champlain*; praying aid to open a Road from the said Parish to *Lake Cossette*, and to construct a Bridge over the River *Batiscan*, in the said Parish.

Of *John Gilleland* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*; praying for the removal of certain obstructions in the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, and the construction of a Canal to connect the waters of the said River with those of *Lake Champlain*.

Of *William Pringle*, Junior, and others, of the Township of *Markham* and places adjacent, United Counties of *York, Ontario*, and *Peel*; praying that the Common School Law may be repealed.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Crowland*; praying that the Agricultural Act may be so amended as to reduce the amount to be raised by Township Societies, to enable them to receive their proportion of the grant for Agricultural purposes, and also to exempt the Township wherein the County Show is held, from forfeiting its share of the grant for the year in which such Show is held as aforesaid.

Of *William Price*, Esquire, and others, interested in the Trade and Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*; praying aid to enable the Commissioners of Public Works to construct a Public Wharf at old *Bic Harbour*.

Of *Edmund Boyle*, of the City of *Kingston*; complaining that his Tender for furnishing the Rations required for the use of the Convicts confined in the Provincial Penitentiary, although the lowest, was not accepted, and that loss thereby results to him and the country, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *P. A. R. de Bellefeuille* and others, late Officers of the Municipal District of

Three Rivers; praying for the payment of accounts due them by the late Municipal Council of the said District.

Of *F. X. Garneau*, Esquire, and others, Officers of *L'Institut Canadien de Québec*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*, and of the Inhabitants of the Parish of *Charlesbourg* and other places; praying aid to macadamize the *Ste. Claire* Road in the said Parish and the Parish of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*.

Of *Alfred Digby*, Surgeon, and others, Chiefs and Warriors of the Six Nations of Indians residing on the *Grand River*; praying that the Petition of certain Inhabitants of the County of *Brant* for the amendment or repeal of the Act 13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 74*, for protecting the Indians in *Upper Canada* from imposition, and their lands from trespass or injury, may not be granted.

Of the Reverend *O. Larue* and others, of the Parish of *Gentilly*; praying aid to improve the Road leading from the said Parish to the River *Bécancour*, in the Township of *Blandford*.

Of *James Boyce* and others, of the seventh Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Municipality of the said Township to appoint Surveyors to settle the boundaries between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the said Township.

Of *Matthew Rosevear* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying that the division line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the said Township, as surveyed by *J. K. Roche*, Esquire, may remain as the established and proper line.

Of *André Cimon* and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf or Landing-place at *Baie St. Paul*.

Of *L. T. Simard*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the *Rivière du Gouffre*.

Of *Ovide A. Clement*, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying payment of a certain amount for his services in taking the last Census in certain Parishes of the said County.

Of the Honorable *Charles D. Day* and others, the Governors of the University of *McGill* College; praying that the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, may not pass into Law.

Of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Cemetery Company; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and that the name of the said Company be changed to the Mount Royal Cemetery Company.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Dawn*; praying that the Clergy Reserves may be appropriated to Common School purposes, and the Rectories abolished.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*,—and of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Tiny* and *Tay*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Huron* Railroad Company.

Of *Milton Williams* and others, Mill Owners on the *Salmon River*, Counties of *Hastings* and *Lenox*; praying that the Act 12 *Vic. cap. 30*, for the sale and better management of timber on the public lands, may be so amended as to enable a greater number of persons to participate in the provisions thereof.

Of *Hugh Allan*, Esquire, Chairman of the Convention of Delegates of the Boards of Trade; praying that the Tariff of Customs Duties may be so amended as to encourage the trade of the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*, and to protect manufacturing and other interests; that Reciprocity and a coasting trade be obtained, and the *St. Lawrence* opened to the *United States*; that specific Duties only be imposed on certain articles; that Ship-building be encouraged,—the Usury

Laws repealed,—the Assessment Laws amended,—and a general Bankrupt Law passed; that a stop be put to closing the Custom House, *Montreal*, on *Fêtes d' Obligation*; that Notes and Drafts falling due on *Fêtes d' Obligation* may be payable on those days; that the tax on Auction Sales be repealed; that deposits for Customs Duties be made at the different Banks; and that measures be adopted to retaliate on the *United States* for the refusal of Reciprocity, by imposing a high scale of Duties on their manufactures.

Of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*; complaining that on the night between the 25th and 26th December last, their properties were, by the order of Colonel *Gordon Higgins*, Commandant of the Garrison of the said City, blown up, by means of gunpowder, with the intention of arresting the progress of a Fire then raging, but without any such result or probability thereof,—and praying an investigation in the premises, and the adoption of measures to prevent a similar occurrence in future.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *John Strachan*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *André Bézeau*, *Richard Charles Porter*, and *William Brogan*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *N. Gatchell* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *A. Greeley* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, is unobjectionable.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave of absence for two weeks from Wednesday next, on urgent business.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company; the Petition of *Thomas Bingley* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Robert M. Boucher* and others, of the Townships of *Cramahe* and *Haldimand*, Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; the Petition of *Robert C. Struthers* and others, of the Township of *Murray* and of that part of the Township of *Brighton* formerly making part of the said Township of *Murray*, County of *Northumberland*; the Petition of *J. D. Goslee* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*; the Petition of *Robert McKee* and others, of the sixth Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; the Petition of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Cemetery Company; the Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of *Bytown*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Amherstburg*; and the Petition of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroad, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Daniel Snyder* and others, of the Township of *Colchester*; the Petition of *Margaret Doherty* and other females, of the Town of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity; the Petition of *George Duncan* and others, of the Town

of *Amherstburg* and its vicinity; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*, on the subject of Temperance, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Strachan*, Esquire, of the Town of *Goderich*, United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of the there-undersigned Freeholders and Voters at the last General Election of the County of *Prince Edward*, for a Member to represent the said County in Provincial Parliament, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of the there-undersigned, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *André Bezeau*, of the Township of *Halifax*, in the County of *Megantic*, Esquire, Trader and Justice of the Peace, *Richard Charles Porter*, of the Township of *Ireland*, in the said County, Trader and Postmaster, and *William Brogan*, of the said Township of *Halifax*, in the County aforesaid, Farmer and Agriculturist, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 31st ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of this Province, or between any Member of the Administration of the Government of this Province and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the main Trunk Line of Railway between *Halifax* and *Quebec*, and thence westward through *Upper Canada*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Z.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 24th ultimo, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return, in continuation of the several latest Returns sent down to this House for *Upper Canada* and for *Lower Canada*, of all the receipts and expenditure of the Clergy Reserve monies or funds in *Upper* and in *Lower Canada*, in detail, up to as recent a period or periods as the records of the Public Offices may enable the accounting Officers to make,—said Return to shew the resources, the sales of land, timber, &c., the proceeds of rents paid, and the expenditure, with the particulars of each receipt and outlay; the salaries and pensions paid to Missionaries of the Church of *England*, and their widows, in both *Canadas*, as per Imperial Statute 3 & 4 *Vic.* cap. 78; the allowances paid to the Ministers of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Upper Canada*, under the same authority; also, the salaries of *Wesleyan* Methodist Missionaries, and all sums paid to or for the use of the *Roman Catholic* Church, and other Denominations, and to whom and for whom paid, in both *Canadas*; the state of the Clergy Reserve Fund or Funds appropriated to the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, and the Church of *Scotland*, in the *Canadas*, since the date of the last Returns, as administered by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts; the monies received out of the Revenue Fund derived from the Lands reserved for the Clergy of the Church of *England* in *Lower Canada*, with the expenditure, since the dates included

in the last Returns to this House; the like account as to all other Clergy Reserve Lands in *Lower Canada*; the Return to shew also, what balances there are of monies received out of the Clergy Reserve Funds, and where deposited, and whether the Banks or other depositaries are paying interest on said balances, and if so, what sums have been so paid; the receipts from Lands sold or rented, the principal and interest on sales, the charges of management, and to whom paid, and the disbursements.

For the said Return, see Appendix (A.A.)

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the last preceding Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House, under the supervision of the Standing Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the protection of the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*.

Government House,

Quebec, 13th September, 1852.

No. 32.

Downing Street, 27th May, 1852.

My Lord,—Among the many pressing subjects which have engaged the attention of Her Majesty's Ministers since their assumption of office, few have been more important in their estimation than the questions relating to the protection solicited for the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*. Her Majesty's Government have taken into their serious consideration the representations which have been received on this subject from *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and *Prince Edward Island*, and more recently from Mr. *Hincks* on the part of *Canada*, and have not failed to observe, that while active measures have been taken by certain Colonies for the purpose of encouraging their Fisheries, and of repelling the intrusion of Foreign Vessels, it has been a subject of complaint in *New Brunswick* that impediments should have been offered by the policy of the Imperial Government to the enactment of Bounties considered by the local Legislature essential for the protection of its trade. Her Majesty's Ministers are desirous to remove all ground of complaint on the part of the Colonies in consequence of the encroachment of the fishing Vessels of the *United States* upon those waters from which they are excluded by the terms of the Convention of 1818, and they therefore intend to despatch, as soon as possible, a small Naval force of Steamers, or other small Vessels, to enforce the observance of that Convention. These Vessels will of course be confined to the performance of the duties with which they are specially charged, and the Commanders will be enjoined to exercise a careful discretion in the very delicate office of interfering with Vessels belonging to Foreign and Friendly Powers.

With regard to the question of promoting the Fisheries of the British Colonies by the means of Bounties, Her Majesty's Government although desirous not to sanction any unnecessary deviation from that policy which regulates the Commerce of this Country, are still disinclined to prevent those Colonies, by the interposition

of Imperial authority, and especially pending the Negotiations with the *United States of America* for the settlement of the principles on which the Commerce with the *British North American Colonies* is hereafter to be carried on, from adopting the policy which they may deem most conducive to their own welfare and prosperity.

Entertaining these views, it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government to advise the Queen to give Her Assent to an Act passed by the Legislature of *Prince Edward Island*, in the Session of 1851, for the promotion of its deep sea Fisheries, and they will be prepared to give favorable consideration to any Acts for a similar purpose which may be passed by the Legislatures of the other *North American Provinces*.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *John S. Pakington.*

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c., &c., &c.

Ordered, That the said Message and Despatch be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the right of Primogeniture in the succession to Estates held in Free and Common Soccage in *Lower Canada*, and to provide for the succession to such Estates.

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

On motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

Resolved, That in order to provide the means for the erection of Bridges, the construction or repair of By-roads, and other strictly local improvements in *Canada West*, which improvements, although of great importance to the particular neighbourhoods to be benefitted thereby, are not of such general public utility as to justify the expense of their construction or repair being defrayed from the general fund of the County, Township or Village, within which the locality of the proposed improvement is situated, it is expedient that each County, Township and Village Council be empowered, within their respective limits, to assess any Township, part of Township, or other locality, for such strictly local purposes, whenever required so to do by two-thirds of the Rate-payers to be affected by such assessment.

Resolved, That the many cases of indigent infirm persons who, from extreme old age, disease, loss of limbs, or other calamity, are unable to earn a subsistence for themselves, imperatively require that provision should be made for their support by the Municipalities within which they reside; to this end it is expedient that the Township and Village Councils should be authorized by law, when required by a majority of the Rate-payers in such Township or Village, to levy a rate for the support of such indigent infirm persons upon such Township or Village respectively.

Mr. *Gamble* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being proposed, That in order to conduce to good and economical local government in the several Counties in *Canada West*, and to ensure the prompt and efficient discharge of the various duties of the County Officers, it is expedient to alter the several Statutes now in force in relation thereto, and to confer on the County Councils in that Section of the Province, the power to appoint fit and proper persons to fill the offices of Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, Registrar, and Clerk of the County Court, whenever such offices may become vacant, and also to empower the said Councils to regulate the Fees, Salaries, and Emoluments pertaining to the said offices;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "it is expedient to confer on the Freeholders and other Electors of Members of the Legislature, the power to elect, periodically,

“fit and proper persons to fill the offices of Sheriff, Coroner, and Registrar, in each County in *Canada West*” inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs.

<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>5. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Langton,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie(Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>48. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>			<i>6. Willson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie(Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>46. Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the said Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gamble*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, Mr. *Dixon*, Mr. *Willson*, and Mr. *Hartman*, to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 14^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Gédéon Durocher* and *Augustin St. Louis*, Esquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Richelieu*, is objectionable.

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *A. Scott* and others, of *Bytown* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Henry Hall* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*; and the Petition of *Jacob Rynal* and others, of the Counties of *Wentworth* and *Brant*.

By Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,—The Petition of *William D. Mattice*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of *John McGill Chambers*, of *Montague*, in the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Charles Hector A. Huot*, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Robert Boyd* and others, of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; and the Petition of *Alexander Clark* and others, of the Townships of *Ekfrid* and *Caradoc*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *John Lancaster* and others, of the County of *Peel*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *George Larue*, Esquire, M. D., and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Cacouna* and other places, in the County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *Alanson Cooke* and others, of the District of *Ottawa*; and the Petition of *Edward Cole*, Esquire, and others, of the Seigniori and Fief of *La Petite Nation*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *James Coleman*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; the Petition of *Sarah Jackson* and others, mothers and daughters, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of the *Desjardins* Canal Company; the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of *Dundas*; the Petition of *William Nixon* and other youths, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *Christina Laing* and others, mothers and daughters, of the Village of *Wellington Square* and vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *William S. Childs* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of *Morris L. Green* and others, of the County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *James Gardiner* and others, on behalf of the Bay of *Quinté* Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; the Petition of the Reverend *John Reynolds* and others, on behalf of the Bay of *Quinté* Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; the Petition of the Reverend *John Segbert*, Bishop, and others, the Elders and Ministers of the Evangelical Association in Conference assembled at *Berlin*, County of *Waterloo*; the Petition of *Robert Emond* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; the Petition of *H. Glass* and others, of the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*; and the Petition of *Norman B. Fish* and others, of the Township of *London*, County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Reid* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of

Northumberland and *Peterborough*, relative to a Railway from the Town of *Cobourg* to the Town of *Peterborough*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Thomas Richard* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Burnham*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Dixon*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *McDougall*, Mr. *Hartman*, and Mr. *Rose*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That they had selected the following days for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the following places:—

County of *Kamouraska*,—On Friday, the 1st day of October next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 1.

County of *Huron*,—On Friday, the 1st day of October next, at 12 o'clock, noon, from Panel No. 1.

City of *Toronto*,—On Tuesday, the 5th day of October next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 2.

County of *Prince Edward*,—On Tuesday, the 5th day of October next, at 12 o'clock, noon, from Panel No. 2.

County of *Megantic*,—On Tuesday, the 12th day of October next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 3.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, and have agreed to recommend the same, without any amendment, to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 8th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, all Documents and information respecting the Marriage License Fund arising in *Lower Canada*, and copies of the Commissions or authority given since the Union of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* to the persons from time to time entrusted with the issue of such Licenses, together with an account in detail of all monies collected, received, or paid for Marriage Licenses in *Lower Canada*, and of all expenses attending the collection and payment thereof, specifying the sums received, the sums retained, and the sums paid into the hands of the Receiver General in each year, by the several and respective persons charged with the issuing of such Licenses, and shewing also whether any of the money so collected remains to be accounted for.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B.B.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's

Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* cap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;"

Mr. *Boulton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "His Excellency the Governor General in his Despatch to Earl *Grey*, of July 19th, 1850, accompanying the Address of the Provincial Legislature on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, (embodying certain Resolutions introduced by the Honorable *James Hervey Price*, then a Member of the Government and colleague of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*,) declared that he deeply regretted the revival of agitation on this subject, of which he said Lord *Sydenham* had truly observed that it had been in *Upper Canada*, the one all-absorbing and engrossing topic of interest, and for years, the principal cause of the discontent and disturbance which had arisen, and under which the Province had labored:

"That since the expression of the above language by the present Governor General, he has not enunciated or communicated to Parliament any opinion that it is desirable to revive the agitation, or in anywise legislate on this subject, which has heretofore produced such discord, strife and hatred in this Colony:

"That in the absence of any change of sentiments on this all-important subject, and of any recommendation from His Excellency that it should again occupy the attention of Parliament, it is right to infer, that His Excellency's views thereon, as expressed in the above mentioned Despatch, are unchanged:

"That this House has therefore the right to assume, that on this all-important subject there is a difference of opinion between His Excellency the Governor General and his present Advisers, as to the policy of "reviving agitation on this subject," which the re-opening of a Parliamentary discussion thereupon must inevitably produce:

"That under our present system of Responsible Government as introduced into and carried out in this Province, the power and responsibility of the Executive Council cannot be dis severed from that of the Sovereign's Representative:

"That the Representative of Her Majesty in this Colony acts through his Cabinet, who are responsible to Parliament for the acts and measures of the Head of the Government; and that being incumbents of office by their own consent, they must be held as bound to defend and support in Parliament the acts and measures of the Head of the Government:

"That before discussing the Resolutions on the subject of the Clergy Reserves proposed by the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, this House should not only be made aware by the Government of their views, as an Administration, as to the final disposition of these Reserves, but also be informed whether the Cabinet in introducing these Resolutions has the countenance and support of the Head of the Government, or whether the Governor General's expressed opinion deprecating any renewal of agitation on this vexatious subject still remains unchanged;"

And the Question being separately put on the first four paragraphs of the said Amendment; the House divided on each; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs.

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	22. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs.

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	37. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being separately put on the subsequent paragraphs of the said Amendment; the House divided on each: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	23. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston.)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie(Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	41. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 Vic. cap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;"

Mr. *Boulton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "His late Most Gracious Majesty King *George* the Third was graciously pleased to express His desire to make a permanent appropriation of Lands in *Upper* and *Lower Canada* for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy within the same, and for the purpose of fulfilling such gracious intentions, an Act was passed in the thirty first year of His Reign, containing certain provisions for the support and maintenance of such Protestant Clergy within the said Provinces:

"That after nearly twenty years of unprofitable legislation on the subject of

“ these Reserves in *Upper Canada*, (prior to its union with *Lower Canada*,) and
 “ after the bitterest feelings had been engendered amongst its inhabitants, an Act
 “ passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada* in 1839, intituled, “ An Act to re-
 “ invest in Her Majesty the Lands set apart for a Protestant Clergy,” wherein
 “ it is recited, that doubts had arisen respecting the proper legal construction of the
 “ said Act, and that it had been made a question to what Sects or Denomina-
 “ tions of Protestants, the term Protestant Clergy used in the said Act was in-
 “ tended to be applicable, and that the continuance of such doubts, and the con-
 “ troversies to which they have given rise, were in a high degree prejudicial to the
 “ peace and good government of that Province, and unfavorable to the spiritual
 “ and temporal interests of the people thereof, and that it was expedient to put
 “ an end to such doubts and controversies by enabling Her Majesty, Her Heirs
 “ and Successors, to dispose of the said Reserves, and the monies accrued, or
 “ thereafter to accrue therefrom, in such manner as to Her Majesty, Her Heirs
 “ or Successors, might seem just and fit for the maintenance of Public Worship
 “ and support of Religion within the said Province:

“ That in and by the said Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, it was enacted
 “ that all the Lands then vested in Her Majesty, and which before the passing of
 “ the said Act were reserved, allotted, and appropriated for the maintenance and
 “ support of a Protestant Clergy in the said Province of *Upper Canada*, under
 “ the authority of the said Act of Parliament of *Great Britain*, passed in the thirty
 “ first year of His said late Majesty’s Reign, should be, and remain vested in Her
 “ Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, freed and absolutely discharged from all and
 “ every of the trusts, conditions, limitations, and restrictions, contained in, or im-
 “ posed or declared by the said last mentioned Act: Provided always, that the
 “ said Lands were by the said Act vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Succes-
 “ sors, discharged from the said trusts and conditions, to the intent and in order
 “ that the same Lands might be, by and under the authority of the Parliament of
 “ *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, applied and appropriated by way of endowment or
 “ otherwise, solely for the maintenance of Public Worship and the support of
 “ Religion within the said Province, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever:

“ That, in 1840, the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, at the instance of the Right
 “ Honorable *C. Poulett Thomson*, passed another Act to provide for the sale of the
 “ Clergy Reserves and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof, which said
 “ Bill was carried in the House of Assembly by 28 to 20, and in the Legislative
 “ Council by 13 to 5:

“ That in the Preamble to the said last mentioned Act, it is declared, “ that it is
 “ expedient to provide for the final disposition of the Lands called Clergy Re-
 “ serves in the said Province, and for the appropriation of the yearly income arising,
 “ or to arise therefrom, for the maintenance of Religion and the advancement of
 “ Christian knowledge;” and in pursuance thereof, the said Act enacted that the
 “ said Reserves and the funds arising or to arise therefrom should be appro-
 “ priated for the maintenance of Religion and the advancement of Christian know-
 “ ledge:

“ That in a Despatch from the late Right Honorable *C. Poulett Thomson* to
 “ Lord *John Russell*, Her Majesty’s Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated 22nd
 “ January, 1840, enclosing the Bill above mentioned, it is stated, “ that there is no
 “ subject of such vital importance to the peace and tranquillity of the Province as the
 “ question of the Clergy Reserves; that there is none, with reference to the future
 “ Union of the two Provinces, which it is more necessary to determine without
 “ delay; that it has been for many years the source of all the troubles in the
 “ Province, the never failing watchword at the hustings, the perpetual spring of
 “ discord, strife and hatred; that to leave this question undetermined would be
 “ to put an end to all hope of re-establishing tranquillity within the Province

“ but to establish the Union without settlement of it, and to transfer the decision to the United Legislature, would be to add to the sources of discord which then prevailed in *Lower Canada*, an entirely new element of strife, for amongst the various evils by which *Lower Canada* had been visited, one and one only, perhaps the greatest of all, has been wanting—religious dissention: That he was satisfied that the value of arriving at a settlement could not be over estimated, and that strong as those feelings might have been, the immense advantage of having the question finally withdrawn from the sources of popular discussion and dispute would reconcile all parties to it: That he most fervently prayed that the settlement agreed on might be final, and that no obstacle might be opposed to its confirmation by Her Majesty;—that should it be otherwise, and the question be again thrown back for decision in *Canada*, he could not foresee the consequences; but, at least, he knew that peace and tranquillity must in that event long remain strangers to the Province:”

“ That in consequence of the earnest importunities of the said late *C. Poulett Thomson*, and in consequence of the said last mentioned Act of the Province of *Upper Canada*, and with a view to the final settlement of the question by an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the third and fourth years of the Reign of Her present Majesty, cap. 78, it is declared “ to be expedient to provide for the final disposition of the Lands called Clergy Reserves, in *Canada*, and for the appropriation of the yearly income arising, or to arise therefrom, for the maintenance of Religion, and the advancement of Christian knowledge within the said Province:”

“ That by the last mentioned Act of Parliament, a disposition was made of the said Funds, by appropriating two-sixths thereof to the Church of *England*, one-sixth to the Church of *Scotland*, and the remaining three-sixths to be applied by the Governor of *Canada*, with the advice of the Executive Council, for purposes of Public Worship and Religious instruction in *Canada*; and that by such Act, the Church of *England* and the Church of *Scotland*, and other denominations, have already acquired a vested interest therein:

“ That the people of *Canada* concurred in the final settlement of the said question by the Imperial Parliament, and for years it was so considered by all the various political parties in *Canada*:

“ That in 1846, a Committee of the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, consisting of Messieurs *Petrie*, *McDonald* of *Kingston*, *Stuart* of *Bytown*, *Price*, and *Chalmers*, none of whom belonged to the Church of *England*, unanimously reported that no change or deviation from the system (then existing) should be sanctioned by the Legislature:

“ That the Honorable *Robert Baldwin*, late Attorney General for *Upper Canada*, and late colleague of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, declared in his place in the Legislative Assembly, in 1846, during a debate on the Reserves, “ that the Bill passed by the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, in 1840, led to a final disposal of the question by the Imperial Parliament: That he called on Honorable Members to mark his words, that if the question be reopened, former fierce agitation would be resumed: That so much did he dread the renewal of agitation, that he had in every instance, and in *toto*, discountenanced such a course, and that he therefore pressed upon both sides of the House to forbear reviving the question:”

“ That the Honorable *James Hervey Price*, late Commissioner of Crown Lands, and late colleague of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, and the originator and mover of the Resolutions of 1850, declared at the same time and place above mentioned, That the settlement under Lord *Sydenham* had been considered final: that peace had succeeded the long and fierce conflict, and the country was settling down in the hope that agitation on that subject was at an end: That although three-fourths of the people believed that the arrangement was made in

“injustice and partiality, they quietly submitted, as the only means of restoring peace to the land; that proportionate to that hope would be the grief and excitement produced by the re-opening of the question: That he implored Honorable Members to allow them to be dealt with in accordance with the Imperial Act, and one great source of heart-burning and mutual recriminations among the religious bodies would be at once and for ever lost in the oblivion of the past:”

“That at the same time and place, the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, now a colleague of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, stated “that he was one of those who acquiesced in the settlement, and for the sake of peace wished never to hear it again, and that he warned the House to let the Act of the Imperial Government take its course, let the land be sold, and the different Churches get the proceeds in strict accordance thereto:”

“That His Excellency Lord *Elgin*, in his Despatch to Earl *Grey*, of July 19th, 1850, accompanying the Address of the Provincial Legislature, declared that he deeply regretted the revival of agitation on this subject, of which Lord *Sydenham* truly observed, that it had been in *Upper Canada* the one all-absorbing and engrossing topic of interest, and for years the principal cause of the discontent and disturbance which had arisen, and under which the Province had labored:”

“That this House deprecates in the strongest manner any attempt to bring back to this Province for future Legislation, a subject which in the language of the late Lord *Sydenham* is declared to be the perpetual spring of discord, strife, and hatred, and which, if transferred to the United Legislature, would introduce into *Lower Canada* “an entirely new element of strife:”

“That if the present unprincipled agitation should succeed in secularizing the Clergy Reserves, thus depriving Religion in *Upper Canada* of its existing support, the same agitation, ere long, may be renewed and disturb those endowments of the *Roman Catholic Church* which hitherto have been so instrumental in conferring a moral and religious education upon the members of that communion, and hence may arise in *Canada* a spirit of antagonism between the Protestants and *Roman Catholics* which happily has not hitherto existed:

“That the Honorable Inspector General, in defiance of the action of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, in defiance of the declared final action of the Imperial Legislature on that subject, in defiance of the assent which was tacitly given in *Canada* to that settlement, in defiance of the expressed opinion of Lord *Sydenham* “that the subject of the Clergy Reserves had been for many years the source of all the troubles in the Province, the never-failing watchword at the hustings, and the perpetual spring of discord, strife and hatred, and that if thrown back for decision in *Canada*, he could not foresee the consequences; though at least he knew that peace and tranquillity must in that event long remain strangers to the Province,” and in defiance of the declared sentiments of several of his late colleagues, and of the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron*, one of his present colleagues, that the question was finally settled by the Imperial Parliament, has, by the Resolutions which he has laid before this House respecting the Clergy Reserves, again revived that subject, which His Excellency the Governor General Lord *Elgin*, in the above Despatch, declared he deeply regretted had been revived; which has been declared by such high authority to be the source of all the troubles in the Province, the perpetual spring of discord, strife and hatred, and yet up to this period of the Session, he and his colleagues, as an Administration, have studiously avoided announcing to the Legislature or to the Country, their opinion as to the final disposition which should be made of these Reserves:

“That after the Imperial Government has finally legislated on this most important subject, in accordance with the earnest entreaties of the late Lord *Sydenham*, Governor General of this Province, and after the Legislature of *Upper Canada* had passed an Act for such purpose, it is unstatesmanlike, unmanly and ungene-

“ rous for the Admistration to use threatening or intimidating language towards the
 “ Imperial Government, whilst, as a Provincial Cabinet, they have neither the cou-
 “ rage nor integrity openly to avow to the People of *Canada* what in their opinion
 “ should be the final disposition of these Reserves;”

And the Question being separately put on the first ten paragraphs of the said
 Amendment; the House divided on each: and the names being called for, they
 were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	18. <i>Wright,</i> (W. R. York.)
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	50. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being separately put on the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth
 paragraphs of the said Amendment; the House divided on each: and the names
 being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	17. <i>Wright,</i> (W. R. York.)
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	51. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	18. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	50. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	17. <i>Wright (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	51. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being separately put on the sixteenth and seventeenth paragraphs of the said Amendment; the House divided on each: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	18. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	50. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	17. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	52. <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic. cap. 78*, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;"

And a Debate arising thereupon;
 On Motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Rose*,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first
 Order of the day, after the presenting of Reports of Committees.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,
 The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 15^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *Thomas Shillinton* and others, of the County
 of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *William Delo* and others, Stevedores, of the
 City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *William Wilson*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire;
 and the Petition of *François Normand* and others, Carpenters, Builders, and Con-
 tractors of Wharves and Bridges.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of *William Wilson*, Esquire, District Treasurer
 of the late Municipal District of *St. John's*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Pilots for the Harbour
 of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—the Petition of *Jacob Cook* and
 others, of the Village of *Cooksville*, Township of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the
 Reverend *J. Wheeler* and others, of the Township of *Albion*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the Honorable *C. Widmer*, M.D., F.R.C.S. E.,
 and others, duly licensed Practitioners in Medicine in *Upper Canada*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *F. M. F. Ossaye*, of *La Tortue*, Agent of the
 Agricultural Society of *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J.*
Doucet and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste*, Seigniorship of *L'Isle Verte*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *William Coltingham* and others, of the
 Township of *Emily*, United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *John McWhinnie* and others, of the Town
 and vicinity of *Woodstock*; and the Petition of *Alexander Munro* and others, of
 the Township of *Zorra*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*,—The Petition of *W. H. Coxwell*, Esquire, of the
 City of *Toronto*.

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

Of the Reverend *S. S. Strong* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*; and of the Rev-
 erend *William Reid*, the Minister, and others, the Elders of the Presbyterian Con-
 gregation at *Picton*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all
 labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the Public Service.

Of *Herbert Simmonds* and others, of the Town of *London* and surrounding
 country; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the importation, manufac-
 ture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Of *J. Cuppage* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*; and of
George Wright, Esquire, Chairman, and *P. McPhail*, Secretary, on behalf of a

Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Peel*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *James A. Davidson* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; praying that the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts may be extended.

Of *Sylvester Carroll* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act to regulate arbitrations for the final settlement of differences, and to authorize the entering of their awards in some Court of Record.

Of *Charles Donaldson* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; praying that free grants of the waste Lands of the Crown may be made to actual settlers thereon.

Of *Angus Cook* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; praying for the repeal of the Usury Laws.

Of *W. H. Ward* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act to establish Free Banking, and to make Government or County Debentures a legal tender.

Of *Félix Lavoie* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch, Quebec*; praying for the amendment of the Judicature Act of *Lower Canada*, by providing for the payment of Constables chosen to perform certain duties in the Courts of Criminal Jurisdiction, and that they be allowed to furnish substitutes in certain cases.

Of *Denis Collins* and others, of the Township of *Maidstone*, and *Amherstburg*, County of *Essex*; praying for aid to open and improve the Road between *Maidstone Cross* and *Amherstburg*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Francis M. Whitelaw* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; the Petition of *Mary Ann Watts* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; the Petition of *Edmund Coulson* and others, of the Township of *Toronto*; the Petition of *N. C. T. Cheltenham* and others, of the Township of *Chinguacousy*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Dickson* and others, of the Township of *Caledonia*, County of *Peel*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

In proceeding with the duties entrusted to them by Your Honorable House, Your Committee have resolved, That it is expedient to deviate from the practice heretofore followed in respect to the Sessional Printing; and that separate Tenders and Contracts should be received for that division of the work, as follow, viz.:—
1st. The Orders of the Day, and Votes and Proceedings, in both languages.
2nd. The Bills in English. 3rd. The Bills in French. 4th. Other documents ordered to be printed and completed before the close of the Session, in English.
5th. The same, in French.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to report the same for the concurrence of Your Honorable House; and to recommend that the Order of the 20th August last, relative to the Printing of the Votes and Proceedings under the direction of the Honorable Speaker, be rescinded.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by this House, on Friday next.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Town Council of *Amherstburg*,—of *Robert C. Struther* and others,—of *Robert M. Boucher* and others,—and of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company, and find the Notices sufficient.

On the Petition of *J. D. Goslee* and others, praying that the boundaries of the new Township of *Brighton* may be more clearly defined, it appears that no Notice has been published.

The Petition of the Trustees of the *Montreal Cemetery Company* prays for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, of these amendments (which are set forth in the Petition) those which relate to exempting the real estate of the Company from seizure and from assessment, and to granting power to the Company to take additional Land, are of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice, which has not been given; the other amendments do not appear to Your Committee to come within the provisions of the 64th Rule.

The Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Port Burwell Harbour*, prays for power to the Company to levy tolls on Saw Logs and Spars within the said Harbour. Notice of the application was published in the *Canada Gazette*, but not in any local paper; but inasmuch as Resolutions have been passed by the Municipal Councils of *Malabide* and *Bayham*, in favor of the Petition, certified copies of which have been laid before Your Committee, they would beg to recommend that the Notice in a local paper be dispensed with.

The Petition of the *Brantford and Buffalo Joint Stock Railroad Company* prays for a special Act of incorporation with authority to continue and extend their Railroad from the Great Western Railroad to *Goderich*. The Notices in this case have not been published for a sufficient length of time, as they bear date only from the 3rd of August last; but Your Committee have received the evidence of two of the Members of Your Honorable House, who have proved to their satisfaction by both verbal and documentary evidence, that the present application was well known and cordially approved of throughout the whole line of the proposed extension, and that public meetings numerous attended were held at various places, where Resolutions in favor of the project were adopted almost unanimously, and a large proportion of Stock subscribed for, and Your Committee have also the testimony afforded by the Petition of *William Chalk* and others, of *Huron, Perth* and *Bruce*, signed by several Township Reeves and other public officers and inhabitants of those Counties; and the Petition of the Municipal Councils of the Town of *Brantford* and the County of *Brant*, and others places, in favor of the measure; and they have therefore no hesitation in recommending that the Notice be considered sufficient.

The Petitions of *Thomas Bingley* and others,—and of *Robert McKee* and others, are merely in opposition to certain of the Petitions above reported upon, and therefore do not come within the province of Your Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they have the honor to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*, 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That the Reports of the Endowment Board of the University of *Toronto*; *Upper Canada* College and Royal Grammar School; of the Caput of the University of *Toronto*, and of the Principal of *Upper Canada* College, for the year 1851, which were laid before this House on the 31st of August last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Allantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, be read the third time To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Board of Agriculture for *Upper Canada*, for 1851-2.

For the said Report, see Appendix (S.)

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Hugh Allan*, Esquire, Chairman of the Convention of Delegates of the Boards of Trade, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was yesterday proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* cap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;"

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "this House deeply regrets that Government in bringing the subject of the Clergy Reserves again before Parliament, has refrained from the expression of any opinion, as a Government, upon their future appropriation—the real issue of the question;"

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be the first Order of the day after the presenting of the Reports of Committees.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 16^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Cameron,—The Petition of *W. Brough* and others, of the Village of *Gananoque*; and the Petition of *Thomas Cook* and others, of the Township of *Marysburgh*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of *Duncan Macdonald* and others, Members of the Academy of *St. John's*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Honorable *George Pemberton* and others, of the City and neighbourhood of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *A. Polette*, Esquire, President, and others, Members of the Mechanics' Institute of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *A. C. Buch* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *W. G. Cook* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. White* and others, of the Town of *Port Sarnia*; the Petition of *William McAlpine*, Chairman, and *James Menerey*, Secretary, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Warwick*, County of *Lambton*; the Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Camden* and *Zone*; and the Petition of Mrs. *A. H. Reid* and others, females, residing in the County of *Prince Edward*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *John S. Hall* and others, members of the Independent Order of *Rechabites*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *Robert Wyllie* and others, of *Ayr* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *H. R. O'Reilly* and others, of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—The Petition of *James Stevenson* and others, of *Portage-du-Fort*, on the River *Ottawa*; the Petition of *Edward Ferrall* and others, of the Township of *Horton*, County of *Renfrew*; the Petition of *William Edwards*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Clarence*, County of *Russell*; and the Petition of *Peter Morris* and others, of the Township of *McNab*, County of *Renfrew*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Sister Lacroix*, Superior, and others, Sisters of the *Hôtel-Dieu* Nunnery Hospital, and others, Citizens of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. R. Burrage*, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Baptiste Deroche* and others, of *St. John's* Suburbs, City of *Quebec*.

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

Of *A. Scott* and others, of *Bytown* and its vicinity; of *Henry Hall* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*; of the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*; of *Jacob Rynal* and others, of the Counties of *Wentworth* and *Brant*; of *William D. Mattice*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*; of the Reverend *Robert Boyd* and others, of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; of *Alexander Clark* and others, of the Townships of *Elfrid* and *Caradoc*; of *John Lancaster* and others, of the County of *Peel*; of *Sarah Jackson* and others, mothers and daughters, of the City of *Hamilton*; of *William Nixon*, and other youths, of the City of *Hamilton*; of *Christina Laing* and others, mothers and daughters, of the Village of *Wellington Square* and vicinity; of *Morris L. Green* and others, of the County of *Oxford*; of *James Gardiner* and others, on behalf of the Bay of *Quinté* Annual Conference of the Methodist Epia-

copal Church in *Canada*; of the Reverend *John Segbert*, Bishop, and others, the Elders and Ministers of the Evangelical Association in Conference assembled at *Berlin*, County of *Waterloo*; of *Robert Emond* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; of *H. Glass* and others, of the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*; and of the Reverend *William Reid* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Norman B. Fish* and others, of the Township of *London*, County of *Middlesex*; praying for the adoption of measures to secularize the Clergy Reserves, to abolish the Rectories and separate School systems, and for the better promotion of Common School Education.

Of *John McGill Chambers*, of *Montague*, in the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for the appointment of Commissioners to settle the boundary line between the fourth Concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*.

Of *Charles Hector A. Huot*, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying payment of a certain amount due him for services in assisting to take the last Census of the said County.

Of *George Larue*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Cacouna* and other places, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf and Pier at *Fontaine Claire*, in the said Parish.

Of *Alanson Cooke* and others, of the District of *Ottawa*; praying aid for the construction of Bridges over the principal Rivers flowing into the River *Ottawa* in the said District, to enable them to open a main Road through the said District parallel with the said River.

Of *Edward Cole*, Esquire, and others, of the Seignior and Fief of *La Petite Nation*; praying the adoption of equitable measures for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure.

Of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of *Dundas*; and of *James Coleman*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; praying that the Corporation of the said Town may be authorized to issue Debentures and become security on behalf of the *Desjardins Canal Company*, to the Great Western Railroad Company, or any other Corporate body or person, for the outlay on a proposed improvement of said Canal, by means of a cut through *Burlington Heights*.

Of the *Desjardins Canal Company*; praying that on their behalf the Corporation of the Town of *Dundas* may be authorized to issue Debentures and become security to the Great Western or any other Company or person, for the outlay on the proposed improvement of the *Desjardins Canal* by means of a cut through *Burlington Heights*, and also for authority to fill up and close the channel now used for the said Canal.

Of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Montreal*; praying for the repeal of the provision of the Act 12 Vic. cap 112, imposing a tax or duty on Civil Proceedings and Registrations to defray the expense of erecting a new Court House in the City of *Montreal*, and that a more equitable tax or assessment be made for that purpose.

Of *William S. Childs* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Montreal Manufacturing Company*.

Of the Reverend *John Reynolds* and others, on behalf of the Bay of *Quinté Annual Conference* of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John McGill Chambers*, of *Montague*, in the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; the Petition of the *Desjardins Canal Company*; the Petition of *James Coleman*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Dundas*;

and the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of *Dundas*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act for avoiding doubts which might otherwise arise from the Act making alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada* having come into effect since the last General Election,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have made progress in the examination of the Account Current laid before them by the Clerk of Your Honorable House, and they find that in consequence of the amount of disbursements being beyond that of the receipts, and the constant demands to meet the current expenses of Your Honorable House, it becomes necessary to make an advance therefor.

Your Committee consequently recommend, that the sum of Five thousand pounds, towards defraying the Contingencies of Your Honorable House during the present Session, be advanced to the Clerk, and that an humble Address to His Excellency for the purpose be accordingly presented.

On motion of Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,

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 Five thousand pounds, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the late University of King's College and to the University of *Toronto*, which was presented on the 31st August last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 7th September, 1852, for copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government, or any Member thereof, and the Contractor or Contractors for furnishing Steam Tug Boats on the River *St. Lawrence*, or with the *Montreal* Board of Trade, or any other person or persons, on the subject of withdrawing the said Tug Boats, and discontinuing the accommodation afforded by them to the Trade of the Province.

For the said Return, see Appendix (C.C.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was yesterday proposed to be made to the Question, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal

the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* cap. 78, intituled, “ An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;” and which Amendment was, That all the words after “ That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “ this House deeply regrets that Government in bringing the subject of the Clergy Reserves again before Parliament, has refrained from the expression of any opinion, as a Government, upon their future appropriation—the real issue of the question;”

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Dixon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow, and be the first Order of the day after the referring of Petitions;

The House divided:

Yeas, 35.

Nays, 33.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, The House adjourned.

Veneris, 17^o *die Septembris*;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. Speaker laid before the House, Statement of the Affairs of the *Gore* Bank, to 28th August, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (R.)

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

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *William Ferguson* and others, of the Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *North Dorchester*; the Petition of *David Christie*, Esquire, and others, of the United Townships of *Lanark* and *Darling*; the Petition of *J. Mills* and others, of a certain part of the *Gore* of *Camden*; the Petition of *Joseph Deacon* and others, of the Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; and the Petition of *James McArdell* and others, of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of *John Stevenson* and others, of the Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*; and the Petition of *John Reynolds* and others, of the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of *Amable Dion* and others, of the Township of *Acton*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Duncan Morrison*, Minister, and others, the Congregation of *Beckwith* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; the Petition of the Reverend *William S. Ball* and others, the Congregations of *Woodstock* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; the Petition of *John Bell*, Junior, and others, of *Balinalhynch*; and the Petition of *Jacob Baltzer* and others, of the County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of *J. G. Bowes*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, and others.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Montagu*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *James Gage* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; and the Petition of *Archibald Petrie* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*, County of *Russell*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *H. Routier* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; and the Petition of the Reverend *E. Quartier* and others, of *St. Paschal*, *St. Denis*, and other Parishes.

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

Of *Thomas Shillinton* and others, of the County of *Carleton*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge across the River *Rideau*, in the said County.

Of *William Delo* and others, Stevedores, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of the Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*.

Of *William Wilson*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; praying to be put into possession of a certain Lot of Land purchased by him in *Cul-de-Sac* Street, in the said City, and of which he has been deprived by the Officers of the Trinity House of *Quebec*.

Of *François Normand* and others, Carpenters, Builders, and Contractors of Wharves and Bridges; praying compensation for extra work performed by them as Contractors under Government, for the construction of certain Bridges.

Of *William Wilson*, District Treasurer of the late Municipal District of *St. John's*; praying payment of a certain amount due him for his services as District Treasurer aforesaid, and in consideration of damage sustained by him in the performance thereof.

Of the Corporation of the Pilots for the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Jacob Cook* and others, of the Village of *Cooksville*, Township of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *J. Wheeler* and others, of the Township of *Albion*; and of *Alexander Munro* and others, of the Township of *Zorra*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Honorable *C. Widmer*, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., and others, duly licensed Practitioners in Medicine in *Upper Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Medical Profession in *Upper Canada*.

Of *F. M. F. Ossaje*, of *La Tortue*, Agent of the Agricultural Society of *Lower Canada*; praying aid to enable him to publish a work relating to Agriculture, entitled, "*Les Veillées Canadiennes*."

Of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste*, Seigniori of *L'Isle Verte*; praying that a Survey be made of the Harbour of *L'Isle Verte*, and that if found practicable a Wharf be constructed therein.

Of *William Cothingham* and others, of the Township of *Emily*, United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying that a Survey be made by Government of a Route for a Railroad from the City of *Kingston*, through the interior of the country, *via Peterborough*, to the City of *Toronto*.

Of *John McWhinnie* and others, of the Town and vicinity of *Woodstock*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *W. H. Coxwell*, Esquire, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an increase of his salary as Chief Clerk and Taxing Officer in the office of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas for *Upper Canada*.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,
Ordered, That the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, have leave to absent himself for twelve days from Monday next, and that he do appoint a Deputy (with the approbation of Mr. Speaker) to perform his duties during his said absence.

Resolved, That the Petition of *M. G. Mountain* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, Mr. *Dubord*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Sylvester Carroll* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to establish Courts of Conciliation or Arbitration in *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Herbert Simmonds* and others, of the Town of *London* and surrounding country; the Petition of *Thomas Rowland* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*; the Petition of *Neil Clark* and others, of the Township of *Clinguacousj*; the Petition of *John Kastner* and others, male and female German Inhabitants of the Township of *Ellice*, County of *Perth*; the Petition of *Elizabeth Segmuller* and others, female Inhabitants of the Town of *Stratford*, County of *Perth*; and the Petition of *J. Cuppage* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

The Order of the day being read, for the resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was, on Wednesday last, proposed to be made to the Question, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic. cap. 78*, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;" and which Amendment was, "That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "this House deeply regrets that Government in bringing the subject of the Clergy Reserves again before Parliament, has refrained from the expression of any opinion, as a Government, upon their future appropriation—the real issue of the question;"

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley</i> ,	<i>Dixon</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , (<i>Frontenac</i> .)
<i>Boulton</i> ,	<i>Ferguson</i> ,	<i>Papineau</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Ridout</i> ,	<i>Willson</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,	22. <i>Wright</i> , (<i>W. R. York</i> .)
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i>)	<i>Scymour</i> ,	
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Malloch</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Gouin</i> ,	<i>Mattie</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>McLuchlin</i> ,	<i>Stuart</i> ,

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>54. Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic. cap. 78*, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserve in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;"

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the final settlement of this exciting question most consonant with the feelings of the People of *Canada*, would be the diversion of the Clergy Reserve lands and funds from all ecclesiastical and church purposes whatever, and their application to the support of a general system of secular education, whereby persons of all classes of society and of all religious creeds, may alike profit;"

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

YEAS.			
Messieurs			
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>5. Papineau,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>			
NAYS.			
Messieurs			
<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gambie,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>71. Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* cap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;"

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*. That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "a Select Committee of five Members of this House be appointed to prepare and report to this House, with all convenient speed, the draught of a Bill, framed in consistency with the powers of the Parliament of *Canada*, providing for the speedy sale of the Clergy Reserve lands to actual settlers, and for the appropriation of the funds heretofore legally derived, or to be hereafter derived, from the sale of such Clergy Reserve lands, to the maintenance of Common Schools: also, to prepare and report to this House, for the adoption of this House, and to accompany the aforesaid Bill when it shall, in due course, be transmitted to Her Majesty, the draught of an humble Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, expressing the deep regret of this House at the contents of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*. Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 22nd April, 1852, reminding Her Majesty that the settlement of the Reserve question, in the words of the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Earl *Grey*, "is one so exclusively affecting the People of *Canada*, that its decision ought not to be withdrawn from the Provincial Legislature, to which it properly belongs to regulate all matters concerning the domestic interests of the Province," assuring Her Majesty that the settlement provided for in the Bill aforesaid, is in unison with the opinions of the People of *Canada* and of their Representatives, and is the only one which will ever be held as final, assuring Her Majesty that very strong feelings prevail among the People of *Canada* on this subject, and that consequences deeply and lamentably affecting the prosperity of this Colony may be apprehended, if the feelings of the People are overruled by Imperial power, and earnestly urging that the said Bill may receive the Imperial sanction: the said Committee to consist of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Fergusson*, and the mover:

"That the Constitutional Act 31 *Geo.* 3, cap. 31, directed that in respect of all grants of land made in the Province of *Canada* by the Crown, a quantity, equal to one-seventh of the land so granted, should be reserved for the support of a Protestant Clergy, being one-eighth of each Township; that instead of this proportion, and in direct violation of the Imperial Statute forming the only authority for the Reserve, there was actually set aside in *Upper Canada* as Clergy Reserves, by fraud or error, one-seventh of all the land, or a quantity equal to one-sixth of the land granted; that the same violation of the Act occurred in *Lower Canada*, but to a greater extent,—a quantity equal to one-fifth of the land alienated having been reserved for the Clergy, instead of one-seventh; that the public domain was thereby wrongfully divested of 300,000 acres in *Upper Canada*, and 227,559 acres in *Lower Canada*, or, in all, of 527,559 acres of land; and, therefore, that the said Select Committee be further instructed to prepare and report to this House, a measure providing for the recovery from the Clergy Reserve Fund, of the money received in payment of lands so wrongfully set apart, and for the appropriation of such money and of the land so wrongfully set apart and yet unsold, to the maintenance of Common Schools;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Brown,

Fergusson.

3. *Papineau.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mallice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Paulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>73. Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to assure Her Majesty that this House deeply regrets to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 Vic. cap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mallice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>54. Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>22. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and

the Question being put, That whatever difference of opinion may exist among the People of *Canada* as to the best mode of disposing of the revenues derived from the lands known as Clergy Reserves, the great mass of the People will ever maintain the principle recognized by the Right Honorable the Earl *Grey*, then Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch of 27th January, 1851, to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, that the question whether the existing arrangement "is to be maintained or altered is" "one so exclusively affecting the People of *Canada*, that its decision ought not to" "be withdrawn from the Provincial Legislature, to which it properly belongs to" "regulate all matters concerning the domestic interests of the Province;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Saunborn,</i>
<i>Curtier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mullice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Canchon,</i>	<i>Hertman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumontin,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Pontin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	55. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonall (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley.</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBouillier,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	21. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That while the People of *Canada* are devotedly attached to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and most anxious to maintain inviolate the connexion which binds them to the great Empire over which She rules, yet this House is bound by a high sense of duty to inform Her Majesty, that the refusal, on the part of the Imperial Parliament to comply with the just demand of the Representatives of the Canadian people, on a matter exclusively affecting their own interests, will be viewed as a violation of their Constitutional rights, and will lead to deep and wide-spread disaffection among Her Majesty's Canadian subjects; 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That this House is well aware that attempts have been made to induce Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers to believe that the present Representatives of the People of *Canada* entertain opinions on the subject of the repeal of the Clergy Reserves Act, different from those expressed by the late Parliament; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turrotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laterrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	53. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs.

<i>Badzley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	23. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonnell,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That this House confidently hopes that when Her Majesty's Ministers shall be convinced that the opinions of the People of *Canada* and of their Representatives on this subject are unaltered and unalterable, they will consent to give effect to the promise made by their predecessors; and this House is confirmed in this hope by the suggestion in the Despatch of the High Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, that Her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to recommend amendments to the Imperial Clergy Reserves Act, with a view to satisfy the wishes of the Canadian people; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turrotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	55. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston) Shaw,</i>	<i>21. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That this House can scarcely doubt that, the principle of amending the present Act being admitted, Her Majesty's Ministers will yield to the strong feeling which pervades the Canadian people, that any new Legislative enactments regarding the Clergy Reserves should be framed by their own Representatives, instead of by the Imperial Parliament, which being necessarily unacquainted with the state of public opinion in *Canada*, cannot be expected to concur in a measure that will give permanent satisfaction to its inhabitants; 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That this House desires to assure Her Majesty, that in thus giving expression to the public opinion of the Country, it is actuated by the strongest feelings of loyalty to Her Majesty, and by a sincere desire to prevent those lamentable consequences which must be the result of a collision between the Imperial and Provincial Parliaments, on a question on which very strong feelings are known to prevail among the People of this Province;

Mr. *Egan* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, That the word "collision" be left out, and the words "difference of opinion" inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Curtier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBouillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>60. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rosc,</i>	<i>14. Viger.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put, That this House desires to assure Her Majesty, that in thus giving expression to the public opinion of the Country, it is actuated by the strongest feelings of loyalty to Her Majesty, and by a sincere desire to prevent those lamentable consequences which must be the result of a difference of opinion between the Imperial and Provincial Parliaments, on a ques-

tion on which very strong feelings are known to prevail among the People of this Province; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Craichon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLaughlin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jolin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Verrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lavoie,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Trocotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Pollet,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>52. Young.</i>

NAVS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Mallory,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>22. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Ribout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Christie of Wentworth*, Mr. *Short*, and Mr. *Rose*, be appointed to draw up an Address to Her Majesty, upon the said Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* reported from the said Committee, That they had draw up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

To the Queen Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave most humbly and respectfully to assure Your Majesty that we deeply regret to learn from the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Your Majesty's Imperial Ministers are not prepared to introduce a Bill to repeal the Imperial Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* cap. 78, intituled, "An Act to provide for the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof."

We entreat Your Majesty to believe, that whatever difference of opinion may exist among the People of *Canada* as to the best mode of disposing of the revenues derived from the Lands known as Clergy Reserves, the great mass of the People will ever maintain the principle recognized by the Right Honorable the Earl *Grey*, then Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch of 27th January, 1851, to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, that the question whether the existing arrangement "is to be maintained or altered" is one so exclusively affecting the People of *Canada*, that its decision ought not "to be withdrawn from the Provincial Legislature, to which it properly belongs" "to regulate all matters concerning the domestic interests of the Province."

We beg leave further most humbly to represent, that while the People of *Canada* are devotedly attached to Your Majesty's Person and Government, and most

anxious to maintain inviolate the connexion which binds them to the great Empire over which Your Majesty rules, yet we are bound by a high sense of duty to inform Your Majesty, that the refusal on the part of the Imperial Parliament to comply with the just demand of the Representatives of the Canadian people on a matter exclusively affecting their own interests, will be viewed as a violation of their Constitutional rights, and will lead to deep and wide-spread dissatisfaction amongst Your Majesty's Canadian subjects.

We are well aware that attempts have been made to induce Your Majesty's Imperial Ministers to believe that the present Representatives of the People of *Canada* entertain opinions on the subject of the repeal of the Clergy Reserves Act, different from those expressed by the late Parliament.

But we confidently hope that when Your Majesty's Ministers shall be convinced that the opinions of the People, of *Canada*, and of their Representatives on this subject, are unaltered and unalterable, they will consent to give effect to the promise made by their predecessors; and we are confirmed in this hope by the suggestion in the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, that Your Majesty's Ministers are prepared to recommend amendments to the Imperial Clergy Reserves Act, with a view to satisfy the wishes of the Canadian people.

We can scarcely doubt that the principle of amending the present Act being admitted, Your Majesty's Ministers will yield to the strong feeling which pervades the Canadian people, that any new Legislative enactments regarding the Clergy Reserves should be framed by their own Representatives, instead of by the Imperial Parliament, which being necessarily unacquainted with the state of public opinion in *Canada*, cannot be expected to concur in a measure that will give permanent satisfaction to its inhabitants.

And we desire to assure Your Majesty, that in thus giving expression to the public opinion of the Country, we are actuated by the strongest feelings of loyalty to Your Majesty, and by a sincere desire to prevent those lamentable consequences which must be the result of a difference of opinion between the Imperial and Provincial Parliaments, on a question on which very strong feelings are known to prevail among the People of this Province.

And the said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, informing His Excellency that this House hath voted an humble Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves; and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, 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 this House with its Addresses on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, on Monday next, at Three o'clock, P.M., at the Government House.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 20^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House, That the Serjeant-at-Arms had (with his approbation,) appointed *William C. Burrage*, Esquire, to act as his Deputy during the period of his leave of absence.

At the hour appointed, Mr. Speaker and the House attended upon His Excellency the Governor General with their Addresses of Friday last, to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That the House had attended upon His Excellency with their Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and their Address to His Excellency praying that he would be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies to be laid at the foot of the Throne; to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I shall not fail to transmit your Address to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne for Her Majesty's Gracious consideration.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of Mrs. *A. Simmerman* and other ladies of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Kezia Kilborn* and other ladies of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; the Petition of *J. B. Osborne*, Esquire, and others, of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; the Petition of *C. Yale* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*; the Petition of *Joseph Dobbins* and others, of the County of *Welland*; and the Petition of *Aaron Beam* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *Neil Cameron McIntyre*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; and the Petition of *G. Benjamin*, Esquire, and others, of *Belleville*, in the County of *Hastings*, and of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Daniel Kribs* and others, of the Village of *Elora* and vicinity; the Petition of *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *Paris*; the Petition of *Samuel B. Markle* and others, of the Township of *Beverley*; the Petition of *Robert Whale* and others, of the Township of *Burford*; the Petition of *Aaron R. Shaufee* and others, of *Blenheim* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *Charles Kitchen* and others, of the Township of *Dumfries*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the President and Members of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, Governors of *McGill College*; and the Petition of *E. McLennan* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Montreal Mercantile Library Association*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, Chairman, and *H. R. O'Reilly*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the United

Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*; and the Petition of *Peter Fisher* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Nelson* and *Nassagaueya* Road Company.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Alexander Kilborn* and others, Stockholders in the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *Peter Friel*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of the Magistrates of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*, in General Quarter Sessions of the Peace assembled.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of *David Coleman* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Arza Parish* and others, of *Canada West*; and the Petition of *H. E. McDonald* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *Catharine Lees* and others, of the Township of *Pickering*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition *Benjamin Lebourveau* and others, of the County of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. E. Cecil* and others, of the Parish of *Cap St. Ignace*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Olivier Fiset*, President, and others, Officers, on behalf of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society; and the Petition of *Grégoire Darveau*, President, and others, Officers, of the *Quebec* Friendly Society.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *James Motz*, Esquire, of the City of *Quebec*; two Petitions of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *J. Douglas*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *LeBlanc*,—The Petition of *J. Keith* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Beauharnois*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Poirier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anicet*, County of *Beauharnois*; the Petition of *Ignace Plamondon* and others settled along the front of *Hungry Bay*, in the Townships of *Godmanchester* and *Dundee*; the Petition of the Municipality Number two of the County of *Beauharnois*; the Petition of the Reverend *D. Charland* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Clément*, County of *Beauharnois*; and the Petition of *R. B. Somerville*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *Joseph Robitaille*, of the Parish of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*, Esquire.

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

Of *W. Brough* and others, of the Village of *Gananoque*; of *Thomas Cook* and others, of the Township of *Marysburgh*; of *A. C. Buck* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; of the Reverend *E. White* and others, of the Town of *Port Sarnia*; of Mrs. *A. H. Reid* and others, females, residing in the County of *Prince Edward*; of *John S. Hall* and others, members of the Independent Order of Rechabites; of *Robert Wyllie* and others, of *Ayr* and its vicinity; of *H. R. O'Reilly* and others, of the County of *Halton*; of *William Ferguson* and others, of the Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; of the Municipality of the Township of *North Dorchester*; of *David Christie*, Esquire, and others, of the United Townships of *Lanark* and *Darling*; of *Joseph Deacon* and others, of the Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; of *James McArdell* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; of *John Stevenson* and others, of the Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*; of *John Reynolds* and others, of the County of *Hastings*; of *Jacob Baltzer* and others, of the County of *Essex*; and of *James Gage* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Duncan Macdonald* and others, Members of the Academy of *St. John's*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Honorable *George Pemberton* and others, of the City and neighbourhood

of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads to procure lands and open and macadamize a cross Road from the *Grande Allée* and *St. Foy* Roads to the *Little River* or *Lorette* Roads, and that the *Belvedere* and *Sauvageau* Hill Roads be placed under the control of the said Trustees.

Of *A. Polette*, Esquire, President, and others, Members of the Mechanics' Institute of *Three Rivers*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for certain alterations in the limits of the said Town.

Of *W. G. Cook* and others, Trustees of *Charleston* Academy; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *William McAlpine*, Chairman, and *James Menerey*, Secretary, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Warwick*, County of *Lambton*; praying for the disposal of the Clergy Reserves, and the abolition of the Rectories, and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof to purposes of general Education.

Of the Reverend *William S. Ball* and others, the Congregations of *Woodstock* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Camden* and *Zone*; of the Reverend *Duncan Morrison*, Minister, and others, the Congregation of *Bechwith* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; and of *John Bell*, Junior, and others, of *Balinahynch*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *James Stevenson* and others, of *Portage-du-Fort*, on the River *Ottawa*; of *Edward Ferrall* and others, of the Township of *Horton*, County of *Renfrew*; of *William Edwards*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Clarence*, County of *Russell*; of *Peter Morris* and others, of the Township of *McNab*, County of *Renfrew*; and of *Archibald Petrie* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*, County of *Russell*; praying for the construction of a Canal of dimensions similar to the *St. Lawrence* Canals, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence* above the Village of *Caughnawaga* with those of *Lake Champlain*.

Of *Sister Lacroix*, Superior, and others, Sisters of the *Hôtel-Dieu* Nunnery Hospital, and others, Citizens of *Kingston*; praying aid in behalf of the said Hospital.

Of the Reverend *R. R. Burrage*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying indemnity for certain losses sustained by him in behalf of Education in the said City.

Of *Baptiste Deroche* and others, of *St. John's* Suburbs, City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act incorporating the said City, by annulling the power of the Corporation thereof to make By-Laws prohibiting the construction of wooden buildings therein.

Of *J. Mills* and others, of a certain part of the *Gore* of *Camden*; praying that any application for uniting that part of the said *Gore* of *Camden* lying north of the line between Lots numbers 15 and 16 thereof, may not be granted.

Of *Amable Dion* and others, of the Township of *Acton*; praying that the said Township with certain others may be erected into a separate Municipality.

Of *J. G. Bowes*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate certain persons for the construction of a Railway from *Toronto* to *Kingston*, and thence to *Montreal*, under the name of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

Of the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Society.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Montague*; praying that the Law relating to the resurvey of disputed boundaries of lands may be so amended as to facilitate such surveys, and the establishment of correct limits.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; praying that the Jurors' Acts of 13 & 14 and 14 & 15 *Vic.* may be repealed, or so amended as to lessen the expenses thereof.

Of the Reverend *H. Routier* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; praying aid to complete and furnish a Convent for School purposes in the said Municipality.

Of the Reverend *E. Quartier* and others, of *St. Paschal, St. Denis*, and other Parishes; praying aid to extend the *St. Denis* Road to the Province Line.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William S. Childs* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of the Corporation of the Pilots for the Harbour of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the *Carouge* Pier and Wharf Company, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Julien Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Pointe Levy*, and others, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Lemieux*, the Honorable *Mr. Chabot*, *Mr. Lacoste*, *Mr. Fortier*, and *Mr. Laurin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. Lemieux, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *A. Jeffry* and others,—of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company,—of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of *Dundas*, (with those of the *Desjardins* Canal Company, and *James Coleman* and others, in reference to the same application,) and they find that sufficient Notice has been given in each case.

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by *Mr. Rose*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have passed between the Provincial and Imperial Governments on the subject of a Royal Charter for Trinity College, *Toronto*; and also, for copies of the documents referred to in the Letter of the Church of *England* Bishop of *Toronto*, of 25th March, 1852, forming part of the Correspondence sent down to this House on the 7th instant; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

*Brown,**2. Ferguson.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>54. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a full, clear and detailed Statement of the estate, property, income, debts, and expenditure, and of all the pecuniary and temporal affairs of the Corporation of "The Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of *St. Sulpice* of *Montreal*," from the date of its incorporation to the first day of January last,—such Statement to embrace and exhibit each and every of its means of income, and the amount derivable therefrom, and also the names and residence of all the recipients of any portion of the revenues thereof, and the specific amounts paid to each and every of its recipients; such Return to be as full and ample in all its details as possible, and to be attested by the authorities and common Seal of the said Corporation,—the said Return being authorized by the Ordinance of the Special Council incorporating the said Seminary, so far as contemplated by the Act of Incorporation.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville Marie*, in the City of *Montreal*.

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

Ordered, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Tessier*,

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 Accounts rendered by the *Quebec* Turnpike Road Trustees from the date of their last Report to this date; also, copies of all documents and correspondence between the Executive and the said Trustees relative to the management of the said Roads, together with a copy of the minutes of their proceedings with reference to the execution of the works on the said Roads mentioned in the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 115, and also those defined in the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 132.

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. *Fournier*, seconded by Mr. *Sanborn*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, 1st. A Return of the number of Actions instituted, and the number adjudicated on before the Commissioners' Courts in *Lower Canada*, for the year past, if the Government has been able to procure the same, specifying at the same time in what County, Parish, or Township, such Actions were respectively instituted or adjudicated on, together with the number of Commissioners at present acting as such, in such Parish or Township: 2nd. Copies of the Tariff or Tariffs of the Circuit and Superior Courts and Court of Appeals respectively, as directed to be made by the Act 12 *Vic.* caps. 38 and 40, before first January, 1851, and by what Judges such Tariff or Tariffs were signed, and a statement as to whether or not Tariffs have been separately made for certain Circuit or District Courts: 3rd. Copies of all Tariffs made up to this date for any of the said Courts, since the 1st January, 1851, if any such have been made, either amending the one existing previously or remodel-

ling it entirely, and by what Judges they were signed either for Circuit or District Courts generally or individually: 4th. Copies of any Tariff or Tariffs made by virtue of the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 95, and by what Judge or Judges such Tariffs were signed in the Judicial Districts respectively of *Canada East*.

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. *Dumoulin*, seconded by Mr. *Polette*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. B. Pepin*, President, and others, Trustees of the Corporation of the Common of the Seigniority of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, be exempted from the operation of the 64th Rule of this House, in so far as it regards the prayer of the said Petition for an Act to define the rights of property in the said Common.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fortier* have leave to bring in a Bill to enforce the Registration of all Titles to lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*.

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

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That the 64th and 68th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, by the proper Officer, the Report of the Inspector of Gaols for *Lower Canada*.

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 during the absence only of Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Brown* be added to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the best means of remedying the difficulties which have arisen in several Counties of *Canada West*, from the informality of the By-Laws of the Municipal Councils imposing County rates.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the School Law of *Lower Canada*, and to repeal certain parts thereof.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, all Documents and information respecting the practicability of forming a safe Dock and Harbour for the reception of Shipping arriving at the Port of *Quebec*, together with the Survey made under the direction of the Board of Works, of the River *St. Charles*, between the confluence of this River with the *St. Lawrence* at *Quebec* and the General Hospital, in pursuance of an Address of this House to the Governor General of the Province, on the 4th February, 1845; with copies of any references made by the Executive Government, on the 25th July, 1843, to the Inspector

General of the Queen's Domain, respecting the mischief resulting and likely to result to the Harbour of *Quebec* from the system previously pursued in the granting of beach and deep water lots, with the Report and Map made under such reference, and copies of any other papers or documents shewing a line laid down beyond which no encroachment in any part of the Harbour should be suffered to exist, and any Rules adopted for the future guidance of the Public Departments in regard to encroachments existing or proposed within the Harbour, including the Coves and *St. Charles River*; and a Statement of any land which may remain in the hands of Government, and of any and what part of the same fit for public purposes, Civil, Military, or Naval, so that such reserves, if any should be thought advisable, may be distributively set down, and all danger of the future alienations avoided; and generally all papers, maps, plans and documents respecting the improvement of the Harbour of *Quebec* for the reception of Shipping arriving at *Quebec*, and for the convenience of the trade of this Province.

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. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Varin*,

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders to take into consideration, without a special reference, all Petitions for Private and Local Bills that may from time to time be received by this House, and to report in each case whether the provisions of the 64th and 65th Rules, with regard to the publication of Notices, have been complied with.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seymour* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned for the protection of Indians in *Upper Canada*, by repealing the third Section thereof.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Ordered, That that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Champlain*, which was presented on the 1st September last, be now read. And the same being read;

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee on that part of the said Report, for the purpose of taking into consideration certain Resolutions in relation thereto.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Crawford* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

Resolved, That the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce*, *McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Ridout*, Mr. *Crawford*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Dixon*, and Mr. *Boulton*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Cities and Towns to establish and maintain Public Libraries.

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

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, all the Documents relating to the Inquiry holden at *Lotbinière* by *William K. McCord*, Esquire, Superintendent of Police at *Quebec*, relative to the abstraction and loss of certain articles of furniture, &c., belonging to the Parish Church of *Lotbinière*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 126, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to compel "Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the navigation of the waters of this Province."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the collection of Claims against the Owners of Vessels.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and Mr. *Dubord*, be appointed to take into consideration the state of the Law in relation to the authority under which houses or other buildings may be blown up, or otherwise destroyed, to stay the progress of Fires in Cities, Towns and Villages in this Province, and also, in relation to the mode in which persons whose property is sacrificed or injured on such occasions may be indemnified; and also, to take into consideration if any and what measures should be adopted for the purpose of protecting the Inhabitants of such Cities, Towns and Villages, and other properties, against accidents arising from the explosion of Powder Magazines constructed therein, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have been had between the Government and the Mayor or Citizens of *Montreal*, in reference to a Loan as aid in rebuilding houses destroyed by the recent Fire in that City.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain part of a certain Act therein mentioned, and to define what persons shall have the right to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent the Cities of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and the Town of *Three Rivers*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mattice* and Mr. *Paige*, respectively, have leave of absence for one week, from this day, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal.

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 the twenty-ninth instant. *

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable *Stephen Atkinson* and his brother, *John Atkinson*, to convey to the Municipality of *Nelson* part of Lot No. 15, in the first concession south of the *Dundas* Street, for a Township Hall.

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 the twenty-ninth instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 24th August, 1852, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Statement up to the 1st of August, shewing the amount of Cash at the credit of the Government of *Canada*, subject to the draft of the Receiver General thereof, acting on its behalf, in the various Banking and other monied Institutions of the Province, or in the hands of individuals holding Public Deposits in and out of *Canada*, including the Agents or Brokers who transact the business of the Province in *Europe*, specifying the amount in each place of deposit, and what rates of interest are payable to Government on any part of the Public Deposits, in what cases, and under what arrangements or conditions. 2nd. A Statement of the Public Debt of *Canada*, naming the date and purpose of each Loan, the rate of interest, and where payable; the times when the Debentures were sold, and at what rates sold; the amount of interest payable on the said Debt, shewing also the several Loans made to Companies or individuals, and the amount of Exchange or Bills on *London* bought by the Government and remitted to *London* since 1848, for payment of interest on the Public Debt; the rates at which said Bills were purchased, and from whom such Bills in all cases were purchased. 3rd. A Statement of the amount of money at the credit of the Sinking Fund of this Province, and how or where invested or deposited, stating the amount invested in 1850 and 1851. 4th. A Statement of the amounts paid by Government for managing or attending to the Public Debt, and the payments of the interest thereon, as commissions to Bankers, Agents, or otherwise, since January, 1848. 5th. Copies of all Correspondence (not already laid before the Legislature) between the Chartered Banks of *Canada* and the Government, relating to the transfer of the Public Accounts from the Banks of *Montreal* and *British North America*, to the Bank of *Upper Canada*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (D.D.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 8th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have passed between the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto* and the Superintendent of Education for *Upper Canada*, on the subject of separate Common Schools.

For the said Return, see Appendix (E.E.)

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Returns be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*, and the Question being put, That the Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow ;

The House divided :

Yeas, 24.

Nays, 27.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

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

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 21^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statements of the Affairs of the *Hamilton* and *Gore* District Savings Bank, to the 30th August, 1852,—and of the *Ontario* Marine and Fire Insurance Company, to 9th February, 1852.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (R.)

And also, Report of the *Kingston* General Hospital, for the year ending 31st December, 1851.

For the said Report, see Appendix (Y.)

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *William Lochead* and others, the Free Presbyterian Congregation of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton*; and the Petition of *John Burkham*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Torbolton*, County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of the Professors of the School of Medicine and Surgery of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Z. Gingras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Basil*, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,—The Petition of *W. R. Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Lochiel*; and the Petition of *Farquhar McRea* and others, of *Glengary*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend Archdeacon *Stuart* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; the Petition of the Reverend *Paul Robins* and others, of the Township of *Darlington*; the Petition of *John Chinie*, on behalf of the Congregational Union of *Canada West*; two Petitions of the Reverend *Robert F. Burns*, Moderator, and *John Dickson*, Clerk, on behalf the Session of *Chalmer's* Church, *Kingston*, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Dempsey* and others, of the Village of *St. Andrew's* and its vicinity, County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Robert Burns*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Elizabeth B. Burns* and other Ladies, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Marchildon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Caron* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de Lapérade*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *Thomas Solomon* and others, of the Township of *Alnwick* and of the rear part of the Township of *Haldimand*, County of *Northumberland*; the Petition of *Walter Stevenson* and others, of the Township of *Alnwick*; the Petition of *Reuben Scott* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*, and the Petition of *George Freeman*, President, and others, Members of the *British American* Temperance League, and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Thomas Cary*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; and the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of *John McDonald* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Townships of *Williamstown* and *Adelaide*, County of *Middlesex*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Directresses of the Charitable Association of Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the First Division of the County of *Saguenay*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Matthew Rosevear* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; the Petition of *James Boyce* and others, of the seventh Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *Robert McKee* and others, of the sixth Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Thomas Richards* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 3rd July, 1851, for copies of all Correspondence between the Government, the Board of Trade, Dr. *James Douglas*, the Commissioners, House Surgeon, and Visiting Physicians of the *Quebec* Marine and Emigrant Hospital, and other parties, touching the management of the said Establishment.

For the said Supplementary Return, see Appendix (Y.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Burnham* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* have leave to bring in a Bill to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cape Chut* from the District of *Gaspé*, and to annex the same to the District of *Kamourasha*.

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 the fifth day of October next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 23*, relative to Masters and Servants, and to extend the provision thereof to Mechanics and others.

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

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

Ordered, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards that part of the Petition of *V. Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish and Town of *Three Rivers*, which relates to the levying of a rate for the erection of a Church in the Parish of *Three Rivers*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the proceedings relative to the seizure of Real Property in cases of *Folle Enchère*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the discharge of hypothecs, charges and servitudes on Real Property.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for navigating upon the *St. Lawrence*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Dumoulin*,

Ordered, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended, in so far as respects the introduction of a Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Willson* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Act incorporating the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration certain Resolutions relative to the employment of Steam Tug Boats on the River *St. Lawrence*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again, on Tuesday the fifth of October next.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to express the grateful sense which this House entertains of the prompt attention which it appears, by the Despatch of the 27th May, 1852, from the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Palangton*, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Governor General, Her Majesty's Government has given to the representations made on the part of this Province, and of other Provinces of *British North America*, on the subject of the encroachment of the Fishing Vessels of the *United States* upon those waters from which they were excluded by the terms of the Convention of 1818, and of the readiness with which Her Majesty's Government has sent out a sufficient Naval Force to enforce the observance of that Convention; and also, to express the confident hope which this House entertains, that no Treaty will be made with the *United States of America*, by which any of the rights secured to the British Fishermen by that Convention may be ceded or impaired, unless such Treaty shall also include provisions embracing the whole policy of the commercial intercourse between the said *United States* and the *British North American Colonies*.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and Mr. *Langton*, to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada College*.

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 the fifth of October next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the registration of Voters.

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 the fifth of October next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the expediency of amending the Acts providing for the improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for deepening *Lake St. Peter*, and improving the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gouin* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to

bring in a Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of this House, and to consider and devise means calculated to expedite the performance of its duties; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Boulton* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That the 6th Rule of this House be rescinded.

2. *Resolved*, That all Notices of Motions for leave to present a Bill, Resolution, or Address, or for the appointment of a Committee, be made in writing and signed by the Member giving such Notice, and laid on the table of the House each day before five o'clock, P.M., and that the said Notices be printed with the Votes and Proceedings of this House; and that two days be allowed to elapse between the giving of the said Notices and the consideration of the subject thereof.

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

A Bill to supply an omission in Schedule B to the Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to supply an omission in Schedule B to the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Stevenson* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to remove doubts as to the powers of the Junior Judges of County Courts in *Upper Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Langton* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which, upon Friday the tenth instant, was proposed to be made to the Question, That the Bill to authorize the appointment of Assistant Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* in certain cases, be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “this day six months” added at the end thereof;

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>

<i>Crauford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>35. Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	

NAYS.

<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Mackenzie,</i>			<i>6. Tessier,</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 22^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Edouard Jetté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul*, County of *Berthier*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *James Emmett* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *Charles Wilson*, Esquire, Mayor, and other Citizens, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. Bonin*, of *Ste. Scholastique*, County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *Robert L. Macdonell*, M.D., and *A. H. David*, M.D., Esquires, Proprietors and Editors of "The *Canada Medical Journal*."

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*.

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

Of *C. Yale* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*; of *Joseph Dobbie* and others, of the County of *Welland*; of Mrs. *A. Simmerman* and other ladies of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; of *Kezia Kilborn* and other ladies of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; of *J. B. Osborne*, Esquire, and others, of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; of *Aaron Beam* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*; of *Daniel Kribs* and others, of the Village of *Elora* and vicinity; of *Samuel B. Markle* and others, of the Township of *Beverley*; of *Robert Whale* and others, of the Township of *Burford*; of *Aaron R. Shauuffee* and others, of *Blenheim* and its vicinity; of *Charles Kitchen* and others, of the Township of *Dumfries*; of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, Chairman, and *H. R. O'Reilly*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*; of *David Coleman* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*; of *H. E. McDonald* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*; and of *Catherine Leys* and others, of the Township of *Pickering*;

praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Neil Cameron McIntyre*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas for *Upper Canada*, at their discretion, to admit him to practice as Solicitor and Attorney at Law therein respectively.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *G. Benjamin*, Esquire, and others, of *Belleville*, in the County of *Hastings*, and of *Peterborough*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

Of *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *Paris*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Railroad Company, and to enable the said Company to extend the said Railroad from the said Village to the Town of *Goderich*.

Of the President and Members of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, Governors of *McGill* College; praying for a grant of money in Trust on behalf of the said College.

Of *E. McLennan* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Montreal* Mercantile Library Association; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Peter Fisher* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Nelson* and *Nassagaweya* Road Company; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the said Company and the proceedings thereof.

Of *Alexander Kilborn* and others, Stockholders in the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; praying that the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the said Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, may not pass into Law.

Of *Peter Friel*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of the Magistrates of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*, in General Quarter Sessions of the Peace assembled; praying for the passing of an Act to dispense with the publication, in local Newspapers, of summary convictions by Magistrates, and of Licenses issued for Taverns in Counties in *Upper Canada*.

Of *Arza Parish* and others, of *Canada West*; praying that the Laws relating to the study and practice of Medicine may be repealed, or so modified as to remove existing restrictions therein, leaving all parties answerable only for malpractice.

Of *Benjamin Lebourveau* and others, of the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the rights to compensation of parties who settled upon and improved Lands in the Eastern Townships, which Lands were afterwards granted to other parties.

Of the Reverend *J. E. Cecil* and others, of the Parish of *Cap St. Ignace*, County of *L'Islet*; praying aid to open a Road leading in a direct line from the said Parish to the Crown Lands.

Of *Olivier Fiset*, President, and others, Officers, on behalf of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act incorporating the said Society.

Of *Grégoire Darveau*, President, and others, Officers of the *Quebec* Friendly Society; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Society.

Of *James Motz*, Esquire, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to explain and modify the Act 58 *Geo.* 3, cap. 25, so as to secure him the enjoyment of his Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and to indemnify him for losses sustained through the misconstruction of the said Act.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Act and Ordinance incorporating the said City.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the repeal of the Act to prohibit Hawking or Pedling within the limits of the said City.

Of *J. Douglas*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures to prevent the burial of the dead within the limits of Cities and large Towns in this Province, or otherwise within the said City.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that the Circuit of *Beauharnois* may be divided, and a Circuit Court established at the Village of *Huntingdon*.

Of *J. Keith* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that the sittings of the Circuit Court of the said County may be transferred to the Parish of *St. Clément*.

Of the Reverend *J. Poirier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anicet*, County of *Beauharnois*; praying for an inquiry into the damages done to their property by the construction of a Dam at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal, by the Commissioners of Public Works, and that they may be indemnified for their losses thereby.

Of *Ignace Plumondon* and others settled along the front of *Hungry Bay*, in the Townships of *Godmanchester* and *Dundee*; complaining of the damage done to their Lands through the construction, by the Commissioners of Public Works, of the Dam at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Of the Municipality Number two of the County of *Beauharnois*; representing that portions of the public Road on the shore of Lake *St. Francis*, in the said Municipality, has become impassable for carriages, being overflowed by reason of the construction of the Dam at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Reverend *D. Charland* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Clément*, County of *Beauharnois*; praying for aid in behalf of the *Beauharnois* Academy.

Of *R. B. Somerville*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*; praying for aid in behalf of the *Huntingdon* Academy.

Of *Joseph Robitaille*, of the Parish of *St. Paschal de Kamouraska*, Esquire; representing that for twenty-two years he served in Parliament as Member representing the County of *Cornwallis*, now the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski*, for which he received no compensation,—and that now in his old age he is left unprovided for,—and praying indemnity in consideration of the premises.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, so as to allow of an extension of the said Road.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, from the Select Committee to which were referred certain proposed Resolutions upon which to found an Address to Her Majesty, praying that She will be pleased to sanction the introduction into the Imperial Parliament of an amendment to the Act of 1846, by introducing the same principle of Reciprocity retained in the Act of 1849, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee proceeded to the consideration of the subject-matter referred to them; and, after deliberation, have adopted the following Resolutions, which they beg leave to Report:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Imperial Act 9 & 10 *Vic.* cap. 22, for the repeal of the Corn Laws, deprived the *British North American* Provinces of the preference previously given to their Agricultural products in the Home Market; and, while it placed Foreign Nations on a par with the Colonies in the Corn Trade, it contained no provisions enabling Her Majesty, in Her discretion, to insist on the principle of Reciprocity being carried out by such Foreign Nations, whereby this country would be placed on an equality with the *United States*.

2. *Resolved*, That by the Imperial Navigation Act 12 & 13 *Vic.* cap. 29, authority is given Her Majesty to protect British Shipping by imposing the same duties on the vessels and cargoes of any Foreign Nation which are exacted from British Vessels by such Foreign power.

3. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the principle of Reciprocity adopted by the Navigation Act, ought to be extended to the Agricultural products of *Great Britain* and her Colonies, and that the correctness of this opinion was admitted by the Imperial Government when they instructed Mr. *Pakenham*, their Minister at *Washington*, immediately after the passing of the Act, to negotiate with the *American* Government for an equality in Trade, and thus supply the omission in the Statute 9 & 10 *Vic.* cap. 22.

4. *Resolved*, That the Canadian Legislature endeavored to aid Mr. *Pakenham* in his negotiations, by passing a Reciprocity Bill, but that all his exertions have proved unsuccessful; and this House is apprehensive that, unless Her Majesty is enabled to act authoritatively in the matter, Reciprocity will never be granted by the *United States*, and *Canada* will continue to suffer by the depreciation of the value of her products as heretofore.

5. *Resolved*, That the prediction contained in the Address of this House to Her Majesty in 1846, that this change in the commercial policy of the Empire would lead to the reduction of prices on *Canada* products below those of the *United States*, has been fully realized. Whenever markets are higher in *America* than in *England*, the price of the productions of *Canada* are lower than in the *United States*; and when markets are higher in *England*, the prices of Canadian produce still range as much lower as the charges imposed by the bonding system in passing through the *United States*; and so long as the present laws are in force, under no circumstances can prices be higher.

6. *Resolved*, That the Legislative Assembly of this Province have on no occasion, since the Imperial Act of 1846, addressed the Home Government for a return to protection, or for any exclusive favor in the Markets of *Britain*, neither do they now ask for any such advantage, or for any measure which will increase the price of bread to the British consumer for the benefit of the Canadian producer. Under the principle of Reciprocity, no duties will be imposed on the importation of breadstuffs of *Great Britain* or *Canada* into any other corn-growing country, consequently the productions of all Foreign Nations coming into *England* duty free, prices cannot be increased; and in order to remove all apprehension from the minds of the consumer on this subject, it is only necessary to state, that the breadstuffs from the Western States can be admitted through *Canada* into *England*, duty free, in the same manner as before the repeal of the Corn Laws.

7. *Resolved*, That it is accordingly desirable that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, most respectfully praying that She will be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to enact that Her Majesty may (if She thinks fit) by Order in Council, impose the like duties on the production of those Foreign Nations who impose duties on the natural productions of *Great Britain* or *Canada*, when imported direct from any sea-ports within those Countries, and to repeal so

much of the first clause of the 12 & 13 *Vic.* as revives the fifth clause of 8 & 9 *Vic.* conferring advantages on vessels of the *United States* which they withhold from those of *Canada*; the said duties and restrictions to continue so long and no longer than similar restrictions are continued by other Nations.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Lemicux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee, in obedience to the instruction of Your Honorable House, have proceeded to an examination of all the Petitions for Private or Local Bills now before the House, and find the requisite Notices have been given on the Petitions of *Thomas Fergusson* and others, relative to the Survey of the 8th Concession of *Edwardsburgh*,—of *Thomas Richard* and others, for a Survey of the 6th and 7th Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*,—of *John K. Roche*, for power to recover an amount due him for making a Survey of the Township of *Hamilton*,—of the *Carouge Pier and Wharf Company*, for an Act of Incorporation,—of *F. Cumberland* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from *Toronto* to *Peterborough*,—of *John B. Askin*, for an Act to confirm the title of the Agricultural Society of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain piece of land in *London*,—and of the *Hamilton Gas Light Company*, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

With respect to the Petition of the *Toronto, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Union Company*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation, it appears that Notices have been published in the *Toronto Patriot* and in the *Canada Gazette*, but not in any newspaper within the County of *Simcoe*, but inasmuch as it has been represented to Your Committee, that the *Toronto* papers circulate very freely in that County, and also, as the Company is already in existence, and the extension to them of the additional powers cannot greatly affect the interests of other parties, Your Committee would beg leave to recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *J. G. Bowes* and others, for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railway from *Toronto* to *Kingston*, and thence to *Montreal*, Your Committee find that no Notices have been published; it appears however, that last Session, charters were granted to two Companies for the construction of Railways from *Toronto* to *Kingston*, and from *Kingston* to *Montreal*, respectively; the former of whom have agreed to surrender their charter during the present Session, with a view to obtaining the charter now prayed for, and as the matter is one of great public importance and which is fully before the public, Your Committee would submit, for the consideration of Your Honorable House, the expediency of dispensing, in this case, with the usual Notice.

The Petition of *W. S. Childs* and others, for incorporation of a Company for the construction of articles of India Rubber, comes within the provisions of the 64th Rule, but as there are no manufacturers of articles of that nature within the Province at present, with whom the proposed Company could interfere, and as they seek only for the ordinary corporate powers, Your Committee beg leave to recommend a suspension of the Rule in their favor.

The Petitions of the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society of *Toronto*, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation,—of *Benjamin Ouimet* and others, for annexation of *Acton* and *Upton* to *St. Hyacinthe* for Judicial purposes,—of *Sir Allan N. MacNab* and others, for incorporation of an Association to provide for the destitute orphans of *Hamilton*,—of the *Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal* and others, for incorporation of *St. Mary's College*,—of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, for an amendment to their Act of incorporation,—and of *Joseph Ha-*

mel and others, for incorporation of the "*Chambre de Lecture de St. Roch,*" are none of them of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice; and the same may be said with regard to the Petitions of the Corporation of the Pilots for the Harbour of *Quebec*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation,—of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, for the same,—of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*, for authority to raise a Loan to consolidate their debt,—and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of *Montreal*, for the like, as neither of them pray for such additional powers as would bring them within the operation of the 64th Rule.

With regard to the Petitions of the Municipal Council of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*, for authority to dispose of certain lots of land in *London*,—of the Honorable *C. Widmer* and others, for incorporation of the Medical Profession in *Upper Canada*,—of *John Little* and others, for the settlement of certain boundary lines in *Muimur, Mono, &c.*,—of the Municipality of *Mono*, praying that the said Township may be attached to the County of *York*,—of *C. C. Small*, Esquire, relative to a certain road allowance,—of *Amable Dion* and others, for erection of *Acton* and other Townships into a separate Municipality—and of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski* Number one, for a division of that County, Your Committee find that in none of these cases has the requisite Notice been given.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. Mary's* College of *Montreal*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of *Toronto* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate a part of the City Debt.

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. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Huron* Union Railroad Company.

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

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*,

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended in so far as relates to the Petition of *G. Benjamin*, Esquire, and others, of *Belleville*, in the County of *Hastings*, and of *Peterborough*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mongenais* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Act providing for the optional commutation of the Tenure of Lands in the *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* of *Lower Canada*, as allows the commutation of the right of *lods et ventes* without the commutation of the other Seigniorial rights on the same lands.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of *Montreal* to raise a Loan to consolidate their debt.

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. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*,

in their discretion, to admit *Neil Cameron McIntyre* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney therein.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*,

Ordered, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended in so far as it relates to the Petition of *William S. Childs* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Manufacturing Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* and Mr. *Polette* be added to the Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of this House, in the room of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* and Mr. *Prince*, absent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to separate the Townships of *Upton* and *Acton* from the County of *Drummond*, and to annex the said Townships to the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, for Judicial and Municipal purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the Circuit of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to empower *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls on the Bridge erected by them over the north branch of the River *Famaska*.

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Fron-tenac*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 23^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *John C. Becket* and others, Officers and Members of the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temper-

ance of *Canada East*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Bethune*, D.D., on behalf of the National School at *Montreal*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Bytown* and others, the Roman Catholic Corporation of the College of *Bytown*, and others.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *P. F. de LesDerniers* and others, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, County *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *G. H. Boulter*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the Village of *Roslin* and its vicinity; the Petition of the Reverend *J. W. Constable* and others, of the Parish of *LaChute*; and the Petition of *Andrew Hudson* and others, of the Township of *Tyendinaga*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Medonte*; the Petition of *Mary McCallum* and others, of the Township of *Oro*, County of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of the Council of the Canadian Institute.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *W. S. Conger*, President of the *Little Lake Cemetery Company*.

By Mr. *Smith of Durham*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Cavan*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Monaghan*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Hope*; the Petition of the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Clapham*,—The Petition of *John R. Lambly*, Chairman, and *James Burray*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Freeholders of the County of *Megantic*.

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

Of the Reverend *William Lohead* and others, the Free Presbyterian Congregation of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton*; of the Reverend *William Lohead* and others, the Free Presbyterian Congregation of *Gloucester*, County of *Carleton*; of the Very Reverend Archdeacon *Stuart* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; of the Reverend *Robert F. Burns* and others, on behalf of the Session of *Chalmers' Church* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and of the Reverend *John Dempsey* and others, of the Village of *St. Andrews* and its vicinity, County of *Two Mountains*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *John Burkham*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Torbolton*, County of *Carleton*; praying that the said Township may be authorized to continue as an independent Municipality.

Of the Professors of the School of Medicine and Surgery of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Act to incorporate the said School of Medicine may be so amended as to confer upon its Students the same privileges as are now enjoyed by Graduates of *McGill College*.

Of the Reverend *Z. Gingras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Basil*, County of *Portneuf*; praying for the passing of an Act to define the rights of Seigniors, and to remove certain abuses in the Seigniorial Tenure.

Of *Farquhar McRea* and others, of *Glengary*; of *W. R. Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Lochiel*; of the Reverend *Paul Robins* and others, of the Township of *Darlington*; of *John Chinie*, on behalf of the Congregational Union of *Canada West*; of the Reverend *Robert F. Burns*, Moderator, and *John Dickson*, Clerk, on behalf of the Session of *Chalmers' Church*, *Kingston*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; of the Reverend *Robert Burns*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Toronto*; of Mrs. *Elizabeth B. Burns* and other Ladies, of the City of *Toronto*; of *Walter Stevenson* and others, of the Township of *Alnwick*; of *Reuben Scott* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*; and of *George Freeman*, President, and

others, Members of the *British American* Temperance League, and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Joseph Caron* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de Lapérade*, County of *Champlain*; praying for aid to enable them to pay for certain School Houses erected in the said Parish.

Of *Thomas Solomon* and others, of the Township of *Alnwick*, and of the rear part of the Township of *Haldimand*, County of *Northumberland*; praying that the 8th, 9th and 10th half Concessions of *Haldimand* may be annexed to the said Township of *Alnwick*.

Of *Thomas Cary*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; praying that such measures may be adopted as shall secure to Creditors of the late Municipal Districts in *Lower Canada* the payments of their just accounts, whereby he and others may receive payment of amounts due them in that behalf.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to exempt the Corporation of the said City from the payment of Customs Duties on Iron Pipes or other castings imported for the *Quebec* Water Works, and to refund to them the amount already paid for such Duties.

Of *John McDonald* and others, *Roman Catholic* Inhabitants of the Townships of *Williamstown* and *Alcclaide*, County of *Middlesex*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the 19th Section of the Common School Act, and to define the rights and privileges of separate Schools.

Of the Directresses of the Charitable Association of Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the First Division of the County of *Saguenay*; praying that the said First Division may be subdivided into three separate parts for Municipal purposes.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. Douglas*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. G. Mountain* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Farquhar McRea* and others, of *Glengary*, and the Petition of *W. R. Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Lochiel*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the Law in relation to the authority under which houses or other buildings may be blown up or otherwise destroyed, to stay the progress of Fires.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Accounts and Vouchers of the Contingent Expenses of Your Honorable House, for the period commencing 27th May, 1851, and ending 26th August, 1852, and beg to report the result of their labours.

A summary Statement of the receipts and disbursements for the period above mentioned will be found in the Account Current of the Clerk of Your Honorable House, and appended to this Report.

The Accounts appear to be kept with perfect accuracy by Mr. *Vaux*, the Accountant, and the Vouchers for the payment of the several sums are satisfactory.

Your Committee in the course of their examination observed, in some cases, an absence of sufficient check over work performed, and over the delivery of articles purchased for the use of Your Honorable House—monies having been disbursed without any other Voucher than the receipt for payment. That the work was performed and the articles delivered, the Committee have no doubt; but they respectfully submit that the Accounts presented for payment should be accompanied with a Certificate by some responsible Officer, that the work performed or the articles delivered were so ordered, and were so performed or delivered for the service of Your Honorable House.

The charge for extra-writing performed during last Session, Your Committee find amounted to the sum of £1296 7s. 6d., but the new arrangement of Printing the Bills for third readings instead of engrossing them, will, it is believed, secure a considerable reduction on this item.

In attentively considering the manner in which the expenses of the House might be reduced, Your Committee directed their enquiries to the large outlay for the Sessional Printing, and the printing and binding the Journals of Your Honorable House, and for Stationery, &c. The sum paid for this service for the past year was £18,571 8s. 6d., made up of the following items.—

Printing	£11,828	3	4½
Printing Paper	3,264	10	1
Folding, Stitching, and Paper Covers	1,280	16	11
Binding	662	10	0
Lithographing.....	412	0	0
Stationery	1123	8	1½
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Your Committee are of opinion that the Sessional Printing and the Printing of the Journals for the next four Sessions should be now offered to tender with at least three months notice, and that the contract should be open to offers for the whole work, or to separate offers for French and English. They feel confident that a large saving would be thus effected.

The Paper for printing appears to have been furnished at very high rates, and Your Committee are of opinion that this service should be also thrown open to public tender; a practice which it is to be regretted has not been heretofore followed. The tender should be at a rate per lb. of a finish equal to sample.

The charge for folding and stitching the Sessional papers, it will be observed, is very heavy: Your Committee recommend that the Paper for covers be contracted for with the Printing paper, and that the charge for folding and stitching be included in the price paid for Press work.

Your Committee also recommend that the chief items of Stationery be purchased by contract; and that the officer charged with the management of this department should be careful of its expenditure.

ACCOUNT CURRENT of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, of the Monies received and disbursed by him as Contingencies, from the 27th May, 1851, to the 26th August, 1852, inclusive.

Date.	RECEIPTS.	Amount.			DISBURSEMENTS.			Amount.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May 27, 1851...	To Balance in hand									
June 26, do ...	To Amount repaid <i>W. B. Lindsay</i> , out of the Government Grant of £2,000 made the previous Session, on account of the Parliamentary Library	5094	6	5						
July 10, do ..	To Warrant on account of Indemnity to Members	481	19	2						
do 28, do ...	To Warrant by Address of July 8th, 1851.....	5000	0	0						
August 21, do ...	To Balance of the Estimate for Indemnity to Members.....	5000	0	0						
September 10, do ...	To Warrant on account of the Address of 30th August, 1851	5384	0	0						
October 23, do ..	To Warrant on account of do									
March 22, 1852...	To Warrant being balance of do... ..	19480	18	7						
4th Sess. 3rd Parl., 1851	To Amount of Fees on 32 Private Bills, at £15 each.....	480	0	0						
	To Amount of Disbursements over Receipts.....	578	18	7						
		£41499	17	9						
					£			£		
								41499	17	9

Thos. Vaur,
Accountant.

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W. B. Lindsay,
Clerk, Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society of Toronto."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* have leave to bring in a Bill to limit and define the responsibilities of Executors, Administrators, Trustees and Guardians in certain cases, and to facilitate the settlement of their Accounts with the Estates of deceased persons, 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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie of Wentworth* have leave of absence for one week, on urgent business.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, all Documents and information respecting the management of the affairs of the Seigniorie of *Lauzon* since its acquisition by the Province, together with all rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Government, or the Crown Land Department, in relation to such Seigniorie, and a detailed Statement of the rents and profits of the same, shewing as well the gross annual revenue thereof, as the persons liable to pay the same, and the amount in arrears from each of them; also, a detailed Account of the several sums actually received, and by and from whom, and of the outlay or expense of management for each year during the above period: And that His Excellency will also be pleased to communicate to this House copies of all appointments of Agents and Sub-Agents to collect and receive the rents and profits of the said Seigniorie, or for any other purpose connected with the management of the affairs of the same, accompanied by the instructions from time to time inscribed for such Agents and Sub-Agents, and a Statement of the allowance, salary, emoluments, or pecuniary profits attached to such appointments, under any and what authority; also, a detailed Account of the sums collected and received by each of the aforesaid Agents and Sub-Agents, the sums expended in management by each, the sums retained in conformity with their instructions as the allowance assigned to each of them, and of the sums actually paid over by each to Her Majesty's Receiver General of this Province; and, finally, shewing whether any and what sums remain to be accounted for by any and which of the parties acting under such appointments.

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 Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

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

Veneris, 24^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company; and the Petition of *John Gilmour* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *Nathaniel Close*, of the Township of *Nepean*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Déry*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L' Ancienne Lorette*, and others; and the Petition of *Charles Langevin* and others, of the Parish of *L' Ancienne Lorette*, and others.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. Ruttan* and others, of the County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Jacobs* and others, of the Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *Césaire Germain* and others appointed to take the Census for certain Parishes in the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *G. H. Monk* and others, of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, and other places.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *Thomas Clark-son* and others, of the County of *York*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company, and of *Clark Gamble*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, Assignee and Trustee thereof; and the Petition of *Benjamin Van Norman* and others, of the Township of *Derham*.

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

Of *Edouard Jetté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul*, County of *Berthier*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *Nacouareau*, in the said County.

Of *James Emmett* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Charles Wilson*, Esquire, Mayor, and other Citizens, of *Montreal*; praying the adoption of measures for the establishment of a Provincial Hospital for the Insane in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *F. Bonin*, of *Ste. Scholastique*, County of *Two Mountains*; praying for aid in behalf of Schools established by him in *Ste. Scholastique* and the Village of *St. Andrew's*.

Of *Robert L. Macdonell*, M.D., and *A. H. David*, M.D., Esquires, Proprietors and Editors of "The *Canada* Medical Journal;" praying aid to enable them to continue the publication of the said periodical Journal.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Pertli*; praying for the construction of a Canal of dimensions similar to the *St. Lawrence* Canals, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence* above the Village of *Caughnawaga*, with those of Lake *Champlain*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *C. Yale* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*; the Petition of *Joseph Dobbin* and others, of the County of *Welland*; the Petition of Mrs. *A. Simmerman* and other ladies of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Kezia Kilborn* and other ladies of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; the Petition of *J. B. Osborne*, Esquire, and others, of *Beamsville* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Aaron Beam* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*; the Petition of *John Stevenson* and others, of the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*; and the Petition of *John Reynolds* and others, of the County of *Hastings*, be referred to the Select

Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Knight to serve in this present Parliament, for the County of *Bellechasse*, in the room of the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, who, since his election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works for this Province.

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

Pursuant to “The Election Petitions Act of 1851,” I do hereby appoint *Joseph Edouard Turcotte*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Saint Maurice*, to be a Member of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session, in the place and stead of the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, whose seat has become vacant.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of September, 1852.

J. Sandfield Macdonald, Speaker.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the following Resolutions on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province:

1. That under the circumstances in which the Province of *Canada* is placed in a social, political, and economical point of view, the introduction of the Elective principle into the Constitution of the Legislative Council would not only impart greater weight to that important Branch of the Legislature than it can have under existing arrangements, however judiciously the selection of its Members may be made, but would also ensure greater efficiency in carrying out that system of Government which obtains in the Mother Country, and has been happily introduced into this Province.

2. That the object in view might best be attained by dividing each of the Sections of this Province into thirty Territorial Divisions, containing as nearly as possible an equal amount of population, and by allowing the persons qualified to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly in each Division to elect one proper person, qualified in the manner hereinafter mentioned, to sit in the Legislative Council, which should be composed of sixty persons so elected, one-third of whom should be required to retire in rotation every three years.

3. That the persons qualified to be elected Members of the Legislative Council should be all Subjects of Her Majesty by birth or naturalization, of the full age of twenty-one years, and residing in this Province, who may have been Members of the Legislative Council of *Upper or Lower Canada*, or of this Province, or who shall have been elected Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, or of either of the said late Provinces, or are or have been Wardens or Mayors of a Municipal District or County, or of a Union or Division of Counties, or of any City or Town in this Province; no person who is at present disqualified by law to be elected Member of the Legislative Assembly being eligible for the said Legislative Council.

4. That for the better working of Constitutional Government, the Legislative Council, so constituted, ought to be liable to dissolution and re-election in the same

manner as the Legislative Assembly now is,—and that, under the proposed change, it should be optional to the Governor General to dissolve both or either of the Houses of Parliament whenever advised so to do.

5. That it being inexpedient under the amended Constitution of Parliament to require any pecuniary qualification from its Members,—that now imposed for being elected to or sitting in the Legislative Assembly ought to be abolished.

6. That the Legislative Council, so constituted, should elect its own Speaker, and ought to possess the exclusive power of adjudicating upon all Impeachments preferred by the Legislative Assembly against high Public Functionaries, and that in all other respects the peculiar powers and privileges now possessed and exercised by each of the two Houses of Parliament should be maintained inviolate in so far as they may not be repugnant to the foregoing Resolutions.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

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

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *James Motz*, Esquire, for an Act to secure him in the enjoyment of his privileges in connection with a Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*,—and of *Thomas Solomon* and others, praying that the 8th, 9th, and 10th half Concessions of *Haldimand* may be united to *Alnwick*, and find that the Notices have been duly given.

Upon the Petition of the *Woodstock* and Lake *Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, for an extension of their Charter, with power to construct a Railway from *Woodstock* to *Waterloo*, in the County of *Welland*, Your Committee find that Notice was published for the length of time required in papers within the Counties of *Oxford* and *Haldimand*, but so far as the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Welland* are concerned, (through which the proposed line is to pass) no fyles of papers published within those Counties have been kept in the House, and Your Committee are therefore unable to satisfy themselves as to the Notices in those Counties; as, however, the other Notices have been sufficiently proved, and Notice having been also published in the *Canada Gazette* for several months, they would beg leave to recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

Upon the Petition of *John Burkham* and others, praying that certain irregularities connected with the erection of the Township of *Torbolton* into a separate Municipality, may be removed, and the erection of the same be legalized, Your Committee find that no Notices have been given; it has however been proved to the satisfaction of Your Committee that all parties concerned were sufficiently notified of the application, and they would therefore beg leave to recommend that the 64th Rule be suspended in this case.

The Petitions of *Richard Hutchinson* and others, for the admission of Ministers of “Adventists” in *Canada East*, to the same privileges as are enjoyed by those of other denominations,—of *Olivier Fiset* and others, for amendments to the Act incorporating the *Quebec Benevolent Society*,—and of *G. Darveau* and others, for amendments to the Act incorporating the *Quebec Friendly Society*, are not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

With respect to the Petitions of *Peter Fisher* and others, for an Act to legalize the proceedings of the *Nelson* and *Nassagaweya* Road Company,—and of *Alexander McNaughton* and others, for the separation of the County of *Halton* from *Wentworth*, Your Committee find that the Notices required by the 64th Rule have not been given.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain person therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec Benevolent Society*, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec Friendly Society*, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the redemption of Seigniorial Rights in *Lower Canada*, and to convert the Tenure of Lands chargeable therewith into that of *franc aleu roturier*, and to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires*, and prevent abuses.

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 the twelfth of October next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Poulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company.

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

Ordered, That the Public Accounts for the year 1851, laid before this House on

Tuesday the seventh instant, be referred to the Standing Committee on the Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tessier* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and explain the Act authorizing the issue of Debentures for giving relief to the City of *Quebec*.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 31st August last, for copies of the Specifications for the Wharves now being built on the River *St. Lawrence* below, together with the names of the Contractors for the building thereof respectively, and those of their several securities, the price of each separate work, and a statement of the quantities of material and workmanship required for the different works, exhibiting at one view the prices allowed to the Contractors respectively.

For the said Return, see Appendix (F.F.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 20th September, 1852, for copies of all Correspondence which may have been had between the Government and the Mayor or Citizens of *Montreal*, in reference to a Loan as aid in rebuilding houses destroyed by the recent Fire in that City.

For the said Return, see Appendix (G.G.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 20th September, 1852, for the Report of the Inspector of Gaols for *Lower Canada*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (H.H.)

Ordered, That the Report of the Inspector of Gaols for *Lower Canada* be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next.

A Bill to remove doubts as to the powers of the Junior Judges of County Courts in *Upper Canada*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	38. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

NAYS.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie*.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to authorize the appointment of Assistant Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* in certain cases, being read;

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, and the Question being put, That the said Order be discharged; and the Bill committed to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to the Committee to consider the propriety of adding the following Clauses thereto:—

“ And be it enacted, That no person shall be appointed an Assistant Judge of the said Superior Court, unless he shall immediately before his appointment be an Advocate of at least ten years standing at the Bar of *Lower Canada* :

“ And be it enacted, That no such Assistant Judge shall sit in the Executive Council, or in the Legislative Council, or in the Legislative Assembly, or hold any other place of profit under the Crown, so long as he shall be such Assistant Judge :

“ And be it enacted, That the salary of any such Assistant Judge shall not exceed ; and such salary shall be in lieu of all emoluments or allowances whatsoever, whether for travelling expenses or otherwise :

“ And be it further enacted, That the foregoing Sections of this Act shall remain in force until the first day of May next, and thenceforward until the termination of the next Session of Parliament ;”

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	22. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	28. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	37. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchaldon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	13. <i>Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; 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.

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

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Friday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the First Report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for the better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," 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 regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday the fifteenth of October next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize Her Majesty's Subjects to plead and reason for themselves or others in all Her Majesty's Courts in *Canada*, and to abolish the title or distinction of Queen's Counsel, being read;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchaldon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	40. <i>Wright (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	12. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to modify the Usury Laws, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 27° die Septembris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the Affairs of the *Montreal* Firemen's Benevolent Association, to September, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix. (E.)

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

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *Charles Campbell*, Esquire, and others, of the Municipal Division Number one of the County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Uxbridge*; and the Petition of a Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *William Rastall* and others, of *Kincardine* and neighbouring settlements, County of *Bruce*; the Petition of *William Everett* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Kent*; the Petition of the Reverend

Edward White and others, of the Township of *Sarnia*; the Petition of *J. J. Harrison* and others, of the Townships of *Howard* and *Harwich*, County of *Kent*; the Petition of *John Dobbyn* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*, County of *Kent*; the Petition of *William B. Wells*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Chatham*; and the Petition of the Reverend *James Gardiner* and others, the Minister, Officers and Members of the Church and Congregation on the *Kingston* Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *A. Sprston* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *R. N. Waddell* and others, Merchants, of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of *Andrew Hudson* and others, of the Township of *Tyendinaga*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Guéroul* and others, of the County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—Two Petitions of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Division Number one of the County of *L'Islet*.

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

Of *John C. Becket* and others, Officers and Members of the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada East*; praying that the Act to incorporate the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Upper Canada* may be extended to *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *John Bethune*, D.D., on behalf of the National School at *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Bytown*, and others, the Roman Catholic Corporation of the College at *Bytown*, and others; praying for aid in behalf of the said College.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that parties whose properties have been damaged by reason of the construction of a Dam at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal may be indemnified for their losses thereby.

Of *P. F. De LesDerniers* and others, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, County of *Vaudreuil*; of *John Gilmour* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *C. Ruttan* and others, of the County of *Northumberland*; of *Benjamin Jacobs* and others, of the Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; of *Thomas Clarkson* and others, of the County of *York*; and of *Benjamin Van Norman* and others, of the Township of *Dereham*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *G. H. Boulter*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the Village of *Roslin* and its vicinity; of the Reverend *J. W. Constable* and others, of the Parish of *La Chute*; of *Andrew Hudson* and others, of the Township of *Tyendinaga*; and of *Mary McCallum* and others, of the Township of *Oré*, County of *Simcoe*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Medonté*; praying that the application for an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Prescott* to the *Georgian Bay* may be granted.

Of the Council of the Canadian Institute; praying for aid.

Of *W. L. Conger*, President of the *Little Lake Cemetery Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough* in the said Company.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Cavan*; of the Municipality of the Township of *South Monaghan*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Hope*; of

the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company; and of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, so as to enable Municipal Corporations to subscribe for Stock in Railway Companies whether incorporated before or after the passing of the said Act, and to raise loans therefor.

Of *John R. Lambly*, Chairman, and *James Burray*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Freeholders of the County of *Megantic*; praying aid for the improvement of the Roads in the said County.

Of the *Toronto* and *Guelfh* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Nathaniel Close*, of the Township of *Nepcan*; representing that in the year 1829, he settled upon a certain Lot of Land in the said Township, and that a Deed for the same has been issued the present year to *Donald Kennedy* of *Bytown*, whereby the Petitioner is in danger of being ejected therefrom and losing the labor of 23 years in improvements thereon, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *Joseph Déry*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and others; praying that the Road leading to *Déry* Bridge may be continued three miles in the direction of *Belair*, and placed under the control of the Commissioners of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads.

Of *Charles Langevin* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and others; praying aid to improve a certain part of the main Road from *Quebec* to *Montreal*, passing *Belair* in the said Parish.

Of *Cesaire Germain* and others, appointed to take the Census for certain Parishes in the District of *Montreal*; praying payment of certain amounts for their services in that behalf.

Of *G. H. Monk* and others, of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville* and other places; praying that the Registry Office of the County of *Terrebonne* may be transferred to the Village of *Ste. Thérèse* therein.

Of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company, and of *Clark Gamble*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, Assignee and Trustee thereof; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act of last Session relating to the said Company.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. Scott* and others, of *Bytown* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Thomas Clarkson* and others, of the County of *York*; the Petition of the Reverend *William Reid* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*; the Petition of *John Gilmour* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *C. Ruttan* and others, of the County of *Northumberland*; the Petition of *Joseph Gould* and others, of the Townships of *Uxbridge* and *Scott*, County of *Ontario*; and the Petition of *Edmund Boland* and others, of the Townships of *Whitchurch* and *East Gwillimbury*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* reported, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, with reference to the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most respectfully approach Your Majesty for the purpose of expressing the grateful sense which we entertain of the prompt attention which it appears, by the Despatch of the 27th May, 1852, from the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to His Excellency the Governor General, Your Majesty's Government has given to the representations made on the part of this Province, and other Provinces of *British North America*, on the subject of the encroachments of the Fishing Vessels of the *United States* upon those waters from which they were excluded by the terms of the Convention of 1818, and of the readiness with which Your Majesty's Government has sent out a sufficient Naval Force to enforce the observance of that Convention; and also to express the confident hope which we entertain that no Treaty will be made with the *United States of America*, by which any of the rights secured to British Fishermen by that Convention may be ceded or impaired, unless such Treaty shall also include provisions embracing the whole policy of the Commercial intercourse between the said *United States* and the *British North American Colonies*.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty, with reference to the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 6th September instant, for copies of all Despatches and Correspondence which have passed between the Colonial Office in *England*, and His Excellency the Governor General, relative to the Seigniorial and Feudal Tenure in *Lower Canada*, since the last Session of the last Parliament; and also, copies of all Despatches and Correspondence between the said Colonial Office and the Government of this Province, relative to the different Tenures of Land in *Lower Canada*, since it has been under British rule.

For the said Return, see Appendix (I.I.)

Ordered, That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

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

On motion of Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, seconded by Mr. *LeBoutillier*,

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 Statement of all the Claims to Lands in the District of *Gaspé* under the Act (1847) 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 30*, which to the present date remain unadjusted, and for which Patents have not been ordered; the name of the respective Claimants, the

Townships or places wherein the Lands claimed are situate, the superficial contents in acres of each Lot claimed, the dates when the several claims were presented to the Executive, or to the Agent appointed by it for the purpose, together with any information on the subject which it may be deemed necessary to communicate to the House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 7 *Will.* 4, cap. 18, "to regulate the expenditure of District Funds within this Province," and to provide for the auditing and payment of certain accounts by County Councils.

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

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

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 the quantity of all Red Pine Lumber measured under or by the authority of the Supervisor of Cullers of the Port of *Quebec*, during the years 1850, 1851 and 1852, and a Statement shewing for and on whose account and by whom the same was measured.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend certain Acts for the relief of Religious Societies.

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. *Christie* of *Gaspé* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Fisheries on the *Labrador* and North Shore of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*.

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

Mr. *Ridout* moved, seconded by Mr. *Stevenson*, and the Question being put, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow —

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab,</i> Sir A. N.	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i> Sol. Gen.	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie,</i> (<i>Gaspé.</i>)	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Richards,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>Wright,</i> (E.R. York.)
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	36. <i>Wright,</i> (W.R. York.)

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i>)	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	12. <i>White.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be prepared Maps or Plans shewing at one view the number of Limits granted in each District, and in all unsurveyed Lands of the Province, with the name of the occupant, the area of miles and acres contained in each, the number and position of Limits abandoned, the territory applied for, and what is still unoccupied or open to location in each of the said Districts or unsurveyed territory—such Plans to be laid before this House, and copies thereof prepared for exhibition in the Offices of the resident Agents for Crown and Clergy Timber Lands in each of the said Districts or parts of the Province respectively.

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.

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 Statement in detail of the number of Limits or licenses, or applications, which have been granted or pending to cut Timber or Saw Logs on the *Ottawa* River and its tributaries, or in any other part of this Province, designating each River, creek, or locality, to whom granted or by whom applied for, the area contained in every such Limit and application, the number of pieces of Timber or Saw Logs of each description of Timber cut upon each, for the years 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, and 1852, the amount of deposit or ground rent paid for each, or yet due thereon, the amount of Government duty received, or due for, on Lumber or Logs cut upon each Limit, and the number of Limits unoccupied for the years abovementioned, and by whom owned; also, the number of transfers of Limits which have been recognized in the Crown Timber Offices at *Bytown*, and throughout the Province, for the years 1845 to 1852, inclusive; also, the number of pieces of Red Pine or other Timber that has been bonded at *Bytown* or other places, in each and every year, for the years 1845 to 1852 inclusive, together with a Return of the number of pieces of Red Pine or other Timber from the *Ottawa* or other parts of the Province, which have been measured through the Supervisor of Culler's Office at *Quebec*, in each and every year last mentioned, and the names of the parties for which the same were so measured; also, the names and residences of all the Agents and Servants employed by the Crown about the said Lumber Trade, with the mode and amount of remuneration of each Officer.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 23*, and to make further provision for protesting Foreign Bills of Exchange in *Upper Canada*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*,

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 Statement of the amount now due and payable out of the Consolidated Fund towards the Sinking Fund chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, under the Provincial Statute 6 *Vic. cap. 8*, or of any other Statute

relating thereto, together with a Statement of the manner in which such Sinking Fund has been disposed of, the nature of the Securities in which it has been invested, and the dates of such investment, how and where, and in what places, the balance of £247,184 7s. 10d. remaining on hand on the 31st January, 1852, was then and is now deposited, whether at interest and at what rate of interest, and for what period it is deposited; also, a similar detailed Statement of the disposition of the balances of the Clergy Reserve Fund, Grammar School Fund, Indian Fund, and Jesuits' Estates Fund, up to the same period.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies.

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. *Tessier* have leave of absence for one week, on urgent business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize *François Verrault*, Esquire, to build a Toll Bridge over "the River *Etchemin*, in the Parish of *St. Henry*, near the Church in the said "Parish, in the County of *Dorchester*."

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration a certain Resolution whereon to adopt an humble Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying that She may be pleased to order the distribution of Medals to the survivors who served in either of the various Battles in resisting the several Invasions of *Canada* during the Campaigns of 1812, 1813, and 1814; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gamble* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing the disappointment of many of the Inhabitants of this Province when they discovered that the hardest fought Battles in *Canada* were not included in the General Order of the first of June, 1847, which awarded Medals for certain Actions:

That the said General Order confined the distribution of Medals to those Actions only where the General or Superior Officer of the several Armies, or Corps of Troops engaged, had already received that distinction, consequently many of the Battles of this Country do not come under the rule thus laid down, and this House has reason to believe it will not be departed from in behalf of the Canadian Militia without a strong representation from this House:

That Her Majesty's attention be accordingly called to the distinguished services of the Canadian Militia during the War with the *United States of America*, with a view of removing the invidious distinction created by the distribution of those Medals:

That on the 19th June, eighteen hundred and twelve, War was proclaimed by the *United States* against *Great Britain*, and on the 11th July following, *Canada* was invaded by General *Hull*, at *Sandwich*, in the western part of the Province, which was the commencement of the first campaign; at a time when the whole disposable force above *Kingston*, did not exceed six hundred men, (the 41st Regiment:)

That on the 13th October, the second attempt at invasion was made at *Queenston*; on the 28th November, the third at *Frenchman's Creek*, below *Fort Erie*, under Colonel *Boerstler*; and on the 2nd December, the fourth under General *Smith*, near *Fort Erie*; the first campaign ending by the capture of *Michilimackinac* and *Detroit*:

That the most extensive preparations were made by the Government of the *United States*, for invading *Canada* at different points during this year, 1813. Eight thousand men were raised to serve under General *Hampton*, called the Army of the North; General *Dearborn* commanded the Army of the Centre, and General *Harrison*, the Army of the West:

That the second campaign opened by the British forces under Colonel *Macdonald* of the *Glenary Light Infantry*, and Militia of the *Johnstown* and Eastern Districts, crossing on the ice, on the 22nd of February, and capturing the Garrison of *Ogdensburgh*; by the *American Army* of the North moving on *Lower Canada* by *Lake Champlain*, and by the Army of the Centre capturing *Yorh*, on 27th April, and *Niagara*, 27th May,—and by the capture of the advanced *American Army* of the West, under General *Winchester*, at the River *Raisin*, as early as the 22nd January:

That notwithstanding *Canada* was invaded by these formidable Armies at four different points, and the whole force concentrated in November to attack *Montreal*, the second campaign ended by the capture of *Fort Niagara* in the *United States*, on the 18th December, together with *Lewiston*, *Black Rock* and *Buffalo*:

That the third campaign opened by the whole power of the *United States* concentrating early in 1814 at *Buffalo*, opposite the *Niagara Frontier*, under General *Brown*; the twelfth invasion was made at *Fort Erie*, on the 3rd July, and in December the same Army returned into winter quarters at *Buffalo*, after leaving the entire Frontier a scene of ruin and desolation:

That the third and last campaign was thus brought to a close after a series of continued Actions without the loss of a single acre of territory, the Canadian Militia having acquired, in common with the British Forces, a reputation for loyalty and gallantry of which their posterity may feel justly proud:

That Her Majesty be therefore prayed to be pleased to confer a similar Medal, to those already awarded for the Battles of *Detroit*, of *Chrysler's Farm*, and of *Chateauguay*, on the few survivors who so successfully defended their Country, by the capture of *Michilimackinac*, and in the Battle of *Queenston*; the capture of *Ogdensburgh*, the defeat and capture of General *Winchester* and his Army at the River *Raisin*, the Battles of *Miami*, *Stoney Creech*, and *Beaver Dam*, and the capture of *Fort Niagara*, *Lewiston*, *Black Rock*, and *Buffalo*; the Battles of *Longwood*, *Lacolle*, and *Lundy's Lane*, and the siege of *Fort Erie*, to include those who were wounded in either Action during any of the campaigns:

That although, from the length of time which has elapsed, but few of the gallant men remain who were then so conspicuously instrumental in saving this important portion of the British Empire, Her Majesty's faithful Commons humbly hope that Her Majesty will graciously grant the prayer of their loyal Address.

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

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, and Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty in conformity therewith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the First Report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Valois* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That the 67th Rule of this House be amended, by leaving out the words "one hundred and fifty" and inserting "two hundred and fifty" instead thereof.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the appointment of Sheriffs of Counties in *Upper Canada* at periodical Elections by the freeholders, being read ;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *White*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
			5. <i>White.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	42. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the deterioration of lands and hereditaments charged with hypothecs, 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 secure Mechanics and others, a Lien on Buildings erected by them in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prohibit the payment to Mechanics and others, in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, of wages in goods or by way of truck, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next, and be then the second Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, 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 increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, to amend the Acts regulating their

practice, expediting and simplifying the proceedings of the said Courts, and for the settlement of disputes without litigation, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act providing for the summary trial of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i> Sol. Gen.	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards,</i> Atty. Gen.	
<i>Drummond,</i> Atty.Gen.	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	26. <i>White.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (<i>Durham</i> .)	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	12. <i>Robinson,</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow; 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.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for taking and recording the Votes of Members of the Legislature on the final passage of Bills, being read;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond,</i> Atty.Gen.	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Short,</i>	35. <i>Wright,</i> (<i>W.R. York</i> .)
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (<i>Durham</i> .)	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	8. <i>Tessier.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Ship Canal at *Sault Ste. Marie*, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Smith,</i> (<i>Durham</i> .)
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i> Sol. Gen.	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Richards,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	<i>28. Wright,</i> (<i>W.R. York</i> .)

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>13. Willson.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to secure the independence of the Legislative Assembly, by prohibiting the Clergy of all Denominations from voting or interfering at Elections, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 28^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of the Parish of *St. Michel de Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *Moses Mayball*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *A. C. Buchanan*, Esquire, and others, the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *James Rogers*, Moderator, and *William Gregg*, Clerk, on behalf of the *Kingston Presbytery* of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and the Petition of *Charles Robinson*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Josephine Lévêque dite Lafrance*, widow of the late *Joseph Viger*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *Edward Barry*, M.D., and others, of the Town of *London*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *J. H. S. Drinkwater* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *P. Low*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Picton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the *Montreal and Kingston Railway Company*; and the Petition of Messieurs *Brown & Child* and others, Master Shoemakers, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*, on behalf of the Clergy and Delegates of the Laity of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Williamson*, Minister, and others, Elders and Trustees of the *St. Andrew's Church* in the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas and Glengary*; the Petition of *Abraham Bockus* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*; and the Petition of *R. S. Macdonald*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Lancaster*, County of *Glengary*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Burnham*, and Mr. *Stevenson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*, relative to a Canal from the River *St. Lawrence* to Lake *Champlain*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Gamble*, from the Select Committee to which were referred certain Resolutions passed by this House on the 13th September instant, with power to report by Bill, presented to the House a Bill to amend the *Upper Canada Municipalities Act* of 1849, and to grant to the several Municipalities the power of assessing for public improvements and the support of indigent infirm persons, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

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 detailed Statement, in continuation of the Return made to this House on

the 3d February, 1845, of the income of the several Seigniories held or possessed by the Crown in *Lower Canada*, with the names of the Agents of each Seigniorie, and the amount of salary and expense paid to Agents for collection, and also the amount of the *droit de quint* received by the Government since the year 1844.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Justices of the Peace for the "more remote parts 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 Friday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Ordered, That during the remainder of the Session, all Orders of the day set down in the Order Book for Wednesdays shall be disposed of before the House will proceed upon any Motions of which Notice shall have been given.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Act providing for the summary trial of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, 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 extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," 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 improve the Law of Evidence in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts regarding the right and liability of Foreign Executors, Administrators and Corporations to sue and be sued in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company, 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 prevent fishing with Gill Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, one of the Members of this present Parliament, for the County of *Montmorency*, complaining that *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, acted with partiality, and illegally, and praying that he may be summoned to the Bar of the House to answer for his conduct in that behalf, being read;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Petition into consideration:— And the same being read;

Ordered, That the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, complaining of the conduct of *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, be heard at the Bar of this House.

Ordered, That the said allegations be heard at the Bar of this House on Wednesday the thirteenth of October next.

Ordered, That the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* do appear at the Bar of this House on Wednesday the thirteenth of October next.

Ordered, That a Copy of the said Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, and of the allegations contained therein, be transmitted to the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, and that he be allowed to be heard by Counsel.

Ordered, That *Abraham Fillion*, *Jean Poulin*, *Pierre Guillaume Poulin*, *Julien Lachance* of *St. Joachim*, and *Jean Huot* of *L'Ange Gardien*, do appear at the Bar of this House on Wednesday the thirteenth of October next, to be examined as to the said allegations.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of *St. Michel*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to allow the *Fabriques* of the Diocese of *Quebec* to form a Mutual Insurance Company, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more speedy Distribution of the Statutes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twelfth of October next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for avoiding doubts as to the true meaning of a certain enactment in the Act regulating Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Wednesday the sixth of October next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more convenient assembling of Parliament, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, 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 facilitate the recovery of just debts due by Incorporated Companies, 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 prevent the effect of fraudulent Elections of Municipal Councillors in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Taché* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Taché*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, Mr. *Chapais*, and Mr. *Jobin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating liquors in certain cases, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gamble*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and Mr. *Hartman*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal such Clauses of the Common School Acts of *Upper Canada* as authorize the establishment of Sectarian Schools endowed with the public money, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the sixth of October next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish a Consolidated Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	48. <i>Young.</i>

NAY.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 29^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a Certificate of the Return *Joseph C. Morrison*, Esquire, for the Town of *Niagara*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, who, since his election for the County of *Oxford* and the said Town of *Niagara*, had made his Election for the said County of *Oxford*.

And the said Certificate was read; and is as followeth:—
Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.
Quebec, 29th September, 1852.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the eighth day of September instant, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, (*William Kingsmill*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex-officio* for the Town of *Niagara*, for the election of one Member to represent the said Town of *Niagara* in the present Parliament, in the room and place of the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, who, since his Election to serve for the County of *Oxford*, and the said Town *Niagara*, had made his Election, according to Law, to serve for the said County of *Oxford*, *Joseph C. Morrison*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-fifth day of September instant, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Felix Fortier,
C C. Chancery.

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

Joseph C. Morrison, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Niagara*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Joseph Edouard Turcotte, Esquire, being a Member appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections for the present Session, (in the place and stead of the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, whose seat had become vacant,) and not objected to by the House, took the following Oath:

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, without fear or favor, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, *Resolved*, That as a tribute of respect to the memory of His Grace the late Duke of *Wellington*, this House do now adjourn.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

Jovis, 30^o die Septembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *Alexander Dempster* and others, of the County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *LeBlanc*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudrevil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *John Farquharson* and others, Members of the *Stratford* Division, No. 236, of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West*; the Petition of *J. L. Tucker* and others, of the Township of *Clarke*; the Petition of *John Alexander*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Simcoe*; the Petition of the Municipality of *Wainfleet*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; the Petition of *C. J. Horner* and other Ladies of the Township of *Granby*; and the Petition of *Edward Finlay* and others, of the Counties of *Shefford* and *Missisquoi*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William McMurray* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *Mary McConnell* and other Ladies of the Counties of *York* and *Simcoe*; and the Petition of *W. B. Hamilton*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Ting* and *Tay*, County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *William DeCew* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Natural Historical Society of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Anna Wood* and others, female Inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *John Holland* and others, of *Montreal* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *William Henderson*, Esquire, and others, of *Frampton*, *Buckland*, and other Townships, in the County of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *P. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henry*, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of *St. John*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—Three Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Louis Bertrand*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle Verte*, County of *Rimouski*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Cyprien Tanguay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Germain*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *C. F. Cazeau* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Foye* and *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *Nathaniel Sharrard* and others, of the County of *Ontario*; and the Petition of *William Cross* and others, of the Township of *Innisfil*, County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *Francis Kirkpatrick* and others, of the County of *Stormont*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *John R. Ogden* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *R. S. Mann* and others, of the Village of *Beachville*; the Petition of *William Edwards*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Clarence*; the Petition of *Jannet Kippen* and others, of the Townships of *Kenyon* and *Roxborough*; the Petition of *William Hepburn* and others, of the Village of *Chippawa*; the Petition of *William Webster* and others, of the Townships of *Euphemia* and *Dawn*, Gore of *Camden*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Robert Wallace* and others, of the Village of *Ingersoll* and vicinity, County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *John B. O'Reilly* and others, of the Townships of *Pelham* and *Wainfleet*; and the Petition of *Catherine Beam* and other Ladies, of the Township of *Bertie*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *William Taylor* and others, of the County of *Durham*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the President and Members of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, Governors of *McGill College*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Nicholas Allard* and others, Proprietors of Vessels, of *Quebec*, engaged in the Commerce between the different Ports of the *British Possessions*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Niagara*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councilors of the City of *Hamilton*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of *J. H. Proctor* and others, of the Township of *Brighton*; and the Petition of *Duncan Livingston* and others, of the County of *Leeds*.

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

Of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for certain amendments to the Registry Laws of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Charles Campbell*, Esquire, and others, of the Municipal Division Number one of the County of *Megantic*; praying that the Municipal system of *Lower Canada* may be amended, by substituting Parish and Township Municipalities for County Municipalities.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton*; praying that the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, for the passing of an Act to enable him to recover a certain amount due him for his services in making a Survey of the said Township and making permanently certain boundaries therein, may not be granted.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Uxbridge*; praying that the proposed Grand Trunk Line of Railroad throughout the Province may be made to pass through the interior of the Country.

Of a Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Ontario*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Law.

Of *William Rastall* and others, of *Kincardine* and neighbouring settlements, County of *Bruce*; representing certain grievances connected with the terms and mode of granting Public Lands, and praying the modification thereof.

Of *William Everett* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Kent*; of *J. J. Harrison* and others, of the Townships of *Howard* and *Harwich*, County of *Kent*; of *Johu Dobbyn* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*, County of *Kent*; of *William B. Wells*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Chatham*; of *A. Sproston* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Montreal*; of *Andrew Hudson* and others, of the Township of *Tyendinaga*; and of the Reverend *James Rogers*, Moderator, and *William Gregg*, Clerk, on behalf of the *Kingston* Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Reverend *Edward White* and others, of the Township of *Sarnia*; of the Reverend *James Gardiner* and others, the Ministers, Officers and Members of the Church and Congregation on the *Kingston* Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; of the Reverend *James Rogers*, Moderator, and *William Gregg*, Clerk, on behalf of the *Kingston* Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and of *Charles Robinson*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, County of *Ontario*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Reverend *N. Guérout* and others, of the County of *Berthier*; praying for certain amendments to the Education Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying aid to enable them to defray the expenses incurred by removing from the Legislative Buildings, and fitting up anew their Library, and Geological and Mineralogical Collections with the Public Museum.

Of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying for the usual aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Division Number one of the County of *L'Islet*; praying for the construction of the proposed Railroad from *Quebec* to *Halifax*.

Of *R. N. Waddell* and others, Merchants, of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for the passing of an Act to vest the *Port Hope* Harbour in the Town Council of the said Town, or in five Commissioners to be appointed under certain conditions, and that the present Commissioners only hold office until the first of January, and until relieved from personal responsibility.

Of the Municipality of the Village of the Parish of *St. Michel de Vaudreuil*; praying for certain amendments to the Education Law.

Of *Moses Mayball*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize him to practise his profession of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery in the said City, and to recover fees therefor.

Of *A. C. Buchanan*, Esquire, and others, the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads; praying authority to borrow a certain amount of money for the construction of a Suspension Bridge in lieu of the *Montmorency* Bridge.

Of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of Mrs. *Josephine Lévêque dite Lafrance*, widow of the late *Joseph Viger*, of the City of *Quebec*; representing that for fourteen years she was Keeper of the Castle of *St. Louis* in the said City, but that being now deprived of that charge, and the remuneration therefor, she is left in old age poor and unprovided for, and praying relief in consideration of the premises.

Of *Edward Barry*, M.D., and others, of the Town of *London*; praying aid for the establishment of a General Hospital in the said Town.

Of *J. H. S. Drinkwater* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*, County of *Simcoe*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the *St. Lawrence and Lake Huron Railroad Company*, as applied for.

Of *P. Low*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Picton*; praying aid to improve the Harbour of the said Town.

Of the *Montreal and Kingston Railway Company*; praying that no Bill may be passed to incorporate any Company for the construction of any other Railroad than that which they are authorized to construct between *Kingston* and *Montreal*, and to be heard, if necessary, at the Bar of the House with reference thereto.

Of Messieurs *Brown & Child* and others, Master-Shoemakers, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that certain specific protective Duties may be imposed on Boots and Shoes of a foreign manufacture.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*, on behalf of the Clergy and Delegates of the Laity of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Toronto*; praying that the Common School Act may be so amended as to provide for the establishment of separate Schools for the children of members of the said Church.

Of the Reverend *James Williamson*, Minister, and others, Elders and Trustees of the *St. Andrew's Church* in the City of *Quebec*; praying for aid on behalf of the *St. Andrew's School* in the said City.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Delo* and others, Stevedores, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Uxbridge*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Walter Stevenson* and others, of the Township of *Alnwick*; the Petition of *Reuben Scott* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*; and the Petition of *George Freeman*, President, and others, Members of the *British American Temperance League*, and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Mr. *Gamble* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Act authorizing the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*, so as to compel them to keep their Roads in repair, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the Select Committee appointed on Monday last, to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the
 Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most respectfully approach
 Your Majesty humbly to represent the disappointment of many of the Inhabitants
 of this Province, when they discovered that the hardest fought Battles therein, du-
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ring the late War with the *United States*, were not included in the General Order of the first of June, 1847, which awarded Medals for certain Actions.

That the said General Order confined the distribution of Medals to those Actions only where the General or Superior Officer of the several Armies or Corps of Troops engaged, had already received that distinction, and that consequently many of the Battles of this Country, not coming within this Order, there is cause to believe it will not be departed from in behalf of the Canadian Militia without a strong and respectful representation to Your Most Gracious Majesty from the Legislature.

That Your Majesty's attention is therefore respectfully called to the distinguished services of the Canadian Militia during the aforesaid War with the *United States of America*, with a view of removing the invidious distinction created by the distribution of those Medals.

That on the 19th June, 1812, War was proclaimed by the *United States* against *Great Britain*; and on the 11th July following, *Canada* was invaded by General *Hull*, at *Sandwich*, in the western part of the Province, which was the commencement of the first campaign, at a time when the whole disposable force above *Kingston*, did not exceed six hundred men, (the 41st Regiment).

That on the 13th October, the second attempt at invasion was made at *Queenston*; on the 28th November, the third attempt was made at *Frenchman's Creek*, below *Fort Erie*, under Colonel *Boerstler*; and on the 2nd December, the fourth, under General *Smith*, near *Fort Erie*; the result of the campaign being the capture of *Michilimackinac* and *Detroit*, by the British and Canadian Forces.

That the most extensive preparations were made by the Government of the *United States*, for invading *Canada* at different points during the year 1813. Eight thousand men were raised to serve under General *Hampton*, called the Army of the North; General *Dearborn* commanded the Army of the Centre, and General *Harrison*, the Army of the West.

That the second campaign was opened by the British Forces under Colonel *Macdonald* of the *Glengary* Light Infantry, and Militia of the *Johnstown* and Eastern Districts, who crossing on the ice, on the 22nd of February, captured the Garrison of *Ogdensburgh*. The *American* Army of the North moved shortly after on *Lower Canada*, by *Lake Champlain*, but without effect. The Army of the Centre captured *York*, on the 27th April, and *Niagara*, 27th May. The Army of the West, under General *Winchester*, having moved onward towards *Detroit* with a view of retaking it, was captured at *River Raisin*, on the 22nd January.

That notwithstanding *Canada* was invaded by these formidable Armies at four different points, and the whole force concentrated in November to attack *Montreal*, the second campaign ended by the capture of *Fort Niagara* in the *United States*, on the 18th December, together with *Lewiston*, *Black Rock*, and *Buffalo*.

That the third campaign opened by the whole power of the *United States* concentrating early in 1814, at *Buffalo*, opposite the *Niagara* Frontier, under General *Brown*. The twelfth invasion was made at *Fort Erie*, on the 3rd July, and in December the same Army were compelled to return into winter quarters at *Buffalo*, after leaving the entire Frontier a scene of ruin and desolation.

That the third and last campaign was thus brought to a close, after a series of continued Actions, without the loss of a single acre of territory, the Canadian Militia having acquired, in common with the British Forces, a reputation for loyalty and gallantry of which their posterity may feel justly proud.

We therefore respectfully pray, that Your Majesty will be pleased to confer a similar Medal to those already awarded for the Battles of *Detroit*, *Chrysler's Farm*, and *Chateauguay*, on the few survivors who so successfully defended their Country, by the capture of *Michilimackinac*; the battle of *Queenston*; the capture of *Ogdensburgh*; the defeat and capture of General *Winchester* and his Army at the *River*

Raisin; the battles of *Miami*, *Stoney Creek*, and *Beaver Dam*; and the capture of *Fort Niagara*, *Lewiston*, *Black Rock*, and *Buffalo*; the battles of *Longwood*, *Lacolle*, and *Lundy's Lane*, and the siege of *Fort Erie*, including moreover those who were wounded in action during any of the campaigns.

We humbly, in conclusion, beg leave to state that although, from the length of time which has elapsed, but few of the gallant men remain who were then so conspicuously instrumental in saving this important portion of the British Empire, Your Majesty's faithful Subjects humbly hope that Your Majesty will graciously grant the prayer of their loyal Address.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *Edmund Ritchie* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from the Great Western at *Hamilton* to *Toronto*,—and of *Isaac Buchanan* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a branch from the Great Western Railroad at *Galt* to *Guelph*, and find that sufficient Notice has been given; which is also the case with respect to the Petition of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, the Notices having been proved on their former Petition already reported upon.

The Petition of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company prays for such an amendment of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" as to empower Municipal Corporations to subscribe for their Stock, and that of any other Company in existence before the passing of the Act. No Notice of the application has been given, but Petitions having been presented from the Municipal Councils of *Port Hope*, *Cavan*, *Hope*, and *South Montague*, in furtherance of the measure, it would appear to have been sufficiently well known in those localities; and Your Committee would therefore beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 64th Rule in this case.

The Petition of *G. H. Monk* and others for removal of the Registry Office for *Terrebonne* to *Ste. Thérèse*, is one to which the 64th Rule applies; but as it is numerously signed by persons residing in various parts of the County, Your Committee would submit to Your Honorable House whether it may not be expedient to suspend the Rule in this instance also.

With reference to the Petition of the *Industry Village* and *Rawdon* Railroad Company for amendments to their Act of incorporation, and power to extend a branch to the Church of *St. Jacques*, Your Committee find that none of the requisite Notices have been given; and upon an examination of the amendments specified in the Petition, they find that all of them come within the provisions of the 64th Rule, with the exception of those for empowering the Company to borrow money at a higher rate of interest than six per cent, and for enabling Stockholders to give evidence in Courts of Law in matters affecting the Company.

The Petition of *John C. Becket* for incorporation of the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Canada East*, is not of a nature to require the publication of Notice.

On the Petition of the School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*, for an extension to its Students of similar privileges to those enjoyed by the Graduates of *McGill College*, Your Committee find that no Notice has been given.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the Township of *Thorah*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Varin* have leave of absence from the first to the eighth of October next, on urgent business and on account of illness in his family.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto*.

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

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelph*.

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

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies of the Bill to establish a Consolidated Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Normal, Model, and Common Schools in *Upper Canada*, for the year 1851.

For the said Report, see Appendix (J.J.)

Ordered, That the Report be printed in pamphlet form, under the direction of the Standing Committee on Printing; and that a copy be furnished to each Municipal Council, Local Superintendent of Common Schools, Board of Public Instruction, and School Corporation in *Upper Canada*, exclusive of the number printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave of absence until the tenth of October next, on account of illness in his family.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better securing the Freedom of Elections, by the use of the Ballot in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* be added to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, in the room of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* who has vacated his seat.

Ordered, That Mr. *Polette* be added to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, in the room of Mr. *Prince* absent on leave.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*,

Ordered, That the 70th and 74th Rules of this House be suspended, in so far as relates to the Bill to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *Neil Cameron McIntyre* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney therein.

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*, and the Question being put, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to consider the expediency of rescinding the Order of this House, of the 2nd instant, for adopting the First Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, and of adopting a Resolution declaring that the Journals of the House shall be printed with marginal notes, on paper of the same size, and in the same form as heretofore; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bronn,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Véger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	28. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	39. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the admission in evidence of Foreign Judgments and certain official and other documents, and otherwise to improve the Law of Evidence 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.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, at as early a day in the present Session as possible, the following Returns relative to Finance and Education :—1st. A Statement shewing, under the usual heads of receipt and expenditure, the Revenue of *Canada*, and the amount of payments therefrom, during the six months ending 31st July last. 2nd. A Statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office Department for the quarter ending in July last. 3rd. A Statement of the expenses incurred for rent and repairs, and for the purchase of *Spencer Wood*. 4th. A Statement shewing the heads of expense of the Parliament Buildings for repairs and improvements made since the Government decided to remove from *Toronto* to *Quebec*. 5th. A Statement of the expenditure incurred in taking the Census of January last. 6th. The Blue Book for 1851.

7th. A Return shewing what security, under the provisions of the Statute of *Canada* 4 & 5 *Vic.* cap. 91, is given by the following Officers, viz.: The Superintendent of Education, East, the Superintendent of Education, West, and the Receiver of Fees in the Provincial Secretary's Office, with the particulars of the last named Officer's income from all sources, and the authorities for the charges for payments made to him. 8th. A Statement in detail, shewing what books, maps, and other articles for Schools or Teachers, have been purchased and sold by the Superintendent of Education, West, within the last three years, whether as advertized for sale in his official paper, the *Journal of Education*, or otherwise offered to the Public and to School Teachers, together with the profits thereon, and upon the said *Journal*, and to what purposes said profits are applied; also, shewing in detail the manner in which £2000 granted for School Libraries, and the £2700 for School Architecture and Normal School contingencies, and Student Teachers, have been disposed of and applied: And informing His Excellency that it would advance the public interests if the Annual Reports of the Superintendents of Education, East and West, for each year, could be prepared before nine months of the following year had expired.

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. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

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 detailed Statement of the several sums applied to the erection of Light Houses and the establishment and support of Relief Stations and other improvements in the navigation of the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*, from *Quebec* to the Ocean, under the superintendence of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and under the authority, orders and direction of the Governor and Council of this Province, out of the sum £19,000 appropriated under the provisions of the 9 *Vic.* cap. 60, and shewing the balance, if any, remaining to be applied for such purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *LeBlanc* have leave to bring in a Bill to change the place of sitting of the Circuit Court in the County of *Beauharnois*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water 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.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Malloch*, and Mr. *Hartman*, be appointed to enquire into and report upon the course pursued by Treasurers and Sheriffs at the various Sales of Land for taxes in all the Counties of *Upper Canada*, or any of them, from 1830 to 1851 inclusive, and to report thereon as to any irregularities that have taken place, and suggesting a remedy for the future; with the power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*.

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. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the payment of the sum of Two hundred pounds, currency, into the hands of the Clerk of this House, by *Gédéon Durocher*, Esquire, and other Petitioners, against the Return of *Antoine Némèse Gouin*, Esquire, be declared equivalent to the Recognizance tendered by them, and declared by Mr. Speaker to be objectionable; and that the Election Petition of the said *Gédéon Durocher* and others, be referred to the General Committee of Elections, and that proceedings be had thereon, in order that justice be done to the parties without regard to the informality aforesaid;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, and the Question being put, That the said Motion be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Crauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	21. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Short,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	36. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the payment of the sum of Two hundred pounds, currency, into the hands of the Clerk of this House, by *Gédéon Durocher*, Esquire, and other Petitioners, against the Return of *Antoine Némèse Gouin*, Esquire, be declared equivalent to the Recognizance tendered by them, and declared by Mr. Speaker to be objectionable; and that the Election Petition of the said *Gédéon Durocher* and others, be referred to the General Committee of Elections, and that proceedings be had thereon, in order that justice be done to the parties without regard to the informality aforesaid; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
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<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	15. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

- <i>Badgley,</i>	- <i>Gamble,</i>	- <i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
- <i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	- <i>Street,</i>
- <i>Burnham,</i>	- <i>Langton,</i>	- <i>Murney,</i>	- <i>Taché,</i>
- <i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	- <i>LeBlanc,</i>	- <i>Paige,</i>	- <i>Tessier,</i>
- <i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	- <i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
- <i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	- <i>Ridout,</i>	- <i>Valois,</i>
- <i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	- <i>Robinson,</i>	- <i>Viger,</i>
- <i>Fergusson,</i>	- <i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	- <i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
- <i>Fortier,</i>	- <i>Malloch,</i>	- <i>Short,</i>	- <i>Willson,</i>
- <i>Fournier,</i>	- <i>Marchildon,</i>	- <i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	40. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Mattice*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all Lands alienated from the Crown without valuable consideration, since 1st May, 1851, shewing the quantity and locality of each such grant, the names of the parties to whom made, and the object for which it was so made.

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. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of all Instructions founded on the Order in Council of the 14th September instant, relative to the reduction of Dues on Red Pine Timber, and of all subsequent Orders in Council relative thereto, and copies of all Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and parties interested in the Timber Trade since the meeting of Parliament.

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. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*,

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 any and every Agreement that was agreed upon or negotiated when the Loan of £1,500,000, or any part thereof was raised, or, if no such agreement is in existence, then information as to what course has been adopted or arrangements made by the Governor, with the advice of His Excellency's Council, relative thereto; also, copies of all the detailed Statements or accounts of the sums raised under the authority of the Act 6 Vic. cap. 8, and of the Debentures issued, and of dividends and interest paid thereon, and of the Sinking Fund, or of the redemption of the whole or any part of the said debt by means of the Sinking Fund or otherwise.

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. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government of this Province and Dame *Louise Josephite Chartier de Lotbinière*, wife of the Honorable *Robert Unwin Harwood*, Seignioress and Proprietress of the *Fief* and Seigniorship of *Vaudreuil*, in the District of *Montreal*, or any and all persons acting on behalf of the said Dame *Harwood*, relating to her application to Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, through His Excellency the Governor General, for a commutation and discharge of the *droit de quint*, the *droit de relief*, and other feudal charges due or to become due to Our said Lady the Queen, Her Heirs or Successors, in respect of the said *Fief* and Seigniorship, and that henceforth she may be granted the right of holding the Lands in the said *Fief* and Seigniorship, as well as the Islands forming part thereof, with all and every the rights, appurtenances and dependencies of the said *Fief* and Seigniorship, or in any way thereto belonging, in free and common soccage, as set forth in the Notice published by the said Dame *Harwood*, dated the 21st February 1852, in the *Canada Gazette* of the 6th March last, and in all other Notices published since the date last mentioned.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,

Ordered, That the Order of this House of the twenty-eighth instant, referring the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth* relative to a Canal from the River *St. Lawrence* to Lake *Champlain*, to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be rescinded.

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Burnham*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a Return of the present balance of the Cullers' Fund, and a Statement of the gross receipts and expenses of the Department, and the amounts invested in each year since 1847.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic. cap. 24*, to Companies formed for the purpose of improving the navigation of Rivers and Streams in *Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to simplify and alter the practice, pleadings, and proceedings in the Superior Courts of Law and Equity and County Courts in *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received

and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday the fifteenth of October next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tessier* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Carouge Pier, Wharf, and Dock 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 the sixth of October next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to modify the Usury Laws, being read;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, The House adjourned.

Veneris, 1^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Return of the distribution of the Statutes of *Canada*, 4th Session, 3rd Parliament, 14 & 15 *Vic.* 1851.

For the said Return, see Appendix (K.K.)

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

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Levi Grant* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*, County of *Grenville*; the Petition of *Henry Conklin* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; the Petition of *L. H. Bellamy* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; and the Petition of *Hiram Adams* and others, Land-owners in the eighth Concession of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, County of *Grenville*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *François Da Sylva* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniori of *Cap de la Magdelaine*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the Honorable *George Pemberton* and others; and the Petition of *Hypolite Dubord*, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*, Esquire.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of the Reverend *David Dunkerley* and others, on behalf of the Congregational Church, *Durham*, County of *Drummond*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *John K. Cook* and others, of the Town of *St Catharines*.

By Mr. *Smith of Durham*,—The Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Erie and Ontario Railroad*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *John Sharples*, on behalf of the Committee of management of the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English language.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *H. Jackson* and others, Shareholders in the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron* Railroad Company.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Leonard Wells*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Shefford*.

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—The Petition of *A. Bazin*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Francois*, County of *Yamaska*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—Two Petitions of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, relative to a Road Allowance, be now read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying that the Petition of *James Hamilton* and others, Trustees of the late *Peter H. Hamilton*, Esquire, of the City of *Hamilton*, for the passing of an Act granting to them in their said capacity a certain part of the Road Allowance between Lots 14 and 15, in the 4th Concession of the Township of *Barton*, may not be granted.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Andrew Hudson* and others, of the Township of *Tyendinaga*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton* be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, for certain amendments to the Acts incorporating that City, and find that no Notice has been published. Your Committee are satisfied, however, from the evidence before them, that the matter has had sufficient publicity, as it has been for a long time under discussion in the City Council, whose proceedings are published in the local papers; and the Bill now proposed to be introduced is a copy of that before Your Honorable House in the Session of 1850; under these circumstances Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the usual Notices be dispensed with.

On the Petitions of *John E. Bangs*,—and of *Frederick A. Cutter* and *Richard Hutchinson*, praying respectively for the passing of an Act to authorize them to practise as Physicians and Surgeons; and the Petition of *William Delo* and others, for the passing of an Act to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*; Your Committee find that the requisite Notices have not been given.

Mr. *Polette* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the Amended Panels.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish and ascertain the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de La Baie*.

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

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Polette*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of an Instrument under the Great Seal of this Province, bearing date the 7th day of August now last past, purporting to determine and appoint the line best adapted to promote the general interests of the Province, for the construction of a main Trunk Line of Railway throughout the whole length of this Province, with copies of any plans and surveys submitted for the consideration of His Excellency, before such determinations and appointment took place, and more especially in relation to that portion of the said main Trunk Line of Railway extending from "some point on the Eastern frontier of this Province hereafter to be determined upon, to some point hereafter to be fixed in the Parish of *St. Joseph, Pointe Levy*, opposite or nearly opposite to the City of *Quebec*;" also, copies of any opinion given by the Law Officers of the Crown respecting the legality of such determination and appointment, and copies of documents and information obtained by His Excellency, whereby it was found impracticable to raise the funds for constructing the said main Trunk Railway, one half on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, and the other half by subscriptions made by the Municipal Corporations of this Province; and, generally, all documents and information respecting the premises; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	20. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Craveford.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	43. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in Lower Canada, and to facilitate the redemption thereof.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Polette*,
Resolved, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, and of bringing in Private Bills, be further extended until Monday the first of November next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the fifth and sixth Sections of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act;" and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the same. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to extend the time limited for certain purposes by the *Montreal* Registry Act, being read;
 The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the words "and the said Acts shall be held and construed "to extend to all Actions commenced between the thirtieth day of August, in the "year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the passing hereof" at the end of the twelfth Clause thereof.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee. The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company, for certain improvements on the said Canal, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Fournier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Fournier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Act providing for the summary trial of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act "providing for the summary decision of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,
The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *Neil Cameron McIntyre* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney therein, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Brown* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 4^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Stanislas Drapeau*, of the City of *Quebec*, Printer.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *James McKenzie*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, *Pointe Levy*, and the adjoining Parishes; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Auclair* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—Three Petitions of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*.

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

Of *Alexander Dempster* and others, of the County of *Carleton*; of *John Farquharson* and others, Members of the *Stratford* Division, No. 236, of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West*; of *J. L. Tucker* and others, of the Township of *Clarke*; of *John Alexander*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Simcoe*; of the Municipality of *Wainfleet*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; of *C. J. Horner* and other Ladies of the Township of *Granby*; of *Edward Finlay* and others, of the Counties of *Shefford* and *Missisquoi*; of *Mary McConnell* and other Ladies of the Counties of *York* and *Simcoe*; of *Anna Wood* and others, female inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; of *John Holland* and others, of *Montreal* and its vicinity; of *Nathaniel Sharrard* and others, of the County of *Ontario*; of *William Cross* and others, of the Township of *Innisfil*, County of *Simcoe*; of *Francis Kirkpatrick* and others, of the County of *Stormont*; of *John B. Ogden* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*; of *William Webster* and others, of the Townships

of *Euphemia* and *Dawn*, Gore of *Camden*; of *John B. O'Reilly* and others, of the Townships of *Pelham* and *Wainfleet*; of *Catherine Beam* and other Ladies of the Township of *Bertie*; of *William Taylor* and others, of the County of *Durham*; of *Duncan Livingston* and others, of the County of *Leeds*; of *Henry Conklin* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; of *L. H. Bellamy* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; of the Reverend *David Dumkerley* and others, on behalf of the Congregational Church, *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; and of *John K. Cook* and others, of the Town of *St. Catherines*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the Seat of the said County may be removed to the Village of *Ruisseau St. Hyacinthe*, in the Parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*.

Of the Reverend *William McMurray* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; praying that the application of certain parties for the Corporation of the said Town to be authorized to issue Debentures, and become security on behalf of the *Desjardins Canal Company* to the Great Western Railroad Company, or any other Company or person for the outlay on the proposed improvement of the said Canal may not be granted, but that the said Canal may be assumed as a Government Work.

Of *William DeCew* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; praying that the Petition for the assumption by the Government as a Provincial work, of the improvements of the *Grand River* Navigation, may not be granted.

Of *W. B. Hamilton*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Ting* and *Tay*, County of *Lincoln*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company.

Of the Natural Historical Society of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of *William Henderson*, Esquire, and others, of *Frampton*, *Buckland*, and other Townships, in the County of *Quebec*; praying that the Lands in the said Townships may be exempted from a certain proposed tax, or an equitable portion thereof.

Of *P. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henry*, County of *Dorchester*; praying that the Petition of *James Motz*, Esquire, for the passing of an Act to secure him in the enjoyment of his Bridge over the River *Etchemin* may not be granted, and that no alteration be made in the existing Law in that behalf.

Of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of *St. John*; praying the adoption of such measures with regard to Seigniorial Rights, as may relieve the *Censitaires* of the said Village, and of the Province in general.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Niagara*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Drummond*; praying certain amendments to the Assessment Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Drummond*; praying for the passing of an Act to declare that all the Roads established under the Acts 50 *Geo.* 3, cap. 1, and 4 *Geo.* 4, cap. 10, shall be of a certain width.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Drummond*; praying certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act.

Of *Louis Bertrand*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L'Isle Verte*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid to open a Road from the fourth range of the said Parish to the River *Touppiké*.

Of the Reverend *Cyprien Tanguay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Germain*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for the completion of a Convent for educational purposes in the said Parish.

Of the Very Reverend *C. F. Cazeau* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Foye* and *Quebec*; praying that authority be granted to the Commissioners of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trusts to borrow a certain sum of money to macadamize the Road from *Sillery Cove*, near the City of *Quebec*, to the *St. Louis* Road.

Of *R. S. Mann* and others, of the Village of *Beachville*; of *William Edwards*,

Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Clarence*; of *Jannet Kippen* and others, of the Townships of *Kenyon* and *Roxborough*; and of the Reverend *Robert Wallace* and others, of the Village of *Ingersoll* and vicinity, County of *Oxford*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of *William Hepburn* and others, of the Village of *Clippawa*; praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may be withdrawn from the Clergy of all denominations, and the Rectories abolished, and the proceeds thereof appropriated to Common School Education.

Of the President and Members of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, Governors of *McGill* College; praying for the passing of an Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Acts 41 *Geo.* 3, cap. 17, and 8 *Vic.* cap. 68.

Of *Nicolas Allard* and others, Proprietors of Vessels, of *Quebec*, engaged in the Commerce between the different Ports of the British Possessions; praying for the passing of an Act to exempt Provincial Vessels from the payment of the tax imposed by the Act to provide for the Medical treatment of Mariners.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act.

Of *J. H. Proctor* and others, of the Township of *Brighton*; praying that the boundary lines of the said Township may be more clearly defined.

Of *Levi Grant* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*, County of *Grenville*; praying for the construction of a Canal of dimensions similar to the *St. Lawrence* Canals, to connect the waters of the River *St. Lawrence*, above the Village of *Caughnawaga*, with those of *Lake Champlain*.

Of *Hiram Adams* and others, Landowners in the eighth Concession of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, County of *Grenville*; praying that the Petition of certain inhabitants of the said Township for the repeal of so much of the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 85, as affects the posts planted in the authorized survey of the 8th Concession of the said Township, may not be granted.

Of *François Da Sylva* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniorship of *Cap de la Magdelaine*; praying for the passing of an Act to exempt them, in whole or in part, from the payment of the arrears of *cens et rentes* and *lods et ventes*.

Of the Honorable *George Pemberton* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to revise and continue the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 117, to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Andrew's* Railroad Company.

Of *Hypolite Dubord*, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*, Esquire; praying that all Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench who are proprietors of Seigniorships, may be declared incompetent to sit in cases where Seigniorial rights are in question.

Of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire; setting forth his intention to present a Petition to the House in the matter of the Will of the late *Robert Randall*, Esquire, and that he has been prevented from doing so by the press of other business,—and praying that the time for receiving Private Petitions may be extended in his behalf until the 11th of October instant.

Of the President, Directors and Company of the *Erie* and *Ontario* Railroad; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Charter of the said Company.

Of *John Sharples*, on behalf of the Committee of management of the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English language; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Congregation, and to vest in them certain property.

Of *H. Jackson* and others, Shareholders in the *Ontario*, *Simcoe* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Leonard Wells*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Shefford*; praying for

the establishment of Courts with unlimited Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction within the said County.

Of *A. Bazin*, Esquire, and others, of *St. François*, County of *Yamaska*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them the better to manage the Common of *St. François*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to enclose and ornament, and erect Public Buildings upon a certain vacant place in the said City, known as the *Gore of King Street*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, relative to the *Gore of King Street*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William D. Mattice*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*; the Petition of *William Taylor* and others, of the County of *Durham*; the Petition of *William Cross* and others, of the Township of *Innisfil*, County of *Simcoe*; the Petition of *Nathaniel Sharrard* and others, of the County of *Ontario*; the Petition of *John B. O'Reilly* and others, of the Townships of *Pelham* and *Wainfleet*; the Petition of *Catharine Beam* and other Ladies of the Township of *Bertie*; and the Petition of *Mary McConnell* and other Ladies of the Counties of *York* and *Simcoe*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffrey*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of *F. M. F. Ossaye*, of *La Tortue*, Agent of the Agricultural Society of *Lower Canada*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library.

Mr. Polette reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relating thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Edward Malloch*, Esquire, *Edward Short*, Esquire, *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire; Chairman, *François Lemieux*, Esquire.

The Honorable *Mr. Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report on the State of the Gaols in *Upper Canada*.

For the said Report, see Appendix (H. H.)

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Polette reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Asa A. Burnham*, Esquire, *Ulric J. Tessier*, Esquire, *William Patrick*, Esquire, *Amos Wright*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *William Badgley*.

Mr. Polette, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate *La Société des Dames Charitables de la Paroisse de St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate *La Société des Dames Charitables de la Paroisse de St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Return to the Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 24th August 1852, praying (*inter alia*) for a Statement of the Receipts from Clergy Reserve Lands sold or rented, the principal and interest on sales, the charges of management, and to whom paid, and the disbursements. For the said Return, see Appendix (A.A.)

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton Gas Light Company*." He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 31st of August last, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before the House, a copy or copies of any Agreement or Agreements entered into by the *Quebec and Richmond Railway Company*, with *William Jackson*, Esquire, M.P., and others, for the completion of the said Railway; also, for a copy of any Correspondence between the Government of this Province, or any Member thereof, with the said *William Jackson*, Esquire, and others, in regard to the Trunk Railroad through this Province.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Z.)

Ordered, That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the City of *Hamilton* with Water.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, for 1850–1851.

For the said Report, see Appendix (J.J.)

Ordered, That the same number of copies of the said Report be printed, as were ordered for the Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Upper Canada*, one half in each of the English and French Languages, the surplus, after the number required for this House, to be distributed in the School Municipalities, through the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum.

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

Mr. *Hartman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the Township of *Thorah*, praying for the adoption of certain measures to obtain for him and his followers the issue of Deeds of Lands for which they have received Location Tickets, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Malloch*, Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, 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;—It passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Hartman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Thomas Appleton*, of the Township of *King*, praying payment of his claim for his proportion of the allowance for Schools due since the year 1828, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Morrison*, 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

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
			9. <i>Wright</i> , (E. R. <i>York</i> .)

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith</i> , (<i>Frontenac</i> .)
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau</i> , Sol. Gen.	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Drummond</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i>)	<i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murchildon,</i>	<i>Share,</i>	<i>Young.</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	35.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Abstracts of the Population of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, by the late Census.

For the said Abstracts, see Apendix (L.L.)

Ordered, That the said Abstracts be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a Certificate of the Return of a Member for the County of *Bellechasse*, in the room of the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, who, since his election to serve for the said County of *Bellechasse*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the Office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works.

And the said Certificate was read; and is as followeth:—

Province of *Canada.*

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 4th October, 1852.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-fourth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Registrar of the County of *Bellechasse*, (*Pantaleon Forgues*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex-officio* for the said County of *Bellechasse*, for the election of one Member to represent the said County of *Bellechasse* in the present Parliament, in the room and place of the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, who, since his Election to serve for the said County of *Bellechasse*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the Office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, the Honorable *Jean Chabot* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the fourth day of October, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Felix Fortier,

C. C. Chancery.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Patrick* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Patrick* have leave to bring in a Bill for the granting of certain Lots in the Town of *Bytown*, to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

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 any Instruments under the hand and seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province of *Lower Canada*, appointing Trustees for the erection of an Hospital for the reception of sick seamen and other indigent sick persons in the City of *Quebec*, under the authority of the 10th & 11th *Geo.* 4. cap. 23, making provision for the establishment of such an Hospital, and of all Instruments from time to time removing such Trustees, or any of them, and appointing others in their place, or in the place of any of them; also, copies of all appointments made of Managers of the Marine Hospital, or of Commissioners of the Emigrant Hospital, established at *Quebec*, with documents and information respecting the direction and management of such Institutions, or either of them, and of any Rules and Regulations for the internal government and economy, and maintenance of the same; and also, that His Excellency will be pleased to inform this House under what authority or law such appointment or nomination of Manager and Commissioner has been made, and such Rules and Regulations have been established.

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.

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, all information and documents respecting the Building erected in the Lower Town of the City of *Quebec* to be the Custom House, and established as such un-

der the authority of the 10th & 11th *Geo.* 4. cap 34, and the 2nd *Will.* 4. cap. 45, and copies of any Correspondence respecting the removal of the Custom House Department to any other building, and of any instructions for such removal, and of the authority under which the Custom House has been removed from the place established by Law for the same; also, copies of any instructions given for the occupation of the Custom House erected under the above Statutes, by the Water Police as a Barrack; and copies of any instructions to the Department of Public Works to examine the building in question, for the purpose of reporting whether or not it were capable of being made to accommodate the intended Provincial School of Navigation, with the Report made under such instructions: also, a statement of the measures adopted for the selection of any other site for a Custom House in the City of *Quebec*, and a copy of any plans or estimates for the erection of a fit and proper building to be substituted in the place of that which has been so diverted from the purposes for which it was so established.

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. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Reports and enquiries, documents and evidence, on which the payment of £550, mentioned in the Report of Public Works for 1851, to *William Cottingham* was made.

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

The Honorable *Jean Chabot*, Member for the County of *Bellechasse*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the making of certain Annual Returns to the Government.

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

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

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended, in so far as respects the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Cavan*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Monaghan*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Hope*, and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Paige* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intitled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Members of the "Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of "Physic and Surgery therein," to afford relief to certain persons who were in practice as Physicians and Surgeons in this Province at the time when the said Act "became Law."

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. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain doubts as to the Law for the trial of Controverted Elections.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being put, That a Call of the House be made on Wednesday the third day of November next; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	41. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
			9. <i>White,</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That such Members as shall not then attend, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause Circular Letters to be written immediately to the absent Members, enclosing to them copies of the present Resolutions, signed by the Clerk of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the fifth and sixth Sections of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act," 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Tessier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Tessier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the twenty-fifth instant, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed

in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Terrill* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Short*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of inserting the following Clause, after the second Clause thereof: "And be it enacted, " That the said *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company* shall release the Stockholders of that Company who now reside within the County of *Stanstead*, from the Stock which they have subscribed in such Company, and shall refund to such Stockholders all sums which they have paid for and on account of such Stock, together with legal interest thereon: Provided that such Stockholders who may so desire to be released shall, within one month from and after the passing of this Act, give notice to the said Company of their intention to claim such release and repayment;"

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

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of inserting the following Clause, after the second Clause thereof: " And be it enacted, That the said *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company* shall release the Stockholders of that Company who now reside within the County of *Stanstead*, from the Stock which they have subscribed in such Company, and shall refund to such Stockholders all sums which they have paid for and on account of such Stock, together with legal interest thereon: Provided that such Stockholders who may so desire to be released shall, within one month from and after the passing of this Act, give notice to the said Company of their intention to claim such release and repayment."

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clapham* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Clapham* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the City of *Toronto* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate a part of the City Debt, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Patrick* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

A Bill further to extend the time limited for certain purposes by the *Montreal Registry Act*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act further to extend the period limited for certain purposes by the *Montreal Registry Act.*”

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

A Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *Neil Cameron McIntyre* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney therein, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 5^o die Octobris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Canada West Farmer’s Mutual and Stock Insurance Company*, to 16th September, 1852.

For the said Statement, see Appendix. (R.)

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

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *Ellenor Neilson* and others, females, of the Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *L. C. Lefrançois*, Esquire, and others, School Commissioners for the School District of *Chateau Richer*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,—The Petition of *Edward Corcoran*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Riverton* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *John Smith*, Esquire, Reeve, and others, of the Village of *Paris*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *J. B. Pleau* and others, of *Laval*, County of *Montmorency*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Tier Sakoicnenhasi* and others, Chiefs and Warriors of the *St. Regis* Indians; the Petition of *J. R. Gibson* and other Ladies of the Townships of *Dawn*, *Camden*, and *Euphemia*; and the Petition of *V. Ouellette* and others, of *Windsor* and its vicinity, County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Daniel Gordon* and others, of the Townships of *Tingwick* and *Winslow*; the Petition of the Reverend *Daniel Gordon*, Minister, and others; and the Petition of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Langevin*, *Masson*, *Thibaut* and Company, and others, Merchants, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *H. P. Holmes* and others, of the Township of *Yonge*; the Petition of *David Coleman* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *H. E. M. McDonald* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*; the Petition of *George Wright*, Esquire, Chairman, and *P. McPhail*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of the County of *Peel*; and the Petition of *John Lancaster* and others, of the County of *Peel*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mrs. *Brigitte Gosselin*, of the City of *Quebec*, widow of the late *Augustin Laperrière*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. *Polette* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the Amended Panels.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration certain Resolutions relative to the Guarantee of a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to the Owners of building Lots in the City of *Montreal* whose buildings were destroyed by the late Fire,—and also, relative to the Guarantee of the payment of the Principal and Interest of the said Loan.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Murney* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Edward Malloch, Esquire; *Edward Short*, Esquire, *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire; Chairman. *François Lemieux*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine

the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in Committee Room No. 1, of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

Asa A. Burnham, Esquire, *Ulric J. Tessier*, Esquire, *William Patrick*, Esquire, *Amos Wright*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *William Badgley*, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, their Names were called over:—And the Honorable *William Badgley* not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the 74th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That the Honorable *William Badgley*, Member for the City of *Montreal*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee, to take into consideration certain Resolutions relative to the Guarantee of a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to the Owners of building Lots in the City of *Montreal* whose buildings were destroyed by the late Fire,—and also, relative to the Guarantee of the payment of the Principal and Interest of the said Loan; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Murney* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That five hundred Copies of the Return relative to a Loan to rebuild the Houses consumed at the late Fire in the City of *Montreal*, which was presented the twenty-fourth of September last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seymour* have leave of absence for one week from this day, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town.

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

On motion of Mr. *Crawford*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Ordered, That all Railway, Canal, and Telegraph Bills set down for second reading upon the Orders of the day, not previously disposed of, be the first Orders of the day on Thursday next.

Ordered, That five hundred extra copies of the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, be printed in each of the English and French Languages for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, and the Question being pro-

posed, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, be now read;

Mr. Speaker stated as his opinion, that inasmuch as the fifth and sixth Sections of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" provide that no Bill for a special Act for the establishment of a Railway shall be received by the Legislature until certain requirements prescribed by the said Clauses, shall be first observed and carried out, and the said Clauses being yet unrepealed; and this Legislature, if so disposed, having the power to repeal them, the Order of the day for the second reading of the said Bill cannot be proceeded with.

And an Appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision; the House divided:—
And the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read:—And the same being read;

And the Honorable *William Badgley* not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, was adjourned till the next meeting of the House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 6^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken the Honorable *William Badgley* into his custody.

Whereupon the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* stated, that he was desired by the Honorable *William Badgley* to express his sorrow for the inconvenience he had caused the House and the Parties by his absence, when the Members of the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Huron* Election Petition were called upon to be sworn.

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered. That the Honorable *William Badgley* be discharged out of custody.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *William Kingsmill*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Greene* and Sons, and others, Hatters and Furriers of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *William H. Rice*, of the City of *Montreal*, Wireworker.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*.

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

Of *Stanislas Drapeau*, of the City of *Quebec*, Printer; praying aid to enable him to publish a Work, entitled, “The Cultivator, or Elementary Treatise on Practical Agriculture, designed for the use of Schools in *Lower Canada*.”

Of *James McKenzie*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, *Pointe Levy*, and the adjoining Parishes; praying for the passing of an Act to establish and regulate the Ferry between *Quebec* and *Pointe Levy*, aforesaid.

Of the Reverend *J. Auclair* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures for the suppression of houses of ill-fame within the limits of the said City.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act to abolish the Toll at the Cut at *Burlington Beach*.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act for the construction of a Canal to unite the Lakes *Superior* and *Huron*.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Hamilton*; praying the repeal of the Usury Laws in *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John R. Ogden* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Mr. *Lemieur*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *W. S. Conger*, praying that a certain Road allowance in *Peterborough* may be vested in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company*,—and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, for authority to enclose and occupy a vacant space therein known as the *Gore* of *King Street*; and they find that the Notices required have been given.

The Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Erie and Ontario Railroad* prays for an increase of their Capital Stock, with power to extend their Road to *Niagara*, and also to reconstruct the present line with such a deviation only as to lead to the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge*: Your Committee find that by their present Charter the Company have power to extend the line to *Niagara*, the only additional powers required being such an increase of capital as may suffice to make the extension, and permission to alter the course of the existing Road so as lead to the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge*, which had not been constructed at the time of their Act of incorporation; of these amendments no Notice has been given; but it has been represented to Your Committee that the construction of the proposed line at the present time is of great importance, as a delay might have the effect of diverting a large portion of travel to the *American* side of the River: Under these circumstances Your Committee would submit to Your Honorable House to determine whether it is expedient to insist on the Notice required by the 64th Rule.

The Petition of the Honorable *George Pemberton* and others, prays for the revival of the Act of 1850 incorporating the *Quebec and St. Andrew's Railroad Company*, which has expired from non-user. No Notice of the application has been given; but Your Committee are satisfied, from the Petition being signed by the Members representing the localities affected, and from other evidence adduced before them, that it is publicly known and approved of in these localities, they would respectfully recommend that the Notice be dispensed with.

On the Petitions of *H. Jackson* and others, Shareholders in the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Railroad Company*, for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company,—and of *John McGill Chambers*, for the settlement of the boundary line between the 4th Concessions of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, Your Committee find that the requisite Notice has not been given.

The Petition of *John Sharples*, for an Act to incorporate the Committee of Management of the Congregation of *Roman Catholics of Quebec* speaking the English Language, is not of a nature to require the publication of Notice.

Mr. *Polette* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*George Okill Stuart*, Esquire, *John Langton*, Esquire, *John White*, Esquire, *James Smith*, Esquire; Chairman, *George Etienne Cartier*, Esquire.

Mr. *Polette* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Joseph H. Jobin*, Esquire, the Honorable *William Benjamin Robinson*, *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, *John McDougall*, Esquire; Chairman, *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to authorize the City of *Toronto* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate a part of the City Debt, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Asa A. Burnham, Esquire; *Ulric J. Tessier*, Esquire, *William Patrick*, Esquire, *Amos Wright*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *William Badgley*, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in Committee Room No. 5, of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

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

Mr. Speaker,
The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment;
viz:—

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to declare the intention of the Law organizing the
“ Notarial Profession, with respect to the study of that Profession:”

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to confer certain powers on Municipal Corporations and
“ Companies to take materials to repair Roads:”

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal the fifth and sixth Sections of “ The Railway
“ Clauses Consolidation Act.”

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the
Question which was on Thursday last proposed, That the Bill to modify the Usury
Laws, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned
Debate.

Mr. *Laurin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*, That
the word “ now” be left out, and the words “ this day six months” added at the
end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Stevenson.</i>	30. <i>Varin.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	33. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill to modify the Usury
Laws, be now read a second time;

Mr. *Fournier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dumoulin*,
That the word “ now” be left out, and the words “ this day three months” added
at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeDoutillier,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>

<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	30. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	31. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	31. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	30. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Egan*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 7^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Government House,

Quebec, 7th October, 1852.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber to-day, at 3½ o'clock, to assent in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

R. Bruce,

Governor's Secretary.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *John Davis* and others, of *Garden Island*, near the City of *Kingston*; and the Petition of *J. Counter*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the City of *Kingston*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Langton*.—The Petition of *Daniel Costello* and others, of the County of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. Y. Stark* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Creen* and others, Trustees of Grammar Schools in the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and residing in the Town of *Niagara*.

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

Of *Ellenor Neilson* and others, females, of the Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough*; and of *J. R. Gibson* and other Ladies of the Townships of *Dawn*, *Camden*, and *Euphemia*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *L. C. Lefrançois*, Esquire, and others, School Commissioners for the School District of *Chateau Richer*; praying aid to enable them to erect a School House in Division No. 1, of the said District.

Of *Edward Corcoran*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Rawdon* and its vicinity; praying for the re-establishment of Parish Municipalities, and the adoption of a more equal system of Representation, so that the said Township with certain others may have the rights and privileges of a County.

Of *John Smith*, Esquire, Reeve, and others, of the Village of *Paris*; praying for the passing of an Act granting a special Charter to the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company, and to authorize the said Company to extend their line of Railroad to the Town of *Goderich*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the admission of indigent Patients into the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, and that the tax imposed for the support of the said Asylum be reduced.

Of *J. B. Pleau* and others, of *Laval*, County of *Montmorency*; praying aid to im-

prove the Road from Lake *Beauport* to the Church of *Laval*.

Of *Tier Sakoienehasi* and others, Chiefs and Warriors of the *St. Regis* Indians; praying indemnity for loss sustained by them by the overflowing of their Lands, by reason of the construction of a Dam at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal by the Commissioners of Public Works.

Of *V. Ouellette* and others, of *Windsor* and its vicinity, County of *Essex*; praying that any application on the part of the Great Western Railway Company for authority to establish their terminus at any point below the upper Ferry of *Windsor* may not be granted.

Of the Reverend *Daniel Gordon*, Minister, and others; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Reverend *Daniel Gordon* and others, of the Townships of *Tingwick* and *Winslow*; praying aid to open a Road through the said Townships.

Of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*; praying certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said College.

Of Messieurs *Langevin*, *Masson*, *Thibaudeau* and Company, and others, Merchants, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Petition of certain persons, traders and petty chapmen of the said City, for the passing of an Act to remove certain restriction on their Trade at the said City may not be granted.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *William McMurray* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. Polette, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Lemieux, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That the Committee, yesterday, with a view to the advantage and interest of the Parties, and considering the distance of the said County from this place, and the difficulty of communicating with certain parts thereof, had granted time to the petitioning Parties and to the sitting Member, by their several Advocates and Attornies, and with their mutual concurrence and agreement thereto, till Wednesday next, the 13th instant, to produce and file before the Committee their Lists of Objections to the Voters at the said contested Election; and that they had also, yesterday, granted time to the sitting Member, by his Advocates and Attornies, with the consent of the Petitioners by their Advocates and Attornies, until Friday next, the 8th instant, to produce and file the means of rebutting the allegations and conclusions of the said Petition; and that in granting that further delay to the parties, the Committee were influenced by a desire to procure the most ample information on both sides, in order that full and satisfactory justice might be done to them.

Ordered, That *Mr. Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the *Little*

Laké Cemetery Company certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*,

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; and the Petition of *P. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henry*, County of *Dorchester*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the City of *Toronto* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate a part of the City Debt,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave of absence for two weeks from this day, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York* have leave of absence for two weeks from this day, on urgent private business.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's Name, the Royal Assent to the following Bills:—

An Act to provide an efficient remedy against any inconveniences which might result from the destruction of certain Registers of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*.

An Act to declare the intention of the Law organizing the Notarial Profession, with respect to the study of that Profession.

An Act to confer certain powers on Municipal Corporations and Companies to take materials to repair Roads.

An Act for avoiding doubts which might otherwise arise from the Act making alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada* having come into effect since the last General Election.

An Act to repeal the fifth and sixth Sections of “The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act.”

An Act to authorize the City of *Toronto* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate a part of the City Debt.

George Okill Stuart, Esquire, *John Langton*, Esquire, *John White*, Esquire, *James Smith*, Esquire; Chairman, *George Etienne Cartier*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for that City.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet forthwith, in Committee Room No. 3, of the House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, by filling up the blank with “the Legislative Council and”: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty on the subject of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

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

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And also, the Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*, by filling up the blank with “the Legislative Council and”: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

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

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to ap-

proach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty with reference to the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "and Commons;" and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty with reference to the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "and Commons;" and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Toronto* Election Petition have leave to adjourn for fourteen days, on account of a death in the family of one of its Members.

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave of absence for fourteen days, on account of the death of a member of his family.

Joseph H. Jobin, Esquire, The Honorable *William Benjamin Robinson*, *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, *John McDougall*, Esquire; Chairman, *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of

the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, their Names were called over:—And *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Folette*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Order of this House of the 30th September last, granting leave of absence to Mr. *Sicotte* to the tenth instant, be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That the 76th Section of “The Election Petitions’ Act of 1851,” be now read:—And the same being read;

Resolved, That the absence of Mr. *Sicotte* under leave of this House, is sufficient cause why his attendance should be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward* be referred back to the General Committee of Elections.

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*, and the Question being put, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the expediency of completing the Highway between *Gaspé* Basin and the *Ristigouche*, by erecting the necessary Bridges over the principal Rivers which intersect the said Highway, as made at the Provincial expense since 1841; and of an humble Address to His Excellency recommending the subject to his consideration;—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will give leave to the Honorable *James Morris* to attend and give evidence before the Special Committee of this House to which are referred the several Petitions on the subject of Sabbath labor in the Post Office Departments and on the Canals.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* be added to the Select Committee to which are referred the several Petitions on the subject of Sabbath labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines. °

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Union Railroad Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, as to allow of an extension of the said Road, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto*, 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 authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelph*, 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 amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, 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 amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, 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 for the granting of certain Lots in the Town of *Bytown* to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House to take into consideration certain Resolutions relative to the Guarantee of a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to the Owners of building Lots in the City of *Montreal* whose buildings were destroyed by the late Fire,—and also, relative to the Guarantee of the payment of the Principal and Interest of the said Loan, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject-matter of the said Resolutions, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then Mr. *Murney* reported the Resolutions of the Committee; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorize the Corporation of the City of *Montreal* to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of such sums, not exceeding in the whole One hundred thousand pounds, currency, as may be lent by any party or parties, for a period not less than twenty years, and at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, to the owners of building lots in the said City, the buildings on which were destroyed by the great Fire on the 8th July last, for the purpose of enabling such owners to reconstruct the buildings so destroyed: Provided that no such loan for the purpose of reconstructing the buildings upon any one lot of ground shall exceed Five hundred pounds; that the lender shall have for the principal and interest of the loan a privilege claim upon the buildings so constructed, preferable to all claims whatever, and a hypothec on the lot of ground itself ranking next after the claims upon the same existing prior to such loan, to which claims the said Corporation shall be subrogated in place of the lender for any amount they may, under such guarantee as aforesaid, be called upon to pay on account of such loan.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorize the Provincial Government to guarantee the payment of the principal and interest of any such loan as aforesaid, in case both the borrower and the said Corporation should, upon being thereunto duly required, fail to pay the same; the Government having in such case the right to recover the sum so paid, with interest either from the said Corporation or from the borrower, and being, as regards such sum and interest, subrogated to the lender, and to all his privileges and rights as such.

And the first Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lenicux,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>51. Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>3. Malloch.</i>
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, by facilitating the negotiation of Loans to enable them to rebuild the property destroyed by the said Fire.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and *Lake Champlain*, for the purpose of taking into consideration certain Resolutions in relation thereto; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dubord* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday the eighteenth instant.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Ridout*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 8^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. Fraser*, Minister, and others, the Congregation of the Free Church, *Coté Street, Montreal*; and the Petition of *William Allen* and others, Cabinet Makers and Chair Manufacturers, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *P. Low*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Pictou*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *G. Beaudet* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of *W. S. Macdonald* and others, of the Town of *Gananoque* and its vicinity.

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

Of *William Kingsmill*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; representing that in consequence of the discharge of his duty in the said capacity, he was arrested in the City of *Buffalo*, and a Judgment obtained against him in the State of *New York*, for a certain amount, and that upon the said Foreign Judgment an action was brought, and Judgment rendered against him by the Courts of Queen's Bench and Error and Appeal in *Canada*, under a recent Statute not providing exception in such cases, and that he is thereby in danger of being ruined on account of the faithful discharge of his said duty,—and praying relief in the premises.

Of Messieurs *Greene* and Sons, and others, Hatters and Furriers of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the imposition of a certain Duty upon hats and furs of Foreign manufacture.

Of *William H. Rice*, of the City of *Montreal*, Wireworker; praying for a reduction of the Duty upon wires of all sizes, and the imposition of a certain Duty upon all articles manufactured of wire imported into this Province.

Of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others; praying that the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* may be amended, by the insertion of a Clause providing that the Public shall have the right of way, on paying a maximum rate of Toll therefor, over the Bridges to be constructed by the said Company between the Island of *Montreal* and *Upper Canada*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm a certain By-Law of the said Council for closing up a certain part of *Wellington Street* in the said Town, and establishing a Market thereon.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; praying for a further reduction in the rates of Postage, and that any deficiency in the Post Office Department may be paid out of the General Funds of the Province.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Laurie* and others, of the Township of *West Guillimbury*; the Petition of *Francis Kirkpatrick* and others, of the County of *Stormont*; the Petition of *Horace Hutchins* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; the Petition of *Henry Conklin* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; and the Petition of *L. H. Bellamy* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; the Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Tiny* and *Tay*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Medonte*; and the Petition of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of *St. John*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Dubord*, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report on the expediency of encouraging Shipbuilding in this Province, and the most advisable mode of protecting the Shipping interest therein, and to which were referred several Petitions praying for the repeal of the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken the subject contained in the several Petitions before them into their serious consideration, and have had before them persons intimately connected with the Shipping interests, as well Ship Owners, Masters, and Merchants, extensively connected with those interests in Trade.

While Your Committee have given the subject their serious attention, they were nevertheless disposed to hear any arguments which could be adduced against the prayer of the several Petitions, but so far as they have yet been able to discover, nothing has been said, nor has any satisfactory evidence been adduced to contradict the facts alleged by the Petitioners.

When Your Committee find that the great Commercial interests of the Country in general, and of the City of *Quebec* in particular, are most seriously prejudiced by the existence of the Shipping Master's Office at this Port, they consider that they are imperatively called upon to recommend to the serious consideration of Your Honorable House, the absolute repeal of the Act establishing the Office before mentioned.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Huron* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Friday the 15th instant, at eleven o'clock, A.M., on account of the urgent private business of one of its Members, with power, nevertheless, to meet

upon an earlier day, at the call of its Chairman, upon due Notice being given to the parties concerned in the said Election.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Short*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Wednesday next the 13th instant, at eleven o'clock, A.M., on account of the Parties having been allowed till that date to produce and file their Lists of Objections to the Voters at the said Election; and that the next and subsequent Meetings of the said Committee be held in Committee Room No. 4, of the House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of fixing a Tariff of Fees to be paid by Suitors on certain proceedings in County Courts in *Upper Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th September, 1852, for a detailed Statement of the several sums applied to the erection of Light Houses and the establishment and support of Relief Stations and other improvements in the navigation of the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*, from *Quebec* to the Ocean, under the superintendence of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and under the authority, orders and direction of the Governor and Council of this Province, out of the sum of £19,000 appropriated under the provisions of the 9 *Vic.* cap. 60, and shewing the balance, if any, remaining to be applied for such purposes.

For the said Return, see Appendix (M.M.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 27th September, 1852, for a Return or Statement of all the Claims to Lands in the District of *Gaspé* under the Act (1847) 10 & 11 *Vic.* cap. 30, which to the present date remain unadjusted, and for which Patents have not been ordered; the names of the respective Claimants, the Townships or places wherein the Lands claimed are situate, the superficial contents in acres of each Lot claimed, the dates when the several claims were presented to the Executive, or to the Agent appointed by it for the purpose, together with any information on the subject which it may be deemed necessary to communicate to the House.

For the said Return, see Appendix (N.N.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 27th September, 1852, for a Return of the quantity of all Red Pine Lumber measured under or by the authority of the Supervisor of Cullers of the Port of *Quebec*, during the years 1850, 1851 and 1852, and a Statement shewing for and on whose account and by whom the same was measured; and also, to so much of the Address from the Assembly, dated on the same day, as prays for a Return of the number of pieces of Red Pine or other Timber from the *Ottawa* or other parts of the Province, which has been measured through the Supervisor of Cullers' Office at *Quebec*, for the years 1845 to 1852, inclusive.

For the said Return, see Appendix (O.O.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 20th September, 1852, for all the Documents relating to the Inquiry holden at *Lotbinière* by *William K. McCord*, Esquire, Superintendent of Police at *Quebec*, relating to the abstraction and loss of certain articles of furniture, &c., belonging to the Parish Church of *Lotbinière*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (P.P.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th September, 1852, for a Return of all Lands alienated from the Crown without valuable consideration, since 1st January, 1851, shewing the quantity and locality of each such grant, the names of the parties to whom made, and the object for which it was so made.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Q.Q.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company.

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

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrère*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *A. Bazin*, Esquire, and others, for an Act of incorporation to enable them the better to manage the Common of *St. François*, and find that Notice was given at the Church door of the Parish, in compliance with the Rule, but the Newspaper Notice was published in the *Canada Gazette*, instead of a local paper. It has been represented to Your Committee, however, that the *Three Rivers Gazette* (which is the only Newspaper published in the District) has little or no circulation in the Parish in which the said Common is situate, and they would therefore beg leave to recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

On the Petition of *Alexander Wilson* and others, for a survey of the sixth and seventh Concessions of *Onslow*, Your Committee find that no Notice has been given.

The Petition of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*, for amendments to their Act of incorporation, is not of a nature to require the publication of Notice.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed this day, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*; and that they have ordered that the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* and the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Morris* do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of their House at that time: And also,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed this day, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*; and that they have ordered that the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* and the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Morris* do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of their House at that time.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Hono-

able Mr. *Cameron*, and the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of this House, this day at four o'clock in the afternoon, with the Addresses of both Houses relative to the Fisheries, and to the distribution of Medals to certain Militiamen.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House that they have appointed the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* in the place of the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, to act on the part of their House upon the Joint Committee on the Library.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill for reforming the Municipal System of *Lower Canada*, and for establishing County, Parish or Township, and Village Municipalities therein.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Road Laws of *Lower Canada*.

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

A Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *Saint Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>46. Young.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
			<i>9. Viger.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Egan* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Egan* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Justices of the Peace for the more remote parts of this Province," 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* reported to the House, That His Excellency the Governor General had been attended with the Joint Addresses of both Houses respecting the Addresses to Her Majesty on the subject of the Despatch of the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington* to His Excellency the Governor General, on the protection of the rights of British Fishermen in the Fisheries on the Coasts of *British North America*,—and of the distribution of Medals to the survivors of the the Canadian Militia who distinguished themselves during the last War with the *United States of America*; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would transmit the said Addresses to Her Majesty, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker

resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Lunæ, 11^o *die Octobris*;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *LeBlanc*,—The Petition of *J. A. Charlebois* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Polycarpe* and *St. Zotique* and other places, in the County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*; and the Petition of *Thomas Davis* and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *Stoney Creek*, in the Township of *Saltfleet*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Samuel Spreull* and others, Members of the first and second Presbyterian Congregations, and the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of *Toronto*; the Petition of *William Houston* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pustlinch*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, Patron, and others, the Officers of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*; the Petition of *A. Coté* and others, Printers and Proprietors of Printing Establishments, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. B. Fuller* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the Rectory of *Thorold*, Diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Clapham*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Giffard Dorly* and others, the Congregation of *St. Sylvester*, in connection with the British *Wesleyan* Methodist Church.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pellam*.

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

Of *John Davis* and others, of *Garden Island*, near the City of *Kingston*; and of *J. Counter*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the City of *Kingston*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain By-Laws of the District Council of the late District of *Talbot*, and to provide for the recovery of rates or taxes imposed by the said By-Laws.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*; praying certain amendments to the Jury Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*; praying that the duties of Revenue Inspectors, with reference to Tavern Licenses, may be transferred to the Township Inspectors.

Of *Daniel Costello* and others, of the County of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying that the proposed Trunk Line of Railway may be made to touch at *Peterborough*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the Tax imposed by the Corporation of the City of *Quebec* on persons frequenting the Markets thereof, for the purpose of selling their produce, may be abolished.

Of the Reverend *M. Y. Stark* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; of the Reverend *D. Fraser*, Minister, and others, the Congregation of the Free Church, *Côté Street, Montreal*; of *P. Low*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Picton*; and of *W. S. Macdonald* and others, of the Town of *Gananoque* and its vicinity; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Canals.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Creen* and others, Trustees of Grammar Schools in the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and residing in the Town of *Niagara*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to make surrender of a certain Lease granted them in their said capacity by the Executive Government, and to authorize a grant in fee, as also power to sell the same and to purchase a site more eligible for the purposes intended by the said Lease.

Of *William Allen* and others, Cabinet Makers and Chair Manufacturers, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the imposition of a certain Duty on Furniture and Chairs of Foreign Manufacture imported into this Province, and an exemption from Duty on all Materials used in the manufacture of those articles.

Of *G. Beaudet* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying the adoption of measures for the modification or the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *G. Beaudet* and others, *Censitaires*, of the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*, County of *Vaudreuil*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating Bishop's College.

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. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authoring Parties to sue and defend Causes in *formâ pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Burnham*,

Ordered, That the 70th Rule of this House be suspended, in so far as regards the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the powers of the Junior Judges of County Courts in *Upper Canada*."

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the appointment of Assistant Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* in certain cases."

Bill, intituled, "An Act further to extend the period limited for certain purposes by the *Montreal Registry Act*."

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act providing for the summary decision of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to supply an omission in Schedule B to the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *Neil Cameron McIntyre* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney therein:"

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable Mr. *James Morris* to attend and give evidence before the Special Committee of this House to which are referred the several Petitions on the subject of Sabbath labor in the Post Office Department, and on the Canals, if he thinks fit.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company," was read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

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

On motion of Mr. *Willson*, seconded by Mr. *Street*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the expediency of altering the Tolls now collected on certain articles at *Port Burwell* Harbour.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mattice* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Polette* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Joseph H. Jobin*, Esquire, the Honorable *William Benjamin Robinson*, *Roderick McDonald*, Esquire, *John McDougall*, Esquire; Chairman, *Thomas Clark Street*, Esquire.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend to *Upper Canada* the provisions of the two Acts therein mentioned for facilitating the performance of certain duties of Justices of the Peace out of Session.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, The Blue Book for the year 1851.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assem-

bly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 23rd ultimo, for all Documents and information respecting the management of the affairs of the Seigniorship of *Lauzon* since its acquisition by the Province, to be communicated to this House, together with all rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Government, or the Crown Land Department, in relation to such Seigniorship, and a detailed Statement of the rents and profits of the same, shewing as well the gross annual revenue thereof, as the persons liable to pay the same, and the amount in arrears from each of them; also, a detailed Account of the several sums actually received, and by and from whom, and of the outlay or expense of management for each year during the above period: And that His Excellency will also be pleased to communicate to this House, copies of all appointments of Agents and Sub-Agents to collect and receive the rents and profits of the said Seigniorship, or for any other purpose connected with the management of the affairs of the same, accompanied by the instructions from time to time prescribed for such Agents and Sub-Agents, and a Statement of the allowance, salary, emoluments, or pecuniary profits attached to such appointments, under any and what authority; also, a detailed Account of the sums collected and received by each of the aforesaid Agents and Sub-Agents, the sums expended in management by each, the sums retained in conformity with their instructions as the allowance assigned to each of them, and of the sums actually paid over by each to Her Majesty's Receiver General of this Province; and, finally, shewing whether any and what sums remain to be accounted for by any and which of the parties acting under such appointments.

For the said Return, see Appendix (R.R.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 6th ultimo, for a Return of all Officers or Servants appointed to any place or office in or connected with the collection of the Customs Revenue during the last two years, stating to what offices severally appointed, the date of each appointment, the income in each case, and whether such income has been increased or diminished, and by how much; distinguishing all the new offices and places created, and stating by what authority and order each new office has been created, and shewing, where possible, the necessity warranting such increase; and a Return of the public monies expended within the last four years in payment of the expenditure for missions to *Washington*, *Halifax*, and *London*, for purposes connected with Financial or Railway business, or Reciprocity of trade, stating the amounts severally so paid by the Receiver General, and to whom paid.

For the said Return, see Appendix (S.S.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 28th September, 1852, to His Excellency the Governor General, for a detailed Statement, in continuation of the Return made to this House on the 3rd February, 1845, of the income of the several Seigniorships held or possessed by the Crown in *Lower Canada*, with the names of the Agents of each Seigniorship, and the amount of salary and expense paid to Agents for collection, and also the amount of *droit de quint* received by the Government since the year 1844.

By Command.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 11th October, 1852.

A. N. Morin,
Secretary.

Return of the Income of the Seigniories possessed by the Crown in *Eastern Canada* under the superintendence of the Inspector General of Her Majesty's Domain for *Lower Canada*, since the year 1844, with the names of the Agents of each Seigniory, and the amount of salary and expenses paid to Agents for collection.

Seigniories.	Year.	Amount received.			Name of Agent.	Amount of Salary and expenses of Agent.			Remarks.
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Censive of Quebec.....	1845.....	970	17	4	Hon. Francis Ward Primrose.	72	16	0	The amounts stated under the head of Salary and expenses of Agent are at the rate of Seven pounds ten shillings per cent. upon the sums received, allowed to the Inspector General of the Queen's Domain in lieu of Salary.
.....	1846.....	869	9	6	.....	66	14	2
.....	1847.....	1485	9	4	.....	107	13	2
.....	1848.....	398	12	7	.....	29	17	9
.....	1849.....	292	8	10	.....	21	18	6
.....	1850.....	635	1	6	.....	47	12	6
.....	1851.....	606	11	0	.....	45	9	9
Censive of Three Rivers.	From 1845 to 1851 both inclusive.	There has not been any receipts from this Censive during this period.			Do.	There has not been incurred any charge for collection.			

Quebec, 9th October, 1852.

(E.E.)

F. W. Primrose, I.G.D.R.

Return:—Amount of the *droit de quint* received by Her Majesty's Government since the year 1844.

Year.	Amount of Droit de Quint.			Year.	Amount of Droit de Quint.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1845	3470	13	8	1849	474	16	8
1846	165	14	8	1850	819	17	9
1847	2	3	0	1851	none.		
1848	506	13	4				

Quebec, 9th October, 1852.

(E.E.)

F. W. Primrose, I.G.D.R.

RETURN of the Income derived from the Jesuits' Estates for the year ending 31st December, 1851, together with the names of the Agents of each Seignior, Fief and Roture, their Commission for collections and expenses incurred.

Name of Agent.	Seignior, &c.	Gross Receipts.			Agents' expenses including their Commission.			Nett Receipts.			Remarks.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
The Honble. Louis Panet...	Seignior of Sillery.....	1446	15	1	} 222	12	11	2232	2	10	
	Seignior of St. Gabriel.....	114	13	1							
	Seignior of Notre Dame des Anges...	646	19	4							
	Seignior of Belair.....	5	9	7							
	Estates in the City of Quebec.....	236	2	5							
Louis Guillet, jun., Esq.....	Estates in Seignior of Lauzon.....	4	16	3	} 65	2	11	747	0	2	
	Seignior of Batiscan.....	433	13	6½							
	Seignior of Cap de la Magdeleine...	345	7	5							
	Fief Côteau St. Louis.....	22	1	11							
	Fief and Banlieue of Three Rivers ...	11	0	2½							
Jean Bte. Varin, Esq.	Seignior of Laprairie.....	1058	7	5	112	19	3	945	8	2	
Expenses incurred by Crown Lands Department.....								£ 3924	11	2	
Balance Nett Receipts								100	15	0	This sum is composed of a proportion of Salaries and Disbursements.
								3823	16	2	

John Rolph,
Commissioner of Crown Lands,

Crown Lands Department,
Quebec, 12th October, 1852.

Return of the Revenue of the Jesuits' Estates for the last seven years, ending 31st December, 1851.

Period.	Gross Receipts.			Expenses comprising Agents' Commission and Disbursements, Salary, &c. of late Commissioner of Jesuits' Estates, and expenses by Crown Lands Office.			Nett Receipts.			Remarks.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1845.	4569	10	9	1175	7	6	3394	3	3	In the expenditure of this year, is included £406 4s. 9d. expenses of the Office of the late Commissioner of the Jesuits' Estates, who was allowed £386 per annum, for salaries, viz.: £200 for himself, £100 for a Clerk, and £36 for a Messenger.
1846.....	4904	6	11	1995	17	2	2908	9	9	This year's expenditure includes £385 11s. 5d., amount of expenses of the Office of the late Commissioner of the Jesuits' Estates; £163 10s. 9d. repairs to Charlesbourg Mill, and £250 paid to Mr. Varin, for Papier Terrier of Laprairie.
1847.....	4723	18	7	1138	18	2	3565	0	5	In this year's expenditure is included £70 for repairs to Charlesbourg and Lorette Mills; £102 17s. for Survey, Deeds and Censier in Cap de la Magdeleine; £131 2s. 6d. expenses of the Office of the late Commissioner of Jesuits' Estates, up to 1st of May, and £285 14s. 11d. disbursements by Crown Lands Office, including Salary, — and £178 15s. 5d. for Survey.
1848.....	4105	9	7½	684	1	10½	3421	7	9	This year's expenditure includes £192 15s. 1d. Crown Lands Office disbursements, salary, &c.; £181 14s. 6d. for repairs to Charlesbourg and l'Ancienne Lorette Mills, and for Survey of line between Notre Dame des Anges and Beauport. The receipts from the Estates in the District of Three Rivers amounted only to £214 3s. 6d. There is a Suit pending against L. E. Dubord, to make him account for his Agency from November, 1847, to May, 1848.
1849.....	4220	2	11	801	6	5	3418	16	6	This year's expenditure includes £80 damages and amount of purchase of land for Charlesbourg Mill, £38 Law Costs, £102 3s. expenses of Survey and gross repairs to Mills in the District of Three Rivers, and £152 6s. Crown Lands Office disbursements, &c. Beginning at this year, the Agents'

Period.	Gross Receipts.			Expenses comprising Agents' Commission and Disbursements, Salary, &c., of late Commissioner of Jesuits' Estates, and expenses by Crown Lands Office.			Nett Receipts.			Remarks.
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1850.....	5865	3	2	831	18	3	5033	4	11	Commission on receipts from all properties under lease, was reduced to five per cent. on the first £500, and two and a half per cent. on all sums above that amount. Their Commission of ten per cent. on all other collections remaining the same.
1851.....	4325	6	3	501	10	1	3823	16	2	This year's expenditure includes the payment of £198 4s. 10d. for professional services due to the Estate of the late Honorable A. W. Cochran, under the administration of the late Commissioner of the Jesuits' Estates, and £152 13s. 6d. Salary and disbursements by the Crown Lands Department.
Average, per annum.	£ 32718	18	2½	7148	19	5½	25564	18	9	The expenses of this year includes £100 15s. proportion of Salary and Disbursements by the Crown Lands Office.
	£4673	8	3¼	1021	5	7½	3652	2	8½	

Crown Lands Department,
Quebec, 12th October, 1852.

John Rolph,
Comissioner Crown Lands.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th September, 1852, for a Return of the present balance of the Cullers' Fund, and a Statement of the gross receipts and expenses of the Department, and the amounts invested in each year since 1847.

By Command.

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 11th October, 1852.

Quebec, October 6, 1852.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 1st instant, requesting for a "Return" to be laid before the Legislature, of the present balance of Cullers' Fund, and a Statement of the gross receipts and expenses of the Department, and the amounts invested in each year since 1847."

In reply thereto I have to state, that by the 19th Clause of Provincial Act 8 Vic. cap. 49, the Supervisor is bound to furnish each year a full Statement of his receipts and disbursements for the use of the Legislature, and that in accordance therewith I furnished annually, through your Department, the Return required. Those Returns give the whole of the information desired with reference to receipts and disbursements, and it is not within my power to render additional information

on this head. I attach, however, a Statement embracing the gross receipts and disbursements since 1847.

As respects the information in relation to amount invested yearly and existing balance, I beg to say, that in February, 1847, I transmitted to the Receiver General, in accordance with the Secretary's letter of that date, not as an Investment but as a Deposit, the sum of Four thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds (£4,750), being the surplus of Funds (or nearly so) up to that period, and which had arisen on the Office transactions of years 1844, 1845, and 1846.

That in April, 1847, the Governor in Council reduced the Tariff of Fees for measuring and culling, which reduction applied to the Office proportion of the Fees; and the result has been, that no surplus of funds, to any extent has been subsequently engendered; on the contrary, that in April, 1850, I was obliged to draw upon the Receiver General for Two hundred pounds, against the £4,750 previously deposited, to meet current expenses of the Office.

The balance on hand to the year ending 31st December, 1851, as per Returns rendered, was £798 1s. 6d. With reference to 1852, it is not within my power to state till the yearly Returns be completed.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,
Your obedient humble Servant,

John Sharples,
Supervisor.

Honorable A. N. Morin,
Provincial Secretary, Quebec.

Return of the Gross Receipts and Disbursements of the Supervisor of Cullers' Office, for each year respectively since 1847 (inclusive).

Year.	Gross Receipts.			Gross Disbursements.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1847.....	11642	8	8	11546	15	11
1848.....	8720	15	1	9029	6	3
1849.....	8318	11	6	8360	9	0
1850.....	9942	0	2	9849	14	7
1851	10386	1	11	10106	1	10
Balance.....				117	9	9
	£ 49009	17	4	49009	17	4
Balance arising on the above five years			£	117	9	9

Supervisor of Cullers' Office,
Quebec, 6th October, 1852.

John Sharples,
Supervisor.

Statement shewing the present balance of the Cullers' Fund, and the Gross Receipt and Expenses of the Superintendent of Cullers' Department, in each year since 1847, and the amount invested.

Year.	Gross Receipts.			Gross Expenses of the Department.			Remarks.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1847.....	11642	8	8	11546	15	11	The Balance on hand at close of 1846, was	5230	11	9
1848.....	8720	15	1	9029	6	3	Paid Receiver General, for Investment	4750	0	0
1849.....	8318	11	6	8360	9	0	Leaving to next Account	£ 480	11	9
1850.....	9942	0	2	9849	14	7	In 1850, there was paid to Superintendent of Cullers, by Warrant on the Receiver General, to make up deficiencies of preceding years	200	0	0
1851.....	10386	1	11	10106	1	10	Excess of Receipts over Expenditure, to 31st December, 1851. .	117	9	9
Totals	£ 49009	17	4	48892	7	7	Balance in hands of Superintendent of Cullers, on 31st December, 1851	£ 798	1	6
Expenses	48892	7	7							
Gross Receipts..	£ 117	9	9							
Invested in Government Debentures, at 6 per cent.....							£ 4750	0	0	
Interest thereon, from 20th March to 31st December, 1847							222	16	8	
do for the year 1848							285	0	0	
do for do 1849							285	0	0	
do for do 1850							285	0	0	
do for do 1851							285	0	0	
Total Interest, up to 31st December, 1851.....							£ 1362	16	8	
Less—Paid to Superintendent of Cullers in 1850, to make up deficiency of Fund...							200	0	0	
Balance at Credit of the Fund							£ 1162	16	8	

Inspector General's Office,
Quebec, 9th October, 1852.

Jos. Cary,
Dep. Insp. Gen.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 27th ultimo, for a Statement of the amount now due and payable out of the Consolidated Fund towards the Sinking Fund chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, under the Provincial Statute 6 Vic. cap. 8, or of any other Statute relating thereto, together with a Statement of the manner in which such Sinking Fund has been disposed of, the nature of the Securities in which it has been invested, and the dates of such investment, together with a detailed Statement shewing how and where, and in what places, the balance of £247,184 7s. 10d. remaining on hand on the 31st January, 1852, was then and is now deposited, whether at interest and at what rate of interest, and for what period it is deposited; also, a similar detailed Statement of the disposition of the balances of

the Clergy Reserve Fund, Grammar School Fund, Indian Fund, and Jesuits' Estates Fund, up to the same period.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 11th October, 1852.

By Command.

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

A Statement of the amount now due and payable out of the Consolidated Fund, towards the Sinking Fund, chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province under the Provincial Statute 6 *Vic.* cap. 8, or of any other Statute relating thereto; together with a Statement of the manner in which such Sinking Fund has been disposed of, the nature of the Securities in which it has been invested, and the dates of such investment.

	£	s.	d.
For Amount of the Receiver General's Draft for £44,000 Sterling, transmitted to the Bank of England in December, 1844, as also the Gain and Dividends accruing thereon, (the same being invested in 3 per cent. Consols,) say up to 5th April, 1851, Sterling.....	54660	10	3
For £60,000 remitted for Investment on account of Sinking Fund for 1849, in July, 1851, the same producing (of 3 per cent. Consols)	62337	13	3
For ½ Year's Dividends on £54,660 10s. 3d. with Gain on investing same in 3 per cent. Consols, say to 5th October, 1851	846	7	0
For 12 Months' Dividends accruing on £40,000. Montreal Harbour Debentures, to 1st January, 1852, with Gain on Investments in 3 per cent. Consols	2039	10	4
For ½ Year's Dividends and Gain on £119,884 0s. 10d. to 5th April, 1852, in do.	1809	11	5
For 6 Months' Dividends on Montreal Harbour Debentures, say £40,000, less loss on investing same to July, 1852, in do	988	17	6
For transmitted to Bank of England, 10th July, 1852, on account of Sinking Fund, 1850, the Receiver General's Draft for this Amount for Investment, the receipt of which is acknowledged per letter of 27th July last.	60000	0	0
Total invested, Sterling.....	£ 182682	9	9
Currency	£ 222263	13	10

The amount now due and payable out of the Consolidated Fund (towards the Sinking Fund) and chargeable thereto, is £77,000, Currency, which will be seen on reference to Public Accounts, 1851, Statement No. 1, the amount being there stated to be £150,000, from which deduct the Currency of £60,000, Sterling (say £73,000, Currency,) transmitted as above on account of 1850.

Inspector General's Office,
Quebec, 30th September, 1852.

Jos. Cary,
Dep. Insp. Gen.

Statement shewing how and in what places the balance, £247,184 7s. 10d., remaining on hand on 31st January, 1852, was then and is now deposited; also, a similar Statement of the disposition of the balances of the "Clergy Reserve Fund," "Grammar School Fund," "Indian Fund," and "Jesuits' Estate Fund," up to the same period,—in accordance with a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, of Monday, 27th September, 1852.

The above balances, as on 31 st January, 1852.	Explanations and Remarks.																					
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Indian Fund, £18,503 17s. 4d.	This sum was in deposit in the various Chartered Banks, at interest of 2 ¹ / ₂ and 3 per cent. per annum, up to 20th March, 1852, when, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General, £9,250 was invested in Provincial Debentures, bearing 6 per cent. per annum, at par; and the balance remains at interest as above, liable to calls for service of the Department. Such portions of Indian Funds as are not required for current service, are invested under directions of the Honorable Colonel Bruce, Superintendent General, twice a year, and the balances remain in the Chartered Banks at interest.																					
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R. G. O., October, 1852.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all the transactions, sales or contracts which may have taken place between the Executive Government and private individuals or companies, connected with the alienation of the *St. Maurice Forges*, and of the Fiefs of *St. Maurice* and *St. Etienne*; as also, of all claims, propositions or representations made to Government since the said alienation, by the present owner of the said properties, or by other parties; of the decision of the Government thereupon, and of all Returns and Reports made to Government respecting these properties or the claims above mentioned.

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 five hundred copies of the Return relative to Lands alienated from the Crown without valuable consideration, which was presented upon Friday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Street*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Statement shewing the amount received annually from the various Municipalities in *Upper Canada*, towards the maintenance, erection, and support of the Lunatic Asylum, under the Act authorizing a Tax for that purpose, until the formation of the *Upper Canada* Building Fund, and from the formation of such Fund to the 1st July last, with a detailed Statement of the expenditure of all monies under either of the above Acts, the amount of money borrowed upon the security of the said Funds, and the sums remaining due and unpaid by the different Municipalities on account of the said Fund or either of them.

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. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lakes *Huron* and *Superior*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*,

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended, as regards the Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Erie* and *Ontario* Railroad.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,

Ordered, That the 74th Rule of this House be suspended, as regards the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, seconded by Mr. *Gouin*,

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into certain matters relative to the *Magdalen Islands*, to make similar enquiry concerning the western part of this Province above Lake *Huron*.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Egan*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of any appointments made between the month of December, 1849, when the 12 *Vic.* cap. 37, came into force and effect, and the 30th of August, 1851, when the 15th Section of that Act was repealed by the 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 88, under the hand and seal of the Governor of this Province, of persons to sit as *ad hoc* Judges in the Court of Queen's Bench, in the place and stead of Judges lawfully recused or disqualified, or rendered incompetent, either by reason of interest or otherwise, to sit in the said Court in any Cause cognizable thereby, or absent from the Province, for

the purpose of hearing and determining such Cause, and of doing such judicial acts therein as might be required before or after the determination thereof, whether such persons were taken from among the Judges of the Superior Court or the Circuit Judges, or from among the Members of the Bar of *Lower Canada*; with a list of the persons who sat in the said Court of Queen's Bench under such appointments, and the occasions on which they so sat; also, a list of the persons who refused or omitted to sit under any appointments so made, and the reasons assigned for their having done so, and copies of any Correspondence with the Executive Government on the subject; also, a Statement of the Causes in which it has become necessary, since the 30th of August, 1851, to complete the number of Judges of the said Court of Queen's Bench from the Judges of the Superior Court, under the provisions contained in the last mentioned Statute, with a list of the Judges of the Superior Court selected to act as *ad hoc* Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, the Causes in which they were required, and the occasions on which they so sat; and generally all information respecting the mode in which the Chief Justice of the Superior Court communicates with the other Judges of his Court, and arranges with them what Judge or Judges shall so act as an *ad hoc* Judge or as *ad hoc* Judges of the Court of Queen Bench in the Cause or Causes in which they are required, and any Correspondence or information shewing why the duty imposed upon the Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Court, under the 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 88*, has been so distributed, that in some instances two Members of the Superior Court in the degree of relationship of brothers, should be made to act as *ad hoc* Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in the same Cause, whilst the Chief Justice and the Senior Judges of the Superior Court have in no one instance been selected for the performance of the duties required by the last mentioned Statute.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with the administration of *Mc Gill College*.

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

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, any Despatches which may have been received from the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating the views of Her Majesty's Government in reference to the composition of the Legislative Council of this Province, and the substitution of other provisions in the place of those contained in the Act establishing the existing Government of *Canada*, and all other documents and information on the same subject; and further praying that His Excellency will be pleased to inform this House, whether it be the intention of Her Majesty's Government to summon any other persons to the said Legislative Council; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	19. <i>Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Muruey,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gmin,</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)Poulin,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie, Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice, Tesster,</i>
<i>Christie(Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs, Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Morin, 26. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

Ordered, That the 70th Rule of this House be suspended, as regards the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to regulate the Election of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly.

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. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Thomas Renwick* and others, of the Township of *Romney*, for the separation of that Township from *East Tilbury*, and are satisfied that sufficient Notice has been given.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations.

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 Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, The House adjourned.

Martis, 12° die Octobris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *William Brooks* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; the Petition of the Reverend *George C. Street* and others, of the Village of *Port Stanley*; the Petition of *J. P. Cushing* and others, of the Village of *Lennoxville*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Hellmuth*, Rector, and others, on behalf of the Congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Town of *Sherbrooke*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. Doolittle* and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *St. George's* Church in the Village of *Lennoxville*; and the Petition of the Reverend *James Rogers*, Moderator, and *George Boulton*, Clerk, on behalf of the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Demorestville*, County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of *Robert Esson* and others, of the Village of *Napanee*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *Jean Baptiste Martin*, of the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*; and the Petition of *Jacob LaGrange* and others, composing the *Ottawa Glass Company*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Antoine Gilbert* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe du Lac*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *T. Sandilands* and others, of the Town of *Guelph*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *John Ferrier* and others, of the Township of *Dummer*; the Petition of *Charles Perry* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Ops*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Kingston*; and the Petition of *J. Counter*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, Aldermen, of the City of *Kingston*, on behalf of the Common Council of the said City.

By Mr. *Clapham*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *John Murray* and others, the Congregation of *Leeds* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander Dempster* and others, of the County of *Carleton*; and the Petition of *Ellenor Neilson* and others, females, of the Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

On the 21st September last, Your Committee advertized for Tenders for the Printing, Binding, and Printing Paper required by Your Honorable House during the present Session; and on the 8th instant, they were received.

Your Committee recommend that the following Tenders be accepted, as being the lowest in price; upon good and sufficient security being proffered for the due and faithful performance of the work required, and for the materials to be furnished, viz:—

Of Mr. *John Lovell* for that branch styled Sessional Printing.

Of Messieurs *Campbell* and *Perrault* for the Journals and Appendices.

Of Messieurs *F. C.* and *A. Dredge* for the Binding, and

Of Messieurs *Campbell* and *Perrault* for the supply of Printing Paper.

It affords Your Committee much satisfaction to state, that upon the Tenders generally a considerable reduction is made, compared with the prices under the last Contracts, but more particularly, by that embracing the Printing of the Journals and Appendices, comprising the Journals and so much of the Appendix as has not been printed during the Session, including Reports &c. of Ministers, printed during the Recess, which is now tendered for at a reduction over one third of the price of the last Contract.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following recommendations, in reference to the above:—

That the Journals in both Languages be commenced forthwith, and required to be completed within one month after the close of the Session.

That the Manuscript of the Appendix be exhibited to the Contractor in the Clerk's

Office at the close of the Session, and the whole to be completed and delivered to the Binder within three months from that time.

That no entire blank page be counted or charged for; but fractions of a page to be counted as a page.

The work to be done in as close and compact order as is consistent with good workmanship.

That no charge be made for extra composition, when additional copies are ordered to be printed.

That endorsed Titles outside of folded Bills, Reports, Resolutions, &c., be placed on the same leaf, if half a page is blank; if on a separate leaf, the endorsed Title to be a distinct specified charge.

That the Clerk of the Printed Papers be required to see that all the Printing, Binding, and the quality of Paper are according to contract, and keep a correct account of the number and titles of all documents he receives; and in case of failure by any of the Contractors in fulfilling their engagements, the Clerk of the House shall have power to give the work to other parties, to be performed according to the agreement of the Contractor, prices excepted, without the authority of the Speaker.

And that the Notices of Motions printed daily with the Votes of the House, do in future closely follow the proceedings of each day.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th September, praying for, (*inter alia*)—1st. A Statement shewing, under the usual heads of receipt and expenditure, the Revenue of *Canada*, and the amount of payments therefrom, during the six months ending 31st July last. 2nd. A Statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Post Office Department for the quarter ending in July last. 3rd. A Statement of the expenses incurred for rent and repairs, and for the purchase of *Spencer Wood*. 4th. A Statement shewing the heads of expense of the Parliament Buildings for repairs and improvements made since the Government decided to remove from *Toronto* to *Quebec*. 5th. A Statement of the expenditure incurred in taking the Census of January last. 7th. A Return shewing what security, under the provisions of the Statute of *Canada* 4 & 5 *Vic.* cap. 91, is given by the following Officers, viz: The Superintendent of Education, East, the Superintendent of Education, West, and the Receiver of Fees in the Provincial Secretary's Office, with the particulars of the last named Officer's income from all sources, and the authorities for the charges for payments made to him.

For the said Return, see Appendix (T.T.)

Ordered, That five hundred Copies of the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Light Houses below *Quebec*, which was presented upon Friday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Seigniories held by the Crown in *Lower Canada*, which was presented yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Seigniorie of *Lauzon*, which was presented yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *LeBlanc* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the twenty-fourth Section of the Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 37, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law consti-

“tuting the Board of Works;” and to make provisions as well in place of the Section repealed, as in amendment of the Laws relating to the said Board.

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 the twentieth instant.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Upper Canada Jurors’ Act* of one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to repeal certain parts thereof.

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

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty extra copies of the Bill to amend the *Upper Canada Jurors’ Act* of one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to repeal certain parts thereof, be printed in the English language for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

Ordered, That Wednesday in each week be set apart, after the Routine business has been gone through with, to dispose of Private Bills appointed for a second reading, which are intended to be referred to Standing Committees, or to a Committee of the whole House when reference to a Select or Standing Committee is not required by the Rules of the House; the said Bills to be taken up in the order in which they stand on the List of the Orders of the day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better securing to Occupiers compensation for ameliorations made by them upon Lands 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.

Joseph H. Jobin, Esquire, the Honorable *William Benjamin Robinson*, *Roderick McDonald*, Esquire, *John McDougall*, Esquire; Chairman, *Thomas Clark Street*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, their Names were called over; and being come to the table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in Committee Room No. 3, of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

A Bill for avoiding doubts as to the true meaning of a certain enactment in the Act regulating Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company* to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to extend and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Justices of the Peace " for the more remote parts of this Province," was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Mattice*, from the Committee to take into consideration the expediency of altering the Tolls now collected on certain articles at *Port Burwell* Harbour, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to allow the *Port Burwell* Harbour Company to rearrange their Tariff of Tolls.

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

Resolved. That the said Resolution be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Willson*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, Mr. *Dixon*, and Mr. *Langton*, do compose the said Committee.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider of fixing a Tariff of Fees to be paid by Suitors on certain proceedings in County Courts in *Upper Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Fortier* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the Relief of Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, by facilitating the negotiation of Loans to enable them to rebuild the property destroyed by the said Fire, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchalton,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	48. <i>Willson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown, *Mackenzie,* *Mattice,* 4. *Seymour,*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ridout* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.*Ordered,* That the Report be now received.Mr. *Ridout* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.*Ordered,* That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to establish a Consolidated Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Valois* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.*Ordered,* That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies, being read;

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

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, The House adjourned.*Mercurii, 13° die Octobris;*

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *William Armstrong* and others, of the Town of *Sydenham*, and adjacent Townships, County of *Grey*; and the Petition of *Alexander Madwayosh*, Chief, and others, Aboriginal Canadians, residing on the Peninsula between Lake *Huron* and the *Georgian Bay*.

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

Of *J. A. Charlebois* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Polycarpe* and *St. Zotique* and other places, in the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the County Seat of the said County may be removed to the little Village of *Ruisseau St. Hyacinthe*, in the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*.Of the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations and the Assessment Acts.Of *Thomas Davis* and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *Stoney Creek*, in the Township of *Saltfleet*; of *Samuel Spreull* and others, Members of the first and second Presbyterian Congregations, and the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of

Toronto; of *William Houston* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Puslinch*; of the Reverend *T. B. Fuller* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the Rectory of *Thorold*, Diocese of *Toronto*; and of the Reverend *Giffard Dorly* and others, the Congregation of *St. Sylvester*, in connection with the *British Wesleyan Methodist Church*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on Canals and Railways.

Of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, Patron, and others, the Officers of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*; praying that the Catholics of *Upper Canada* may be granted the privileges, with reference to separate Schools, for which they have petitioned during the present Session.

Of *A. Côté* and others, Printers and Proprietors of Printing Establishments, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Duty imposed upon Printing Presses imported into this Province may be abolished.

Of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood*; representing that a certain Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly for Titles and documents relating to the Seigniorial Tenure, as printed and circulated in the English Language, does not contain a true translation of the Title of the Seigniorship of *Vaudreuil* and others,—and praying that the error therein may be corrected before any evil results from the circulation thereof.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; praying that the Jurisdiction of Division Courts in *Upper Canada* may be extended to sums of one hundred pounds.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Cavan*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Monaghan*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Hope*; the Petition of the *Peterborough and Port Hope* Railway Company; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Port Hope*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Polette* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, *Hazard B. Terrill*, Esquire, *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire; Chairman, *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire.

Mr. *Polette*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on the behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Mr. *Fortier*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the system upon which Lands have been conceded and sold in the Townships of *Lower Canada*,

and into the causes which obstruct the settlement of the said Townships, and to report the best mode for correcting existing abuses, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee authorized their Chairman, on the third of September last, to move in Your Honorable House an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for copies of Instructions given by the Imperial Government to the Governors, Lieutenant Governors, or Administrators of *Lower Canada*, having reference to grants of Land made by way of reward or otherwise, and also, to the sales of uncultivated Crown Lands in *Lower Canada*.

As Your Committee was unable without these documents to proceed in the enquiry, the Chairman of Your Committee, on the first of October instant, inquired of Ministers, why no Return had been made to the said Address;—the Ministers of the Administration made answer, by the Honorable the Secretary of the Province, on the fourth of October, that the affair had been forgotten, but that Government would make the Return as soon as possible.

Twelve days have elapsed, and no Return has been made to the said Address. This entirely deprives Your Committee of the power of proceeding in their enquiry, which is of the highest importance for the welfare and promotion of the settlement of the Townships of *Lower Canada*.

Your Committee must remark to Your Honorable House, that the cause which thus arrests their labors being unknown to the public, they stand a mark for censure which they are far from deservng.

Your Committee, therefore, consider it to be their duty to inform Your Honorable House of the cause which interrupts their proceedings.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 3rd September, 1852, for copies of all Instructions given by the Imperial Government to the Governors, Lieutenant Governors, or Administrators of the Government of *Lower Canada*, relative to grants of Land by way of reward or otherwise; and also, to the Sales of uncultivated Crown Lands in *Lower Canada*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (U.U.)

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the system upon which Lands have been conceded and sold in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, and into the causes which obstruct the settlement of the said Townships.

Mr. *LeBlanc*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Seventeenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the *Niagara Harbour and Dock Company*, and *Clark Gamble*, Esquire, for certain amendments to the Act of last Session relating to the said Company, and are of opinion that none of the amendments sought to be obtained are of such a nature as to require Notice.

With regard to the Petition of *John Corbitt* and others, praying that the Townships of *Biddulph* and *McGillivray* may be attached to the County of *Middlesex*, Your Committee find that no Notices have been given.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward Election* Petition have leave to adjourn until Wednesday next, in order to allow the Petitioners time to produce their Witnesses.

Ordered, That the Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same, be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Reports of the Commissioners appointed under the "Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years One thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and One thousand eight and thirty-eight."

For the said Reports, see Appendix (V.V.)

Ordered, That the said Reports, and accompanying documents, exclusive of those parts of the Reports of Awards which relate to admitted cases, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to convey portions of a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Barton*, between Lots 14 and 15, in the fourth Concession, to *James Hamilton* and others, as Devises in trust of *P. H. Hamilton*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company on Marine Assurance, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Act incorporating the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and to annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. Mary's* College of *Montreal*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society of "*Toronto*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to allow the *Fabriques* of the Diocese of *Quebec* to form a Mutual Insurance Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Chapais*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain the Act, intitled, "An Act to authorize *François Verrault*, Esquire, to build a Toll Bridge "over the River *Etchemin*, in the Parish of *St. Henry*, near the Church in the said "Parish, in the County of *Dorchester*," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, *Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to take into consideration the expediency of amending the said Bill, by authorizing the said Company also to construct a Branch Railway from such point on the said Great Western Railroad to *Port Dalhousie*, on Lake *Ontario*, as they may deem most advantageous.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelph*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic. cap. 81*, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Carouge* Pier, Wharf, and Dock Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Tessier*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and Mr. *Crawford*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish and ascertain the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intitled, " An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton* Gas Light Company," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the City of *Hamilton* with Water, being read ,

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act "of Incorporation of the *Niagara Harbour and Dock Company,*" being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with the administration of *McGill College*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, The House adjourned.

Jovis, 14^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *John Dougall* and others, the Office-Bearers of the *Montreal Temperance Society*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic Bishops* of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*, and other Inhabitants of the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the second Municipality of the County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *LeBlanc*,—The Petition of *J. Keith*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Clément* and other Parishes in the County of *Beauharnois*; and the Petition of *James Reid*, Esquire, and others, of *Godmanchester* and other places in the County of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Poulin*,—The Petition of *Henry E. Warner*, of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*, County of *Rouville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, of *Simcoe*, County of *Norfolk*; and the Petition of the Reverend *George Bell* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church at *Simcoe* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*.

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

Of *William Brooks* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; of the Reverend *George C. Street* and others, of the Village of *Port Stanley*; of *J. P. Cushing* and others, of the Village of *Lennoxville*; of the Reverend *J. Hellmuth*, Rector, and others, on behalf of the Congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Town of *Sherbrooke*; of the Reverend *L. Doolittle* and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *St. George's Church* in the Village of *Lennoxville*; of the Reverend *James Rogers*,

Moderator, and *George Boulter*, Clerk, on behalf of the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Demorestville*, County of *Prince Edward*; of *Robert Esson* and others, of the Village of *Napanee*; of *T. Sandilands* and others, of the Town of *Guelph*; and of the Reverend *John Murray* and others, the Congregation of *Leeds* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and also on the Provincial Canals.

Of *Jean Baptiste Martin*, of the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*; representing that in consequence of the passing of an Act granting to the Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* an original allowance for Road in the said Parish, he has been deprived of all communication between his property and the public Road, and praying to be indemnified for damage thereby done to his property, or that a Road be provided for him through the property of the said Mr. *DeBeaujeu*.

Of *Jacob LaGrange* and others, composing the *Ottawa Glass Company*; praying that a protective Duty be imposed upon Window and Sheet Glass of Foreign Manufacture imported into this Province.

Of *Antoine Gilbert* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe du Lac*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the repeal of the present Education Law of *Lower Canada*, and the re-establishment of the former system of voluntary contribution.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*; praying that any proposition for a return to the system of differential Duties in favor of the *St. Lawrence*, or the imposition of a higher rate of Toll on American than on Canadian Vessels passing through the Canals, may not be adopted.

Of *John Ferris* and others, of the Township of *Dummer*; praying for the repeal of the Acts 13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 73*, and 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 127*, and the re-enactment of the Act 8 *Vic. cap. 54*, for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*.

Of *Charles Perry* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying that the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the said Town, may not pass into Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Ops*; praying for an examination and survey to the Town of *Lindsay* in the said Township, with the view of establishing that route for the line of the Grand Trunk Railway.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Kingston*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said City to negotiate a Loan for Seventy-five thousand pounds, to consolidate a part of the City Debts.

Of *J. Counter*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, Aldermen, of the City of *Kingston*, on behalf of the Common Council of the said City; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from the Town of *Peterborough* to the River *St. Lawrence*, at or near the said City.

Of the Reverend *John Murray* and others, the Congregation of *Leeds* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Martin*, of the Parish of *Côteau du Lac*; the Petition of *Jacob LaGrange* and others, composing the *Ottawa Glass Company*; and the Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*, relative to differential Duties, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Peterborough*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*.

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. *Dubord* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the *St. John's* Circuit, in the District of *Montreal*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the amounts which may have been repaid on the Fire Debentures under the Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 62, and other subsequent Acts amending the same, whether principal or interest, particularizing each separate amount, and of the expenses incurred in salaries to the different persons employed, the costs incurred in suits at law, the names of the parties employed as Advocates, the names of the persons employed in the collection of the said Debentures, the names of the Securities, and also the amount of the sums lost by the defalcation of one of the Officers, and whether the Securities have made good the said sums.

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

The Order of the 28th September last, for the appearance at the Bar of this House of *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, to answer to the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, being read;

And the House being informed that Mr. *Lefrançois* attended at the door; he was called in.

Thomas Pope and *Jacques Rhéaume*, Esquires, also attended as Counsel on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Polette*, and the Question being proposed, That *Regis Poulin*, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, be now heard at the Bar of this House on the allegations against Mr. *Lefrançois*:—

Thomas C. Dixon, Esquire, *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, *Hazard B. Terrill*, Esquire, *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire; Chairman, *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, their Names were called over:—And *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the 74th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, Member for the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

And the Question being put, That *Regis Poulin*, of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, be now heard at the Bar of this House on the allegations against Mr. *Lafrançois* :— It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House being informed that *Regis Poulin* attended at the door ; he was called in ; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

1. Is your name *Regis Poulin*, and do you reside at *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Regis Poulin*, and I reside at *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorency*.

2. Were you an Elector during and before the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—I was an Elector during and before the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*.

3. Do you know *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar for the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and are you aware that he was the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—I am acquainted with the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, and I know that he was the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County.

4. Did you meet the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* at the time that he was fulfilling the duties of Returning Officer for the said County of *Montmorency*, and when did you meet him?—I met him at his own house, at the time he was fulfilling the said duties.

5. Had you then any conversation with him on the subject of the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, and will you state what that conversation was?—I had a conversation with him, in the course of which he told me that Mr. *Cauchon* was not the man we wanted, but that Mr. *Guay* was.

6. Had you more than one conversation with him?—I had two conversations with him.

7. Did you take any Deeds to the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* to have them registered ; did you not ask him to do them on credit, and what was his reply ; repeat all the conversation which then took place between you and him?—Yes, I did bring some Deeds to have them registered : I did not ask him to register them on credit : As I was opening the door, he said that as for shufflers no credit must be given them. I said, “ Sir, I am going to get money to pay you ;” and I proceeded to get some.

8. Did *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* say anything more to you, and what did he say?—What conversation I had I have repeated ; I can state neither more nor less than the truth, which you have asked of me.

9. Did Mr. *Lefrançois* speak to you on that occasion with reference to the Election for the County of *Montmorency* in reference to the Candidates, Mr. *Cauchon* and Mr. *Guay*, and what did he say?—I repeat what I have just now stated, that Mr. *Lefrançois*, putting his hand on my shoulder, remarked to me that Mr. *Cauchon* was not the man whom we wanted, but that Mr. *Guay* was.

10. After having said to you, that no credit should be given to shufflers, did he add any thing else, and will you state what it was?—He said nothing to me, either to the advantage or to the disadvantage of Mr. *Cauchon* or of himself. Mr. *Lafrançois* told

me that he would like to present himself as a Candidate. I replied, you would do better to remain as you are, for the gentry all say you are a damned great fool.

11. Was Mr. *Germain Guay* a Candidate for the County of *Montmorency* at the late Election, and was his presenting himself as such spoken of at the time this conversation took place?—Mr. *Germain Guay* presented himself as Candidate, together with Mr. *Cauchon*; those who were partizans of his spoke in very strong terms in his favor, and we who were opposed to him spoke against him.

By Mr. *Lemieux* :—

12. Will you state whether you or Mr. *Lefrançois* opened the conversation on that occasion?—Mr. *Lefrançois* began the conversation when I entered his house.

13. Were any other persons present when this conversation took place, and if so, name them?—His cousin, and Mr. *Louis Octave Bernier*, his brother-in-law, were present; the latter was seated near the office-table.

14. On opening the door of which you have first spoken, will you state whether it was Mr. *Lefrançois* or Mr. *Bernier* who said to you, that no credit should be given to shufflers?—It was Mr. *Lefrançois* who made the remark to his brother-in-law Mr. *Louis Octave Bernier*: and I then said that he was the greatest shuffler in that transaction.

15. Is it not true that you were a supporter of Mr. *Cauchon*, and that you took a very active part in the late Election in favor of the present Member for *Montmorency*?—I was one of Mr. *Cauchon*'s partizans, for I gave him my support throughout, and he was worthy of it.

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

16. Is not Mr. *Louis Octave Bernier* brother-in-law, and partner as Notary, of Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, and was he not so at the time of the conversations which you just repeated?—Yes, I know that he is Mr. *Lefrançois*'s partner; but Mr. *Bernier* never said a word to me either for or against him.

17. Was not Mr. *Bernier* a most persevering and active partizan of Mr. *Germain Guay* at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—He was one of Mr. *Guay*'s most active partizans, but he never told me for whom I was to vote.

18. Will you state at whose house the partizans of Mr. *Germain Guay* used to meet previous to the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—Mr. *Bernier* leased part of a house belonging to a man named *Thomas Michel*; I am aware that the partizans used to meet there, but I never went there myself.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,
Ordered, That the 75th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read :—And the same being read ;

And *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, was adjourned till the next meeting of the House.

The Order of the 28th September last, for the appearance of Witnesses at the Bar of this House, to be examined as to the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, complaining of the conduct of *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, being read ;

And the House being informed that *Jean Huot*, one of the said Witnesses, attended at the door, he was called in ; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

19. Is your name *Jean Huot*, and do you reside at *L'Ange Gardien*, in the County

of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Jean Huot*, and I reside at *L'Ange Gardien*, in the said County.

20. Were you an Elector for the County of *Montmorency* at the late Election, and before the late Election?—I was, both at the late Election and before the Election.

21. Do you know Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, the Registrar of the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and do you know that he was the Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—I know him, and I know that he was Returning Officer at the late Election.

22. Did you ever meet Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* while he filled the office of Returning Officer for the said County of *Montmorency*?—Yes, I met him when he filled that office.

23. Was it not on the day for nominating the Candidates at the late Election for the said County?—Yes, it was on that day.

24. Where was it that you met him, and on what day?—It was at his house that I met him, on the 29th November.

25. Have you had any conversation with the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* concerning the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, and if such conversation took place, will you repeat the words spoken to you by him?—I had a conversation with Mr. *Lefrançois* at that time: he told me that we had Lawyers enough in the House, and that it would be better to put in a Notary, that is to say, Mr. *Guay*.

26. Since you received the summons from this House to appear here, has the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* been to your residence or elsewhere, to see you, to talk to you about the evidence that you had to give before this House; and repeat what he said to you?—Yes, he came; he was disposed to talk to me; for my part I said nothing.

By Mr. *Lemieux* :—

27. Have you been at Mr. *Cauchon's* house, or have you had any conversation with him in relation to the allegations against Mr. *Lefrançois* since you have been ordered to attend as a witness before this House; if so, state what that conversation was, and relate that conversation at length?—I went to Mr. *Cauchon's*: I recollect no conversation that I had with him.

28. State when you went to Mr. *Cauchon's*, or when you saw him; and how many times?—I went twice to Mr. *Cauchon's*: on Friday last, and on Wednesday last.

29. Why did you go to Mr. *Cauchon's*; and for what purpose did you go there?—I went to know what time I was to attend here.

30. Did you, on those two occasions, speak of the allegations brought against Mr. *Lefrançois*; if so, repeat the conversation you had with Mr. *Cauchon*?—I have already told you, and I tell you again, that I recollect no conversation that I may have had with Mr. *Cauchon*.

31. Were you one of the partizans of Mr. *Cauchon* at the late Election of the County of *Montmorency*?—Yes, I was on Mr. *Cauchon's* side.

32. Do you know any other person than Mr. *Lefrançois* who did say to you, or who did say in your presence during the late Election of the County of *Montmorency*, or at any other time, that it was better to elect a Notary or any other person than an Advocate?—Mr. *Bernier* said that too.

33. In the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, did you have any conversation with Mr. *Cauchon* as to Mr. *Lefrançois*, and state what Mr. *Cauchon* said about Mr. *Lefrançois*?—I have already said that I recollect no conversation.

34. Will you say and name the persons with whom you went to Mr. *Cauchon's*, yesterday?—*Chrysostôme Huot* was with me.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

And the House being informed that *Abraham Filion*, another of the said Witnesses, attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Cauchon*:—

35. Is your name *Abraham Filion*, and do you reside at *St. Joachim*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Abraham Filion*, and I live at *St. Joachim* in the said County.

36. Were you an Elector for the County of *Montmorency* at the late Election and before the late Election?—Yes; I was an Elector of that County at the late Election, and before the Election.

37. Do you know *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar of the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and do you know whether he was Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—I know the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*; and I know that he was Returning Officer at that Election.

38. Did you meet Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* while he filled the office of Returning Officer of the said County, and will you state at what particular time you met him?—I cannot tell you when I met him; but when I did meet him, it was in my own house. He told me that he was the Returning Officer.

39. Had you any conversation with him on the subject of the said Election for the County of *Montmorency*, and will you repeat what he said to you on that occasion?—He asked me whether I had given my signature; I told him, yes, I had. He asked me for whom I had given it, and I told him that I had given it for Mr. *Cauchon*. He told me he did not understand those who gave their signature for Mr. *Cauchon*: that Mr. *Cauchon* would not exert himself to reduce the *lods et ventes*, but that Mr. *Guay* would: he told me to say nothing about it, for as he was Returning Officer, that might do him harm, and could do me no good; that is all I remember.

40. Was it before the Election of the said County of *Montmorency*, that you gave your signature; and was it not for the purpose of inviting Mr. *Cauchon* to present himself as a Candidate?—It was before the Election; and it was to invite Mr. *Cauchon* to present himself as a Candidate.

41. Since you received the summons from this House to appear here, has not the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* been to your house to see you, and to question you about the evidence which you were to give here before this House?—Yes, he came to my house, to ask me what he had said.

By Mr. *Lemieux*:—

42. State at what date and in what month Mr. *Lefrançois* went to your house, and state if it is not true that it was before the Election in the County of *Montmorency*?—I did not note the time.

43. Is it not true that the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* went to your house on the occasion referred to, to execute some Deeds in his capacity as Notary, and that he so went at your request?—I do not recollect whether he came to execute a Deed.

44. Was Mr. *Lefrançois* at any time at your house in relation to the execution of any Notarial Deeds, and if so, state if it was not then that the conversation in question took place?—I do not remember.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

And the House being informed that *Julien Lachance*, another of the said Witnesses, attended at the door; he was called in; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Cauchon*:—

45. Is your name *Julien Lachance*, and do you live at *St. Joachim*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Julien Lachance*, and I reside at *St. Joachim*.

46. Were you an Elector for the County of *Montmorency* at the late Election, and before the late Election?—Yes, I was an Elector during and before the Election.

47. Do you know *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar of the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and do you know whether he was Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—I know the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*,

and I know that he was a Returning Officer at the late Election.

48. Did you meet the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* while he filled the said office of Returning Officer, and where did you meet him?—I met him at his own house.

49. Why did you go to his house; and will you repeat the conversation which took place between you and him about the Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—I went to his house to procure some papers which I had registered: he was lying down, and we roused him up: he came to me and inquired how electioneering was going on about us; and, talking of that, he began to say that Mr. *Cauchon* did not know how he should manage to live; that he had no influence with either party; that he had nobody but the Pilots of *St. John's*. He said we should do as well to take part with Mr. *Guay*, that he was an honorable fellow, that he told me this as a friend, and I was to say nothing about it. I answered him that I had nothing to say about Mr. *Guay*, who was a decent honest fellow. Before this I owed him money for registering; he had told me that he would not trouble me, as I was short of money. When I told him that I was on Mr. *Cauchon's* side, he asked me for the money that I owed him, saying that he wanted it very much to go to *Quebec*, to make a purchase of paper. I told him that it would inconvenience me just then. He asked me whether I knew where Mr. *Guay* lived, and whether I would deposit the money there for him. He told me that Mr. *Guay* had thirty times more honor than myself. On my asking him why he had more honor than myself, he told me that it was to tease me that he said so. I thereupon said Mr. *Guay* had better not present himself as a Candidate, for he is an ass like yourself. I meant to say no harm about Mr. *Guay*. This is all I recollect.

By Mr. *Lemieux*:—

50. Do you know *Jean Poulin*, one of the Witnesses ordered to be heard before this House on behalf of Mr. *Cauchon*?—Yes, I know the said *Jean Poulin*.

51. Had you any conversation with the said *Jean Poulin*, in relation to Mr. *Lefrançois*?—No.

52. Is it not true that some days ago you went to the said *Jean Poulin* to ask him, if it was not true that the said *Jean Poulin* would be a good witness for Mr. *Cauchon*; if not, state what you said to him?—I did not go to *Jean Poulin's* house.

53. Did you not say to the said *Jean Poulin* “that it was necessary that the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* should lose his place as Registrar;” if not, state what you said in relation to the said Officer?—I did not say that. Mr. *Cauchon* did not advise me to tell a lie, but to state what I knew of the matter.

54. Did you meet the said *Jean Poulin* at the Church-door of the Parish of *St. Joachim*, and was it not on that occasion that you spoke together in relation to the difficulty between Mr. *Cauchon* and Mr. *Lefrançois*, the Returning Officer?—He asked me whether I had been summoned to appear at *Quebec*; I told him that I had. He asked me what I had to say; I replied that what I had to say I would state in the House. I asked him what he had to say; he told me that he was the subject of a mistake, and that he had been taken for another person.

55. Did you ask the said *Jean Poulin* to go with you to Mr. *Cauchon* to tell him what he, *Poulin*, knew or could say in this matter?—No, I never spoke to him on the subject; if I did speak to him on the subject, I do not remember having done so.

56. Is it not true that you have had some misunderstandings, or were on bad terms with Mr. *Lefrançois* before the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—It is not.

By Mr. *Cauchon*:—

57. Did Mr. *Cauchon* tell you to bring *Jean Poulin* to his house?—No; he never spoke to me on the subject.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That *Charles Rhéaume*, Esquire, of *Chateau Richer*, be now heard at the Bar of this House, on the allegations against Mr. *Lefrançois*.

And the House being informed that Mr. *Rhéaume* attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Cauchon*:—

58. Is your name *Charles Rhéaume*, and do you reside at *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Charles Rhéaume*, and I reside in the County of *Montmorency*.

59. Were you an Elector for the County of *Montmorency* at the late Election, and before the late Election for the said County?—Yes, I was an Elector during and before that Election.

60. Do you know *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, the Registrar of the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and do you know that the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* was Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—Yes, I know him; and I know that he was Returning Officer at the time of that Election.

61. Do you know who were the Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*: name them?—Messieurs *Cauchon* and *Guay* were the Candidates.

62. At the time of the said Election, were you a near neighbour of the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*?—I was.

63. Do you know where the partizans of Mr. *Germain Guay* used habitually to meet at *Chateau Richer* before the Election?—The principal partizans of Mr. *Guay* had a place of meeting in the house of Mr. *Lefrançois*, and in going backwards and forwards, that was their house of call.

64. What do you mean by the principal partizans of Mr. *Guay*?—I mean those who go canvassing about from one Parish to another.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, complaining of the conduct of *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, be postponed till Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That *Ovide Rousseau*, Esquire, of *Chateau Richer*, do appear at the Bar of this House on Monday next, to be examined as to the said allegations.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 15^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Cartier* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *Sicotte* to express his sorrow for the inconvenience he had caused the House and the Parties by his absence, when the Members of the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Megantic* Election Petitions were called upon to be sworn.

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by Mr. *Dumoulin*,

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* be discharged out of custody.

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

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Honorable *William Walker* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, and adjacent parts.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of *James Wescott* and others, of *Rawdon*, *Seymour*, and other Townships.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of *Jean B. Côté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Rogers*, Moderator, and *George Boulter*, Clerk, on behalf of the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Demorestville*, County of *Prince Edward*.

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

Of *William Armstrong* and others, of the Town of *Sydenham*, and adjacent Townships, County of *Grey*; and of *Alexander Madwayosh*, Chief, and others, Aboriginal Canadians, residing on the Peninsula between Lake *Huron* and the *Georgian Bay*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. A. Charlebois* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Polycarpe* and *St. Zotique*, and other places in the County of *Vaudreuil*, and all other Petitions praying for the removal of the County Seat of the said County, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Petition of *H. Jackson* and others, Shareholders in the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron* Railroad Company; and the Petition of the *Montreal and Kingston* Railway Company, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Polette*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum, and also the Bill to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with the administration of *McGill* College; and to each of the said Bills they have prepared certain amendments which they beg to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with the administration of *McGill* College, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying that their Honors will permit the Honorable *Joseph Bourret*, one of their Members, to attend the Standing Committee on the Public Accounts, to be examined with respect to certain expenses incurred in defraying the removal of the Seat of Government from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, and for which a Vote of Supply is required by the Executive Government.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th ultimo, for copies of any and every Agreement that was agreed upon or negotiated when the Loan of £1,500,000, or any part thereof was raised, or, if no such agreement is in existence, then information as to what course has been adopted or arrangements made by the Governor, with the advice of His Excellency's Council, relative thereto; also, copies of all the detailed Statements or accounts of the sums raised under the authority of the Act 6 *Vic.* cap. 8, and of the Debentures issued, and of dividends and interest paid thereon, and of the Sinking Fund, or of the redemption of the whole or any part of the said debt by means of the Sinking Fund or otherwise.

For the said Return, see Appendix (W.W.)

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Acts of *Upper Canada*.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, and the Question being proposed, That with the exception of Mondays, Orders of the day do take precedence of Notices of Motions;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "during the remainder of the Session, this House will, after this day, take up the Orders of the day at Six o'clock in the afternoon, unless Notices of Motions are sooner disposed of, and that any matter which may be left unfinished under the operation of this regulation, be taken up first under the head of Notices of Motions on the following day; except that Motions for the introduction of Bills shall have precedence after the Routine business is over;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That during the remainder of the Session, this House will, after this day, take up the Orders of the day at Six o'clock in the afternoon, unless Notices of Motions are sooner disposed of, and that any matter which may be left unfinished under the operation of this regulation, be taken up first under the head of Notices of Motions on the following day; except that Motions for the introduction of Bills shall have precedence after the Routine business is over.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Lacoste*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday next, in order to enable the Parties to continue their evidence and to furnish certain documents.

Thomas C. Dixon, Esquire, *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, *Hazard B. Terrill*, Esquire, *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire; Chairman, *Louis V. Sicotte*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petitions relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in Committee Room No 7, of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

On motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before this House, any Documents in possession of the Government relating to the reduction of Duties on Red Pine Timber, as also the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands on that subject.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Polette* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Common of *Maskinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof.

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

On motion of Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, seconded by Mr. *LeBoutillier*,

Ordered, That the Clerk do cause the Return relative to Lands claimed in the District of *Gaspé* under the Act 10 and 11 *Vic. cap. 10*, which was presented on Friday last, to be reduced to a tabular Statement shewing at one view the Lots claimed in each Township or Settlement, the contents in superficial acres of each Lot so claimed, the names of the several Claimants, and the total of Acres claimed in the said District under the said Act.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for the relief of Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, by facilitating the negotiation of Loans to enable them to rebuild the property destroyed by the said Fire, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted 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 said 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, "to consider the propriety of amending the provisions thereof by substituting, for "the guarantee of a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds, some mode of relieving "such individual suffering arising from the late Fire at *Montreal* as may be found "to exist;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Brown,

Mackenzie,

3. Mattice,

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	45. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the same, being read ;

Mr. *Dixon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, That all the words after “ now ” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words “ recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the words “ and the Agricultural Society of “ the County of *Elgin* jointly ; and if the said Societies or either of them shall, at “ any time, wish to put an end to such joint ownership, the Society of the County “ of *Elgin* shall be entitled to a share of the proceeds of such property on sale there- “ of, bearing the same proportion to the whole that the population of the said “ County shall bear to the population of both Counties ; and if the said Societies “ shall not agree in dividing such proceeds, it shall be lawful for each Society to “ appoint an Arbitrator, and the said Arbitrators shall appoint a third, and the de- “ cision of the said Arbitrators, or a majority of them, shall be final as to the value “ of the said property and the mode of dividing the proceeds of the same, and the “ time and mode of payment by the one of the said Societies to the other thereof,” “ at the end of the last Clause thereof ;

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

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the words “ and the Agricultural Society of the County “ of *Elgin* jointly ; and if the said Societies or either of them shall, at any time, wish “ to put an end to such joint ownership, the Society of the County of *Elgin* shall “ be entitled to a share of the proceeds of such property on sale thereof, bearing the “ same proportion to the whole that the population of the said County shall bear to “ the population of both Counties ; and if the said Societies shall not agree in di- “ viding such proceeds, it shall be lawful for each Society to appoint an Arbitrator, “ and the said Arbitrators shall appoint a third, and the decision of the said Arbi- “ trators, or a majority of them, shall be final as to the value of the said property and

“ the mode of dividing the proceeds of the same, and the time and mode of payment by the one of the said Societies to the other thereof,” at the end of the last Clause thereof.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Street* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Street* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Stuart* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Stuart* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Report of the Select Committee to which were referred certain proposed Resolutions upon which to found an Address to Her Majesty, praying that She will be pleased to sanction the introduction into the Imperial Parliament of an amendment to the Act of 1846, by introducing the same principle of Reciprocity retained in the Act of 1849; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Shaw* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved,* That the Imperial Act 9 & 10 *Vic.* cap. 22, for the repeal of the Corn Laws, deprived the *British North American* Provinces of the preference previously given to their Agricultural products in the Home Market; and, while it placed Foreign Nations on a par with the Colonies in the Corn Trade, it contained no provisions enabling Her Majesty, in Her discretion, to insist on the principle of Reciprocity being carried out by such Foreign Nations, whereby this Country would be placed on an equality with the *United States*.

2. *Resolved,* That by the Imperial Navigation Act 12 & 13 *Vic.* cap. 29, authority is given Her Majesty to protect British Shipping by imposing the same duties on the Vessels and cargoes of any Foreign Nation which are exacted from British Vessels by such Foreign Nation.

3. *Resolved,* That in the opinion of this House, the principle of Reciprocity adopted by the Navigation Act, ought to be extend to the Agricultural products of *Great Britain* and her Colonies, and that the correctness of this opinion was admitted by the Imperial Government when they instructed Mr. *Pakenham*, their Minister at *Washington*, immediately after the passing of the Act, to negotiate with the *American* Government for an equality in Trade, and thus to supply the omission in the Statute 9 & 10 *Vic.* cap. 22.

4. *Resolved,* That the Canadian Legislature endeavored to aid Mr. *Pakenham* in his negotiations, by passing a Reciprocity Bill, but that all his exertions have proved

unsuccessful; and this House is apprehensive that, unless Her Majesty is enabled to act authoritatively in the matter, Reciprocity will never be granted by the *United States*, and *Canada* will continue to suffer by the depreciation of the value of her products as heretofore.

5. *Resolved*, That the prediction contained in the Address of this House to Her Majesty in 1846, that this change in the commercial policy of the Empire would lead to the reduction of prices on *Canada* products below those of the *United States*, has been fully realized. Whenever Markets are higher in *America* than in *England*, the price of the productions of *Canada* are lower than in the *United States*; and when Markets are higher in *England*, the prices of Canadian produce still range as much lower as the charges imposed by the bonding system in passing through the *United States*; and so long as the present laws are in force, under no circumstances can prices be higher.

6. *Resolved*, That the Legislative Assembly of this Province have on no occasion, since the Imperial Act of 1846, addressed the Home Government for a return to protection, or for any exclusive favor in the Markets of *Britain*, neither do they now ask for any such advantage, or for any measure which will increase the price of bread to the British consumer for the benefit of the Canadian producer. Under the principle of Reciprocity, no duties will be imposed on the importation of breadstuffs of *Great Britain* or *Canada* into any other corn-growing country, consequently the productions of all Foreign Nations coming into *England* duty free, prices cannot be increased; and in order to remove all apprehension from the mind of the consumer on this subject, it is only necessary to state, that the breadstuffs from the Western States can be admitted through *Canada* into *England*, duty free, in the same manner as before the repeal of the Corn Laws.

7. *Resolved*, That it is accordingly desirable that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, most respectfully praying that She will be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to enact that Her Majesty may (if She thinks fit) by Order in Council, impose the like duties on the production of those Foreign Nations who impose duties on the natural productions of *Great Britain* or *British North America*, when imported direct from any sea-ports within those Countries, and to repeal so much of the first Clause of the 12 & 13 *Vic.* as revives the fifth Clause of 8 & 9 *Vic.* conferring advantages on Vessels of the *United States* which they withhold from those of *Canada*; the said duties and restrictions to continue so long and no longer than similar restrictions are continued by other Nations.

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

Resolved, That the said Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, in conformity therewith.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies; 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 made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 18^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of *Hamilton*; the Petition of *Thomas Costen*, of the City of *Hamilton*, late Head Keeper of the Provincial Penitentiary; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *John Calder* and others, of *Dorchester*, District of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Dorchester*, Division Number two.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Gilbert Cohen* and others, of the Township of *Brighton*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Ross* and others, of the Townships of *Tuckersmith* and *Stanley*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *François Poulin* and others, of *Petit Village* in the Parish of *Beauport*; and the Petition of *F. X. Tous-saint*, President, and others, Members of the Library Association of School Teachers of the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *John Gilmour* and *David Gilmour* of the City of *Quebec*, Esquires, Merchants; the Petition of *Samuel Caldwell* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; and the Petition of *J. S. Smith*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*, and others.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *Robert Hobson*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *David Ferguson* and others, of the Township of *Métis*.

By Mr. *Gamble*,—The Petition of *William Henry Beresford*, formerly of *Toronto* in *Canada*, at present residing in the City of *New York*, Esquire; and the Petition of *Andrew Riddell* and others, of the Township of *Vaughan*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *William Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Saltfleet*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Absalom Shade* and others, of the Town of *Galt* and its vicinity; the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Wilkes*, D.D., and others, Congregationalists of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *William Hope* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; the Petition of the Reverend *G. M. Armstrong* and others, of the Village of *Christieville*, County of *Rouville*; the Petition of *William Wilson* and others, of the Village of *Oakville*; the Petition of *J. J. Williams*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*; the Petition of the Reverend *Donald McLeod* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Town of *Cobourg*; the Petition of *William Anderson* and others, of *Beach Ridge*; the Petition of *Eliza Fleming* and other female Inhabitants of the Village of *Christieville*, County of *Rouville*; the Petition of the Reverend *C. LaRocque* and others, of the Town of *Dorchester*, otherwise called *St. John's*; the Petition of *Silas H. White* and others, of *Sabrevois*, County of *Rouville*; the Petition of the Reverend *James Ferguson* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Townships of *Egremont*, *Normanby* and *Arthur*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Wightman* and others, the Minister and Elders of the Congregations of *York Mills* and *Scarborough* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *Robert Irvine* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of *William McVeigh* and others, *Roman Catholic Inhabitants of St. Thomas* and surrounding Townships.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *George Rykert*, Esquire, Chairman of the *St. Catharines* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Charles Pageot*, junior, and others, of the Parish of *La Jeune Lorette*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchants, and others, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Council of the Municipality of the Village of *Fraserville*, County of *Rimouski*.

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

Of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic Bishops of Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*, and other Inhabitants of the District of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 100*, for the more effectual repression of Intemperance in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the second Municipality of the County of *Ottawa*; praying for a division of the said County, and that the said Municipality may be erected into a separate County.

Of *J. Keith*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Clément* and other Parishes in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying for the establishment of a Registry Office at the Village of *Beauharnois*, in the said County.

Of *James Reid*, Esquire, and others, of *Godmanchester* and other places in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that in any division which may be made of the said County for the Registration of Deeds, a Registry Office may be established in the Village of *Huntingdon*.

Of *Henry E. Warner*, of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*, County of *Rouville*; praying aid in consideration of his services during the late Rebellion, and of injuries sustained by him subsequent thereto, while in Her Majesty's service, whereby he has been disabled.

Of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, of *Simcoe*, County of *Norfolk*; and of the Reverend *George Bell* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church at *Simcoe* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; praying the adoption of measures to abolish all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on Provincial Canals.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Yamaska*; praying for aid to enable the Commissioners of Public Works to construct a Bridge across the River *Yamaska*, in the Parish of *Yamaska*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Yamaska*; praying for aid to enable the Commissioners of Public Works to construct a Bridge across the River *St. Francis*, between the Village of *Wurtelbourg* and the Village of the *Abenakis* Indians.

Of the Honorable *William Walker* and others, of the City of *Québec*, and adjacent parts; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from *Pointe Levy* opposite the said City, to the frontier line of *New Brunswick*, to form part of the Grand Trunk Line of Railway.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for certain amendments to the Jury Law of *Upper Canada*.

Of *James Wescott* and others, of *Rawdon*, *Seymour*, and other Townships; praying for the removal of the Dam at *Chisholm's Rapids*, on the River *Trent*.

Of *Jean B. Côté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying that no alteration may be made in the existing limits of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Of the Corporation of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said College.

Of *John Dougall* and others, the Office-Bearers of the *Montreal Temperance Society*; and of the Reverend *James Rogers*, Moderator, and *George Boulter*, Clerk, on behalf of the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Demorestville*, County of *Prince Edward*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Census Returns for the year 1852, viz:—Population by Origin; the Religious Census; and the Agricultural Census.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (C.)

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the Select Committee appointed on Friday last, to draw up an humble Address to Her Majesty, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing, that the Imperial Act 9 & 10 *Vic.* cap. 22, for the repeal of the Corn Laws, deprived the *British North American* Provinces of the preference previously given to their Agricultural products in the Home Market; and that while it placed Foreign Nations on a par with the Colonies in the Corn Trade, it contained no provision enabling Your Majesty, in Your Royal discretion, to insist on the principle of Reciprocity being carried out by such Foreign Nations, whereby this Country would be placed on an equality with the *United States*.

That by the Imperial Navigation Act 12 & 13 *Vic.* cap. 29, authority is given Your Majesty to protect British Shipping by imposing the same duties on the Vessels and cargoes of any Foreign Nation, which are exacted from British Vessels by such Foreign Nation.

We are humbly of opinion, that the principle of Reciprocity adopted by the Navigation Act, ought to be extended to the Agricultural products of *Great Britain* and her Colonies, and that the correctness of this opinion was admitted by Your Majesty's Imperial Government when Mr. *Pakenham*, Your Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, was instructed, immediately after the passing of the Act, to negotiate with the *American* Government for an equality in Trade, and thus to supply the omission in the Statute 9 & 10 *Vic.* cap. 22.

We beg leave further to represent, that the Canadian Legislature endeavored to aid Mr. *Pakenham* in his negotiations, by passing a Reciprocity Bill, but that all his exertions have proved unsuccessful; and we are apprehensive that, unless Your Majesty is enabled to act authoritatively in the matter, Reciprocity will never be granted by the *United States*, and *Canada* will continue to suffer by the depreciation of the value of her products as heretofore.

That the prediction contained in our Address to Your Majesty, in 1846, that this change in the commercial policy of the Empire would lead to the reduction of prices on *Canada* products below those of the *United States*, has been fully realized. Whenever Markets are higher in *America* than in *England*, the price of Canadian productions are lower than those of similar productions of the *United States*; and when Markets are higher in *England*, the prices of Canadian produce still range lower than those of *American* produce, by the amount of the charges imposed by the bonding system in passing through the *United States*; and so long as the present laws are in force, under no circumstances can prices be higher.

That we have on no occasion, since the Imperial Act of 1846, addressed the Home Government for a return to protection, or for any exclusive favor in the Markets of of *Britain*, neither do we now ask for any such advantage, or for any measure which will increase the price of bread to the British consumer for the benefit of the Canadian producer. Under the principle of Reciprocity, no duties will be imposed on the importation of the breadstuffs of *Great Britain* or *Canada* into any other corn-growing country, consequently the productions of all Foreign Nations coming into *England* duty free, prices cannot be increased; and in order to remove all apprehension from the mind of the consumer on this subject, it is only necessary to state, that the breadstuffs from the Western States might be admitted through *Canada* into *England*, duty free, in the same manner as before the repeal of the Corn Laws.

We therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty will be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to enact, that Your Majesty may, in Your Royal discretion, by Order in Council, impose like duties on the natural productions of Foreign Countries when imported direct from sea-ports within those Countries, as they impose on the natural productions of *Great Britain* or of *British North America*, and to repeal so much of the first Clause of the 12 & 13 *Vic.* as revives the fifth Clause of 8 & 9 *Vic.* conferring advantages on Vessels of the *United States* which that Country withholds from those of *Canada*; the said duties and restrictions to continue so long and no longer than similar restrictions are continued by such Foreign Countries.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Address; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lungton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Charveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ponlin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>54. Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>	<i>4. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and

Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (X.X.)

Ordered, That five hundred Copies of the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report, and the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* as reported from the said Committee, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act for avoiding doubts as to the true meaning of a certain enactment in the Act regulating Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 20th September, 1852, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, 1st. A Return of the number of Actions instituted, and the number adjudicated on before the Commissioners’ Courts in *Lower Canada*, for the year past, if the Government has been able to procure the same, specifying at the same time in what County, Parish, or Township, such Actions were respectively instituted or adjudicated on, together with the number of Commissioners at present acting as such, in such Parish or Township: 2nd. Copies of the Tariff or Tariffs of the Circuit and Superior Courts, and Court of Appeals respectively, as directed to be made by the Act 12 *Vic.* caps. 38 and 40, before first January, 1851, and by what Judges such Tariff or Tariffs were signed, and a statement as to whether or not Tariffs have been separately made for certain Circuit or District Courts: 3rd. Copies of all Tariffs made up to this date for any of the said Courts, since the 1st. January, 1851, if any such have been made, either amending the one existing previously or remodelling it entirely, and by what Judges they were signed either for Circuit or District Courts generally or individually: 4th. Copies of any Tariff or Tariffs made by virtue of the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 95, and by what Judge or Judges such Tariffs were signed in the Judicial Districts respectively of *Canada East*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Y.Y.)

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Upon the representation of the Clerk of Your Honorable House, that the former sum advanced on account of Contingencies is fully expended, Your Committee recommend that a further sum of Five thousand pounds be placed in the hands of the Clerk to meet the necessary current disbursements.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying 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 Five thousand pounds, currency, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic* Bishops of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*, and other Inhabitants of the District of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* have leave of absence for two weeks, from Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the examination of Witnesses in Civil Causes in *Lower Canada*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a Statement shewing to what Bankers in *England* the proceeds of Debentures were paid, and at what period, and in what sums the amounts so paid in *England* were drawn by the Provincial Government, and the dates and amounts of such Drafts or Bills of Exchange, and the parties to whom the same were payable.

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

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That the Constitutional Act 31 *Geo.* 3. cap. 31, directed that in respect of all grants of Land made in the Province of *Canada* by the Crown, a quantity equal to one-seventh of the Land so granted should be reserved for the support of a Protestant Clergy, being one-eighth of each Township; that instead of this proportion, and in direct violation of the Imperial Statute forming the only authority of the Reserve, there was actually set aside in *Upper Canada* as Clergy Reserves, by fraud or error, one-seventh of all the Land, or a quantity equal to one-sixth of the Land granted; that the same violation of the Act occurred in *Lower Canada*, but to a greater extent,—a quantity equal to one-fifth of the Land alienated having been reserved for the Clergy, instead of one-seventh; and that the Public domain was thereby wrongfully divested of 300,000 acres in *Upper Canada*, and 227,559 acres in *Lower Canada*, or, in all, of 527,559 acres of Land: That it is expedient forthwith to restore the Lands so illegally set apart, to the use of all Her Majesty's subjects in this Province: That a Select Committee of five Members be therefore appointed to prepare and report to this House, a measure providing for the recovery from the Clergy Reserve Fund, of the money received in payment of the Lands so wrongfully set apart, and for the appropriation of such money, and of the Land so wrongfully set apart and yet unsold, to the maintenance of Common Schools;—the said Committee to consist of the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Fergusson*, and the Mover;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the said Motion be postponed; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Boulton,
Burnham,
Cameron,

Fournier,
Gamble,
Gouin,
Hincks,

Mongenais,
Morin,
Murney,
Paige,

Sicotte,
Stevenson,
Street,
Stuart,

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	54. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown,

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

2. *Muckenzie.*

The House, according to Order, resumed the further consideration of the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, against *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County.

And the House being informed that Mr. *Lefrançois* attended at the door; he was called in.

Jacques Rhéaume, Esquire, also attended as Counsel on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*.

The Order of Thursday last, for the appearance of *Ovide Rousseau*, Esquire, of *Chateau Richer*, at the Bar of this House, to be examined as to the said allegations, being read;

And the House being informed that *Ovide Rousseau* attended at the door; he was called in; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Cauchon*:—

65. Is your name *Ovide Rousseau*; are you a Notary, and do you live at *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Ovide Rousseau*; I am a Notary, and I reside at *Chateau Richer*.

66. Do you know Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar for the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and are you aware that he was Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—Yes.

67. Did you live near the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* during and before the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—I did live near him before and during the said Election.

68. Are you aware who were the Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—The Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency* were Mr. *Cauchon* and Mr. *Guay*.

69. Are you aware whose house was the *rendez-vous* of Mr. *Guay's* partizans at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—By what I was able to see, his partizans went to the houses of Mr. *Lefrançois* and Mr. *Bernier*, both before and during the Election. I was absent from the Parish during the two polling days, and I cannot say whether the *rendez-vous* was at the same places, on those two days.

70. Did they go to Mr. *Lefrançois's* house during the time that he acted as Returning Officer?—Yes. I saw them go there several times.

71. Are you of opinion that they went there to have documents registered, or about Election matters?—I think they went there on the business of the Election.

72. If they had gone there to have documents registered, would they have gone there so frequently?—I cannot answer that question.

73. Have you had any conversation with *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* on the subject of the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, and did such conversation take place while he was acting as Returning Officer for the said County?—Yes, I

was in his company several times, and we talked about the Election. He allowed me to perceive that he had some leaning in favor of one of the Candidates.

74. Will you repeat the words of the conversation, or as nearly as you can?—I do not recollect them at all.

75. Were you not Deputy Registrar to Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*?—No; I was only his student.

76. You stated a moment ago, that you did not know Mr. *Guay's* partizans would so constantly have frequented Mr. *Lefrançois's* house if they had gone there to have their deeds registered; do you think, from your knowledge of the business of the office, having been Mr. *Lefrançois's* student, that they would have gone there so often on business connected with registration?—I am inclined to think that the persons whom I saw go to Mr. *Lefrançois's* house, did not go there to register deeds. At the time I thought, and I think still, that they went there to consult about Election matters. Some of the parties whom I saw go there, were not in the habit of going there at other times.

77. You have stated that Mr. *Guay's* partizans frequented Mr. *Lefrançois's* house previous to and during the Election, will you state whose house was habitually resorted to by Mr. *Guay's* principal partizans and canvassers?—The houses of Mr. *Lefrançois* and Mr. *Bernier*. I also saw some go to the Central School House of the place, and to the house of a man named *Philip Warren*.

78. Who occupied, as Schoolmaster, the Central School House of the place, that is to say, *Chateau Richer*, during and before the Election?—Mr. *Auguste Béchard*, who was the Schoolmaster of the place, and Mr. *Lefrançois's* Deputy Registrar.

79. Whose partizan at the late Election was Mr. *Béchard*, the Schoolmaster, and was he active as such?—I was informed that he was an active partizan of Mr. *Guay's*. I did not meet him during the days of the Election.

80. Are you not of opinion that had it not been for Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Mr. *Guay* would not have come forward for the County of *Montmorency*, or would have abandoned the Election contest before the polling began?—I cannot say.

By Mr. *Lemieux* :—

81. Have you any interest in the issue of this affair?—No.

82. Is it not true that at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, you represented *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, at the Poll, in the Parish of *St. Joachim*?—I interested myself about the Poll at *St. Joachim*, for Mr. *Cauchon*, but it was one *Paul Filion* who represented Mr. *Cauchon*.

83. It is not true that *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, made you a promise that he would do his best and use his influence, as the Representative of the County of *Montmorency*, to procure you the Office of Registrar at that time filled by Mr. *Lefrançois*, in the event of his being dismissed from office?—No, never; and he never gave me an idea of it.

84. Is it not true that at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, you were Deputy Postmaster?—I was Postmaster at that time.

85. Is it not true that you expect to have the Office of Registrar, now filled by Mr. *Lefrançois*, in the event of his dismissal?—No, I thought it might be offered to me; but at any rate I have always considered that it would be better to keep my profession than to accept the Office of Registrar, seeing that a choice must be made between the two. This is the reason, among many others, why I did not covet that situation.

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

86. Were you aware that Mr. *Cauchon* was an opponent of Government, and did you expect any advantage from his influence with Government?—I was aware at the time of the Election, that Mr. *Cauchon* was an opponent of Government. I have always considered that Mr. *Cauchon*, as well as any other Member whom I have the

honor to know, might be of service to me in any reasonable request which I might have to make to Government.

By Mr. *Lemieux* :—

87. Is it not true that at the date of the late Election, Mr. *Cauchon* had not openly declared himself opposed to the present Administration?—I do not recollect whether he made his opinions public.

88. Is it not true that during the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, you were under the impression that Mr. *Cauchon* was not opposed to the present Administration?—No, I was not under that impression.

89. Is it not true that you would have taken no part at the late Election in favor of Mr. *Cauchon*, if you had known that he was opposed to the present Administration?—I should have been on his side just the same.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *McLachlin*, That *Louis Dorion*, of *Chateau Richer*, be now heard at the Bar of this House, on the said allegations;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and the Question being put, That the Counsel of Mr. *Lefrançois* be heard at the Bar of this House against the said Motion :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Jacques Rhéaume, Esquire, Counsel for Mr. *Lefrançois*, was heard at the Bar accordingly.

And the Question being then put, That *Louis Dorion*, of *Chateau Richer*, be now heard at the Bar of this House, on the said allegations;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House being informed, that *Louis Dorion* attended at the door ; he was called in ; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

90. Is your name *Louis Dorion*, and do you live at *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Louis Dorion*, and I reside at *Chateau Richer*.

91. Were you an Elector for the County of *Montmorency* during and before the late Election for the said County?—I was.

92. Do you know Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar for the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*, and are you aware that he was Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—Yes, I know him ; and I know that he was Returning Officer at the said Election.

93. Do you know who were the Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—Mr. *Cauchon* and Mr. *Guay*.

94. Do you know whose house was the *rendez-vous* of Mr. *Germain Guay's* friends before and during the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—It was at Mr. *Lefrançois's*. None but the partizans of Mr. *Guay* went there. Those of Mr. *Cauchon* never went there.

95. Do you know anything more respecting the conduct of Mr. *Lefrançois*, in his capacity of Returning Officer during and after the Election?—I know that when Mr. *Cauchon's* party were to be silenced, Mr. *Lefrançois* took good care to silence them ; but that when Mr. *Guay's* party were to be silenced, he let them have it pretty well their own way.

96. What were the circumstances in which Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* so conducted himself?—I do not understand that question.

97. You said that Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* silenced the friends of Mr. *Cauchon*, and not those of Mr. *Guay* ; will you state when he did so?—On the day of nomination, he allowed Mr. *Guay's* party to make as much noise as they liked. On the following Sunday, I myself wished to quiet the uproar, and the Returning Officer came and told me to hold my tongue, or I should be fined.

By Mr. *Lemieux* :—

98. Is it not true that you were one of Mr. *Cauchon's* zealous partizans at the late Election?—I was zealous for the Election of Mr. *Cauchon* as a Member of the House of Assembly.

99. Will you name the person or persons who went to your house to request you to come and give your evidence?—I cannot name them, not knowing them. I saw yesterday in a letter that I was requested to come and give my evidence before the House; but I do not know whether Mr. *Cauchon* wrote it or not.

100. Is it not true that an Elector of the Parish of *Chateau Richer* went to your house last week, to request you to come before this House to give your evidence, and that the said Elector told you that you would be well paid or rewarded; if not, tell what that person told you on the subject of the evidence which you were to give?—It is not the case; nobody came to my house.

101. Is it not true that you went to *Charles Rhéaume's*, one of the Witnesses produced and examined on the part of the complainant, since he appeared to give his evidence before this House?—Yes, I went there yesterday.

102. Is it not true that this Mr. *Rhéaume* told you at his place, on Sunday last, not to be afraid of losing your time in coming to give your testimony, that Mr. *Cauchon* would pay you well; otherwise, state what this said *Charles Rhéaume* said to you at that time?—I went to his house (*Charles Rhéaume's*) to tell him that I had thoughts of not coming to Town, being so busy. I told him that I could not come moreover, on foot; and he said, they won't use you worse than they have done the others, you may take a vehicle and be driven there. He did not tell me to come to Town. It was not before Sunday morning that I saw the letter requesting me to come and give my evidence.

103. When you told Mr. *Rhéaume* that you would not come to Town, is it not true that he induced you to come, by telling you that you should be well paid?—He told me what I have just repeated, take a vehicle and be driven there, most likely you will not fare worse than the others.

104. How can you state that these persons went to Mr. *Lefrançois's* as partizans of Mr. *Guay's*; were you present at Mr. *Lefrançois's*?—I was not present at Mr. *Lefrançois's*, but I was very well acquainted with the parties who were on Mr. *Guay's* side, I saw them go in and out of Mr. *Lefrançois's*.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of Mr. *Cauchon*, seconded by Mr. *McLachlin*,
Ordered, That *Nicholas Trépanier* be now heard at the Bar of this House on the said allegations.

And the House being informed that *Nicholas Trépanier* attended at the door; he was called in, and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

105. Is your name *Nicholas Trépanier*, and do you live at *Chateau Richer*, in the County of *Montmorency*?—My name is *Nicholas Trépanier*, and I live at *Chateau Richer*.

106. Were you an Elector for the County of *Montmorency* at the late Election, and before the late Election for the said County?—I was.

107. Do you know who were the Candidates at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—Mr. *Cauchon* and Mr. *Guay*.

108. Do you know Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Registrar for the first Division of the County of *Montmorency*; and are you aware that he was Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County?—I do.

109. Did you live near the said *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* during the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—I lived at that time, and I live now, at a distance of about three or four arpents from his house.

110. Do you know whose house was the *rendez-vous* of Mr. *Guay's* partizans

during and before the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—During the Election for the County of *Montmorency*, Mr. *Guay's* electors used to frequent the houses of Messieurs *Lefrançois*, *Bernier*, and *Warren*.

111. What is this Mr. *Lefrançois* of whom you have been speaking, whose house was frequented by the partizans of Mr. *Guay*?—He was the Returning Officer.

112. Are you acquainted with any other circumstance relating to the conduct of Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, in his capacity of Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*?—The day after the proclamation of the Election at the Church door, Mr. *Guay's* partizans insulted me; I was then with the Returning Officer, he did not prevent them, and made no effort to maintain order.

113. Is there any other circumstance you are acquainted with respecting the conduct of Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, in his capacity of Returning Officer?—I was told by two persons that Mr. *Lefrançois* wanted to make them vote for Mr. *Guay*; one of them was an Elector, and the other had not been sufficiently long a proprietor to be an Elector.

114. What are the names of these persons?—Mr. *Joseph Prémont* and Mr. *Joseph Mercier*.

And then he was directed to withdraw,

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, against *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, be postponed to the 6th November next, for the examination of Witnesses, and the hearing of Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*.

A Bill to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cape Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and to annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the “District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Malloch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Burnham*, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases, be now read;

Mr. *Laurin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow;”

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 19° die Octobris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

THE Clerk laid before the House,—Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Committee of Elections, pursuant to the 41st Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851.”

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the table.

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

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *Paul Robins* and others, Bible Christians, of *Darlington*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Manvers*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Delisle* and others, of the *Banlieue* of *Quebec*, Electors.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *John Gilmour*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Board of Trade of *Quebec*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 3d September, 1852, for copies of all the Correspondence which has taken place between the Imperial Government, the Government of *New Brunswick*, and that of this Province, with reference to the Division Line between this Province and *New Brunswick*; and also, of all the Reports of the Commissioners and Surveyors employed in the settlement of this matter since the last Report laid before this House by Government on this subject.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Z.Z.)

Ordered, That the Petition of *Stanislas Drapeau*, of the City of *Quebec*, Printer, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library.

Ordered, That the Supplementary Return relative to the *Quebec* Marine and Emigrant Hospital, which was presented on the twenty-first of September last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th ultimo, for a copy of all Instructions founded on the Order in Council of the fourteenth ultimo, relative to the reduction of Dues on Red Pine Timber, and of all subsequent Orders in Council relative thereto, and copies of all Correspondence that has taken place between the Government and parties interested in the Timber Trade since the meeting of Parliament.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 15th instant, for any Documents in possession of the Govern-

ment relating to the reduction of Duties on Red Pine Timber, as also the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands on that subject.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (A.A.A.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
Resolved, That the said Returns be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and Mr. *Boulton*, to report to this House the circumstances connected with the late reduction on Red Pine Timber; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the said Returns be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until the twenty-sixth of October instant, in order to allow time to the Parties interested to summon Witnesses, and to furnish to the Chairman of the Committee Lists of the Voters whose Votes are objected to.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Edward Short*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*,

Ordered, That *Edward Short*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, Tomorrow.

Mr. *Langton*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the best means of remedying the difficulties which have arisen in several Counties of *Canada West*, from the informality of the By-Laws of the Municipal Councils imposing County rates, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (B.B.B.)

Ordered, That the said Report, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 24th August, 1852, praying (*inter alia*) for a Statement of the receipts from the Clergy Reserve Lands sold or rented, the principal and interest on sales, the charges of management, and to whom paid, and the disbursements.

For the said Supplementary Return, see Appendix (A.A.)

Ordered, That the Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, Patron, and others, the Officers of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch* of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Parish Church of *Lotbinière*, which was presented on the 8th instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to give effect to certain proceedings under the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed du-

“ring the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and
“one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.”

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.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable *Joseph Bourret*, a Member of their House, absent from *Quebec*, to go to the Standing Committee of this House on the Public Accounts, to be examined with respect to certain expenses incurred in the removal of the Seat of Government from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, if he thinks fit.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the Orders of the day be now read ;

And objections being made to the said Motion ;

Mr. Speaker stated, as his opinion, that it was in order ; and cited the 91st Rule of the House as applicable to the case.

And an Appeal being made from Mr. Speaker's decision ; the House divided :— And the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

And the Question being put, That the Orders of the day be now read ;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province, being read ; the House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made further progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Then, on motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 20^o die Octobris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Smith of Durham*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Smith* and others, the Congregation in *Bowmanville* in connection with the Presbyterian Church in *Canada* ; and the Petition of *Helen Fairbairn*, and others, members and adherents of the Congregation in *Bowmanville* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Clapham*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Giffard Dorly* and others, of the Congregations of the *Wesleyan Methodist Church* in the County of *Megantic* ; the Petition of *Dugald Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Inverness* ; and the Petition of *John McKinnon* and others, of the County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *Enos Alger*, Esquire, and others, of *Eaton and Clifton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *James Mavor* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Alexander Moffatt*, Esquire, and others, of *Pembroke* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Francis Thompson* and others, of the Village of *Yorkville*; the Petition of *Alexander B. McMillan* and others, of the Township of *Finch*; the Petition of *J. Hamilton* and others, of the Town of *London*; the Petition of *James George* and others, of the Township of *Scarborough*; the Petition of *Elizabeth Sutherland* and others, of the Townships of *Ekfrid* and *Mosa*; and the Petition of *Joseph T. Dutton*, Principal of the *Montreal Day, Board, and Evening Academy*, in the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D., and others, of the United Presbyterian Church of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of Messieurs *John Watkins* and Company, and others, Bankers and Merchants of *Upper Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of *David Long* and others who served in the Flank Companies and other Military capacities during the late War between *Great Britain* and the *United States*; the Petition of *Hiram Fairchild* and others, of the Township of *Middleton*; the Petition of *Nathan S. Cohoe* and others, of the Township of *Middleton*; and the Petition of the Reverend *W. McClellan* and others, of *Middleton*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *William Green* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

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

Of the Board of Trade of *Hamilton*; praying that the Commercial policy with the *United States* announced by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* on the part of the Government, may not be adopted.

Of *Thomas Costen*, of the City of *Hamilton*, late Head Keeper of the Provincial Penitentiary; complaining of his dismissal from the said office, and praying relief.

Of *John Calder* and others, of *Dorchester*, District of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *John Ross* and others, of the Townships of *Tuckersmith* and *Stanley*; of *David Ferguson* and others, of the Township of *Metis*; of *William Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Saltfleet*; of *Absalom Shade* and others, of the Town of *Galt* and its vicinity; of the Reverend *Henry Wilkes*, D.D., and others, Congregationalists of the City of *Montreal*; of *William Hope* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; of the Reverend *G. M. Armstrong* and others, of the Village of *Christieville*, County of *Rouville*; of *William Wilson* and others, of the Village of *Oakville*; of *J. J. Williams*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*; of the Reverend *Donald McLeod* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Town of *Cobourg*; of *William Anderson* and others, of *Beach Ridge*; of *Eliza Fleming* and other female Inhabitants of the Village of *Christieville*, County of *Rouville*; of the Reverend *C. LaRocque* and others, of the Town of *Dorchester*, otherwise called *St. John's*; of *Silas H. White* and others, of *Sabrevois*, County of *Rouville*; of the Reverend *James Fergusson* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Townships of *Egremont*, *Normanby* and *Arthur*; of the Reverend *Thomas Wightman* and others, the Minister and Elders of the Congregations of *York Mills* and *Scarborough* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and of *Robert Irvine* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Canals and Railways.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Dorchester*, Division Number two; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to construct Turnpike Roads in the said Municipality.

Of *Gilbert Cohen* and others, of the Township of *Brighton*; of *Samuel Caldwell* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; and of *Andrew Riddell* and others, of the Township of *Vaughan*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *François Poulin* and others, of *Petit Village* in the Parish of *Beauport*; praying that the *Petit Village* Road, and the way therefrom to the main *Beauport* Road, near the Lunatic Asylum, may be placed under the control of the Commissioners of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trusts, for the purpose of macadamizing the same.

Of *F. X. Toussaint*, President, and others, Members of the Library Association of School Teachers of the District of *Quebec*; praying aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *John Gilmour* and *David Gilmour*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquires, Merchants; praying that the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company may not pass into Law, and that they be heard with reference thereto.

Of *J. S. Smith*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*, and others; praying that the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, or any other measure tending to obstruct the navigation of the *Rice Lake*, by bridging the same, or otherwise, may not pass into Law.

Of *Robert Hobson*; praying remuneration for his services in maintaining peace and order along the line of the *Welland* Canal during years 1842-3 and 1844.

Of *William Henry Beresford*, formerly of *Toronto* in *Canada*, at present residing in the City of *New York*, Esquire; setting forth: That the Petitioner has been informed by his Attorney *Clarke Gamble*, of the City of *Toronto*, that the Petition offered to be presented to the House, signed by the said *Clarke Gamble*, could not be received on behalf of the Petitioner, because the same was not strictly in accordance with the Rules of the House; and praying the House to receive that Petition and take the case of the Petitioner into consideration, and grant him the relief sought under the peculiar circumstances of his case: That the proof necessary to substantiate the Petitioner's claim for a Divorce was only obtained immediately before the former Petition was submitted to the House, and the Petitioner residing at the time out of the Province for the summer, and the Petitioner's wife having taken up her abode in the *United States*, and refused to appoint any Agent in *Canada*, it was impossible for the Petitioner to comply with the Rules of the House; and praying that relief in the premises may be granted to the Petitioner during the present Session of Parliament.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the power proposed to be conferred on County Townships or Village Councils, to assess any particular locality therein for improvements affecting such locality, may be extended to Cities also, with authority to issue Debentures on account of such local improvements.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glen-gary*; praying that the Bill relating to the endowment and management of the University of *Toronto* may not pass into Law, but that should any alteration be deemed necessary in the said endowment, it may be the establishment of Grammar or Common Schools in the several Townships of *Canada West*.

Of *William Mc Veigh* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of *St. Thomas* and surrounding Townships; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the 19th Section of the Common School Act, so as to define the rights and privileges of separate Schools.

Of *George Rykert*, Esquire, Chairman of the *St. Catharines* Board of Trade; praying that the Commercial policy announced by the Government with reference

to differential Duties may be adopted,—but that no additional toll or restriction be imposed on *American* Vessels passing through the Canals or Inland Waters of *Canada*.

Of *Charles Pageot*, junior, and others, of the Parish of *La Jeune Lorette*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Government to retake possession of and to concede anew, such Lands in *Belair* and other Seigniories as have been abandoned by those to whom they were originally conceded.

Of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchants, and others, of *Quebec*; praying that the Act 10 & 11 *Vic.* cap 25, for regulating the shipping of Seamen, may be so amended and strengthened as to make it operative in its effects.

Of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the building and management of an Hotel in the said City.

Of the Council of the Municipality of the Village of *Fraserville*, County of *Rimouski*; praying that the District Town of the District of *Kamouraska* be transferred to *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Gilmour* and *David Gilmour*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquires, Merchants; and the Petition of *J. S. Smith*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*, and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Samuel Caldwell* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Mr. Smith of *Durham*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, and another reference, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the subject of the Petition of *John K. Roche*, and find that the Magistrates of the District of *Newcastle*, in January, 1846, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, entered into an engagement with *John K. Roche*, a Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor, to “erect durable monuments at the commencement and termination of the several Concession lines in the Township of *Hamilton*,” for which they engaged to pay him the sum of Three hundred pounds, “currency.”

That the said agreement was made in accordance with the provision of the Statute 38 *Geo.* 3. cap. 1.

That in accordance with the above engagement *Mr. Roche* proceeded to the resurvey of the Township of *Hamilton*, and did place durable monuments at each end of each Concession according to his agreement.

That on the 7th day of January, 1847, the Magistrates of the said District of *Newcastle* ordered the Treasurer to pay to *Mr. Roche* the sum of Seventy-five pounds, and on the 6th day of July following, the Magistrates ordered “that the Treasurer pay to *Mr. John K. Roche*, Surveyor, the sum of Two hundred and “twenty-five pounds, being the balance due to him for the survey of the Township “of *Hamilton*.”

That *Mr. Roche* only received, on the two orders, the sum of Fifty pounds, the Treasurer refusing to pay the balance, saying that he had no money in his hands applicable to that purpose.

That, in 1850, *Mr. Roche* was advised by his Counsel to bring an action against the Municipality of the Township of *Hamilton* for the balance due him.

That he proceeded accordingly in the Queen’s Bench, but failed in obtaining

judgment, on the ground that his engagement was made with the District Officers, and that the same was not a debt due by the Municipality.

Mr. *Roche* was consequently compelled to pay the cost, which amounted to the sum of Fifty-two pounds eight shillings and two pence.

Your Committee have also ascertained that the Bond given by the Collector, for the year in which the above rate ought to have been collected, was defective, and that no action in consequence could be maintained thereon against his sureties, provided the whole amount thereof was collected by him.

Your Committee have also ascertained that the said Magistrates in Quarter Sessions, on the 7th of July, 1846, ordered "that the sum of Three hundred pounds be raised and collected in compliance with the Statute 38 *Geo.* 3, cap. 1, in the "Township of *Hamilton*," to pay for the before mentioned services.

That the Clerk of the Peace for said District did not, as the Law required him to do, make a Collector's Roll for the above mentioned rate, nor extend the same on the ordinary Roll, but procured a Warrant to be signed by two Magistrates of the said District, ordering the Collector of the Township of *Hamilton* to levy and collect one penny and one farthing on each acre in the Township; but no Roll was placed in his hands specifying what amount each individual should pay.

Your Committee have not been able to ascertain whether the Collector collected the whole amount of the rate, or only the said sum of of Fifty pounds paid to Mr. *Roche*, as there was no Roll ever made for the Collector, nor was it possible to compel the Collector to pay the amount he had collected.

Your Committee are of opinion that more than Fifty pounds was collected; but the amount levied on the Township was lost through the omission of the Magistrates and different Officers of the District.

Your Committee therefore, as Mr. *Roche* has no remedy at Law, recommend Your Honorable House to pass a Bill authorizing and requiring the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, (formerly the District of *Newcastle*,) to pay from the funds of the United Counties the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, being the balance acknowledged by the Magistrates in Quarter Sessions to be due to Mr. *Roche* on the 7th of July, 1847, with interest until the same is paid, and also the sum of Fifty-two pounds eight shillings and two pence, being the amount of cost paid by Mr. *Roche*.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eighteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Corporation of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Kingston* for authority to negotiate a Loan to consolidate their Debt; and they find that neither of them is of a nature to require the publication of Notice.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Edward Short*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Board of Trade of *Hamilton*, and the Petition of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchants, and others, of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,

Resolved, That the Order of this House, of Friday last, That during the remainder of the Session, this House will, after this day, take up the Orders of the day at Six o'clock in the afternoon, unless Notices of Motions are sooner disposed of, and that any matter which may be left unfinished under the operation of this regulation, be taken up first under the head of Notices of Motions on the following day; except that Motions for the introduction of Bills shall have precedence after the Routine business is over, be rescinded.

Resolved, That in order to facilitate the despatch of the Business of this House, Notices of Motions shall have precedence of Orders of the day on Mondays, and that on Wednesdays and Thursdays the Orders of the day be called at Six o'clock in the afternoon, unless Notices of Motions shall have been disposed of before that hour.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That it is expedient to prevent any new Incumbents being placed on the List of Clergymen who receive annual allowances from the Clergy Reserve Fund, while the question of its final disposition is undetermined; and that a Committee of five Members be appointed to inquire and report forthwith, as to the best means of preventing any further addition to the said List of Recipients from the Clergy Reserve Fund: that the said Committee have power to send for persons and papers; and that it consist of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Fergusson*, Mr. *Patrick*, and the Mover; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

*Brown,**Mackenzie,*3. *Wright, (E.R. York.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs

*Badgley,**Fortier,**Marchildon,**Sicotte,**Boulton,**Fournier,**Mattice,**Stevenson,**Burnham,**Gamble,**McDougall,**Street,**Cameron,**Hartman,**Merritt,**Stuart,**Cartier,**Hincks,**Mongenais,**Taché,**Cauchon,**Jobin,**Morin,**Tessier,**Chabot,**La Terrière,**Murney,**Valois,**Chapais,**Laurin,**Papineau,**Varin,**Chauveau, Sol. Gen. LeBlanc,**Patrick,**Viger,**Christie, (Gaspé.) LeBoutillier,**Poulin,**White,**Christie (Wentworth.) Lemieux,**Robinson,**Willson,**Crawford,**McDonald (Cornwall.) Rolph,*57. *Young.**Dixon,**Macdonald (Kingston) Rose,**Drummond, Atty. Gen. MacNab, Sir A. N. Seymour,**Shaw,**Dubord,**Malloch,*

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Street* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee of five Members be appointed to which shall be referred the

Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, complaining of the non-payment of certain claims connected with the administration of Criminal Justice in these Counties, with power to report thereon, and to report also, if any and what amendments are required to the Act 9 Vic. cap. 58 ; and that such Committee do consist of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, Mr. *Gamble*, Mr. *Langton*, and the Mover; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow —

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab,</i> Sir A. N.	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	25. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Christic, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	25. <i>Willson.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	
<i>Christic (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

And the Votes being equally divided ; Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company :”

Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the relief of Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, by facilitating the negotiation of Loans to enable them to rebuild the property destroyed by the said Fire.”

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*,

Ordered, That *Edward Short*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee this day, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of his duty.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, and on the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, being read ;

Mr. *Dubord* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the fourth of November next ;

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That the words "Thursday the fourth of November" be left out, and the word "Monday" inserted instead thereof;

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

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

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

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee to consider of fixing a Tariff of Fees to be paid by Suitors on certain proceedings in County Courts in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Friday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* reported the Bill to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the third day of November next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," being read;

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>29. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LeBoullier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>22. Young.</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 21^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Gamble*,—The Petition of *William Henry Beresford*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, late a Captain in the Rifle Brigade, by his Attorney *Clarke Gamble*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *George B. Hall*, Esquire, and others, of *Peterborough East*; and the Petition of *Charles Perry* and others, of *Peterborough*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *John Gale*, boatman, and *Ellen Keenan*, his wife, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *John Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Peter Fleming*, Civil Engineer.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nassagaweya*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Daniel Shoff* and others, Inhabitants of *Upper Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Moses Schyler* and others, *Ojibwa*, *Oneida*, and *Munsee* Chiefs and Indians, residing on the River *Thames*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 11th instant, for copies of all the transactions, sales or contracts which may have taken place between the Executive Government and private individuals or companies, connected with the alienation of the *St. Maurice* Forges, and of the Fiefs of *St. Maurice* and *St. Etienne*; as also, of all claims, proportions or representations made to Government since the said alienation, by the present owners of the said properties, or by other parties; of the decision of the Government thereupon, and of all Returns and Reports made to Government respecting these properties or the claims above mentioned.

For the said Return, see Appendix (C.C.C.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 31st August last, for a List of all persons employed under the Office of Crown Lands, both within and without the said Office, including the Agents of the Seigniories belonging to the Crown in *Lower Canada*, shewing their names, profession, residence, the nature of their duties respectively, their yearly stipend, and the sums allowed to them for contingent expenses, or the cases in which they receive a per centage on the sums which they collect, what extent of Land each local Agent has under his management, and the date of their appointment to office respectively.

For the said Return, see Appendix (D.D.D.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 11th instant, for a Statement shewing the amount received annually from the various Municipalities in *Upper Canada*, towards the maintenance, erection, and support of the Lunatic Asylum, under the Act authorizing a Tax for that purpose, until the formation of the *Upper Canada* Building Fund, and from the formation of such Fund to the 1st July last, with a detailed Statement of the expenditure of all monies under either of the above Acts, the amount of money borrowed upon the security of the said Funds, and the sums remaining due and unpaid by the different Municipalities on account of the said Fund or either of them.

For the said Return, see Appendix (E.E.E.)

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

Of *Paul Robins* and others, Bible Christians, of *Darlington*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Manvers*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act," so as to enable Municipal Corporations to subscribe for Stock in Railway Companies, whether incorporated before or after the passing of the said Act, and to raise Loans therefor, or otherwise to provide relief with reference to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway.

Of *Joseph De'isle* and others, of the *Banlieue* of *Quebec*, Electors; praying for the passing of the Bill to explain part of a certain Act therein mentioned, and to define what persons shall have the right to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent the Cities of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and the Town of *Three Rivers*.

Of *John Gilmour*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Board of Trade of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authorizing parties to sue and defend Causes in *forma pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, may not pass into Law.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Manvers*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. Polette, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company on Marine Assurance,—the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned,—the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*,—and the Bill to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of the said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*; and to each of the said Bills Your Committee have made certain amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*," and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*," be read the third time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*,
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn from To-morrow until Tuesday the 9th day of November next, on account of the urgent private business of one of its Members, and in consequence of the Petitioners not being as yet prepared to proceed with their complaint.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company on Marine Assurance, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, and another reference, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dubord* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Edward Short*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Sanborn* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *Short* to express his sorrow for the inconvenience he had caused the House and the Parties by his absence, on account of urgent business, from the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Kamouraska* Election Petition.

On motion of Mr. *LeBlanc*, seconded by Mr. *Sanborn*,

Ordered, That *Edward Short*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Patents for Inventions.

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. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the recovery of the rates and taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-Laws of the late District Councils in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend a certain Act

passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*."

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*."

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the construction of Plank and other Roads by Joint Stock Companies in *Upper Canada*.

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

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence that has passed, since the 1st day of October, 1851, between the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* and the Honorable *John Rolph*, Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Honorable *Francis Hincks*, Inspector General, and the Honorable *James Morris*, Post Master General, and any other Member of the Government, or either of them, on the subject of the opening or improvement of Roads, the erection of Piers and Light Houses, or the establishment of Mail routes, in or through any part of the County of *Huron*; also, copies of all Correspondence relative to the reduction of the price of Lands in that County, or the appropriation of the portion of the sums received or to be received for the Public Lands towards the opening or making of such Roads or other improvements; and also, of all Correspondence with the Government or any Department of the Government, or subordinate Officer thereof, on the above subjects, or any of them; also, a Statement, shewing what would be the amount of the Fund formed for the purposes of Roads or otherwise, by the appropriation of 4s. 6d. per acre, on Crown Lands sold in the said County of *Huron*, if such appropriation took place, from the time the Land was raised to the price of 12s. 6d. per acre;—

And it being Six o'clock in the afternoon; the Orders of the day were called.

And the Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies, being read;

The Bill was accordingly 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.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the business of Stevedore in the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to secure Mechanics and others, a Lien on Buildings erected by them in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Boulton*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, Mr. *Ridout*, and Mr. *Dixon*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prohibit the payment to Mechanics and others, in certain Cities of *Upper Canada*, of wages in goods or by way of truck, being read;

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hinks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Vulois,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christic (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	38. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicote,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	14. <i>White.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>	
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, relative to a Road allowance, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 22^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *L. Birney* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, Councillors of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *E. Lalonde* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marthe*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *Thomas B. Prentiss* and others, of the Township of *Hull*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of Municipality Number two, of the County of *Ottawa*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *W. S. Porteous* and others, Members of the Baptist Church in *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Bowes* and *Hall* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *Frederick Fergusson* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *H. McKinstry* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *Edward Zealand*, mariner.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *L. Guerin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*, County of *Two Mountains*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *Frederick O'Brien* and others, of the Town of *Barrie*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrère*,—The Petition of *Thomas Verrières de Boucherville*, of *Boucherville*, Esquire.

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

Of the Reverend *John Smith* and others, the Congregation in *Bowmanville* in connection with the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*; of the Reverend *Giffard Dorly* and others, of the Congregations of the *Wesleyan Methodist Church* in the County of *Megantic*; of *Dugald Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Inverness*; of *John McKinnon* and others, of the County of *Megantic*; of *Enos Alger*, Esquire, and others, of *Eaton* and *Clifton*; of *Alexander Moffat*, Esquire, and others, of *Pembroke* and its vicinity; of *Francis Thompson* and others, of the Village of *Yorkville*; of *Alexander B. McMillan* and others, of the Township of *Finch*; of *J. Hamilton* and others, of the Town of *London*; of *James George* and others, of the Township of *Scarborough*; of *Elizabeth Sutherland* and others, of the Townships of *Ekfrid* and *Mosa*; of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D., and others, of the United Presbyterian Church of *Montreal*; and of *Helen Fairbairn*, and others, members and adherents of the Congregation in *Bowmanville* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on Railways and other Public Works.

Of *James Mavor* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the abolition of Capital Punishment.

Of *Joseph T. Dutton*, Principal of the *Montreal Day, Board and Evening Academy*, in the City of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Education Law.

Of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D., and others, of the United Presbyterian Church of *Montreal*; praying that the Clergy Reserves and Rectories may be withdrawn from their present application, and be appropriated to some other purpose.

Of Messieurs *John Watkins* and Company, and others, Bankers and Merchants of *Upper Canada*; praying that the Law relating to the protesting of Notes and Bills of Exchange may remain as it now exists.

Of *David Long* and others who served in the Flank Companies and other Military capacities during the late War between *Great Britain* and the *United States*; praying compensation for services rendered by them during the said War.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of the City of *Hamilton*; praying aid to complete a Building and otherwise to promote the objects of the said Institute.

Of *William Green* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that so much of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton Gas Light Company*," as proposes to render the said Company not liable to action on account of the erection of their Buildings, or the manufacture of Gas, may not pass into Law.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Ruthven*, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *William Wilson*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, praying to be put into possession of a certain Lot of Land purchased by him in *Cul-de-Sac* Street, in the said City, and of which he has been deprived by the Officers of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Lemieux*, 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:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton Orphan Asylum*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Hamilton*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Atkinson* and others, Officers of the *St. Catharines* Mechanics' Institute, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. *Polette*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of "Incorporation of the *Niagara Harbour and Dock Company*," and have agreed to certain amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to establish and ascertain the rights

of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to convey portions of a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Barton*, between Lots Nos. 14 and 15 in the fourth Concession, to *James Hamilton* and others, as Devises in trust of *P. H. Hamilton*, and the Preamble thereof has not been proved to their satisfaction, in as much as the portion of Road allowance described therein as "being utterly useless to the public as a highway" would appear, by the statement set forth in the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton* (referred to Your Committee,) and by other evidence before them, to be much used as a foot-path by parties residing on the top of the Mountain in that vicinity, who would suffer great inconvenience in the event of its being vested by Legislative enactment in private individuals; Your Committee therefore cannot recommend that the said Bill be proceeded with.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Resolved, That this House doth concur in that part of the said Report which relates to portions of a certain Road allowance between Lots Nos. 14 and 15 in the fourth Concession of the Township of *Barton*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have further leave of absence until Wednesday the third of November next.

Ordered, That the Bill to establish and ascertain the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic. cap. 81*, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *St. Maurice Forges*, and the Fiefs *St. Maurice* and *St. Etienne*, which was presented yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company," as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to further amend the Act for the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to define and establish the Division Line between *Upper and Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee, on Monday next, on the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, and on the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Order of this House of Wednesday last, giving precedence to Notices of Motions over Orders of the day on Mondays, be dispensed with on Monday next.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office,” was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*,” being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question proposed on Tuesday the fifth instant, That the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Sharr,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>McLuchlin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	51. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Viger.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	17. <i>Willson.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House ;

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*, That all the words after " Bill" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words " be referred to a Select Committee, composed of " the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Street*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Poulin*, " and the Mover, to report whether it is or is not expedient to establish a Bureau " of Agriculture; with power to send for persons, papers, and records ;"

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be 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 said Committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Laurin* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 25^o die Octobris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,—The Petition of *George S. Jarvis*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *J. Wilson* and others, Masters of Vessels, trading to the Port of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company for the County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of *Louis L'Hérault*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise*, District of *Quebec*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 27th ultimo, for a Statement of all the Claims to Lands in the District of *Gaspé* under the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 30*, which to the present date remain unadjusted, and for which Patents have not been ordered ; the names of the Claimants, the Townships or places wherein the Lands claimed are situate, the superficial contents in acres of each Lot claimed, the dates when the several claims were presented to the Executive, or to the Agent appointed by it for the purpose, together

with any information on the subject which it may be deemed necessary to communicate to the House.

For the said Return, see Appendix (N.N.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 18th instant, for a Statement shewing to what Bankers in *England* the proceeds of Debentures were paid, and at what period, and in what sums the amounts so paid in *England* were drawn by the Provincial Government, and the dates and amounts of such Drafts or Bills of Exchange, and the parties to whom the same were payable.

For the said Return, see Appendix (F.F.F.)

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

Of *William Henry Beresford*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, late a Captain in the Rifle Brigade, by his Attorney *Clarke Gamble*; setting forth: That in the month of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, the Petitioner was married to *Catherine Lawrence*, his now wife, at that time living in *Montreal*, Spinster: That the Petitioner and the said *Catherine Lawrence* lived and cohabited together as man and wife from the time of their marriage until the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one: That unhappy differences caused by great violence of temper and uncontrollable bursts of passion on the part of the said *Catherine Lawrence*, during which the Petitioner's life was endangered, rendered it impossible for them to continue to reside together, and after consultation with friends and a negotiation of several months, it was agreed between them to live separate and apart; and the Petitioner communicated the unfortunate state of his family affairs to the brother of the said *Catharine Lawrence* her only surviving relative, who came to the Province of *Canada* at the time the separation took place, and with whom the said *Catharine Lawrence* left the abode of the Petitioner to return to *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, her native place, in the month of July one thousand eight hundred and fifty one: That for some time after the departure of his said wife, the Petitioner was kept in ignorance of her place of residence, although it was stipulated at the time of the separation that he should always be made aware of the same; that subsequently the Petitioner was told by her agent, that she resided at *Rochester*, in the State of *New York*; and upon inquiry was informed that she lived in the neighbourhood of *Rochester*, with her brother: That during the last winter, the Petitioner was satisfied that her brother was residing with her, although at the same time a person by the name of *Daniel Gallagher*, formerly (and while the said *Catharine Lawrence*, the Petitioner's wife, was living with the Petitioner) a servant in the Petitioner's employment, was also an inmate of the same house, and was called by the Petitioner's wife her half-brother: That a short time since, the Petitioner had reason to believe that his wife had entered into and carried on an unlawful familiarity and criminal intercourse with the said *Daniel Gallagher*, and while the Petitioner took the necessary steps to satisfy himself of her guilt, she suddenly disappeared from her residence, but was subsequently traced by the Petitioner to the City of *Rochester*, where she and the said *Daniel Gallagher* passed as man and wife, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. *Daniel Bradfield*, and whither she had gone, as the Petitioner discovered, to be delivered of a child: That finding herself discovered, she returned home, and on Saturday the fourteenth day of August instant, was delivered of a female child, which is still living: That in consequence of the residence abroad of the said *Daniel Gallagher*, the Petitioner is unable to institute legal proceedings against him for such criminal conversation with his said wife: That the said *Catharine Lawrence* hath, by her criminal and adulterous behaviour as aforesaid, dissolved on her part the Bond of Marriage; and praying that leave may be given to bring in a Bill to dissolve the Marriage of the Petitioner with the said *Catharine Lawrence*, and to enable him to marry again, and

that he may have such other relief in the premises as the House shall think proper.

Of *George B. Hall*, Esquire, and others, of *Peterborough East*; and of *Charles Perry* and others, of *Peterborough*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad from *Peterborough* to *Cobourg*.

Of *John Gale*, boatman, and *Ellen Keenan*, his wife, of the City of *Quebec*; complaining of the unjust and partial proceedings against, and subsequent conviction and imprisonment of her the said *Ellen Keenan*, in the year 1847, on the charge of an assault, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *John Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*; of *W. S. Porteous* and others, Members of the Baptist Church in *Montreal*; and of *Frederick O'Brien* and others, of the Town of *Barrie*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Canals.

Of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District; praying for the repeal of the Tax imposed on Bank issues.

Of *Peter Fleming*, of the City of *Montreal*, Civil Engineer; praying for aid to enable him to publish his discoveries on the Quadrature of the Circle, the Trisection of the Angle, and the Duplication of the Cube.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Nassagaweya*; praying that the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves may be appropriated to Common Schools, or other general purposes.

Of *Daniel Shoff* and others, Inhabitants of *Upper Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate all Medical Societies of different systems of practice, and to provide for the granting of Diplomas by such Societies.

Of *Moses Schyler* and others, *Ojibwa*, *Oneida*, and *Munsee* Chiefs and Indians, residing on the River *Thames*; praying that the Act for the protection of the Indians in *Upper Canada* may not be repealed as petitioned for, but that the said Act may be so amended as to protect the Indians more effectually from the evils of intemperance.

Of *John C. Ball* and others, Councillors of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying for the passing of an Act to unite permanently the said Counties.

Of *E. Lalonde* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marthe*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the site of the County Seat of the said County may remain where it is at present, but that should any alteration be deemed necessary in its locality, it may be removed to the said Parish of *Ste. Marthe* as the most central.

Of *Thomas B. Prentiss* and others, of the Township of *Hull*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medical and mechanical purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of Municipality Number two, of the County of *Ottawa*; praying aid for the construction of a Road from *Grenville* in the County of *Two Mountains*, to *Aylmer* in the said County of *Ottawa*.

Of Messieurs *Bowes* and *Hall* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto* may be so amended that the said Railroad shall not be an extension of the Great Western Railroad, but that Books be opened for the subscription of Stock in said proposed Railroads in the said Cities, and along the proposed line thereof.

Of *Fredrick Fergusson* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying for the passing of the Bill to extend the provisions of the 18th Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and that no authority be given to a certain other Company to construct a Bridge over the *Rice Lake*.

Of *H. McKinstry* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the said City with

Water, may be amended, by the addition of certain names and the increase of the proposed Capital Stock thereof.

Of *Edward Zealand*, mariner; representing that he has sustained a certain amount of loss by reason of the withdrawal of the Government Steam-Tugs, and the detention of his Vessel in the Canal in consequence thereof, and praying relief.

Of *L. Guérin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*, County of *Two Mountains*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the killing or trapping of Mink and Muskrat, from the 1st April to the 1st November in each year.

Of *Thomas Verchères de Boucherville*, of *Boucherville*, Esquire; praying indemnity by a grant of land for the loss sustained by him in consequence of his services during the late War with the *United States*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *H. McKinstry* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. Polette, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners; and have agreed to certain amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

The Honorable *Mr. LaTerrère*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (G.G.G.)

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the fourth of November next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Sir Allan N. MacNab, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto*, and have agreed to certain amendments; they have also considered the Instruction of Your Honorable House to consider the expediency of amending the said Bill, by authorizing the said Company also to construct a Branch Railway from such point on the said Great Western Railroad as they may deem advantageous, to *Port Dalhousie* on *Lake Ontario*, and beg to recommend that a Clause be added to the Bill in conformity therewith.

Your Committee have also examined the following Bills, and have agreed to recommend the same as severally amended:—

Bill to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company.

Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company.

Bill to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company; and

Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelph*.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Rail-

roads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelphi*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *John White*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That *John White*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

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 Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company for certain improvements on the said Canal," without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Justices of the Peace for the more remote parts of this Province," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, and on the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, being read;

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*, and the Question being put, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday next; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	23. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Tuché,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rosc,</i>	44. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting that their Honors will permit the Honorable *George Strange Boulton*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the course pursued by Treasurers and Sheriffs at the various Sales of Land for taxes in the Counties of *Upper Canada*, from 1830 to 1851, on Wednesday next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 26^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *Lawrence Lawrason*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *John McDonald*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *William Lambert* and others, of a Suburban part of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Edouard Crevier* and others, representing the *Fabrique* of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Mr. *Gamble* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the *Montreal* and “*New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the land “necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company;” and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 7, line 48. After “Railroad” insert “doing as little damage as may be, “and making satisfaction in the manner provided by the said last mentioned Act to “the owner or proprietor of or person interested in such land for all that he may “lose or suffer by reason of such entry and felling or removing as aforesaid.”

Page 12, line 19. After “Directors” insert “with the counter-signature of the “Secretary of the Company.”

Page 12, line 22. After “such” insert “with the counter-signature of the “Secretary of the Company as such.”

Page 12, line 28. After “Directors” insert “or Secretary.”

Page 15, line 38. After “votes” insert “and provided also that a share or “shares that shall have been held for a less period than three calendar months im- “mediately prior to any such occasion shall not entitle the holder or holders to vote “on such occasion either in person or by proxy.”

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*,” was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Malloch* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, without Amendment.

Mr. *Dubord*, from the Committee on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John K. Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, and another reference, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to pass a Bill to authorize and require the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, to provide for the payment of the sum of Two hundred and fifty pounds, being the balance due to *John K. Roche*, Deputy Provincial Surveyor, and interest thereon from the date of certain orders given to him by the Justices of the *Newcastle* District, as well as the sum of Fifty-two pounds eight shillings and two pence, being the costs of certain legal proceedings taken by him for the recovery of a balance due him, for the Survey of the Township of *Hamilton* contracted for by the said Justices.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of *John K. Roche*, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor.

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

The Bill to establish and ascertain the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de La Baie*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Fortier*, from the Committee to consider of fixing a Tariff of Fees to be paid by Suitors on certain proceedings in County Courts in *Upper Canada*, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the imposition of a Tariff of Fees to be paid by Suitors in certain proceedings in Equity in County Courts in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the several County Courts in *Upper Canada* and for other purposes therein mentioned, to make provision therein, pursuant to the said Resolution.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *McLachlin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received,

Mr. *McLachlin* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the course pursued by Treasurers and Sheriffs at the various Sales of Land for taxes in the Counties of *Upper Canada*, from 1830 to 1851, on Wednesday next, at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty on the sub-

ject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and": And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to the Queen on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, to which they desire the concurrence of this House :

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

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, and on the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines; and after some time spent therein, the 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 received To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the registration of Voters, being read;

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

The Order of this House, of yesterday, for the attendance of *John White*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *White* attending in his place;

On motion of Mr. *Cartier*, seconded by Mr. *Lacoste*,

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *John White*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee yesterday, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *John White*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *White* to express his regret for being absent yesterday from the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Toronto* Election Petitions, and to state that such absence was unavoidable and unintentional on his part.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, Ordered, That *John White*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office," 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Stevenson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of amending the Acts providing for the improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for deepening Lake *St. Peter*, and improving the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *LeBoutillier* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable *Stephen Atkinson* and his brother, *John Atkinson*, to convey to the Municipality of *Nelson* part of Lot No. 15, in the first concession south of the *Dundas* Street, for a Township Hall, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Laurin* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dubord* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to empower *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls on the Bridge erected by them over the north branch of the River *Yamaska*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Burnham*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 27^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, acting Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall*, of *Chippawa*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—The Petition of *Firmin Perrin*, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Berthier*, District of *Montreal*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *Alexander Nichol* and others, of the Townships of *Dummer* and *Belmont*, County of *Peterborough*; two Petitions of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Dummer* and *Burleigh*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; the Petition of *George B. Hall*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; and the Petition of *William Lang*, Chairman, and *George Read*, Clerk, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Otonabee*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*,—The Petition of *Matthew H. Warren*, of *Indian Island*, on the coast of *Labrador*.

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

Of *George S. Jarvis* Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Canals.

Of *J. Wilson* and others, Masters of Vessels trading to the Port of *Quebec*; praying for the repeal of the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen.

Of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company for the County of *Montreal*; representing the inability of the Company to meet their losses by reason of the late Fire in the City of *Montreal*, and praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the dissolution of the Company, and provide for the winding up the affairs thereof.

Of *Louis L. Héroult*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise*, District of *Quebec*; praying aid to improve the Road from the Church Road of the said Parish to the River *Jacques Cartier* below the Church of *Ste. Catherine*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, acting Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall*, of *Chippawa*, Esquire, be now read, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the acting Executor or Executors of the said late *Robert Randall*, Esquire, to carry out the Testator's intention with regard to the recovery and disposition of his Real Estate.

Ordered, That the said Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Polette*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, Private Bills, and Reports of Select and Standing Committees on Private Bills, be extended to the twenty-first day of November next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Justices of the Peace for the more remote parts of this Province;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 4, line 12. After the word "that" insert "it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in the manner provided for in an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates for the more remote parts of this Province," to name and appoint such and so many fit and proper persons as may be deemed expedient to be and act as Justices of the Peace within, and whose jurisdiction as such Justices of the Peace shall extend over, such remote part or parts of *Lower Canada*, as the Governor in Council may, by Proclamation, define and declare, although such remote part or parts may be comprised within the constituted limits of any District of this Province, any thing to the contrary in the said Act contained notwithstanding, and that."

Page 1, line 13. After "the" where it occurs for the first time, insert "said."

Page 1, line 13. Leave out from "Act" to "shall" in line 15.

Page 1, line 17. Leave out from "appointed" to "and" in line 21, and insert "by virtue of this Act."

In the Title, line 3. Leave out from "of" where it occurs for the first time, to "for" in line 4, and insert "Magistrates."

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

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dubord*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Clapham*, be appointed to enquire into the expediency of encouraging Ship-building in this Province, to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Machenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the Debentures issued under the authority of the third Section of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap 112, for Loans towards defraying the expenses of the Court House now in progress of erection in *Montreal*, for Court Houses and Gaols in *Kamouraska*, *Aylmer*, and *Chicoutimi*, or for repairing or rebuilding Court Houses in *Gaspé* and *Bonaventure*,—said Return to shew the date and amount of each Debenture, when and where and to whom sold or paid, whether at a discount, at par, or at a premium, how any bonus that may have been received was applied, the names of the Broker and Agent who negotiated the Debentures, the commission or brokerage paid in each case, with copy of the Orders in Council upon which the same were issued by the Receiver General to meet the requirements of the Department of Public Works in the erection, repairing, and rebuilding of the said Court Houses and Gaols; and shewing what other funds have been applied to these works, with the gross expenditure.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *White*, and the Question being proposed, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider whether it is expedient to add the following to the Standing Orders:—"No Petition shall be rejected because it is a printed document, (the signature or signatures excepted,) instead of being in manuscript;"

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, that the words "this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee" be left out, and the words "it be an Instruction to the Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of this House" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—

Yeas, 30.

Nays, 24.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of this House, to consider whether it is expedient to add the following to the Standing Orders:—"No Petition shall be rejected because it is a printed document, (the signature or signatures excepted,) instead of being in Manuscript."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amherstburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town.

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. *Polette*, seconded by Mr. *Dumoulin*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of raising by Assessment from the Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at *Three Rivers*, the sum of Five thousand pounds, currency, payable in six years, at the rate of one-sixth per annum, to be delivered and paid over to the Bishop of *Three Rivers*, to aid in the liquidation of the expenses to be incurred in the erection of a Cathedral Church in the said Parish, to be also used as a Parish Church.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *McDougall* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution,

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "and Commons;" and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do request the *Upper Canada* Trust and Loan Company to send to this House, a Return shewing, up to the most recent dates in their power; the gross amount of all Loans made by them during the present year; the rate of interest charged, the amount of interest taken, in advance, out of the money loaned; with the amount of interest paid in afterwards; the amount of Law expenses charged to and obtained from borrowers, and of costs and charges collected for or by the Agents and Surveyors, so as to shew the cost of Loans to the freeholders: the like information for 1851: a List of the Directors and Officers at *Kingston* and in *London*: said Returns to shew the Loans, if any, in detail, to Municipalities and other Corporations, and the rates of interest taken or agreed to be taken: the quantity of Lands, and value of landed estate held by the Company; the number of mortgaged estates, lots or tenements, purchased and held by the Company, and if bought in any case, below the sum for which the land was mortgaged, then for how much less: the amount of the Company's capital, and how much thereof is paid up; the amount of the reserve or guarantee fund; and the amount of stock and names of stockholders residing in *Canada*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d' Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall compose and constitute the same.

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

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Printing, to inquire into the causes of delay in completing the Printing of the Journals, &c., of the last Session of Parliament; and also to inquire and report upon the efficiency of the distribution of the same to the various Municipalities throughout the Province, in conformity with the Order of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Varin*,

Ordered, That that part of the Resolution of this House, of Wednesday last, which directs that the Orders of the day be called at Six o'clock in the afternoon, be suspended on Thursday next.

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, expressing the sense of this House, that some regulation ought to be made for the purpose of preventing any Member of the Executive Council, or other Public Officer, from taking or receiving any commission, gratuity, or reward, from any Person or Corporation, or from deriving any profit or advantage, directly, or indirectly, on account of any thing done or to be done by him in or in any way relating to the raising of any Loan, whether required for Public Works in this Province, or for other Provincial purposes, or for the payment or securing the payment of any money to be borrowed for the purpose of paying Loans already made, or debts now owing by any Municipal Corporation in this Province, or for the purpose of making a new Loan of money for such Municipal Corporation;

Mr. *Langton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and the Previous Question being proposed, That that Question be now put;—

And it being Six o'clock in the afternoon ; the Orders of the day were called.

And the Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, and on the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, being read ;

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Lyon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to the Committee to leave out the words "Towns of *Brockville* and *Prescott*, to a point in the Eastern boundary line of the Township of *Osnabruck*, thence, "in as nearly a direct line as may be practicable, to *St. Raphael's*, and thence to" in the first Clause, and insert the words "Towns of *Perth*, *Smith's Falls*, and *Kemptville*, to a point at or near the *High Falls* on the *Nation* River, thence to the *Caledonia Springs*, and thence through the Village of *Rigaud* to" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i>)	<i>Malloch,</i>
<i>Clupham,</i>			<i>G. Shaw,</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>MacNab,</i> Sir A. N.	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i> Sol. Gen.	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie,</i> (<i>Wentworth</i> .)	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	<i>Wright,</i> (<i>W.R. York</i> .)
<i>Drummond,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>41. Young.</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (<i>Durham</i> .)	
<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mattice*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the words "thence "by the route they may find most practicable, through the Towns of *Brockville* and *Prescott*, to a point in the Eastern boundary line of the Township of *Osnabruck*, "thence, in as nearly a direct line as may be practicable, to *St. Raphael's*, and thence "to the River *Ottawa*, and across the said River to a point between the Lake of "the *Two Mountains*, and the Village of *St. Anne's*, and thence to the City of *Montreal* by such line as the said Company may deem most advantageous ; but the "different sections of the said Road may be made at the said time or in such order "as the Company may think proper : Provided always, that if the Governor shall, "after actual survey, ascertain that the interests of the Province would be promoted "by the adoption of any other route between *Kingston* and *Montreal*, the said Company shall construct the said Railway on the line selected by the Governor after "such survey" in the first Clause, and inserting the words "thence to the City of *Montreal* by such route as the Governor shall after actual survey ascertain to be

“ the shortest and most direct line between the said points, having due regard to the best grades and the interests of the Province” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Richards,</i>	<i>Atty. Gen. 9. Viger,</i>
<i>Langton,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Atty. Gen. Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fincks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolphy,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Sejmour,</i>	<i>38. Young.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after “ That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “ the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the words “ through the Towns of *Port Hope*, “ *Cobourg*, and *Belleville*, to the City of *Kingston*, thence by the route they may find most practicable, through the Towns of *Brockville* and *Prescott*, to a point in “ the Eastern boundary line of the Township of *Osnabruck*, thence, in as nearly a “ direct line as may be practicable, to *St. Raphael's*, and thence to the River *Ottawa*, “ and across the said River to a point between the Lake of the *Two Mountains* “ and the Village of *St. Anne's*, and thence to the City of *Montreal* by such line as “ the said Company may deem most advantageous” in the first Clause, and inserting “ the words “ to the City of *Kingston*, and from thence to the City of *Montreal*, by “ such line as may be found, after actual survey, the most direct with due regard “ to the best grades, and the general interests of the whole Province” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Viger.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>19. Young.</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>33. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>

Christie (*Wentworth*.) *LeBoutillier*,
Clapham, *Marchildon*,
Crauford, *McDougall*,

Rolph,
Sicotte,
Smith, (*Durham*.)

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

The Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the first Clause: "Provided also that the said Railway shall not be constructed between the Cities of *Kingston* and *Montreal*, without the consent of the "*Montreal* and *Kingston* Railway Company being first had and obtained thereto" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the following Resolutions: "1. That it is expedient to require the Company proposed to be incorporated under "the provisions of the said Bill to continue the Provincial Grand Trunk Line of "Railway (in connection with the present *Quebec* and *Richmond* Line) from *Quebec* "to the Boundary line of the Province of *New Brunswick*, upon the same terms and "conditions upon which they are to construct the Road from *Montreal* to *Toronto*; "such extension to be commenced as soon as the Government of this Province is as- "sured of the intention of the Province of *New Brunswick* to co-operate in continuing "the Road to the Boundary line of *Nova Scotia*. 2. That in the event of the Com- "mittee agreeing to the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk Line of Railway "from *Quebec* to *New Brunswick*, to consider of an Address to Her Majesty's Go- "vernment, representing that this Province having authorized the construction of "910 miles of Railroad connecting the interior with the Atlantic sea-board at *Hali- "fax*, for which a Public Debt will be incurred of £2,730,000: that a further Debt "being required for the construction of 212 miles below *Quebec*, of £636,000, (provi- "ding the Imperial credit can be obtained,) which, with the present Debt of £5,000,- "000, incurred principally for internal improvements, will make an aggregate of near "£8,000,000, sterling: that the late Imperial Administration having expressed their "willingness to lend the credit of the British Government, if the Road be construct- "ed for Military purposes on Major *Robinson's* line; it is therefore expedient "that the construction of the proposed line below *Quebec* be delayed until this House "is informed whether such Imperial guarantee can be obtained. 3. That it is ex- "pedient that the difference in the amount between the rate of interest paid un- "der the Imperial guarantee, and the rate of interest received under the Provincial "guarantee from the several Railroad Companies, be applied to create a Sinking "Fund to make good any loss which may accrue in the construction of the said "Grand Trunk Line of Railway throughout the Province,—the surplus, if any, to be "applied towards the liquidation of the Provincial Debt;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Boulton,
Brown,

Dubord,
Gamble,
LeBoutillier,

Macdonald (*Kingston*) *Viger*,
Merritt, 11. *Young*.
Tessier,

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>51. Wright, (W.R. Yor.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Boulton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the names of all the persons mentioned in the first Clause, and inserting the names of "John G. Bowes, Thomas G. Ridout, Thomas Ridout, James Cotton, Robert C. Wilkins, Lewis Wallbridge, Francis Wallbridge, A. C. Thomson, A. K. Boomer, James Ross, C. Cumming, J. Easton, G. M. Redmond, A. W. Hyndman, A. M. D. Clute, Charles E. Romain, J. Hutchinson, W. H. Ponton, David Roblin, Andrew Jeffrey, the Honorable Peter McGill, George Etienne Cartier, Henry Chapman, and the Honorable George Pemberton" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>9. Young.</i>
<i>Lyon,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	<i>48. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Patrick* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the words "Towns of Brockville and Prescott" in the first

“ Clause, and inserting the words “ rear of *Elizabethtown* and *Augusta*, as surveyed eastwardly by *Thomas C. Keefer*, Esquire, and known as his first Survey ” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>John,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	16. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs.

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	43. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after “ That ” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “ the Bill be again referred to the Standing Committee “ on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, with an Instruction so to amend it, “ that it shall bear on its face the character of the work to be executed upon the “ Road, and the terms and conditions on which it shall be so executed ” instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>		7. <i>Stuart,</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	49. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Ridout* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the word "*Kingston*" after the word "between" in the "first Clause, and inserting the word "*Toronto*" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchaldon,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>	24. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lucoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	34. <i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the third Clause: "Provided always that no greater sum per mile shall be charged on "way passengers or way freight, than will be chargeable on passengers or freight "passing over the whole line" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the words "Three million pounds sterling" "in the fourth Clause, and inserting the words "Two millions five hundred thousand pounds sterling, including the Government guarantee" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the thirteenth Clause" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	27. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	31. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the fifteenth Clause" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	13. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	43. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth Clauses" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to place the said Railroad Company on the same footing as all other Companies in regard to the Provincial guarantee, and with that view to leave out the words "but provided the limits above mentioned be not exceeded, the said guarantee may, notwithstanding any thing to the contrary in the said Acts, be given to the extent of Forty thousand pounds sterling, so soon as it shall be ascertained by the Report of any Engineer or Engineers to be appointed for that purpose by the Governor of this Province, that One hundred thousand pounds sterling, has been actually, and with due regard to economy, expended on the said Railway by the said Company, in work or materials delivered on the ground or both conjointly; and whenever it shall be ascertained in like manner that another sum of One hundred thousand pounds sterling, has been so expended as aforesaid, then the guarantee of the Province may be given for another sum of Forty thousand pounds sterling, and so on *toties quoties* until such guarantee shall have been given to the whole extent hereby before limited" in the twenty-seventh Clause" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	13. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie(Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	44. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the twenty-seventh Clause: "Provided always that the Government may, in its discretion, negotiate the Debentures for the said guarantee, and pay in cash the amount of the said guarantee, not exceeding Three thousand pounds sterling, per mile, as aforesaid" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>22. Young.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Malloch.</i>	<i>Street,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>31. Willson,</i>
<i>Crauford,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Ridout* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the words "Three millions pounds" in the fourth Clause, and inserting the words "Two millions seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>22. Young.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>34. Varin,</i>
<i>Crauford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

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 be read the third time on Friday next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 28° die Octobris ;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John McKennon* and others, the Congregation of *Chalmers' Church, Sydenham, Owen's Sound*; the Petition of *George Glover* and others, of *Fergus* and its vicinity; the Petition of the Reverend *John M. Rogers* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; the Petition of the Reverend *William Troup* and others, of *English River* and vicinity; the Petition of *Murdoch McMillan* and others, of *Kenyon* and vicinity; the Petition of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of *Laprairie*; the Petition of the Reverend *Lachlan McPherson* and others, Presbyterians of *Lobo*; the Petition of *William Wright* and others, of the Township of *Egremont*; and the Petition of *Thomas O. Adkins* and others, of the Township of *Arthur*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Richard Arthur* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of *Etienne Migneault* and others, of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Goderich*.

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

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. Blyth* and others, of the Seigneurie and County of *Beauharnois*; and the Petition of *William Henderson* and others, of *St. Martine* and other Parishes, in the County of *Beauharnois*.

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

Of *Lawrence Lawrason*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *London*; praying that the Petition of the Town Council of the said Town for the passing of an Act to confirm a certain By-Law of the said Council for closing up a certain part of *Wellington Street* in the said Town, and establishing a Market thereon, may not be granted.

Of *John McDonald*, Esquire, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the *Toronto and Guelph Railway Company* to extend their line of Railway to the Town of *Stratford*, and from thence to the Town of *Goderich*, and also to *Port Sarnia*.

Of *William Lambert* and others, of a Suburban part of the City of *Toronto*; praying that that part of the said City lying east of the River *Don*, and south of the *Kingston Road*, may be detached from the said City and annexed to the Township of *York*, in the County of *York*.

Of the Reverend *Edouard Crevier* and others, representing the *Fabrique* of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the more effectual administration of the affairs of the new Diocese of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, Councillors of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; and the Petition of *Lawrence Lawrason*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *London*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John McDonald*, Esquire, and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. *Cartier*, seconded by Mr. *Sicotte*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Toronto* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn until Thursday the 18th of November next, in order to allow the Petitioners to procure evidence and witnesses in support of their case.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of *John Strachan*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Huron*, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That the allegations set forth in the Petition have not been proved.

That the Honorable *Malcolm Cameron* was duly elected to represent the County of *Huron*, at the last Election for that County.

That the Petition of *John Strachan*, Esquire, is not frivolous or vexatious.

That the defence of the sitting Member is not frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Terrill*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions, have leave to adjourn until Wednesday next at Ten of the clock in the forenoon, the Parties interested having prayed for this delay previous to being heard on the merits of that part of the matter in contestation relative to which witnesses have been heard.

Mr. *LeBlanc*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Nineteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, for power to carry into effect the Will of the late *Robert Randall*; and find that the Notices have been duly given.

They have also examined the Petition of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the County of *Montreal*, for power to wind up their affairs; and they find that Notice has not been given; nevertheless, a certified copy of a Resolution adopted at the last annual meeting of the Members of the said Company, in favor of the present application, having been laid before Your Committee, they beg to recommend that the Notice be dispensed with.

Upon the Petition of the Town Council of *St. Hyacinthe*, for certain alterations in the limits of the said Town, Your Committee find that Notice has been published for the requisite length of time in a French newspaper, but not in an English paper within the District; it has however been published in the *Canada Gazette* also for upwards of two months, and a Petition has been presented to Your Honorable House in opposition to the measure, proving the application to have been sufficiently well known; under these circumstances, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

Upon the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*, praying for authority to close up a certain part of *Wellington Street* in that Town, Your Committee find that no Notices have been given.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act for confirming the Title of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes rela-

“tive to the same,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, one of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Returns of Commutations of Tenure effected within the Crown Domain in the *Censive* of *Quebec*,—within the *Censives* of the late Order of Jesuits, in the Districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and *Three Rivers*,—and within the *Censive* of the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, from the 1st of May, 1851, to the 31st July, 1852, pursuant to the directions of the Provincial Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap.* 111.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (H.H.H.)

On motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*,
Ordered, That the 70th Rule of this House be suspended, in so far as relates to the Bill for the relief of *John K. Roche*, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty additional copies of the Bill to simplify and alter the practice, pleadings, and proceedings in the Superior Courts of Law and Equity and County Courts in *Upper Canada*, be printed in English for the use of the Members of this House.

The House resumed the further consideration of the Question proposed, yesterday, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, expressing the sense of this House, that some regulations ought to be made for the purpose of preventing any Member of the Executive Council, or other Public Officer, from taking or receiving any commission, gratuity, or reward, from any Person or Corporation, or from deriving any profit or advantage, directly or indirectly, on account of anything done or to be done by him in or in any way relating to the raising of any Loan, whether required for Public Works in this Province, or for other Provincial purposes, or for the payment or securing the payment of any money to be borrowed for the purpose of paying Loans already made, or debts now owing by any Municipal Corporation in this Province, or for the purpose of making a new Loan of money for such Municipal Corporation.

And the previous Question being again proposed, That that Question be now put:—The said Motion and original Question were severally, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Lyon* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again, on Thursday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 29^o die Octobris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

ON motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until
To-morrow at the hour of Ten in the forenoon.

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

On motion of Mr. *Short*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General
Drummond,

Resolved, That out of respect for the memory of the late *Hazard Bailey Terrill*,
Esquire, a Member of this House, this House do now adjourn.

And the House accordingly adjourned.

Sabbati, 30^o die Octobris.

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Reverend *David Shanks*
and others, of *Buckingham* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Thomas A. Young*, of the City of *Quebec*, Es-
quire; and the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Quebec*, and
others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Cam-*
den East; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Ernesttown*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Honorable *N. F. Bel-*
leau, Mayor, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of *Daniel Rose* and others, of the Township of *Wil-*
liamsburgh, County of *Dundas*; and the Petition of *Jacob Brouse* and others, of
Matilda.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Com-
monalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

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

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying for
the passing of an Act to authorize the division of *St. Patrick's Ward* in the said
City, into two Wards.

Of *Firmin Perrin*, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Berthier*, District of *Mon-*
tréal, Esquire; representing that, as a Judgment Creditor of *Wolfred Nelson*,
Esquire, he filed a claim before the Commissioners appointed under the Rebellion
Losses Act 12 Vic. cap. 58, and that a part only of his said claim was allowed by
the said Commissioners, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Dummer* and *Burleigh*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; and of *George B. Hall*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying that neither of the Petitions for authority to construct a Railroad from the said Town to *Cobourg* or to *Port Hope* only, may be granted; but that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad from the said Town of *Peterborough* to the head of *Rice Lake*, and that the parties petitioning may be authorized to construct branches therefrom to the Towns of *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* aforesaid.

Of *William Lang*, Chairman, and *George Read*, Clerk, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Township of *Otonabee*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad from *Cobourg* to *Peterborough*.

Of *Matthew H. Warren*, of *Indian Island*, on the coast of *Labrador*; praying that the produce of that part of *Labrador* lying east of *Canada*, may be admitted into this Province free of duty.

Of the Reverend *John McKennon* and others, the Congregation of *Chalmers' Church*, *Sydenham*, *Owen's Sound*; of *George Glover* and others, of *Fergus* and its vicinity; of the Reverend *John M. Rogers* and others, of the Town of *Peterborough*; of the Reverend *William Troup* and others, of *English River* and vicinity; of *Murdoch McMillan* and others, of *Kenyon* and vicinity; of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of *Laprairie*; of the Reverend *Lachlan McPherson* and others, Presbyterians of *Lobo*; of *William Wright* and others, of the Township of *Egremont*; of *Thomas O. Adkins* and others, of the Township of *Arthur*; and of *Richard Arthur* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Canals and Railways.

Of *Etienne Migneault* and others, of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for certain alterations in the limits of the said Town.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Waterloo*; praying for the passing of an Act to repeal the 8th Section of the Act 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 5, to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Reverend *E. Blyth* and others, of the Seigniorship and County of *Beauharnois*; praying for the establishment of a Registry Office at the Village of *Ste. Martine*, and also the sittings of the Municipality of the said County.

Of *William Henderson* and others, of *Ste. Martine* and other Parishes, in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that the Bill to change the place of sitting of the Circuit Court in the said County may not pass into Law.

Mr. *Langton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Dummer* and *Burleigh*, representing the injustice of the present disposition of the Clergy Reserves, and the proceedings of Sir *John S. Pakington* and the English Ministry now in office, with reference thereto, and praying the House to inform the *Pakingtons* of the opinions entertained by the Petitioners with regard to the same, be now received; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Cameron,
Christie (Wentworth.)
Fergusson,

Hartman,
Langton,
Mackenzie,

Merritt,
Papineau,
Prince,

Stevenson,
White,
12. *Wright, (E.R. York.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston) Shaw,</i>	
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N. Short,</i>	
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen. Malloch,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen. LeBlanc,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>38. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Clapham,</i>		<i>Scymour,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed this day, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations; and have ordered that the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché*, and the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Morris*, shall be in attendance on the part of their House at that time.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of this House, this day at two o'clock, with the Address of both Houses on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Statements of the affairs of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year ending 30th September, 1851, and also for the quarter ending 31st December, 1851.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (L.I.I.)

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

In obedience to the Instruction of Your Honorable House “to inquire into the causes of delay in completing the Printing of the Journals, &c., of the last Session of Parliament; and also to inquire and report upon the efficiency of the distribution of the same to the various Municipalities throughout the Province, in conformity with the Order of this House,” Your Committee have to state, that with reference to that part of the Instruction which relates to the delay in the Printing, the cause to a great extent arose from the time lost at the close of the Session in removing all the Manuscript documents, and the Printing Establishments of the Contractors, from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, which, in the opinion of Your Committee, should not have been done until the Printing of the Session had been completed. Your Committee, in concluding this part of the Instruction, beg leave to state, that they entertain no doubt that under the arrangements submitted by them in their last Report, and to which the concurrence of Your Honorable House has been given, in future the Journals of each Session will be in the hands of Members within two months, and the Appendices within five months, after its close.

With respect to the latter part of this Instruction, relating to the efficiency of the distribution of the Journals and Appendices to the various Municipalities under the

Order of the House of the last Session, Your Committee have made inquiry, and have to report, that that duty has been most satisfactorily performed under the Order of the House; receipts being laid before them from the Clerks of the several County Councils throughout *Upper Canada*, and from the Mayors or Secretaries of Municipalities throughout *Lower Canada*; and considering the very efficient manner in which this duty has been performed during the past recess, they recommend that for the future, the same course be adopted for carrying out the Order of the House in this particular.

Your Committee having observed at the time of the third reading of a Bill, that Members may be at a loss to know the several amendments made to the same during its various stages, and as by an Order of the House every Bill is at its third reading reprinted, they recommend that one copy of such reprint be struck off for, and delivered to, each Member of the House, on the day for which the third reading is ordered.

In concluding this Report, Your Committee beg to suggest an alteration in one of the recommendations in their last Report, by striking out the words "Clerk of the Printed Papers," and inserting "Clerk of Your Honorable House, or such Officer in his department as he shall appoint."

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*," and have made several amendments thereto, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, yesterday.

Ordered, That *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, at its next sitting.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Short*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn until Thursday next, in order to allow the Parties to continue their evidence and furnish certain documents.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*, referred to them, and have agreed to several amendments, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also taken into their consideration the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, referred to them, and which they beg leave to report with an amendment to the tenth Section, confining the extension of their Road to the Village of *Stratford*; the reason for which amendment is embodied in the following Resolution adopted by Your Committee:—

Resolved, That it would be unjust and impolitic to grant a competing line with the Great Western Railway, such as that asked by the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Com-

pany in the proposed extension of their line from *Guelph* to *Sarnia*, there having been no evidence adduced to shew to this Committee that there would be more business than one line could do; that the Province having taken interest to the extent of one-half the cost of the Road now chartered, (being upwards of Seven hundred and fifty thousand pounds,) that interest, as well as the interest of the individual Stockholders, should be protected; that this Committee are therefore of opinion, that the extension of the Charter of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company should not be granted.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Matthew H. Warren*, of *Indian Island*, on the coast of *Labrador*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *E. Blyth* and others, of the Seignory and County of *Beauharnois*; and the Petition of *William Henderson* and others, of *Ste. Martine*, and other Parishes in the County of *Beauharnois*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 16. After "highways" insert "or impede the free access to any house or other building erected in the vicinity of the same."

Page 2, line 47. Leave out from "of" to "to" in line 48, and insert "the owner of or of the Association owning any Telegraph Line now in operation, or that may hereafter be in operation."

Page 3, line 18. Leave out from "time" to "assume" in line 19.

Page 3, line 21. Leave out from "time" to "and" in line 22.

Page 3, line 26. Leave out "such time" and insert "the time of such possession."

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>	<i>15. Young.</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Short,</i>	<i>White,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hinks,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	41. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBontillier,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being put, That the Orders of the day be postponed until Tuesday next; the House divided:— And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Cauchon*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, The House adjourned until Tuesday next.

Martis, 2^o die Novembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *W. H. Lemoine*, Esquire, and others, of *Côte de Beaupré*, County of *Montmorency*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *William H. Smith*, of the Village of *York*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *J. H. Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Broch*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of *John Carden* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul d' Abbotsford*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, of the County of *Montmorency*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Colin McKenzie* and others, of the Township of *Williams*.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *H. Mittelberger* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*,—The Petition of *Louis Vincent*, late of the Village of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, now of *Murray Bay, Huron*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to the Governor General, dated 10th Sep-

tember, for copies of the Instructions given by the Government to *Oliver Wells*, Esquire, Surveyor, to explore the Lands situated on the River *St. Maurice* and its tributaries, of his Notes of such exploration, and also the Report and the Map drawn by the said *Oliver Wells* in pursuance of the said Instructions, and also of all papers and documents relating to the steps taken by the Government to open the territory on the *St. Maurice* to the Timber Trade.

For the said Return, see Appendix (J.J.J.)

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

Of the Reverend *David Shanks* and others, of *Buckingham* and vicinity; of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Quebec*, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; of *Daniel Rose* and others, of the Township of *Williamsburgh*, County of *Dundas*; and of *Jacob Brouse* and others, of *Matilda*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *Thomas A. Young*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; praying payment of a certain amount due him for arrears of Salary as Auditor General of Accounts for *Lower Canada*, from the year 1826 to the year 1834.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Camden East*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Ernesttown*; praying that any appropriation which may be made for Roads in that section of the country may be expended in continuing to the *Madawaska* River, the Road already improved from the said Township of *Ernesttown* leading towards the said River.

Of the Honorable *N. F. Belleau*, Mayor, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures to promote the representation of the Industrial productions of *Canada*, at the approaching Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations to be held at *New York* during the summer of 1853.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Municipal Corporations Act may be so amended as to relieve them from levying a certain rate as Shareholders in the Great Western Railroad Company.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *J. B. Miville de Chêne*, of *St. Henry*, District of *Quebec*; praying indemnity for the loss of his Schooner, laden with provisions, wrecked in the year 1816, while in the service of the Government, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Varin*, Mr. *Fournier*, 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 it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, relative to their Stock in the Great Western Railroad, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, 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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Murney* have leave of absence during the remainder of the present Session, on account of ill health.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*," as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*,
Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Stanstead*, in the room of *Hazard B. Terrill*, Esquire, deceased.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of certain Resolutions on the subject of a Railway from a point opposite the City of *Quebec* to *River du Loup* or *Trois Pistoles*, and from thence to the Eastern limits of the Province;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject-matter of the said Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mallock* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal so much of the Railway Guarantee Act 12 *Vic.* cap 29, as relates to the Aid to be given to the proposed Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, and instead thereof to provide that the Guarantee of the Province may be given, under the provisions of the said Act as amended by the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap 73, providing for the construction of a main Trunk Line of Railway throughout the length of this Province, to any Company which shall be formed for the construction of a Railway from a point opposite the City of *Quebec* to *Trois Pistoles*, and that such Railway shall form part of the main Trunk Line of Railway aforesaid.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide for the incorporation of a Company to construct such Railway as aforesaid, whenever a sufficient number of persons shall express their willingness to construct the same, and shall have subscribed a certain amount of Capital and complied with the other requirements of the Act to be passed in that behalf.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that if such Company, (or any other, but with preference in favor of such first mentioned Company,) shall extend the said Railway from *Trois Pistoles* to the Eastern limits of the Province, a tract of One million of acres of the ungranted Lands of the Crown lying in the vicinity of such extension, may be granted to the Company which shall have effected such extension.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from opposite *Quebec* to *Trois Pistoles*, and for the extension of such Railway to the Eastern frontier 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

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* reported to the House, That His Excellency the Governor General had been attended with the Joint Address of both Houses respecting the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would transmit the said Address to Her Majesty, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to empower the several Railway Companies whose Railways form part of the main Trunk

Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the rights of any such Company; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating Railway Companies; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the said 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.

The Order of the House of Saturday last, for the attendance of *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Valois* not attending in his place;

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Paige*,

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee on Saturday last, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>36. Young.</i>

NAY.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway of *Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "referred to a Select Committee of seven Members, "to inquire and report whether the interests of the Public would not be better con-
"served by accepting the offer of Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies, of an
"Imperial Loan for the construction of a *British American* Railroad, provided the said
"Loan were sufficient to construct the whole route from the *New Brunswick* line to
"the City of *Hamilton*" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>S. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>31. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. *Gamble* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be amended, in Page 4, line 18, by adding at the end of the fourth Clause, the words "Provided always that nothing in this Act shall extend or be construed
"to extend to authorize the Company to issue Certificates for Stock for any greater
"amount than shall actually be expended in constructing the said Railroad;" the
House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>S. Young.</i>

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>27. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, an Amendment was made to the Bill, in Page 1, by inserting after line 35, the words "*Alexander Tilloch Galt*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, Esquire; *Luther Hamilton Holton*, and *David Lewis McPherson*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires."

Mr. *LeBlanc* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put,

That the further consideration of the Bill be postponed until after the Call of the House shall have taken place; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>28. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>7. Young.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* 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.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by Mr. *Marchildon*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 3^o die Novembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House, of yesterday, for taking into his custody *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, in consequence of his absence from this City.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to the Governor General, dated the 11th ultimo, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the House, copies of any appointments made between the month of December, 1849, when the 12 *Vic. cap. 37*, came into force and effect, and the 30th of August, 1851, when the 15th Section of that Act was repealed by the 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 88*, under the hand and seal of the Governor of this Province, of persons to sit as *ad hoc* Judges in the Court of Queen's Bench, in the place and stead of Judges lawfully recused or disqualified, or rendered incompetent, either by reason of interest or otherwise, to sit in the said Court in any Cause cognizable thereby, or absent from the Province, for the purpose of hearing and determining such Cause, and of doing such judicial acts therein as might be required before or after the determination thereof, whether such persons were taken from among the Judges of the Superior Court or the Circuit Judges, or from among the Members of the Bar of *Lower Canada*; with a list of the persons who sat in the said Court of

Queen's Bench under such appointments, and the occasions on which they so sat; also, a list of the persons who refused or omitted to sit under any appointment, so made, and the reasons assigned for their having done so, and copies of any Correspondence with the Executive Government on the subject; also, a Statement of the Causes in which it has become necessary, since the 30th of August, 1851, to complete the number of Judges of the said Court of Queen's Bench from the Judges of the Superior Court, under the provisions contained in the last mentioned Statute, with a list of the Judges of the Superior Court selected to act as *ad hoc* Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, the Causes in which they were required, and the occasions on which they so sat; and generally all information respecting the mode in which the Chief Justice of the Superior Court communicates with the other Judges of his Court, and arranges with them what Judge or Judges shall so act as an *ad hoc* Judge or as *ad hoc* Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in the Cause or Causes in which they are required, and any Correspondence or information shewing why the duty imposed upon the Chief Justice and Judges of the Superior Court, under the 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 88, has been so distributed, that in some instances two Members of the Superior Court in the degree of relationship of brothers, should be made to act as *ad hoc* Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in the same Cause, whilst the Chief Justice and the Senior Judges of the Superior Court have in no one instance been selected for the performance of the duties required by the last mentioned Statute.

For the said Return, see Appendix (K.K.K.)

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to enable *Stephen Atkinson* and his brother, *John Atkinson*, to convey to the Municipality of *Nelson* part of Lot No. 15, in the first concession south of *Dundas* Street, for a Township Hall, and have agreed to the same without amendment.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

In consequence of an anticipated adjournment of the House, Your Committee, upon the suggestion of the Clerk, recommends that a further advance of Ten thousand pounds be made to meet the demands of the Printers, together with other heavy accounts, against 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 Ten thousand pounds, currency, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

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

Ordered, That the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, be now read:—And the same being read;

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, that in consequence of the continued absence of

Michel F. Valois, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, the Committee were unable to sit this day.

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*,

Ordered, That *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, be excused for his absence from the said Committee, and for his non-attendance in his place in this House, yesterday, on account of sickness, as appears by the Certificate of his Medical Attendant, Dr. *Bibaud*, verified upon Oath.

Ordered, That Mr. *Valois* be discharged from any further attendance on the said Committee.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *White*, and the Question being put, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the following Resolutions upon which to found an humble Address to Her Majesty :—

1. That some of the provisions of the Act passed in Her Majesty's Imperial Parliament, in 1840, for re-uniting the late Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the government of this Province, interfere with and prevent the harmonious action of our representative institutions :

2. That on the 20th June 1839, Lord *John Russell* and Mr. *Labouchere* introduced into the House of Commons, a Bill for dividing *Canada* into Electoral districts, which provided that, in apportioning the Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly, regard should be had to the extent of population and territory in each County; and that majorities in the Legislature thus to have been created, should have power to alter the boundaries and the number of the Electoral divisions in any district, which would have enabled the Legislature to secure a fair Representation of the People in the Legislative Assembly, without which the qualified Electors are deprived of their just influence in public affairs under this Constitution :

3. That the said Bill further provided, that the first Legislative Assembly should consist of 98 Members, without placing any restriction whatever upon the united Legislature in case they should be desirous of increasing the Representation; it allowed a separate Representation to *Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, and Kingston*,—naming no other Towns; it authorized the Legislature "to make such provision "as to them should seem meet," respecting the number of Members of Assembly, the time and place of holding the Legislative Sessions, "the prorogation of any "such Session, or the dissolution thereof, or the continuance of the Assembly, or the "qualification or disqualification of any person to be elected, or to sit and vote as a "Member of the said Assembly, or the summoning of the said Assembly for the "despatch of business;" and it left to the Legislature to consider whether a pecuniary qualification was required in Candidates for seats in the Assembly :

4. That instead of these wise and wholesome provisions, by which it was intended to give the People of *Canada* a real influence in the management of their local affairs, an Act was passed in the Imperial Parliament, in 1840, restricting the number of Members in the Assembly to 84, unless two-thirds of all the Members of the two Houses of Legislature should vote, at two separate readings in each House, for a Bill authorizing such increase, while on all other subjects of legislation, a majority of any twenty Members were declared competent to bind the People, in Assembly :

5. That during the last three annual Legislative Sessions, large majorities voted to increase and render more equal the Representation; and in the Session of 1851, the Speaker's vote would have given two-thirds for the measure before the House, had not another Section in the said Act of 1840, forbidden him to vote on behalf of his Constituents, unless when the votes were equal, for or against the measure :

6. That by the Census of this year, the Votes of Constituencies containing 30,000, 40,000, 50,000, and in some cases nearly 60,000 persons, are, or may be

neutralized by the suffrages of small Towns and Counties possessing a population of from 1400 to a few thousands ; and that this House finds itself unable to pass Bills regulating the Representation, and remedying those abuses, although Her Majesty has recently recommended to Her Imperial Parliament to abolish a property qualification for Candidates at Election in *England* and *Wales*, and although none exists in *Scotland*, while a very large number of our fellow subjects are rendered ineligible in *Canada*, because their real estate is, severally, worth less than £500 sterling :

7. That the Union Act of 1840 provides, that several Villages containing from 1,400 to over 4,000 persons each, should each send a Member to the Legislature, while other Villages more populous and wealthy are included in the Counties in which they are located: That this House is desirous more equitably to regulate their Representation, and is of opinion that the said Act of 1840 should be so amended as that not less than a majority of this House should be a Quorum ; that the equalization or increase of the Representation in this House should be regulated by the votes of majorities in the Legislature when sanctioned by the Crown ; that this House should have power to pass Bills determining the time and place of holding its Legislative Sessions, and the prorogation of any such Session, or the summoning of the Legislature for the despatch of business, or the dissolution of the Legislature, or the continuance of the Assembly ; and that no other pecuniary qualification should be required from Candidates for seats in the Assembly than such as would be provided by any Bill that might be agreed to by the Legislature of *Canada* ;

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

YEAS.			
Messieurs			
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>		3. <i>Mackenzie,</i>
NAYS.			
Messieurs			
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lenicieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	54. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of the Tonnage Dues paid annually by the Shipping for the support of the Marine Hospital, since it was built ; also, a Return of the Seamen admitted into the Hospital annually since it was built ; and, also, a Return of the annual cost for maintaining the said Seamen.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act amending the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the City of *Montreal*.

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

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, and the Question being put, That when this House adjourns on Wednesday the 10th instant, it do stand adjourned until Monday the 14th day of February then next ensuing; that all such Orders of the day and other Proceedings as, on the 10th instant, shall not then be disposed of, shall be and remain in the same order in which they shall happen to be on the Orders of the day, and that they shall be taken up according to that order (or such other order as this House may then determine upon) on the said 14th day of February next; The House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>37. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>25. Young.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine,

The Governor General taking into consideration the long services of the late Lieutenant Colonel *Antrobus*, together with the destitution of his Widow and large family, recommends to the Legislative Assembly the appropriation of an annual Pension to his Widow for her life, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, to commence from the date of the decease of her late husband.

Government House,

Quebec, 3rd November, 1852.

The Order of the day for the call of the House, being read;

Ordered, That the House be now called over.

Ordered, That the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do go with the Mace,

to the places adjacent, and summon the Members there to attend the service of the House:—And he went accordingly; and being returned;

The House was called over, and several of the Members appeared; and the names of such Members as made default to appear, were taken down, as follow:—

William Henry Boulton.

Pierre Benjamin Dumoulin.

Thomas H. Johnson.

Louis Lacoste.

Roderick McDonald

William Mattice.

Jean Baptiste Mongenais.

Edmund Murney.

Louis Joseph Papineau.

Antoine Polette.

John S. Sanborn.

James Smith.

Henry Smith.

Thomas C. Street.

Joseph Edouard Turcotte.

Michel F. Valois.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, *Ordered*, That the 74th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the second reading of Private Bills this day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the City of *Montreal* to raise a Loan to consolidate their debt, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Manufacturing Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, “An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned,” being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*,” being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, “An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Friendly Society, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned,” being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the granting of certain Lots in the Town of *Bytown*, to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating Bishop's College, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was proposed, on Wednesday the thirteenth of October last, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Mary's College of Montreal* be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House accordingly resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Marchildon.</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	30. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	10. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>White,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain the Act, intitled, "An Act to authorize *François Verrault*, Esquire, to build a Toll Brige over "the River *Etchemin*, in the Parish of *St. Henry*, near the Church in the said Parish, "in the County of *Dorchester*," being read;

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day twelve "months" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time ; the House divided :—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the Common of *Mashinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of *John K. Roche*, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amhestburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee upon the Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Brown* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Brown* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelph* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Gamble* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gamble* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with

the administration of *McGill* College; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Hartman* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Hartman* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Seymour* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Seymour* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fourteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on the fifteenth of February next.

Mr. *Gouin*, from the Committee to consider the expediency of amending the Acts providing for the improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for deepening Lake *St. Peter*, and improving the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved,* That it is expedient to amend and to consolidate as amended, the provisions of the several Acts now in force for the improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal* and for deepening Lake *St. Peter*, and improving the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* between the said Lake and *Montreal*.

2. *Resolved,* That it is expedient to incorporate the Commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, to enlarge the limits of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and to transfer to the said Commissioners the powers now vested in the Trinity House of *Montreal*, as far as regards the said Harbour.

3. *Resolved,* That it is expedient to substitute a new Tariff of Wharf Dues for that now in force under the said Acts, and to make more complete provision for the collection of the said Dues, and as to the purposes for which they shall be applied.

4. *Resolved,* That it is expedient to authorize the said Commissioners to borrow a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, for constructing a Wharf at the foot of *Monarque* Street, and for making other unforeseen improvements in the said Harbour to meet the exigencies of the Trade, and defraying the cost of a Steam Dredging Vessel and Scows: the said sum to be borrowed at any rate of interest not exceed-

ing eight per cent, but on the best terms on which the Commissioners can obtain it,—and the payment of the principal and interest of the said sum not to be guaranteed by the Province, but to be paid out of the Wharfage Dues and Revenues of the said Harbour.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorize the said Commissioners to borrow a further sum of Forty thousand pounds, (over and above any sum they are empowered to borrow by any Acts now in force,) for defraying the cost of deepening Lake *St. Peter* and improving the Channel of the River *St. Lawrence* from the said Lake to *Montreal*; the said sum to be borrowed at any rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent per annum, but on the best terms on which the Commissioners can obtain it; and the payment of the principal and interest of the sum so borrowed not to be guaranteed by the Province, but to be paid out of the proceeds of a Tonnage Duty not exceeding one shilling per ton, on the registered Tonnage of all Vessels passing Lake *St. Peter* and drawing ten feet of water or upwards, and payable for each time of passing, and the surplus of the other monies arising from the said Harbour, after paying all charges thereon.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for the deepening of Lake *St. Peter*, and the improvement of the navigation of the *St. Lawrence* between the said points, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. *McDougall*, from the Committee to consider the expediency of raising by Assessment from the Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at *Three Rivers*, the sum of Five thousand pounds, currency, payable in six years, at the rate of one-sixth per annum, to be delivered and paid over to the Bishop of *Three Rivers*, to aid in the liquidation of the expenses to be incurred in the erection of a Cathedral Church in the said Parish, to be also used as a Parish Church, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to raise by Assessment from the Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at *Three Rivers*, the sum of Five thousand pounds, currency, payable in six years, at the rate of one-sixth per annum, to be delivered and paid over to the Bishop of *Three Rivers*, to aid in the liquidation of the expenses to be incurred in the erection of a Cathedral Church in the said Parish, to be also used as a Parish Church.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Short*, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	25. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Short,</i>	
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	4. <i>Patrick.</i>
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, to amend the Acts regulating their practice, expediting and simplifying the proceedings of the said Courts, and for the settlement of disputes without litigation, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the deterioration of lands and hereditaments charged with hypothecs, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "on the fifteenth of February next" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, 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 facilitate the recovery of just debts due by Incorporated Companies, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more speedy Distribution of the Statutes, being read ;

Mr. *Tessier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "on the fifteenth of February next" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal such Clauses of the Common School Acts of *Upper Canada* as authorize the establishment of Secular Schools endowed with the public money, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors in certain cases, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 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 for the regulation of Marriages, and to place upon a footing of equality the several Religious Denominations relative to the solemnization or celebration of Matrimony, 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 abolish the Office of Queen's Printer, and to provide for the public printing and legal advertizing, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in certain Inhabitants of the Township of *Moore*, a Road allowance therein, and to establish a new Road in lieu thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and explain the Ordinance concerning the registration of hypothecs in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow ;

Mr. *Stuart* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*, That the word "To-morrow" be left out, and the words "on the fifteenth of February next" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province, at certain seasons of the year, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill extending to persons charging or charged with Criminal Offences, the right of being assisted by Counsel, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the right of Primogeniture in the succession to Estates held in Free and Common Soccage in *Lower Canada*, and to provide for the succession to such Estates, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned for the protection of Indians in *Upper Canada*, by repealing the third Section thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate *La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville Marie*, in the City of *Montreal*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize Cities and Towns to establish and maintain Public Libraries, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain part of a certain Act therein mentioned, and to define what persons shall have the right to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the Town of *Three Rivers*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce the Registration of all Titles to Lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the eighteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the School Law of *Lower Canada*, and to repeal certain parts thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 126*, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to compel Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the navigation of the waters of this Province,'" being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision for the collection of Claims against the Owners of Vessels, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Champlain*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 23*, relative to Masters and Servants, and to extend the provision thereof to Mechanics and others, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for navigating upon the *St. Lawrence*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions relative to the employment of Steam Tug Boats on the River *St. Lawrence*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the proceedings relative to the seizure of Real Property in cases of *Folle Enchère*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the discharge of hypothecs, charges and servitudes on Real Property, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal so much of the Act providing for the optional commutation of the Tenure of Lands in the *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* of *Lower Canada*, as allows the commutation of the right of *lods et ventes* without the commutation of the other Seigniorial rights on the same lands, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes, 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 improve the Law of Evidence in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts regarding the right and liability of Foreign Executors, Administrators and Corporations to sue and be sued in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 4^o die Novembris ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *William Walsh* and others, inmates of the *Toronto Gaol*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Daniel MacNab* and Company, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *James Wylie* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of *J. B. Plamondon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *Henry Boyd*, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *Thomas Christie* and others, Settlers of the *Canada Company's Huron Tract*.

By Mr. *McDougall*,—The Petition of the Reverend *David Dunkerley* and others, of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec Board of Trade*.

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

Of *W. H. Lemoine*, Esquire, and others, of *Côte de Beaupré*, County of *Montmorency*; praying a certain amendment to the 8th and 9th Sections of the Act 13 & 14 *Vic. cap. 40*, intituled, “An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture.”

Of *William H. Smith*, of the Village of *Yorkville*, County of *York*; praying the House to aid him by a grant of money, or by taking a certain number of copies of his Work entitled, “*Canada: Past, Present, and Future.*”

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying for certain amendments to the Assessment Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that the Municipal Corporations Amendment Act may be so amended as to place Township lines not assumed by County Councils, under the management of Township Municipalities.

Of *J. H. Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Brook*, County of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act or Acts of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway from *Belleville*, through *Peterborough*, to *Lindsay* in the Township of *Ops*, with Branch Railways therefrom to the *Georgian Bay* and *Toronto*.

Of *John Carden* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul d'Abbotsford*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying that the said Parish may be annexed to the proposed new County of *Rouville*.

Of *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, of the County of *Montmorency*, Esquire; praying for permission to produce certain Witnesses to be examined at the Bar of the House in his behalf, touching the complaint made against him by *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire.

Of *Colin McKenzie* and others, of the Township of *Williams*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Guelph*; taking notice of the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, and praying that in the changes proposed by the said Bill, the said Town may remain with the County of *Wellington* for electoral, as it does for all other purposes.

Of *H. Mittleberger* and others, of the Town of *St. Catherines*; praying that any Bill introduced with provisions similar to the Law known as the *Maine Liquor Law*, may not pass.

Of *Louis Vincent*, late of the Village of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, now of *Murray Bay, Huron*; praying a pension in consideration of his services and sufferings during the late War with the *United States*, and of his present helplessness by reason thereof.

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to recommend to Your Honorable House, with reference to certain documents laid before the House during the present Session, viz.: “Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Province of *Canada*, for the year

“1851,” and the “Public Accounts,” and printed in extra copies for the Journals or Appendix, prior to the order for changing the form of the same to royal octavo, that the said Tables be not re-printed, but be stitched and distributed with the Appendices, in their present folio form, and that the extra copies of the Public Accounts in folio form, be stitched and distributed to the Members of the House as other printed Sessional papers.

The attention of Your Committee has also been drawn to two documents, viz. : Return to an Address for Correspondence relative to the projected Railway from *Quebec to Halifax*, and Return to an Address for Copies of appointments as *ad hoc* Judges in the Court of Queen’s Bench in the place of Judges lawfully excused, disqualified, &c., which will form a part of the Appendix; and they beg to submit the following recommendations in relation thereto:—

That with reference to Commissions under the Great Seal, appointing Judges *ad hoc* in certain cases, forming part of the last Return, (Appendix K.K.K.) the following portions thereof only be printed in the Appendix :

- 1st. The names of the Judges *ad hoc*.
- 2nd. The names of the Parties in the Cause.
- 3rd. The names of the Judges disqualified.
- 4th. The date of the Instrument.

And that any Instrument revoking any of the above Commissions be printed at full length.

And that no document, map, or paper, in the first Return, (Appendix Z.) which have been already printed in the Journals of this House, or in the Statutes of this Province, or in the Statutes of *New Brunswick* or *Nova Scotia*, be re-printed in the Appendix to the Journals of the present Session, but only the titles of such documents, maps, or papers.

Mr. *Malloch*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations,—and the Bill to incorporate the *St. Mary’s* College of *Montreal*; and have agreed to report the said Bills without amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery* Company certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Mary’s* College of *Montreal*, be read the third time To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Carouge* Pier, Wharf, and Dock Company, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations, be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. *Cartier*; from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph

Lines, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Huron* Union Railroad Company, and have agreed to several amendments, all which they humbly submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Printing be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act for confirming the Title of the “Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* to a certain tract of Land therein mentioned, and for other purposes relative to the “same;” and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 35. Leave out “the” where it occurs the first time, and insert “this.”

Page 2, line 50. After “land” insert “with the exception of so much thereof as may have been already conveyed by the said Council of the said United Counties to the Great Western Railway Company.”

Page 3, line 20. Leave out “County” and insert “United Counties.”

Page 3, line 29. Leave out from “*Middlesex*” to the end of the Bill.

The said Amendments being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Legislative Council in the said Amendments; the House divided:

Yeas, 18.

Nays, 26.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery* Company certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to ascertain and “establish the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de La Baie*,” without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the “Law relating to the Recorder’s Court of the City of *Montreal*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend the Law “relating to the Recorder’s Court of the City of *Montreal*,” was read the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tessier*, and the Question being put, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a Resolution, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to implore Her Majesty to grant to Messieurs *William Smith O’Brien*, *Francis Thomas Meagher*, *John Martin*, *John Mitchell*, *O’Doherty*, *McManus* and *O’Donohue*, and their associates, who

were convicted of being concerned in the Insurrection in *Ireland*, in 1848, and to *John Frost*, *Zephaniah Williams* and *William Jones*, who were convicted of being concerned in the Insurrection in *Wales*, in 1839, Her Majesty's most gracious amnesty and forgiveness, and to restore them to their country, and to their families, from whom they have been separated during weary years of exile, privation and and severe suffering: That united as our destinies are with those of a powerful and magnanimous Nation, and blessed as the British Empire is with peace and tranquillity both at home and abroad, this House would fain hope that the time has at length come in which an amnesty for past political offences in *Ireland* and *Wales*, can be safely granted by the Crown; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	13. <i>White.</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	
<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	38. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Resolved, That until the adjournment of this House on the 10th instant, this House do meet at Ten o'clock in the forenoon; and that it do meet on Saturday next, at that hour.

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, from the Standing Committee on the Public Accounts, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have deemed it their first duty to take up and examine Account No. 39, being a "Statement of Warrants issued on the Receiver General, between the 1st of February, 1851, and the 31st of January, 1852, in payment of various indispensable Expenses of the Civil Government, for which a Supply is required." This Account shews an expenditure of £12,510 14s. 7d. currency, on the responsibility of the Executive Government, without the previous authority of any Law or Act of the Legislature authorizing it, alleged, however, to have been "indispensable," and for which, to be relieved of the responsibility, a Vote of Your Honorable House is required.

Your Committee have, during several sittings, attentively examined every item of this Account, obtaining, where particular explanations were thought needful, the necessary information from the proper Officers, and have satisfied themselves that, as far as could be, under all the circumstances, and with a due regard to the Public Service, economy has been consulted. Looking, however, at the large sums laid out, pursuant, it seems, to contracts for Law and other Printing, as shewn in this and the various other Accounts before Your Committee, they are of opinion that the

public expenses under this head (which seem to Your Committee, without venturing to call them exorbitant, unless upon further inquiry it shall appear to be the case, at least heavy) should be made the subject of investigation by the Executive, with a view, if possible, to a reduction in these charges; and they would accordingly direct its attention to the matter.

Your Committee having called for a detail of the outlay of the £767 19s. 6d., on account of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year 1851, (the seventh item in the said Account) were informed by the Deputy Inspector General, that by Law the Warden of that Establishment has the entire of the present year to account for this sum, and that the Department will be enabled to produce, in course of the next Session, the necessary vouchers therefor.

With regard to the item of £3,820 paid "*Jacques Viger*, Treasurer, and one of " the Commissioners under Act 12 *Vic. cap. 58*, on account of salaries and contingencies of the Commission for Rebellion Losses in *Lower Canada*, in the nine months " ended the 30th September, 1851," and which, with the sum of £1,528, accounted for last Session for the same service, during a previous period, making together £5,348, Your Committee recommend, as by the First Report of the Committee on Public Accounts last Session, was done, that this sum (£3,820) if made good by Vote of Your Honorable House, be, in like manner, charged to the appropriation under the above mentioned Act, and not in addition to it. The total expenses of this Commission (now terminated) exceed, Your Committee understand, £12,000.

*£825	0	0	—Jacques & Hays.
1575	0	0	—Hooker & Holton.
823	15	1	—T. C. Vallier and others.
197	12	4	—F. Benoit.
1396	1	4	—Various Officers, Clerks and others of the Civil Government.
£4727	8	9	

The five last items in the said Account,* making together £4727 8s. 9d., occasioned by the removal of the Seat of Government from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, is over and above the £5000 voted last Session for this purpose, and which has been found insufficient therefor.

Your Committee, after the most minute examination of the expenses under this head, are of opinion, that it is expedient to make the amount good by a Vote. The total amount of expenses of, and incidental to, the removal, exceed, as far as they have been ascertained by Your Committee, £11,000, of which the £5,000 voted last Session, of course, make part. On the whole, Your Committee respectfully recommend that the amount of the said Account No. 39, that is to say, the sum of £12,510 14s. 7d. currency, expended by the Executive Government in payment of various indispensable Expenses of the Civil Government of the Province, on their own responsibility, and for which they request a Supply, be accordingly made good by Vote of Your Honorable House, and that an Act of indemnity pursuant thereto be passed.

Your Committee have also taken up and examined the expenses included in Schedules A and B of the Civil List. The outlay under the former being £29,230, is short by £5,407, of the sum authorized by it for the purposes thereof; and that of the latter being £33,547, is also short of the sum it authorizes, by £6,698, —making together £12,105, and so much short of the appropriation by the Civil List Act.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto, Simcoe*, and *Huron* Union Railroad Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fourteenth of February next, and be then the first Order of the day.

A Bill for the granting of certain Lots in the Town of *Bytown*, to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Patrick* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Act incorporating Bishop's College, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to authorize a Company to construct a Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*, or to authorize the Great Western Railroad Company to protract their Road to *Toronto*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the "*Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company."

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Galt* to *Guelph*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the "construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*."

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with the administration of *McGill* College, was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Burnham*, an Amendment was made to the Bill, by adding the words "nor "shall it be lawful for the said Company to construct any Bridge across the said "Lake without the consent of the Governor in Council" at the end of the fifteenth Clause.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Burnham* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Prince* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Prince* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, that *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

Mr. *Ridout* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company, be now read; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative. And the same being read:

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Taché* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Taché* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. *Malloch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being put, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cartier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cartier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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

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

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 5^o die Novembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Québec*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *David Harrison* and others.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *P. Archambeault* and others, of *St. Michel* and other Parishes, in the County of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *Hyacinthe F. Charlebois*, Esquire, Registrar of the County of *Vaudreuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *James Patrick* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *Joseph Ouellet*, Esquire, and others, Notaries Public, of the District of *Kamouraska*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William H. Smith*, of the Village of *Yorkville*, County of *York*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Library.

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which Security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices in the event of such Security not being given within a time limited after the grant of such Office," and for other purposes.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions relative to the establishment of a Line of Steamers between *Quebec* or *Montreal* and *Liverpool*.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *LeBlanc* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered to both Houses of the Legislature, be now taken into consideration.

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

And the same was again read.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of that Motion.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, of yesterday, recommending an annual Pension to the Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel *Autrobus*, be referred 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Johnson* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway Company of “*Canada*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the “Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases:” And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the “Charter of the *Erie* and *Ontario* Railroad Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend the Charter “of the *Erie* and *Ontario* Railroad Company,” was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton* the “Gore” of *King* Street, for public purposes.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the necessity of altering and amending certain provisions relating to the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada*, and to make better provision for the appointment of Judges of the Superior Court to supply the places of Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in certain cases.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Fournier* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is necessary to alter and amend certain provisions relating to the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada*, and to make better provision for the

appointment of Judges of the Superior Court to supply the places of Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in certain cases.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend certain provisions relating to the Court of Queen's Bench for *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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Paige* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Missisquoi*, from the place where it is now kept to a more central position.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes, and also the Bill to empower *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand tolls on the Bridge erected by them over the north branch of the River *Yamasha*; and to each of the said Bills they have prepared certain amendments, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also examined the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same without amendment:—

Bill to authorize the City of *Montreal* to raise a Loan to consolidate their debt:

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Manufacturing Company:

Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned:"

Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Friendly Society, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned:"

Bill to explain the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize *François Verrault*, Esquire, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, in the Parish of *St. Henry*, near the Church in the said Parish, in the County of *Dorchester*:"

Bill to divide the Common of *Mashinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof:

Bill for the relief of *John K. Roche*, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor.

Ordered, That the Bill to empower *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls on the Bridge erected by them over the north branch of the River *Yamasha*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Poulin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to

bring in a Bill to provide for the more equal distribution of business in the Superior Courts of Common Law in *Upper Canada*, 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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Division Court Act of *Upper Canada*, and to extend the Jurisdiction of the same.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec Benevolent Society*, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned," be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the City of *Montreal* to raise a Loan to consolidate their debt, be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly 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.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Wightman*, Moderator, and others, on behalf of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; the Petition of *Andrew Mullins* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*; the Petition of *John Ward* and others, of the Township of *Etobicoke*; the Petition of *John Watt* and others, of the Townships of *Nichol* and *Garafraza*; the Petition of the Reverend *William Reid* and others, the Minister and Elders of the Presbyterian Congregation of *Picton*, County of *Prince Edward*; the Petition of *James Gardiner* and others, on behalf of the Bay of *Quinté* Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; the Petition of the Reverend *John Segbert*, Bishop, and others, the Elders and Ministers of the Evangelical Association in Conference assembled at *Berlin*, County of *Waterloo*; the Petition of *Robert Emond* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; the Petition of *H. Glass* and others, of the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*; the Petition of *John McWhinnie* and others, of the Town and vicinity of *Woodstock*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. White* and others, of the Town of *Port Sarnia*; the Petition of Mrs. *A. H. Reid* and others, females, residing in the County of *Prince Edward*; the Petition of *Jacob Baltzer* and others, of the County of *Essex*; the Petition of the Reverend *Paul Robins* and others, of the Township of *Darlington*; the Petition of *John Chinie*, on behalf of the Congregational Union of *Canada West*; the Petition of the Reverend *Robert F. Burns*, Moderator, and *John*

Dickson, Clerk, on behalf of the Session of *Chalmers' Church, Kingston*, in connexion with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; the Petition of *William Everett* and others, of the Township of *Chatham, County of Kent*; the Petition of *J. J. Harrison* and others, of the Townships of *Howard* and *Harwich, County of Kent*; the Petition of *John Dobbyn* and others, of the Township of *Sombra, County of Kent*; the Petition of *William B. Wells, Esquire*, and others, of the Town of *Chatham*; the Petition of the Reverend *James Rogers, Moderator*, and *William Gregg, Clerk*, on behalf of the *Kingston Presbytery* of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and the Petition of *William Webster* and others, of the Townships of *Euphemia* and *Dawn, Gore of Camden*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry, Esquire, Mayor*, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Bill for the relief of *John K. Roche, Esquire, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor*, be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for the relief of *John Knatchbull Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, in the County of *Durham, Provincial Land Surveyor.*"

Ordered, That *Mr. Langton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec Friendly Society*, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned," be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Friendly Society.*"

Ordered, That *Mr. Lemieux* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That *Mr. Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the "Act to regulate the exercise of certain rights of Lessors and Lessees," 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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Grand River Navigation Company* be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Act incorporating a Company for making a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the Township of *Rawdon*, 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 To-morrow.

Ordered, That *Mr. Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the conveyance by the Catholic Parishioners of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, of the personal property, buildings and immoveables appropriated to Divine Worship, 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 the eighteenth of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Poulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend the "Act to allow Notaries to call Meetings of relations and friends in certain cases," without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge," and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to make more ample provision for the incorporation of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*, and to extend its limits.

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 the eighteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Manufacturing Company, be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow;—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>38. Young.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>11. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company on Marine Assurance; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Scymour* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act "extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company "in Marine Assurance."

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, and the Question being put, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Mary's* College of *Montreal*, be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	54. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Malloch.</i>	<i>7. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>White,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, that *Louis Lacoste* and *Edward Short*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Short* do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Lacoste* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions’ Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, and this day, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from opposite *Quebec* to *Trois Pis-toles*, and for the extension of such Railway to the Eastern frontier of this Province, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and

the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>33. White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>2. Malloch,</i>
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Street* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Street* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to empower the several Railway Companies whose Railways form part of the main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the rights of any such Company; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating Railway Companies, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>32. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs.

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>		<i>7. Stevenson,</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cauchon* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend two certain Acts therein "mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mongenais* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mongenais* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, as followeth:—

Page 3, line 16. Leave out from "Province" to the end of the Bill, and insert "provided that this Section shall not apply to existing contracts."

The said Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture; 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 received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dubord* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Bill to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway "Clauses Consolidation Act" to the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to give effect to certain proceedings under the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the "Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and one "thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight," being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney-General *Drummond*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *LeBlanc* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gouin*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "after the proceedings which it "is intended to validate and render effectual shall have been printed according to

“the Order of this House, and after the Resolutions which are to be submitted to
“the consideration of this House shall have been so submitted and considered”
added at the end thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question
being put, That the Debate be adjourned; the House divided: and the names being
called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	18. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	26. <i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it
passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*,
That the word “now” be left out, and the words “on Tuesday next, and the Re-
port of the Commissioners which the said Bill declares to be “to all intents and
“purposes” held good and valid in Law, be printed for the use of Members, with
“the accompanying documents” added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it
passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	36. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	17. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same;

Mr. *LeBlanc* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the following Resolutions:

“1. That the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 58, intituled, “An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight,” has in view the indemnification of every person who has suffered losses by the total or partial, unjust, useless, or malicious destruction of his houses, buildings, property and effects, and by the seizure, pilage, or carrying away of his property and effects, in and on the occasion of the suppression of the Rebellion, such person not having been convicted of the crime of High Treason, nor banished to the Island of *Bermuda* for that crime, or other offences of a like nature, as set forth more at length in the proviso to the preamble of the Act aforesaid:

“2. That the Act in question having been passed with the view above mentioned, every person who has not been convicted or banished, as aforesaid, and who has suffered loss in manner aforesaid, is entitled, in pursuance of that Act, to an indemnity for his loss so occasioned, that is to say, that has not been caused by the necessary effect of his resistance to the Troops, or by some other act of participation in the Rebellion on his part, which became the immediate cause of such loss; and that no person who has not been convicted nor banished, as aforesaid, who has suffered loss in manner aforesaid, could be excluded from the benefit of such indemnity for the act of participation in the Rebellion, if such act did not by its nature cause the loss suffered by such person as a necessary and inevitable consequence:”

“3. That it appears by the proceedings of the Commissioners named in pursuance of the aforesaid Act, that many Claimants who proved their losses in accordance with the conditions required, in order to be indemnified, and who were neither convicted nor banished as aforesaid, have nevertheless not been admitted to the aforesaid benefit, but have been excluded therefrom; some because as alleged in the minute of their exclusion, they had taken part in the Rebellion, although such part was not in any way the immediate cause of their losses, and others, because they had been rejected by the Commissioners appointed under the Ordinance 1 *Vic.* cap. 7, although the aforesaid Act made no exception of Claimants so rejected by those Commissioners:

“4. That it appears moreover, by the aforesaid proceedings, that the said Commissioners under the Act aforesaid, excluded several Claimants for the act of participation in the Rebellion, on proof purely *ex parte*, and therefore null, even supposing that they might be excluded for such act; that they proceeded on different principles with different classes of Claimants, two of which were very numerous, although these various classes were subjected to the same principles in their respective categories; and that they were guilty of irregularities injurious to the Claimants:

“5. That all exclusions contrary to the intention of the law are illegal, and in

“ violation of the rights acquired under the aforesaid Act by the Claimants illegally excluded :

“ 6. That this House ought, in order to prevent the completion of such violation, to amend the aforesaid Bill, so as to secure to persons unjustly excluded the rights accruing to them under the aforesaid Act :

“ 7. That it is the more just and expedient to amend the aforesaid Bill, with the intention above expressed, that the persons illegally excluded have been so excluded without their knowledge, the proceedings of the Commissioners aforesaid having been secret until they were produced in this House, on or about the thirteenth day of this month ; and also, in respect of the persons excluded by reason of their participation in the Rebellion, that such persons could not even have supposed that the aforesaid Commissioners, in rendering their decisions, had arrogated to themselves the right of convicting them of such participation and of punishing them therefor, by the deprivation of the benefit aforesaid, inasmuch as the said Act granted them no jurisdiction in that behalf, and that the general amnesty granted by the Act 12 Vic. cap. 13, prohibited the exercise of such jurisdiction :

“ 8. That the Claimants so illegally excluded being ignorant of their exclusion, could neither appeal from the decision by *certiorari* nor otherwise, to cause the jurisdiction exercised by the Commissioners to be declared null and void, in case they were not a tribunal legally constituted for the exercise of such jurisdiction, or to cause their decisions to be reviewed and reversed if, being such tribunal, an appeal could be had therefrom ; nor complain thereof (of their exclusion) to the Government, in order to obtain therefrom the justice which it might have done, or have caused to be done to them ; and that the said Claimants having been able neither to appeal nor to complain as aforesaid, it is the duty of Parliament to amend the said Bill, with the intention above expressed :

“ 9. That if this amendment be not made, and the Claimants illegally excluded be in consequence thereof not indemnified, together with the Claimants who are admitted, out of the monies appropriated to indemnify their losses, Parliament will be bound in justice to appropriate other monies to indemnify the said Claimants illegally excluded, to the end that they may fulfil, in their behalf, the promise contained in the Act aforesaid,” instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

*LeBlanc,*2. *Mackenzie.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Brown,
Burnham,
Cameron,
Cartier,
Chabot,
Chapais,
Christie (Wentworth.)
Dixon,
Drummond, Atty. Gen.
Dubord,
Egan,
Fournier,

Gamble,
Gouin,
Hertman,
Hincks,
Langton,
Laurin,
LeBoutillier,
Lemicux,
Macdonald (Kingston)
Malloch,
Marchildon,
McDougall,
Mongenais,

Morin,
Morrison,
Paige,
Patrick,
Poulin,
Prince,
Richards, Atty. Gen.
Ridout,
Robinson,
Rolph,
Rose,
Seymour,
Shaw,

Sicotte,
Stevenson,
Street,
Taché,
Tessier,
Varin,
White.
Wright, (E.R. York.,)
Wright, (W.R. York.)
49. *Young.*

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>35. Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>17. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Seigneur,</i>	
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>White.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>32. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>12. Street.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That the 74th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the said Bill.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Morrison* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Morrison* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Bill to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto and Guelph Railway Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to authorize the *Brantford and Buffalo Joint Stock Railroad Company* to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, " for the purpose of leaving out the word "*Paris*" wherever it occurs in the Bill" added instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Ridout</i> ,	<i>White</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Rotph</i> ,	<i>Wright</i> , (E.R. York.)
<i>Christie</i> (<i>Wentworth</i> .)	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Street</i> ,	<i>12. Young</i> .

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Taché</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>14. Varin</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i>)	<i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen.	
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Mulloch</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for the deepening of *Lake St. Peter*, and the improvement of the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* between the said points, and for other purposes, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Huron* Union Railroad Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend the Charter of the *Erie and Ontario* Railroad Company,” being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath passed the same without any Amendment.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act passed in the “Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and “Dock Company;” and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, The House adjourned.

Sabbati, 6° die Novembris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of the *Peterborough and Port Hope* Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Margaret Machar*, Pre-

sident, and others, the "Widows and Orphans' Friend Association" of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *Joseph J. R. Lecomte*, Esquire, of the Village and Parish of *Nicolet*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Benoit Marcoux*, of *Quebec*, Joiner.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *L'Islet*.

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

Of *William Walsh* and others, inmates of the *Toronto* Gaol; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors.

Of Messieurs *Daniel MacNab* and Company, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; of *James Wylie* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*; and of the Reverend *David Dunkerley* and others, of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Of *J. B. Plamondon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying that the Petition for certain alterations in the limits of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe* may not be granted.

Of *Henry Boyd*, of the Town of *London*; praying for a pension in consideration of the injury he received while in the discharge of his duty as a Constable in the said Town, by being beaten by a party of Private Soldiers of the 20th Regiment, in the year 1849.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill to further amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec* may not pass into Law.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*,

Resolved, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, and Private Bills, be extended to the end of the Session.

Ordered, That the Bill to explain the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize *François Verrault*, Esquire, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Etochemin*, in the Parish of *St. Henry*, near the Church in the said Parish, in the County of *Dorchester*," be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill do pass;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, That all the words after "Bill" be left out, and the words "be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the fifteenth of February next, with a view of inserting a Clause to regulate the Tolls thereon" added instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>

<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>28. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Crawford.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>26. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the fifteenth of February next, with a view of inserting a Clause to regulate the Tolls thereon.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Governor General to issue a Proclamation to declare the County of *Perth* to be separated from the United Counties of *Huron, Perth,* and *Bruce,* 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 Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley,* from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal,* and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal,* be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tessier* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 4, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act concerning Land “Surveyors.”

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

Mr. *Tessier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gouin,* and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next;

Mr. *Fournier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Marchildon,* That the words “on the fifteenth of February next” be left out, in order to add the words “this day six months” instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That so much of the Return relative to Judges *ad hoc,* which was presented on Wednesday last, and recommended by the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Printing to be printed, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twentieth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Grand River* Navigation Company, praying that the said undertaking may be assumed by the Government as a Provincial work, which was yesterday referred to them, and they do not consider it as one coming under the provisions of the 64th Rule, it being a matter of arrangement between the Government and the Company alone.

Your Committee would beg leave to state that many Petitions for Private and Local Bills have been presented to Your Honorable House, which they have been unable to report upon on account of informality, to a greater or less extent, in the Notices given. A very great misapprehension appears to exist among Petitioners as to the nature of the Notices required by the Rules of Your Honorable House, arising, without doubt, from the fact that the Rules relating to Private Bills have not been made known to the public to a sufficient extent. To remedy this, so far as the Petitions now before Your Honorable House are concerned, Your Committee have directed their Clerk to publish in some of the leading Newspapers of the Province, in a condensed form, so much of the regulations concerning Private Bills as will afford the necessary information to the public, so that the Parties interested in these Petitions may have the proper Notices given, to enable them to proceed with the same on the resumption of business by Your Honorable House in February next.

Your Committee, considering that the Rules in question have been adopted for the purpose of protecting the rights and interests of all parties, who might be affected by Private Bills coming from time to time before Your Honorable House, are of opinion that a full compliance with them should, as a general rule, be insisted upon: to this end it is manifestly necessary that all requisite publicity should be given to them, and Your Committee would respectfully recommend that such portion of the Rules as may afford the necessary information be published, in the leading papers of the Province, for a sufficient length of time after each Session.

Your Committee, in conclusion, would respectfully suggest, in view of the intended adjournment, that as many new cases may arise before the meeting of Your Honorable House in February, it would be desirable to admit of the reception of Private Petitions and Bills as at the commencement of a Session, under a proper limitation as to time.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Directors of the *Grand River* Navigation Company to place the said Navigation under the control and management of the Provincial Government, under certain conditions.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the final adjustment of Boundaries.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law for the sale and settlement of the Public Lands.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received

and read for the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better management of the Lunatic Asylum.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law for the better protection of Crown Timber, and for the collection of the Dues thereon.

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

Ordered. That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Monaghan*, and to provide for the compensation of persons suffering loss by the confirmation of such allowance.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law with respect to the solemnization and registration of Matrimony.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the boundary of lots in the West Gore of the Township of *Beverley*.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm certain Titles in the Township of *Aldbrough*, and rectify difficulties which have arisen from an erroneous survey.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, That he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House, of yesterday, for taking into his custody *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, in consequence of his absence from this City.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee ; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, referred to them, and have agreed to report the same with amendments, which they humbly submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Morrison* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Morrison* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision touching the expense of maintaining Patients in the Lunatic Asylum 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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Marriage License Fund in *Lower Canada*, which was presented on the fourteenth of September last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton* the "Gore" of *King Street*, for public purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly 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.

The Order of the day for resuming the further consideration of the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, against *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, for the examination of Witnesses, and the hearing of Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed till the fifteenth of February next.

A Bill to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec Benevolent Society*, under certain restrictions, rules and regulations therein mentioned," was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to provide for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from

opposite *Quebec* to *Trois Pistoles*, and for the extension of such Railway to the Eastern frontier of this Province, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	43. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	9. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Mackenzie,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to empower the several Railway Companies whose Railways form part of the main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the rights of any such Company; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating Railway Companies, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	49. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	6. <i>Marchildon.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to empower any Railway Company whose Railway forms part of the main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the property and rights of any such Company; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating Railway Companies."

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

A Bill to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Union Railroad Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Railroad Union Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Crawford* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Crawford* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, and the Question being proposed, That the amendments be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the words "Provided always, that the real estate held by the said Corporation shall be for the use and occupation only of the said Corporation, and not for endowment" at the end of the second Clause;"

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the amendments be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "on the fifteenth of February next" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the amendments be now read a second time.

And the said amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *LeBlanc*, from the Committee to consider certain Resolutions relative to the establishment of a Line of Steamers between *Quebec* or *Montreal* and *Liverpool*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish a Line of Screw Steam Vessels to run between the Ports of *Liverpool* in *England*, and of *Quebec* and *Montreal* in this Province, once in every fortnight, during the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, and between the said Port of *Liverpool*, and the Ports of *Halifax* in *Nova Scotia*, and of *Portland* in the *United States of America*, once in every month in the winter season.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to appropriate a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand pounds sterling, per annum, for seven years, commencing on the first day of May next, to carry the above Resolution into execution.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the said Steam Vessels should be exempted from the payment of all Light Dues or other Provincial Dues on the River *St. Lawrence*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill for the establishment of a Line of Steam Vessels between this Province and the United Kingdom.

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. *Johnson*, from the Committee on the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, of Thursday last, recommending an annual Pension to the Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel *Antrobus*, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant a Pension annually, to be voted to *Catherine Esther Bréhaut*, the Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel *Antrobus*, in his life time Provincial Aide-de-Camp to the Governor of this Province; and that the amount of the said Pension be, for the present year, Two hundred pounds currency, to commence and be counted from the day of the decease of her late husband the said Lieutenant Colonel *Antrobus*.

The said Resolution being read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morrison.</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Clopham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>27. Taché,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie.</i>	<i>Street,</i>	<i>10. Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring

in a Bill to make certain provisions with regard to Common Schools in *Upper Canada*, for a limited period.

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. *Poulin* reported the Bill to empower *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls on the Bridge erected by them over the north branch of the River *Yamaska*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls upon a Bridge which they have constructed on the northern branch of the River *Yamaska*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Mr. *Malloch* reported the Bill to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	28. <i>White.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
			9. <i>Willson.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. *Dubord* reported the Bill to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for the deepening of Lake *St. Peter*, and the improvement of the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* between the said points, and for other purposes; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to establish a Consolidated Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Question being proposed, That the amendments be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of inserting Plank Roads among the works included in the provisions of the Bill" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of inserting Plank Roads among the works included in the provisions of the Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Question being proposed, That the amendments made to the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the words "Provided always, that such sum so to be raised as set forth in such By-Law shall, together with the debts and liabilities of such County, City, Town, Township, or incorporated Village, in no case exceed five per cent. on the whole amount of rateable property, real or personal, in such County, City, Town, Township, or incorporated Village" at the end of "the second Clause" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	16. <i>Wright,</i> (W.R. York.)

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Christie</i> (Wentworth.)	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	20. <i>Taché.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the amendments made to the Bill be now read a second time.

And the said amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie,</i> (Wentworth.)	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald</i> (Kingston)	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright,</i> (W.R. York.)
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	32. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	6. <i>Tessier.</i>
<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, that *Louis Lacoste* and *Edward Short*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Edward Short*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Short* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Edward Short*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, and not having

been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, and this day, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

Mr. *Malloch* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next; the House divided:—

Yeas, 12.

Nays, 18.

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and extend the Act incorporating a Company for making a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the Township of *Rawdon*, in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company," being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

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

Lunæ, 8° die Novembris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House, of Saturday last, for taking into his custody *Edward Short*, Esquire, in consequence of his absence from this City.

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

By Mr. *Street*.—The Petition of *Leonard Miscner*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Wainfleet*.

By Mr. *Brown*.—The Petition of the Reverend *William Scott* and others, of *Melbourne* and vicinity; and the Petition of Mrs. *J. Cumming* and others, female inhabitants of the County of *Glengary*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*.—The Petition of *George D. Griffin* and others, of the Township of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*.—The Petition of *A. Painchaud*, Esquire, and others, Traders and Merchants of the *Magdalen Islands*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*.—The Petition of *Denis Veronneau* and others, Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to so much of an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 30th September last, as prays that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Statement in detail, shewing what books, maps, and other articles for Schools or Teachers, have been purchased and sold by the Superintendent of Education, West, within the last three years, whether as advertized for sale in his official paper, the *Journal of Education*, or otherwise offered to the Public and to School Teachers, together with the profits thereon, and upon the said *Journal*, and to what purposes said profits are applied; also, shewing in detail the manner in which £2000 granted for School Libraries, and the £2700 for School Architecture and Normal School contingencies, and Student Teachers, have been disposed of and applied.

For the said Return, see Appendix (L.L.L.)

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

Of *R. G. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Québec*; praying for the passing of an Act to invest the *Roman Catholic* Inhabitants of the said Parish with the rights and privileges possessed by persons known as "*Notables*" in the other Parishes of this Province, with regard to the *Fabriques* of the said Parishes, and to the government and administration of the same.

Of *David Harrison* and others; praying aid to open a Road through the Townships of *Gloucester* and *Cumberland*, to the 2nd and 3rd lines of *Russell*, and thence to the Road leading from the front to *Armstrong's Mills*, in *Winchester*.

Of the Very Reverend *P. Archambeault* and others, of *St. Michel* and other Parishes, in the County of *Vaudreuil*; and of *Hyacinthe F. Charlebois*, Esquire, Registrar of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the County seat of the said County may not be removed as petitioned for.

Of *James Patrick* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; praying the repeal of the Act for the establishment of Commissioners' Courts.

Of *Joseph Ouellet*, Esquire, and others, Notaries Public, of the District of *Kamouraska*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate and establish them as a distinct Board, and to amend the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 21*, with reference thereto.

Of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company; praying that the application for an Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company may not be granted.

Of Mrs. *Margaret Machar*, President, and others, the "*Widows and Orphans' Friend Association*" of the City of *Kingston*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authorizing parties to sue and defend Causes in *formâ pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, may not pass into Law.

Of *Joseph J. R. Lecomte*, Esquire, of the Village and Parish of *Nicolet*; praying that the Government may be authorized to grant him the lease of the Toll-Bridge over the River *Nicolet*, on certain conditions.

Of *Benoit Marcoux*, of *Quebec*, Joiner; representing that while [working at the residence of His Excellency the Governor General, at *Spencer Wood*, in 1851, he was disabled by reason of an accident, and praying aid in the premises.

Of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *L'Islet*; praying for aid to open a Road from the Parish of *L'Islet* through the unconceded Lands of the Crown to the Province line.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do request the *Canada* Company, through its Agents at *Toronto*, or at *Goderich*, to transmit to this House, a Statement of

the affairs of the said Company, made up to as recent a date as possible, shewing:—1. The amounts of said Land Company's assets and liabilities in *Canada*, and of what they severally consist.—2. The number of acres of land now unsold and unoccupied, and in what Counties, severally, situated, with the aggregate sums of wild land tax paid thereon by the Company, in 1849, 1850, and 1851.—3. The number of acres sold in each fiscal year since 1844, and at what average rates; also the number of acres, in these years, for which deeds have issued to purchasers.—4. The aggregate quantity of lands sold on credit, since the Corporation commenced operations, for which purchasers have not as yet received any deeds; the aggregate number of said purchasers; and the number that have left or deserted their land and improvements, or forfeited them and been removed or ejected.—5. The number of the Company's tenants now residing on leased lots,—the number of acres leased, and in what Counties,—the aggregate rent payable yearly by said tenantry, and the average length of their leases,—how many of the said tenantry have left their improvements, how many have been ejected from their farm lots, and how many acres have been leased yearly since 1844.—6. A Schedule of the landed estate, if any, purchased by the Company, (under authority of the Imperial Act 6 *Geo.* 4, Cap. 75, Sec. 7, or any subsequent Charter or Statute,) from the Government, from Corporations, and from individuals, other than the Reserves included in the Company's bargains with the Imperial Government, shewing from whom bought, when, at what prices, and where situated.—7. The several rates and amounts of the dividends of gain or profit realized or made since 1844, and when said dividends were declared.—8. The aggregate nominal value of the Company's Capital Stock held in *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island*, and the aggregate amount owned elsewhere.—9. The gross amount of donations by the Company, and of Stock paid in, since 1827, in aid of Canadian Railways, Harbours, Canals, Bridges, or the improvement of Inland River Navigation, beyond the limits of the *Huron* Tract, and exclusive of those expenditures upon their own lands, to enhance the value, which were considered by Government as payments in part of the price of said lands; with the amount of free gifts or donations, in aid of British or Irish settlers, to enable them to come to *Canada*.—10. The aggregate number of Law suits now pending between their tenants or other indebted settlers, as nearly as can be ascertained.—11. Copy, in blank, of any printed leases, deeds, and mortgage forms in use by the Company; also of any additions or amendments made by the Crown to the Company's Letters Patent, under authority of Sec. 6, of the Imperial Statute 9 *Geo.* 4. Cap. 51.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing, 1st. The sums paid by the Government up to this date to the Corporation of the Railway now in progress between *Toronto* and *Barrie* on *Lake Simcoe*, of the Great Western Railway and its branches, and of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railway, and the sums agreed to be paid, for which Provincial Debentures are about to issue, to each of the said Railway Companies, and so as to show the whole payments, votes of credit, or pledges for principal or interest or both, from Government in aid of Railways. 2nd. Copy of any Reports or other official correspondence that may have taken place between the Engineers and other officers employed by the Government to report upon the condition and progress of the above Railways, or the expenditure on the same, and the Executive Government, or any Head of a Department or Bureau thereof, since the close of the last Session of the Legislature.

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

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,
Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do request the Presidents of the following Railway Companies, to furnish this House with the following information, viz: 1st. The gross amount of instalments on their Stock, paid in by the present Directors of the Railway now in progress between *Toronto* and *Barrie* on *Lake Simcoe*, the Great Western Railway and its branches, and the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railway, up to the 1st instant. 2nd. The gross sum actually paid in as instalments, by individual Stockholders or firms, in each of the said Railways, up to the 1st instant. 3rd. The gross sum paid in (or agreed to be paid in, and for which they have severally given either of the said Railway Corporations their obligations) by Municipal Corporations, to each of the said Railway Corporations, up to the 1st instant. 4th. Lists of the present Officers and Directors of the above three Railways, stating the gross income of each, derived from the funds of the said Corporations.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing what was the net balance of Revenue, over and above the payment of the expenses of the Post Office Department in *Canada*, (as said receipts and expenses are stated in the Returns before the Legislature,) at the time when the Department came under Provincial control, and which balance of Postal Revenue was payable into the Public Chest of *Canada*, for public uses; and whether such balance has been applied to any public purpose, and, if so, to what purpose, and by what authority; also, copy of the Correspondence that took place between the Imperial and Provincial Authorities relative to the transfer of the Post Office Department to the Colonial Government, except such documents as have been sent down already:—It passed in the Negative.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he may take into consideration the propriety of causing an immediate Survey of the uninhabited Tract of Country bounded by the *French River*, *Lake Nipissing*, the *Ottawa River*, *Lakes Huron* and *Simcoe*, and the *Georgian Bay*, and by the settled parts of *Upper Canada*, so far as said Tract is, or may be, ceded by the Indians; the said Survey to be made by the cardinal points, and the lands set off into Counties, Townships, and Sections,—each Section to contain one square mile, or 640 acres, and to be subdivided into four quarter sections of 160 acres each, with a proper allowance for Roads; the Townships to be square, except where the local position of the territory surveyed may interfere; each Township, where practicable, to contain 49 sections, nine of which Townships to form a County; Town Plots, with lots for Schools, to be reserved in the several Townships, and a site for a County Town selected in each County; that a Geological Survey and detailed description of the soil, be carried on and completed, while the Land Surveyors are establishing the Boundaries of the Sections, Towns, and Counties: and, that to ensure the more speedy settlement of said uninhabited Tract, to provide homes for the youth of *Canada*, encourage immigration, and prevent emigration, every alternate quarter Section of 160 acres be bestowed upon any actual settler, the head of a family, who, at the time, owns no other land,—conditioned for a free deed from the Crown to him or her at the end of five years actual possession and cultivation,—the land thus conveyed as a free gift, not being liable for any debt that may have been contracted by the settler previous to the issue of the Crown Patent, and the intermediate lots reserved for actual settlers by purchase only.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th October, 1852, for copies of any Instruments under the hand and seal of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of the Province of *Lower Canada*, appointing Trustees for the erection of an Hospital for the reception of sick seamen and other indigent sick persons in the City of *Quebec*, under the authority of the 10 & 11 *Geo.* 4, cap. 23, making provision for the establishment of such an Hospital, and of all Instruments from time to time removing such Trustees, or any of them, and appointing others in their place, or in the place of any of them; also, copies of all appointments made of Managers of the Marine Hospital, or of Commissioners of the Emigrant Hospital, established at *Quebec*, with documents and information respecting the direction and management of such Institutions, or either of them, and of any Rules and Regulations for the internal government and economy, and maintenance of the same; and also, that His Excellency will be pleased to inform this House under what authority or law such appointment or nomination of Manager and Commissioner has been made, and such Rules and Regulations have been established.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Y.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 20th September, 1852, for a copy of the Accounts rendered by the *Quebec* Turnpike Road Trustees from the date of their last Report to this date; also, copies of all documents and correspondence between the Executive and the said Trustees relative to the management of the said Roads, together with a copy of the minutes of their proceedings with reference to the execution of the works on the said Roads mentioned in the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 115, and also those defined in the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 132.

For the said Return, see Appendix (G.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Paige*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions, have leave to adjourn from its next sitting, to the sixteenth of February next, for deliberation on the merits of the contestation on that part upon which Evidence has been taken.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Currency.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Grammar Schools in *Upper Canada*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following Resolutions relative to the construction of a Grand Trunk Line of Railway throughout the entire length of *British North America*:

1. That whereas the Imperial Government has proffered pecuniary aid for the construction of Railroads in *British America*, at different times, from the Despatch of Earl *Grey*, Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies, to His Excellency Lord *Elgin*, Governor General of *British North America*, of 1st April, 1847, to the Despatch of Sir *John S. Pakington*, of the 20th May, 1852, in which a hope is expressed that the Canadian Legislature will so modify their proposals as to meet the views of Her Majesty's Government, by adopting the Line for the Grand Trunk Railroad selected by Major *Robinson*:

2. That in conformity to the above suggestion, the Provincial Legislature have adopted the said Line, and will construct through *Canada* the best class of English Railroads, 5 feet 6 inches guage, leading thereto: That they have already incorporated various Companies for the construction of 921 miles of the following Lines:

From <i>Detroit</i> to <i>Hamilton</i>	180 miles.	
From <i>Hamilton</i> to <i>Toronto</i>	41	
From <i>Toronto</i> to <i>Kingston</i>	168	
From <i>Kingston</i> to <i>Montreal</i>	170	
From <i>Montreal</i> to <i>Richmond</i>	72	
From <i>Richmond</i> to <i>Quebec</i>	100	
	—	731 Main Trunk Line.
Suspension Bridge, <i>Hamilton</i>	44	
From <i>Lake Huron</i> to <i>Toronto</i>	92	
From <i>Richmond</i> to the Province Line.....	54	
	—	190 Branches.
		921
Total to <i>Quebec</i> ,.....	921	
From <i>Quebec</i> to <i>Neigette</i> River.....	191	
From <i>Neigette</i> River to <i>Metapediatic</i>	86	
	—	277
		1198 in <i>Canada</i> .
From <i>Metapediatic</i> to <i>Dalhousie</i>	30	
From <i>Dalhousie</i> to <i>Bathurst</i>	48	
From <i>Bathurst</i> to <i>Miramichi</i>	56	
From <i>Miramichi</i> to <i>Shediac</i>	74	
From <i>Shediac</i> to the Province Line between <i>New Brunswick</i> and <i>Nova Scotia</i>	26	
	—	234 <i>New Brunswick</i> .
And from thence to <i>Halifax</i>		124 <i>Nova Scotia</i> .
		1556 miles.
		Grand Total.....

3. That if the Line lying between the *Trois Pistoles*, and the Boundary of this Province, is not undertaken by this Company within one year, the same shall be opened for contract to any other Company; and in addition to the £3000 per mile, and one million of acres of land, already authorized for its construction, such additional number of acres of land lying in that part of the Country through which the Road passes shall be granted, as the Government, after a proper examination, may deem reasonable for ensuring the early construction of the Road:

4. That the completion of this part of the Road will open one continuous Line from *Halifax* to *Galena* on the *Mississippi*, of about 2,500 miles in length, and with

the aid of the natural outlets of the interior Lakes, will secure a fair share of the commercial intercourse with the Western States, for which this Province will incur, in addition to her present Debt of near £5,000,000 Currency, a further liability for the construction of 1200 miles of this Road, of £3,600,000 Currency :

5. That in addition to the advantages conferred on the Empire at large, by the encouragement of Emigration, providing a Military Road, and the facilities offered in the intercourse between this Province and the Mother Country, so often referred to in the different Despatches alluded to from the Imperial Government, this Road can be constructed without any expense to Her Majesty's subjects, either in *Great Britain* or in *Canada*, by providing a Sinking Fund, based on the difference in the value of Imperial and Provincial Credit :

6. That the efforts made by this Province in attaining this great National object should be represented to the Imperial Government, and an application made for the loan of £4,000,000, for 20 years, at the lowest rate of interest at which it can be negotiated, for the purpose of constructing this Grand Trunk Line, and for the punctual payment of which the entire revenue of Canals will be pledged :

7. That the amount so borrowed shall be invested, from time to time, by the Inspector General, in Provincial or local Securities of this Province, issued, either for the construction of this Road, or any other improvement, at the current rate of interest within this Province; and that in order to secure the Imperial Treasury, and the Revenues of this Province against loss in the construction of any part of said Road, a Sinking Fund shall be created, to consist of the full amount of Interest received from the different Railroad Companies to whom Provincial Debentures have been issued, and the difference in exchange on the Imperial Loan: the proceeds of which shall be inviolably appropriated, 1st. to pay the Interest due the Imperial Government on the amount of Loan; 2nd. to indemnify the Province against any loss which may accrue in the construction of any part of the Grand Trunk Line; and 3rd. the remainder, if any, to be set apart to redeem the Principal of the Provincial Debt, borrowed in aid of the construction of the said Road or any other improvement :

8. That the formation of this Sinking Fund is the more important, inasmuch as the Government of the State of *New York* have provided a Sinking Fund to liquidate the whole amount of their Public Debt in a few years, after which the Tolls on their Canals may be removed, making it, therefore, the interest of this Province to create a similar provision to pay off the additional Debt incurred for this Road, in order that our communications may at all times be in a position, without any additional public charge thereon, fairly to compete with our most formidable rival for the Western Trade.

9. That an humble Address to Her Majesty be based on the foregoing Resolutions. The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Crawford* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again, this day.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating Bishop's College:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for "other purposes connected with the administration of *Mc Gill College*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act for the granting of certain Lots in the Town of *Bytown*, to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" to the Act incorporating the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to give effect to certain proceedings under the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellions in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the City of *Montreal* to raise a Loan to Consolidate their debt:" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *McDougall* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 28, and to transfer the place for holding the meetings of the Municipal Council of the Municipality Number two, of the County of *Drummond*, from the Village of *Stanfold* to the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, in the same Municipality.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace and of Sessions in *Upper Canada*, with respect to persons charged with indictable offences.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions in *Upper Canada*, with respect to summary convictions and orders.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to protect Justices of the Peace in *Upper Canada* from vexatious actions.

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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend to *Lower Canada* the limited Partnerships Act of *Upper Canada*.

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

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to amend and extend the Act incorporating a Company for making a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the Township of *Rawdon*, in *Lower Canada*, referred to them, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment, to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend and extend the Act incorporating a Company for making a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the Township of *Rawdon*, in *Lower Canada*, be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly 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.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, that *Louis Lacoste* and *Edward Short*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a List of Claimants for damages alleged to have been caused to the property of individuals by the construction of the *Beauharnois* Canal, as also, copies of all Reports of the Commissioners of Public Works, Engineers, or others employed to investigate and report on such claims, and a Statement shewing the names of Claimants who have been paid, and by what authority such payments were made.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 25. After "suits" insert Clauses (A.) (B.) (C.) (D.) (E.) (F.) (G.) and (H.)

Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that the said Corporation shall make Regulations for ensuring that all Burials within the said Cemetery are conducted in a decent and solemn manner."

Clause (B.) "And be it enacted, that no body shall be buried in any Vault under any Chapel or other Building in the said Cemetery, or within fifteen feet of the outer wall of any such Chapel or Building."

Clause (C.) "And be it enacted, that every part of the said Cemetery shall be

“ enclosed by walls or other sufficient fences or railings of the height of eight feet
“ at least.”

Clause (D.) “ And be it enacted, that the said Corporation shall keep the said
“ Cemetery and the buildings and fences thereof in complete repair and in good
“ order and condition, out of the monies to be received by them in virtue of this
“ Act.”

Clause (E.) “ And be it enacted, that the said Corporation shall make all proper and
“ necessary Sewers and Drains in and about the said Cemetery, for draining it and
“ keeping it dry; and they may from time to time, as occasion requires, cause any
“ such Sewer or Drain to open into any existing Sewer, with the consent in writing
“ of the persons having the management of the street or road, and of the owners
“ and occupiers of the lands through which such opening is made, doing as little
“ damage as possible to the road or ground wherein such Sewer or Drain may be
“ made, and restoring it to the same or as good condition as it was in before being
“ disturbed.”

Clause (F.) “ And be it enacted, that if the said Corporation at any time cause
“ or suffer to be brought or to flow into any river, spring, well, stream, canal, reser-
“ voir, aqueduct, pond or watering place, any offensive matter from the said Ceme-
“ tery, whereby the water therein shall be fouled, they shall forfeit for every
“ such offence the sum of Twelve pounds ten shillings, currency.”

Clause (G.) “ And be it enacted, that the said penalty, with full costs of suit,
“ may be recovered by any person having a right to use the water fouled by such
“ offensive matter, by a civil action in any Court of competent jurisdiction: Pro-
“ vided always, that the said penalty shall not be recoverable unless the same be
“ sued for during the continuance of the offence, or within six months after it has
“ ceased.”

Clause (H.) “ And be it enacted, that in addition to the said penalty of Twelve
“ pounds ten shillings (and whether the same be recovered or not,) any person
“ having right to use the water fouled by such offensive matter, may sue the said
“ Corporation in a civil action in any Court of competent jurisdiction, for any
“ damage specially sustained by him by reason of the water being so fouled; or if
“ no special damage be alleged, for the sum of Two pounds ten shillings for each
“ day during which such offensive matter is brought or flows as aforesaid after the
“ expiration of twenty-four hours from the time when notice of the offence is served
“ on the said Corporation by such person.”

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry back the Bill to the Legis-
lative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their
Amendments.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to
bring in a Bill to make more effectual provision for enforcing the legal rights of the
Crown in regard of Public Works.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*,

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Printing, be
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 said Committee; and after some
time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Lyon* reported, That
the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Standing Committee on Printing in their Fifth Report.

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

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Having received from *G. B. Faribault*, Esquire, the Agent deputed by the two Houses of the Legislature, at the last Session, to proceed to *Europe* for the purchase of Books for the Library, a detailed Report of his mission, the Committee desire to record their satisfaction at the manner in which Mr. *Faribault* has discharged the trust confided to him; notwithstanding the painful interruption to his labors, occasioned by domestic bereavement, and his own ill-health. The zeal and assiduity displayed by Mr. *Faribault*, and also by Mr. *Wicksteed*, Law Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, who assisted the object of the mission whilst in *London*, in obtaining from the Public Departments, both of *France* and *England*, valuable Donations of Works published under the direction of the respective Governments, is deserving of honorable mention. Further particulars in reference to these Donations, and to the labors of Messieurs *Faribault* and *Wicksteed*, generally, will be found in the Report and Memorandum annexed: and, adverting to which, the Committee take the first opportunity afforded them to express their high sense of the liberality displayed by the Governments of *France* and *England*, in enriching the Library of *Canada* with a series of publications, of a costly and valuable character. They would also desire to express to the Gentlemen in *Paris* and *London*, who, with equal kindness and success, furthered by every possible means, the applications of our agents to their respective Governments, and thankful acknowledgment of the kindly interest displayed by them on behalf of the Library. Feeling assured that these sentiments will be fully responded to by the House, they have prepared formal Resolutions expressive of the same, which, upon receiving the sanction of the House, should, it is suggested, be enclosed to the Gentlemen in question, by the Honorable The Speaker.

The Committee have also received from Mr. *Faribault*, full statements of Accounts, with Vouchers, in respect to the expenditure of the monies entrusted to him, both for the purchase of Books and Manuscript documents, and to defray his personal expenses. These Accounts have been laid before the Committee too short a time to permit of their full investigation, but so far as they have been yet examined, the Committee are bound to express their approval of the very judicious and economical expenditure of the funds placed in his hands, which has been made by Mr. *Faribault*, as well as for his endeavors to secure a proper Agency for the purchase of Books in *Europe*, hereafter.

In addition to the Donations above mentioned, the Librarians have received various gifts, from private gentlemen, and official personages, which will be found enumerated in the accompanying List of the Donations to the Library since last Session. Provision has been made for the due acknowledgment of these, in the formal Resolutions of thanks herewith submitted :—

1. *Resolved*, That this House receives with much satisfaction, the intelligence of the munificent Donations which have been made in aid of the reconstruction of the Library of Parliament, by the undermentioned Heads of Departments of State in France, viz.:—*M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique*; *M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur*, (*Département des Beaux-Arts*); *M. le Président et M. le Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie Française*; *Monsieur le Prince Président du Corps Législatif*; *M. le Ministre de la Guerre*; *M. le Ministre de la Marine et des Colonies*; and by the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies; by the Right Honorable The Speaker, and by The Clerk of the House of Lords; by the Right Honorable The Speaker of the House of Commons; by Admiral Sir *Francis Beaufort*; by the Royal Commissioners for superintending the Exhibition of 1851; by the *New York State Agricultural Society*; and by the *Smithsonian Institution at Washington*.

2. *Resolved*, That this House desires, furthermore, to record its thankful appreciation of the liberality of the undermentioned Gentlemen, in contributing Donations of Books to the Library, viz.: Of Assistant Commissary General *Carpenter*; of the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, M.P.P.; of the Honorable *W. B. Robinson*, M.P.P.; of Doctor *Fortier*, M.P.P.; of the Trustees of the *Manchester Free Library*; of *M. Adolphe de Puibusque*; of *Thomas Vardon*, Esquire, Librarian to the House of Commons; of Colonel *Bruce*, Secretary to His Excellency the Governor General; of *E. B. O'Callaghan*, Esquire, M.D. of *Albany*; and of *William McDougall*, Esquire, Proprietor of the *Canadian Agriculturist*.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby given to the undermentioned Gentlemen, for their courteous and valuable assistance to the Agents of this House in their applications to the Departments of State in *England and France*, on behalf of the Library, viz.: *J. S. Lefevre*, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Lords; *Thomas Vardon*, Esquire, Librarian of the House of Commons; — *Meyer*, Esquire, Librarian to the Colonial Office; *Robert Lemon*, Esquire, Chief Clerk of the State Paper Office; and *Adolphe de Puibusque*, Esquire, of *Paris*.

—
Mr. *Faribault's* Report.

To the Honorable the Speakers of both Houses of the Legislature, and to the Honorable the Members of the Joint Committee for the management and direction of the Library:—

The mission with which I had been honored by the Resolutions of both Branches of the Legislature having been accomplished, a sense of duty demanded that I should have prepared a detailed Report of my proceedings in time to have submitted the same to the consideration of Your Honorable Committee, at the opening of the present Session; but a state of constant suffering, caused by severe illness, rendered impossible the performance of such a duty, and, even at this moment, it is not without the greatest effort that I can draw up the present Report, which, of necessity, will be as brief as possible.

Having provided myself with the instructions laid down by the Committee of the preceding Session, I left *Quebec* on the third of October of last year; and, after a short stay in *New York*, arrived in *London*, on the twentieth of the same month. My first care on my arrival there, was to visit the most respectable Booksellers, to ascertain their terms as well as the means they had of supplying me, at a reasonable rate, with the Works I required. From an experience of fifteen years, I was acquainted with the Firm of Messieurs *Rich Brothers*; of the reputation of integrity, and honorable conduct, which had always distinguished them, I was perfectly aware; besides, having ascertained that their conditions and prices were infinitely more reasonable than those of the other Booksellers, I determined to accept their offers, namely, that they should be allowed a Commission of five per cent,

for cash, on the price of purchase of the Books procured by them. I have the satisfaction of being able to state to the Committee, that these Gentlemen most scrupulously fulfilled their engagements, as will be plainly seen on reference to their invoices, in which they give credit for reductions, sometimes to a considerable amount, obtained by them on their purchases from other Booksellers. Thus, for example, *Valpy's* splendid Edition of the Classics, in one hundred and fifty-nine volumes, the selling price of which is from £100 to £120, is charged in their invoices at the incredibly low price of £27. The same thing occurs with regard to the binding which these Gentlemen have had done for the Library. The Messieurs *Whittaker & Co.*, of *London*, have recently been paid an Account, in which they charge ten shillings per volume, for half-binding about one hundred in folio volumes, whilst the Messieurs *Rich* charge but four shillings and six pence per volume, for work of the same kind. I cannot, therefore, hesitate in recommending that henceforth the Messieurs *Rich* be exclusively entrusted with all further purchases to be made in *England*.

After having left with these Gentlemen such instructions as they required, I deemed it advisable to visit the Government Offices, in the hope of receiving Donations; but the Session of the Imperial Parliament being closed, I became convinced that, in the absence of the Officers of the different Public Departments, it was quite impossible that I should present myself there with any chance of success. I nevertheless presented myself at the Board of Admiralty, where, after I had explained the mission with which I was charged, I was most graciously and kindly received by Admiral Sir *Francis Beaufort*, who gave orders that a complete series of the Maps and Plans relating to Captain *Bayfield's* explorations on the Lakes, and the River *St. Lawrence*, should be placed at my disposal. This beautiful collection, much more complete than any to be found for sale in the Geographical Book Stores, may be looked upon as a very precious Donation to the Library.

My presence not being further required in *London*, at least for some time, I started for *Paris*; and, on the tenth of November, arrived there. I lost no time in calling on Mr. *Adolphe de Puibusque*, so advantageously known during his stay in *Canada*, from 1848 to 1850. The intimate acquaintance I had had the opportunity of forming with this distinguished man of letters, the feelings of affection which I knew him to entertain for *Canada*, and his ardent desire to see the Legislative Library re-established, were to me as many reasons of assurance that he would lend me his most strenuous support. In this I was not mistaken. Mr. *de Puibusque* gave me the benefit of his advice in the choice of Books; pointed out the steps to be taken to obtain admission to the Ministerial Departments, and exerted himself to the utmost with reference to the manuscripts relating to the History of *Canada*. In a word, he facilitated, in every possible way, the success of my mission; and I here beg to tender to this friend of our Country, my most fervent acknowledgments of gratitude.

I was on the eve of beginning my purchases, when the Events of the 2d of December occurred in *Paris*. This circumstance had the effect of suspending my operations, and especially of retarding for a considerable time the answers to the requests I had made to the different Ministerial Departments. But other circumstances occurred which placed me in a position of the greatest trouble, by subjecting me to the most severe affliction that could have befallen me. My family had accompanied me to *Europe*, and about the period in question, my wife became seriously ill. Having on the one hand my solicitude and the care I owed to my wife, and on the other, the obligation I had of attending to the interests confided to me in my mission, I was at last obliged to confide my task to a confidential person whom Mr. *de Puibusque* had procured to aid me. The progress of the malady which had already lasted several months, soon gave presage of a fatal termination; and about the middle of March, my wife died. Quite overcome by such a misfortune,

and suffering moreover as I was, from an illness of several weeks duration, I was a long time unable to take part in the transaction of any business. It was about this time that I received a Letter from the Honorable The Speaker of the Legislative Council, who, having heard of my misfortune, was kind enough to inform me that Mr. *Wicksteed*, then in *London*, would shortly arrive in *Paris*, and give me every assistance in his power. Fortunately, at this time, the purchases I had ordered, were all completed. Mr. *Wicksteed* was nevertheless of the greatest service to me from the steps taken by him in *London*, where he obtained several Donations of great value, amongst which is the collection entitled "Public Records."

As soon as my health allowed me to leave the house, I presented myself at the respective Departments of the Minister at War, the Minister of Public Instruction, the Minister of Marine, and the Minister of the Colonies; and also called on the Secretaries of the several Academies. I experienced the most kindly reception at the hands of all the Ministerial Departments, and from every one; all did their best to promote the object of my mission. Most generous and valuable Donations, well worthy of *France*, were made to me for the Library, although part of the Works comprised in these Donations had already been presented to the Library in 1849. At this moment, it is quite impossible for me to give a detailed exposition of the richness and importance of these Donations; but I can say, that their value may be estimated at not less than £400 sterling. I must not, moreover, omit to state that henceforth, all new publications of the several Ministerial Departments, will be sent to *Canada* for the Library, as an order to that effect has been entered in the Register of each Department.

I endeavored as much as possible to conform to the instructions given me by the Committee, both as regards the choice of the best editions, and the quality of the binding. As to the prices, I respectfully refer the Committee to the two manuscripts detailing the purchases made by me from day to day. The prices paid for purchases made in *Paris*, shew the immense reductions obtained on a great many Works, as a number of Works, including the binding, were purchased at prices much lower than those at which they were estimated on the list, which in many cases did not include the cost of binding.

As I have already had the honor of submitting to the Committee a statement of the manner in which the monies entrusted to me were expended, I shall not make further mention of them, except to state that, after payment of all purchases, there still remains at the disposal of the Committee, for further use, in the hands of the Bankers in *London*, a sum of £479 9s. 6d. sterling.

I have found it impossible to keep a detailed account of my personal expenses: I estimate them at £450 currency; but I will respectfully submit to any determination the Committee may think proper to come to.

The whole respectfully submitted.

G. B. Faribault.

Quebec, 5th November, 1852.

Statement of Monies expended by Mr. *Faribault*, during his Mission to Europe.

By a vote of the Legislative Assembly during the last Session, an appropriation was made towards the purchase of a collection of Books for the Parliamentary Library, to the amount of.....£4000 0 0

And, on an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, an advance was made by the Executive Government for the purpose of procuring Manuscript Documents on the early History of *Canada*, to the amount of..... 400 0 0

Currency, £4400 0 0

Under the authority of two Letters of Credit from the Receiver General, Mr. *Faribault* was authorized to draw from time to time, in *London* :—

1st. On Messieurs *Glyn, Mills, & Company*, forSterling, £1792 0 0
 2nd. On Messieurs *Baring Brothers & Company*, for a like sum, 1792 0 0

Total, £3584 0 0

which, at the rate of Exchange, is equal to £4,400, Currency.

After deducting from this amount, the sum set apart for procuring the Manuscript Documents, £400 Currency, equal to..... 326 0 0

There remained for the purchase of Books,.....Sterling, £3258 0 0

The amount which Mr. *Faribault* has expended in the purchase of English Books, as appears by the several Invoices

produced, is.....£845 16 4

And since paid to Messieurs *Whittaker & Co.*..... 164 1 8

£1009 18 0

And the amount expended in the purchase of French Books, as far as can be ascertained for the present, (no Invoice having yet been received for the five cases received last week,) will in all probability not exceed

1300 0 0

2309 18 0

Leaving an unexpended balance, ofSterling, £948 2 0

The English List or Catalogue of Books required to be purchased, has been filled up, or nearly so. But owing to the painful circumstances in which Mr. *Faribault* was placed while in *Paris* last winter, he then found it impossible to complete several of the classes or portions of classes appertaining to the List of French Books, as recommended by the Library Committee of last Session : these classes or portions of classes, are as follow, together with their estimated value, which may vary in amount according to the greater or lesser quantity of binding :—

Theology, Religion, Biography, and Canon Law..1,325 francs.

Natural Philosophy..... 624

Natural Sciences... ..5,610

Military Art..... 958

Fine Arts.....2,500

History..... 705

11,722 francs. = 468 12 6

Which would leave at the disposal of the Library Committee for future purchases, a balance of.....Sterling, £479 9 6

Manuscript Documents.

The sum set apart for these documents isSterling £326 0 0

A selection has been made, and they are now being copied at *Paris*, under a contract in writing; they will comprize 6,000 pages, forming 14 volumes of about 450 pages each, folio, which, at 9d. per page, will cost..... 200 0 0

Balance, Sterling £126 0 0

It is proposed to employ a certain proportion of this balance, in procuring from *Paris*, copies of ancient Plans and Charts relative to the early events of *Canada*, and to employ, for this purpose, the services of Mr. *C. P. Morin*, an eminent draughtsman, who proposes to visit *France* in the course of this autumn, on a visit to his family.

Quebec, 22nd October, 1852.

G. B. Faribault.

Dr. The Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly in Account Current with
G. B. Faribault. Cr.

		Sterling.		Currency.	
Dr.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1852.	Purchases and Disbursements in <i>London</i> :—				
June 17	.... Paid Messieurs <i>Rich Brothers</i> , for a pair of Globes....	40	0 0		
	.... Paid Mr. <i>G. W. Wicksteed</i> , for his assistance in procuring Donations from the Public Departments in <i>London</i>	30	0 0		
1851-52.	Purchases and Disbursements, &c., in <i>Paris</i> :—				
	.... Paid purchase of Books on <i>America</i> , &c.	33	1 4		
	.... Paid <i>Berrier</i> , for binding	6	2 6		
	.... Paid for a lot of Engravings of <i>Wolfe</i> , <i>Montcalm</i> , &c.	4	8 0		
	.... Paid 100 Lithograph Engravings of <i>Cartier's</i> House at <i>St. Malo</i>	1	12 6		
	.... Paid 3 Medals in Silver and Bronze, of the Siege of <i>Quebec</i> , in 1690	2	7 6		
May	.... Paid Freight of 17 cases of Books, from <i>Havre</i> to <i>London</i> , and to <i>Quebec</i>	25	10 0		
	.... Paid Mr. <i>Vanné</i> , for copying sundry documents for the <i>French</i> Authorities	3	17 6		
	.... Paid <i>Douceurs</i> to several <i>Employés</i> in Public Departments	1	7 6		
	.... Paid Postages and Expenses on small parcels, on corresponding with <i>Quebec</i> , <i>London</i> , <i>Paris</i> , &c....	8	17 9		
	.... Paid Duty on a skin of Porpoise Leather, presented to the <i>Institut</i>	0	19 0		
	.... Paid personal expenses during nine months absence in <i>Europe</i> , residence in <i>London</i> and <i>Paris</i> , and including all travelling and incidental expenses of his mission	360	0 0		
		£	518 3 7		
	Equal, at the rate of Exchange of 12½ per cent., to.....			649	14 6
1851.	Purchases and Disbursements in <i>Quebec</i> :—				
September 3.	.... Paid Messieurs <i>Téu</i> , for a skin of Porpoise Leather.....			2	2 0
do 30.	.... Paid cartage of Books in Seminary vaults, for safe keeping			0	7 6
1852.	.... Paid Heirs of the late <i>J. Neilson</i> , for 30 volumes " <i>Rélations des Jesuites</i> ."			25	0 0
July	.... Paid Mr. <i>G. Stanley</i> , his account for Books			6	11 6
August 3.	.... Paid Mr. <i>C. J. Fletcher</i> , his account for Books			5	0 0
do 15.	.... Paid Mrs. <i>J. C. Fisher</i> , for a set of Views of <i>Quebec</i> in 1759.....			10	0 0
	.... Paid to <i>P. Lavoilette</i> , for 8 volumes " <i>Quebec Gazette</i> ".....			6	0 0
	.... To Balance due by <i>G. B. Faribault</i>			9	3 9
	Currency.....			£	711 19 3
1851.	Cr.				
September	.... By amount received from <i>J. F. Taylor</i> , Clerk of the Legislative Council, from Contingent Fund.....			200	0 0
do	.... By amount received from <i>W. B. Lindsay</i> , Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, from ditto			200	0 0
do	.... By Amount received from ditto, being a balance remaining in the hands of the two Speakers, from a former grant in aid of the Library			311	19 3
	Currency.....			£	711 19 3

Quebec, 22nd October, 1852.

G. B. Faribault.

 Memorandum of Mr. *Wicksteed* :—

From all the Authorities in *England* I received the greatest attention, with regard to my application for official documents and papers published by the Government. To Mr. *Lefevre*, the Clerk of the House of Lords,—Mr. *Vardon*, the Librarian of the House of Commons,—Mr. *Meyer*, the Librarian of the Colonial Office,—and Mr. *Lemon*, the Chief Clerk of the State Paper Office, my thanks are especially due. Copies of all the Works published by order of the Government were immediately granted on my application. It is true these (apart from the Sessional Papers of the two Houses of Parliament,) amounted then only to about 60 volumes; but in comparing the amount and value of the Donations from the English Government with those from the French Government, it must always be borne in mind, that the kind of Works which, in *France*, are published by the Ministers of the several Departments, are, in *England*, laid before Parliament by the Ministers, and published by order of one or other of the Houses. The Government, as such, publishes little or nothing, except (as in case of the Record Commissioners) when some Commission is issued by the Crown, at the request of the Legislature, for the express purpose of collecting and publishing certain documents. The Sessional Papers must therefore be taken into account in comparing the Donations received from the two Governments; and when this is done, the advantage will, I believe, be found to lie with the British Government, both as regards the number and the value of the Works presented to our Library.

G. W. Wicksteed.

List of official Personages, and Private individuals, from whom Donations of Books to the Library of Parliament, have been received since last Session :—

Reported by Mr. *Faribault* :* (From *France*.)

- M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique, 100 volumes.
- M. le Ministre de l'Intérieur, (Département des Beaux-Arts) 80 volumes.
- M. le Président et M. le Secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie Française, 95 volumes.
- Monseigneur le Prince Président du Corps Législatif, 295 volumes.
- M. le Ministre de la Guerre, 14 Volumes.
- M. le Ministre de la Marine et des Colonies, 92 volumes.
- M. Adolphe de Puibusque, 2 works.

(From *England*.)

Admiral Sir *Francis Beaufort*, complete set, Charts and Plans of Gulf and River *St. Lawrence* &c. ; and other Publications of the Board of Admiralty.

Reported by Mr. *Wicksteed* : (From *England*.)

The Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Secretary for the Colonies :—The works of the Record Commission ; Colonial Regulations ; Notes on Public Departments ; [Series of State Papers,—not yet received]. In all about 60 volumes.

The Speaker of the House of Lords, and the Clerk of the House of Lords :—A set of the Parliamentary Papers of that House,—not yet received.

The Speaker of the House of Commons :—Continuations of Parliamentary Papers, previously sent. About 210 volumes.

Thomas Vardon, Esquire, Librarian to the House of Commons :—A copy of a General Index to the first 17 volumes of Commons' Journals, compiled by himself and Mr. *May*.

Mr. *Wicksteed* further states, that he was much indebted to—*Meyer*, Esquire, of the Colonial Office, and *Robert Lemon*, Esquire, of the State Paper Office, for valuable assistance in procuring the above mentioned Donations.

* Complete Lists of these Books are given in the Library Catalogue, distributed to Members during the present Session.

Donations received by the Librarians, since the last Report; and not yet officially acknowledged :—

From Assistant Commissary General *Carpenter* :—

First Report of Commissioners for conducting the Great Exhibition; 1 volume.

From *New York State Agricultural Society* :—

Transactions of the Society, for the years 1842 to 1847 and 1849; 8 volumes.

Transactions of the American Institute, for the years 1848 and 1849; 2 volumes.

Norton's Elements of Scientific Agriculture; 1 volume.

From *William McDougall*, Esquire, Proprietor :—

Canadian Agriculturalist, for the years 1849 to 1852; 4 volumes.

From the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, M.P.P. :—

Municipal and Agricultural Acts of *Lower Canada*; in French and English; 4 copies.

From the *Manchester Free Library*, through Mr. *Henry Stevens* :—

Catalogue of the *Chetham Library*, *Manchester*; 3 volumes.

From the Honorable *W. B. Robinson*, M.P.P. :—

System of Public Instruction in the State of *Michigan*; 1 volume.

Robinson's Canada, and the *Canada Bill*; a Pamphlet.

From the Royal Commissioners, through the Governor's Secretary :—

Prospectuses of Exhibitors at the Great Exhibition; 16 volumes, 8vo.

From the Secretary to the Governor General :—

Account of the *Boston Railroad Jubilee*, in 1851; 6 copies.

From the British Government, through the Governor General :—

Sabine's Magnetical and Meteorological Observations at the Cape of Good Hope and Hobarton; 2 volumes.

From Doctor *O'Callaghan* :—

Acts of the Legislature of *Louisiana*, passed in 1852; 1 volume.

From Doctor *Fortier*, M.P.P. :—

Todd's Parliamentary Practice; 1 volume.

From the *Smithsonian Institution*, *Washington* :—

Volumes 1 to 4 of the *Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge*.

And the said Report, and Resolutions, being read a second time;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report, and Resolutions.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Society for the crection of an Hotel in the City of *Quebec*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *LeBlanc* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Registry Office established at the Village of *Durham*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, and to establish two Registry Offices, one at the Village of *Beauharnois*, and the other at the Village of *Huntingdon*, in 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 the fifteenth of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal parts of the Acts 12 *Vic.* cap. 78, and 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 5, so far as the same relate to the County of *Welland*, and to provide for the selection of a suitable place for a County Town in the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Lyon*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause the Surveyor of the Crown Timber Office at *Bytown*, or other proper Officer, to lay before this House, a description of each Timber-berth or limit heretofore licensed by him to any person or persons on the *Ottawa* River and its tributaries, and the tributaries of such Rivers as flow into the *Ottawa*, setting forth every such description by metes and bounds as described on the license granting every such Timber-berth or limit; and the name of the party or parties to whom each of such Timber-berth or limit has been granted; also, the amount of the annual ground rent paid or payable on each such limit; also, the description and quantity of Timber made this last season on each of such limits or Timber-berths.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate Ecclesiastical Bodies.

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 the twenty-eighth of February next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended, in so far as they relate to the Incorporation of a Company for the construction of a Railway between *Kingston* and *Peterborough*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Missisquoi* from the place where it is now kept to a more central position, being read;

Mr. *Paige* moved, seconded by Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Paige* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and “Dock Company;” and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the

Chair; and Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall* reported the Bill accordingly; and the Amendments were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 12. After “Docks” insert “as authorized by the original Act of incorporation of the said Company; and further provided that all and every the rights and privileges specially reserved to the Crown, under the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first Sections of the said last recited Act shall remain in force.”

Page 2. After the last Clause, insert Clauses (A.) and (B.)

Clause (A.) “And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful to and for any such purchaser or purchasers, his or their heirs or assigns, from time to time, to lease and to farm let the whole or any part of the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises of the said *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company, for such period or periods as he or they may choose, reserving such rent or rents as may from time to time be agreed to be paid by the lessee or lessees thereof, with power to such purchaser or purchasers, his or their heirs or assigns, from time to time, to distrain for arrears of rent due the Company or accruing upon any such lease or leases hereafter to be executed.”

Clause (B.) “And be it enacted, that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to interfere with or annul any existing legal rights of any Creditor or other person or persons having claims against the said Company, or of any person or persons to whom any such rights may have been transferred.”

Mr. *Street* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendments be now read a second time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “on the fourteenth of February next” added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Mongenaïs</i> .	<i>Poulin</i> .
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NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> ,	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Seymour</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Malloch</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,
<i>Cameron</i> ,	<i>Gouin</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Fincks</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Street</i> ,
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> ,	<i>Stuart</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>LaTerrière</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Tuché</i> ,
<i>Chauveau</i> , Sol. Gen.	<i>Laurin</i> ,	<i>Prince</i> ,	<i>Tessier</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>LeBlanc</i> ,	<i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Willson</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> (<i>Wentworth</i> .)	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Ridout</i> ,	<i>Wright</i> , (<i>E.R. York</i> .)
<i>Dixon</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i> .)	<i>Robinson</i> ,	<i>Wright</i> , (<i>W.R. York</i> .)
<i>Fergusson</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i> .)	<i>Rose</i> ,	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Amendments be now read a second time.

And the said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company, and the Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the City of *Hamilton* with Water; and have made certain amendments to each of the said Bills, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the City of *Hamilton* with Water, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Tessier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Tessier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* 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 amend the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to separate the Townships of *Upton* and *Acton* from the County of *Drummond*, and to annex the said Townships to the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, for Judicial and Municipal purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the sixteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the Circuit of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the sixteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to limit and define the responsibilities of Executors, Administrators, Trustees and Guardians in certain cases, and to facilitate the settlement of their Accounts with the Estates of deceased persons, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of *St. Michel*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the redemption of Seigniorial Rights in *Lower Canada*, and to convert the Tenure of Lands chargeable therewith into that of *franc alevu roturier*, and to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires*, and prevent abuses, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the first of March next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend certain Acts for the relief of Religious Societies, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the twenty-first of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act 7 *Will.* 4, cap. 18, "to regulate the expenditure of District Funds within this Province," and to provide for the auditing and payment of certain accounts by County Councils, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 23, and to make further provision for protesting Foreign Bills of Exchange in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipalities Act of 1849, and to grant to the several Municipalities the power of assessing for public improvements and the support of indigent infirm persons, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fourteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better securing the Freedom of Elections, by use of the Ballot in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 24, to Companies formed for the purpose of improving the navigation of Rivers and Streams in *Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to simplify and alter the practice, pleadings, and proceedings in the Superior Courts of Law and Equity and County Courts in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the first of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the eighteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the making of certain Annual Returns to the Government, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Members of the "Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of "Physic and Surgery therein," to afford relief to certain persons who were in "practice as Physicians and Surgeons in this Province at the time when the said "Act became Law," being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove certain doubts as to the Law for the trial of Controverted Elections, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fourteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for reforming the Municipal System of *Lower Canada*, and for establishing County, Parish or Township, and Village Municipalities therein, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Road Laws of *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend to *Upper Canada* the provisions of the two Acts therein mentioned for facilitating the performance of certain duties of Justices of the Peace out of Session, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authorizing Parties to sue and defend Causes in *formâ pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to regulate the Election of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to change the place of sitting of the Circuit Court in the County of *Beauharnois*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the construction of a Ship Canal to connect the waters of Lakes *Huron* and *Superior*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Upper Canada* Jurors' Act of one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to repeal certain parts thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better securing to Occupiers compensation for ameliorations made by them upon Lands in certain cases, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the twenty-fourth Section of the Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 37, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law "constituting the Board of Works," and to make provisions as well in place of the Section repealed, as in amendment of the Laws relating to the said Board, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the *St. John's* Circuit, in the District of *Montreal*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the eighteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Municipal Acts of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the construction of Plank and other Roads by Joint Stock Companies in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the eighteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend a certain Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal "certain enactments therein mentioned, and to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*," being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law of Patents for Inventions, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the recovery of the rates and taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-Laws of the late District Councils in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Hamilton*, and on the Petition of *William Atkinson* and others, Officers of the *St. Catherines* Mechanics' Institute, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to further amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define and establish the Division Line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the registration of Voters, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d' Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall compose and constitute the same, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the sixteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act amending the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the City of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake* Cemetery Company certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Directors of the *Grand River* Navigation Company to place the said Navigation under the control and management of the Provincial Government, under certain conditions, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office," being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The House accordingly again resolved itself into the said 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 this House doth rescind its Amendment made to the Bill on Friday last.

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

Mr. *Lemieux* further reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Lemieux* reported the Bill accordingly; and the Amendment was read, as followeth:—

Page 3, line 16. Leave out from "Province" to "at" in the seventeenth line of the same Page, and insert the following: "unless in the Act or Charter authorizing such Road or Bridge, it is specially so provided; but in respect of existing contracts the exemption which existed heretofore shall be continued, unless on the arrival of the stage or vehicle."

The said Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill, with the Amendment, do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Bill to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions relative to the construction of a Grand Trunk Line of Railway throughout the entire length of *British North America*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved,* That the Imperial Government has repeatedly invited the attention of the Legislatures of *Canada*, *New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia*, to the great importance of a Line of Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, to connect the three great Provinces of *British North America*, and has intimated that in consideration of the vast importance of such Railway, not only to the Provinces but to the Empire, Imperial aid would be given to its construction.

2. *Resolved,* That this invitation was clearly given, and this intimation made by the Right Honorable Earl *Grey*, then Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 1st of April, 1847; that the Legislatures of the three Provinces acted upon them, and that the survey which has since been made by Major *Robinson*, has shewn in the

strongest light, not only the practicability of the undertaking, but has confirmed the view taken by Earl *Grey*, of the very great advantages which must result from it both to Provincial and Imperial interests.

3. *Resolved*, That the Line agreed upon by the three Provinces, as being that on which the said Railroad could be made with most advantage to them, being different from that selected by Major *Robinson* as most advantageous for Imperial purposes, Her Majesty's present Government declined to grant Imperial aid for its construction; but that in the Despatch of the 20th May, 1852, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating this decision to His Excellency the Governor General, a hope is expressed that the Provincial Legislatures may see cause to meet the views of Her Majesty's Government by adopting Major *Robinson's* Line.

4. *Resolved*, That this Province has spared no efforts to ensure the construction of this great Work, and to increase its usefulness and completeness; and that provision has been made and the Guarantee of the Province given, for the completion of a Line of Railway of one uniform gauge of five feet six inches, and of the most permanent character, from the western extremity of the Province at the River *Detroit* to *Trois Pistoles*, in the County of *Rimouski*, a distance of eight hundred and eighty-one miles, passing through and connecting all the great Towns and Cities of *Canada*.

5. *Resolved*, That there is reason to believe that the Province of *Nova Scotia* will, out of its own resources, provide for the construction of a Railway of the same gauge and character from *Halifax* to the Frontier line of *New Brunswick*, and that the last named Province will, out of its own resources, continue the said Railway to the *Miramichi* River, on the route to *Canada*, and to the City of *St. John's* in the opposite direction.

6. *Resolved*, That the distance from *Miramichi* River to the Eastern Frontier of *Canada*, at the *Restigouche* River, is about 100 miles, and the distance from *Restigouche* to *Trois Pistoles* is about 127 miles, making in all about 227 miles remaining to be constructed in order to complete one Grand Line of Railway throughout the entire length of *British North America*, and connecting not merely *Quebec* and *Halifax*, but every principal City and Town in each of the Provinces, directly with each other, and all with the *Atlantic* at that point from which the communication with the United Kingdom is most easy, rapid and economical.

7. *Resolved*, That the resources of this Province will be too far exhausted in providing for the construction of the Railway from *Detroit* to *Trois Pistoles*, to allow of our continuing it to the Eastern Frontier at the *Restigouche* without Imperial aid, and that it is not to be expected that *New Brunswick* will be able without such aid to continue it from *Miramichi* to the *Restigouche*, the country on both sides of the Frontier being almost wholly in a state of nature, though well adapted for settlement if easy access were afforded to it.

8. *Resolved*, That under these circumstances, this House entertains an earnest hope that the Imperial Government will lend its assistance to perfect the great undertaking of which British Statesmen have uniformly expressed the most favorable opinion, and the importance of which to British as well as Colonial interests can scarcely be overrated, inasmuch as it will afford to the industrious but crowded population of the United Kingdom, a ready means of access to millions of acres of fertile lands now utterly unproductive, in which they will become consumers of British manufactures,—it will save large sums of money annually in the expense of conveyance of the Mail to and from the United Kingdom, while it will render that conveyance most rapid and sure, and avoid the necessity of its depending upon the sufferance of a Foreign power,—and it will follow that line which all Military authorities have agreed in selecting as best calculated to make it eminently useful to the defence of the Country.

9. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the assistance of the Imperial Government might be most advantageously given to the completion of the said Line from *Trois Pistoles* to *Miramichi*, by the appropriation of a sum of Seventy-five thousand pounds annually, for a period not less than twenty-five years, in favor of the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, to enable them to meet the charges to which they would be subjected in completing the same.

10. *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, embodying the substance of the preceding Resolutions, and praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to Parliament the grant of Imperial aid to the extent aforesaid.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Marchildon*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the third Resolution, by leaving out the words "the Line agreed upon by the three Provinces, as being that on which the said Railroad could be made with most advantage to them, being different from that selected by Major "Robinson as most advantageous for Imperial purposes," and inserting the words "the three Provinces having in the late negotiations failed to unite on a route for the said Railroad, satisfactory to the Imperial authorities" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Marchildon*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out all the words after "That" in the ninth Resolution, and inserting the words "in the opinion of this House, the assistance of the Imperial Government might be most advantageously given to the completion of the said Line from "Hamilton to *Miramichi*, by the endorsement of the Bonds of *Canada* and *New Brunswick* in the manner proposed by the Right Honorable the Earl *Grey*, late Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, to enable these Provinces to meet the charges to which they would be subjected in completing the same" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Ridout*, and Mr. *Morrison*, be appointed to draw up an Address to Her Majesty, upon the said Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* reported from the said Committee, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing, that the Imperial Government has repeatedly invited the attention of the Legislatures of *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia*, to the great importance of a Line of Railway from

Quebec to Halifax, to connect the three great Provinces of *British North America*, and has intimated, that in consideration of the vast importance of such a Railway, not only to the Provinces but to the Empire, Imperial aid would be given to its construction.

That this invitation was clearly given, and this intimation made by the Right Honorable Earl *Grey*, then Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in his Despatch to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 1st April, 1847; that the Legislatures of the three Provinces acted upon them, and that the Survey which has since been made by Major *Robinson*, has shewn in the strongest light, not only the practicability of the undertaking, but has confirmed the view taken by Earl *Grey*, of the very great advantages which must result from it both to Provincial and Imperial interests.

That the Line agreed upon by the three Provinces, as being that on which the said Railroad could be made with most advantage to them, being different from that selected by Major *Robinson* as most advantageous for Imperial purposes, Your Majesty's present Government declined to grant Imperial aid for its construction; but that in the Despatch of the 20th May, 1852, Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating this decision to His Excellency the Governor General, a hope is expressed that the Provincial Legislatures may see cause to meet the views of Your Majesty's Government by adopting Major *Robinson's* Line.

That this Province has spared no efforts to ensure the construction of this great Work, and to increase its usefulness and completeness; and that provision has been made, and the Guarantee of the Province given, for the completion of a Line of Railway of one uniform guage of five feet six inches, and of the most permanent character, from the western extremity of the Province at the River *Detroit*, to *Trois Pistoles* in the County of *Rimouski*, a distance of eight hundred and eighty-one miles, passing through and connecting all the great Towns and Cities of *Canada*.

That there is reason to believe that the Province of *Nova Scotia* will, out of its own resources, provide for the construction of a Railway of the same guage and character, from *Halifax* to the Frontier line of *New Brunswick*, and that the last named Province will, out of its own resources, continue the said Railway to the *Miramichi* River, on the route to *Canada*, and to the City of *St. John's*, in the opposite direction.

That the distance from the *Miramichi* River to the Eastern Frontier of *Canada*, at the *Restigouche* River, is about 100 miles, and the distance from *Restigouche* to *Trois Pistoles* is about 127 miles, making in all about 227 miles remaining to be constructed in order to complete one Grand Line of Railway throughout the entire length of *British North America*, and connecting not merely *Quebec* and *Halifax*, but every principal City and Town in each of the Provinces, directly with each other, and all with the *Atlantic* at that point from which the communication with the United Kingdom is most easy, rapid, and economical.

That the resources of this Province will be too far exhausted in providing for the construction of the Railway from *Detroit* to *Trois Pistoles*, to allow of our continuing it to the Eastern Frontier at the *Restigouche* without Imperial aid, and that it is not to be expected that *New Brunswick* will be able, without such aid, to continue it from *Miramichi* to the *Restigouche*, the country on both sides of the Frontier being almost wholly in a state of nature, though well adapted for settlement, if easy access were afforded to it.

That under these circumstances, we entertain an earnest hope that the Imperial Government will lend its assistance to perfect the great undertaking of which British Statesmen have uniformly expressed the most favourable opinion, and the importance of which, to British as well as Colonial interests, can scarcely be overrated, inasmuch as it will afford to the industrious but crowded population of the United Kingdom, a ready means of access to millions of acres of fertile lands

now utterly unproductive, in which they will become consumers of British manufactures,—it will save large sums of money annually in the expense of conveyance of the Mail to and from the United Kingdom, while it will render that conveyance most rapid and sure, and avoid the necessity of its depending upon the sufferance of a Foreign power,—and it will follow that line which all Military authorities have agreed in selecting as best calculated to make it eminently useful to the defence of the Country.

We beg leave further respectfully to represent, that in our opinion, the assistance of the Imperial Government might be most advantageously given to the completion of the said Line from *Trois Pistoles* to *Miramichu*, by the appropriation of a sum of Seventy-five thousand pounds annually, for a period of not less than twenty-five years, in favor of the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, to enable them to meet the charges to which they would be subjected in completing the same; and we most humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to Parliament the grant of Imperial aid to the extent aforesaid.

And the said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine,

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, a Statement of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Province during the year ending 31st of December, 1852, together with Estimates of the sums required for the service of the same year; and in conformity with the provisions of the fifty-seventh Clause of the Union Act, he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Government House,

Quebec, 8th November, 1852.

For the Statement and Estimates accompanying the said Message, see Appendix (B.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider of the Motion made on Friday last, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Prince* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cauchon* reported the Resolution accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

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

On motion of Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Ordered, That so much of the said Report as relates to Printing, Printing Paper, folding, and stitching, be referred to the Standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

The Clerk of Your Honorable House has laid before Your Committee the resignation of *Henri Voyer*, Chief French Translator, dated in the month of October, 1851. It appears that Mr. *Lévesque*, being next in rotation in that department, was immediately directed by the Clerk to take charge, that the work in the Office might not be delayed. Some questions were put to Mr. *Lindsay* respecting the appointment to office in the various departments of Your Honorable House, as also to the appointment now under consideration: the questions, with the answers, Your Committee beg leave to append to this Report. They also recommend that the appointment of Mr. *Lévesque*, in the place of Mr. *Voyer*, be confirmed by Your Honorable House, with the salary of Two hundred and fifty pounds per annum, the amount formerly paid to the last Incumbent, to commence from the date of Mr. *Voyer's* resignation, and to be paid from the Contingencies of the House.

The vacancy thus occasioned in the French Translator's Office, Your Committee recommend to be supplied by Mr. *William Fanning*, the senior Extra Assistant French Translator, and a very faithful and efficient person, at the rate of Two hundred pounds per annum, to commence from the present time.

Your Committee have had before them an application from Mr. *Alpheus Todd*, Assistant Librarian, praying for an increase to his present salary. Your Committee fully appreciate the services rendered by Mr. *Todd* to the Members of the House, as stated in his communication, which is appended to this Report. They therefore respectfully recommend that an addition of Fifty pounds be made to his salary, commencing at the beginning of the present Session.

In consequence of the indisposition of Mr. *Faribault*, the Assistant Clerk of Your Honorable House, the duty of that Office has been discharged by Mr. *W. B. Lindsay*, Junior, the Assistant Law Clerk and English Translator. Your Committee having every reason to believe that Mr. *Lindsay* has performed the duties of the Office in an efficient and satisfactory manner, recommend that a gratuity of Fifty pounds be made to him.

Your Committee have had before them the condition of the family of one of the Messengers, who was very recently carried off by the disease then prevalent. It appears that he has left a very helpless family, consisting of a sickly mother and seven small children. While Your Committee would deprecate the principle of granting Pensions under ordinary circumstances, they would yet, in the present instance, recommend that the small amount of Ten pounds per annum, be paid to the widow of *Charles Olivier*, the late Messenger, during her life.

Your Committee beg to recommend that three shillings and nine pence, per day, be allowed to *Edward O' Connor*, the youth in attendance as extra Page.

They would further recommend that a gratuity of Fifteen pounds be made to Mr. *Michael Mc Carthy*, for keeping in charge and in order, the Parliament House in *Toronto*, during the Sessions of 1850 and 1851.

There are other matters under the consideration of Your Committee, which they purpose to lay over until the close of the adjournment of the House in February next.

In respect to those persons in the employment of Your Honorable House, and not on the regular permanent staff, Your Committee recommend that they be

discharged when the House rises on the 10th instant, and that the Clerk be instructed to notify all parties that no claims will be entertained arising out of alleged loss by the approaching Recess.

Before closing this present Report, Your Committee have considered the subject of paying wages to Members during any Recess in cases of adjournment, and have herewith reported a Resolution upon the subject, for the consideration of Your Honorable House:—

Resolved, That no Indemnity be paid to any Member during any Recess, in case of adjournment of more than four weeks, but that, in all such cases, Members who actually return to their homes, and attend after a Recess, shall be entitled to mileage for such journey; and that the existing Law be amended accordingly.

Questions submitted to *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, by the Standing Committee on Contingencies, and his Answers thereto:—

1. Do you claim the right, by virtue of your Commission, to appoint all your Deputies?—By virtue of my Commission, I have a right to appoint all my Deputies and Assistants; but I never exercised that right without first consulting the Speaker of the House, and getting his approval to any appointments or changes required in my Department. In 1844–5, the Contingent Committee denied my right of appointment, but their Report was set aside by the House in that Session.

2. Is not your right subject to the approbation of the Speaker and of the Legislative Assembly, and is it not limited to the choice of the person,—the title and privileges of the Office being left to the Contingent Committee to determine, as may appear on reference to the Report of that Committee in 1851, in which various titles are given to several of the Officers?—Whatever my legal right may be, I have always exercised it, subject to the approval of the Speaker, and the Speaker's decision may probably be subject to appeal to the House. The Contingent Committee in 1851 classified the several Officers of the House, and various titles were given to some of them; the Contingent Committee and the House, by adopting or amending their Report, have always exercised the power of fixing the salaries of the various Officers.

3. Ought not the vacancy which has occurred by the resignation of Mr. *Voyer*, Chief French Translator, to be filled up according to the 90th Standing Rule of this House?—I think it indispensably necessary that the vacancy which has occurred by the resignation of Mr. *Voyer*, Chief French Translator, should be filled up.

4. Can you recommend the appointment of Mr. *Guillaume Lévesque*, first Assistant French Translator, who has had the superintendence of that office, according to your instructions, since the 1st November, 1851, shortly after the resignation of Mr. *Voyer*, to the Office of Chief French Translator, with the same salary as Mr. *Voyer*, since the Office became vacant: considering the responsibility of that Department, and Mr. *Lévesque's* knowledge and attainments, and the able manner in which he has always fulfilled the difficult task imposed upon him for several years?—It has always been my intention to recommend Mr. *Lévesque* to succeed Mr. *Voyer*, as Chief French Translator, with the same salary (£250 per annum), from the time when I placed him in charge of the Department in November last.

5. Is not the work in the Office of the French Translators very considerable, and does it not require daily 12 to 15 hours serious labour, consisting of the translation into French of such Bills as are brought in in English, Votes and Proceedings, Notices of Motions that are brought in in English—the correction of all French Proofs, both of translations into French, of Documents, Bills and Proceedings, and of Documents, Bills and Proceedings originally in French (including the French Journals, and the Index thereof,)—does not all this involve great responsibility, especially in the case of Bills to be prepared for third reading, which require to be read over three or four times, and compared by the Chief Translator with the Law Clerk?—The work

in the French Translator's Office is very considerable, and the duties very important. They comprise everything mentioned in this question. The hours of attendance in all the Offices are very long during the Sessions, and the French Translator's Office forms no exception to the rule.

6. Is not *William Fanning*, Esquire, Advocate, the senior Supernumerary Translator in that Office, in which he has been engaged since 1846 as a Sessional Translator at 15s. per diem; and from his irreproachable conduct, long experience, and legal knowledge, do you not think that he should be made a permanent Officer, with a proportionate salary; if so, what salary would you suggest?—Mr. *Fanning* has been senior Supernumerary in the French Translator's Department since 1846; he is a zealous and intelligent officer, and it is my intention to recommend that he be placed on the permanent establishment as an Assistant Translator, with the same salary as the other Assistants now enjoy (£200 per annum).

7. Have there not been several modifications and augmentations of salaries at different periods, in the several departments of the Legislative Assembly, in proportion to the increase of labour, within the last five or six years, with the exception of the Law Clerk and English Translator's, and the French Translators' Departments?—Modifications and augmentations of salaries have taken place in nearly all the Departments of the House at different periods; no increase has taken place, however, in the salary of the Law Clerk and English Translator since the Union, nor has the salary of the Assistant Law Clerk and English Translator (who has been in the service of the House since the Union,) been augmented since his first appointment to the latter Office in 1844–5, although the duties and responsibilities of the Office have very greatly increased, and are increasing yearly. In the Law Clerk's Office the most important Bills are prepared, a work involving much greater responsibility and difficulty than that of translation, which latter duty also has considerably increased of late. No augmentation of the French Translator's salary has taken place since the Union, nor in that of the Assistant French Translators, since their appointment in 1844–5, although the duties of that office have also considerably increased since that period.

Application from Mr. *Alpheus Todd*, Assistant Librarian, to the Standing Committee on Contingencies:—

Gentlemen,—Having received the sanction of the Honorable the Speaker, I beg to address you on the subject of my present duties, and the amount of my salary.

Having been, since the year 1836, in the employ of the House of Assembly of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, in a similar capacity, I was, at the period of the Union, appointed Assistant Librarian to the Legislative Assembly, with a salary which, in 1843, was fixed at £200 per annum.

Since that time my duties in connection with the Library have much increased; and in addition thereto, I have, for several years past, been called upon by Members to assist in the investigation of the numerous Parliamentary and constitutional questions which, from time to time, have engaged the attention of the House, and generally to advise upon matters of Parliamentary practice; it being known that to these subjects I had devoted considerable study and research.

For my services in this capacity, though long continued, and involving much mental labour, I have hitherto received no additional remuneration, although the justice of my claims thereto has been recognized by many leading Gentlemen in Parliament.

I am at length compelled to bring the matter under the notice of the Committee, in consequence of the exceeding difficulty I experience in supporting my family upon my present income, with an earnest hope that my case may receive their favorable consideration.

To meet a difficulty which has been mentioned in reference to my present appli-

cation, I would briefly remark that, while the Library of the House of Commons is not so extensive as our own, the Salaries paid to the Officers in charge, as will appear by the extract below,* are considerably greater and are wholly incommensurable with their mere duties as custodians of the Books; for the reason that those Gentlemen do, in fact, render valuable services to Members, in furtherance of the Public Business generally. If, therefore, it be considered, that the assistance I am in the habit of rendering to Members entitles me to additional remuneration, such an extra allowance would be amply justified by the usage in *England*, and could be given without detriment to the position of Doctor *Winder*, the Principal Librarian, inasmuch as my extra services have no especial connection with the charge of the Library.

Respectfully submitting my case to the justice and liberality of the Committee, I beg to subscribe myself, Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

Alpheus Todd.

P. S.—I would also state that I prepare annually the “Summary of the Proceedings of the House,” a document which is forwarded to Members soon after the close of every Session.

We beg to recommend the application now made by Mr. *Todd*, the Assistant Librarian.

J. S. Macdonald, Speaker.

W. B. Lindsay, Clerk Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed.

Ordered, That the said Report be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cartier* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and explain the Act authorizing the issue of Debentures for giving relief to the City of *Quebec*, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Taché* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Taché* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Tessier* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

* Extract from Estimates of Salaries of Officers of the House of Commons, for the year ending 31st March, 1845.—(From Sessional Papers, 1844, vol. 33, page 307):—

Librarian,	£920
Assistant Librarian,	400
Messenger,	140

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the establishment of a Line of Steam Vessels between this Province and the United Kingdom, being read; The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the Fisheries on the *Labrador* and North Shore of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, 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 said 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 be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*; 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 be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to prevent fishing with Gill Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clapham* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of

the Falls of *Niagara*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* 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 facilitate the admission in evidence of Foreign Judgments and certain official and other documents, and otherwise to improve the Law of Evidence in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Polette*, and Mr. *Sanborn*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the examination of Witnesses in Civil Causes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Polette*, and Mr. *Sanborn*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the fifteenth of February next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Orphan's Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Boulton* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Boulton* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Recorder's Court of the City of *Montreal*," be now read a second time;

Mr. *Lyon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boulton</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i> .)	<i>McDougall</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Gouin</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Malloch</i> ,	15. <i>Stuart</i> .
<i>Clapham</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>21. Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relating to the Recorder's Court of the City of *Montreal*," be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Governor General to issue a Proclamation to declare the County of *Perth* to be separated from the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly 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.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Lyon*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 9° die Novembris;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Patrick Loughry* and others; and the Petition of *William King* and others, of the Township of *Bristol*, County of *Ottawa*.

On motion of Mr. *Egan*, seconded by Mr. *Stuart*,

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, such information as he may be able to obtain with reference to the improvements made on the *Ottawa* and its tributaries, to facilitate the descent of

timber or logs by private enterprize, the nature of such works on the different tributaries, in booms, slides, piers, &c., by whom constructed, and when, and the probable cost of the same; also, the different Saw-Mill establishments on the *Ottawa* and its tributaries, the name of the owner, and the probable cost of the same.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, all information and documents respecting an application made by the Honorable *John Robertson*, of *St. John, New Brunswick*, to the Crown Land Department of *Canada*, in or about the month of June, 1851, for Licenses to cut timber on the vacant Crown Lands in the Counties of *L'Islet, Kamouraska, and Rimouski*,—the timber limits to be bounded on the south-east by the boundary line drawn under the Treaty of *Washington*, from the discharge of *Lake Pohemgamook* on the River *St. Francis* to the north-west branch of the River *St. John*, and a prolongation thereof to the outlines of the Seigniori of *Lake Temiscouata*; on the north-east by the outlines of the Seigniori; on the south-west by the north-west branch of the River *St. John*, and on the north-west by the heights of land separating the waters of the *St. Lawrence* from those of the *St. John*; with a copy as well of the application so made, as of a plan or sketch of the ground embraced within the foregoing limits, prepared by Mr. *Devine* the draftsman, and filed in the Crown Land Office with the application, and copies of all other papers and documents connected therewith; a copy of the appointment of *Francis Rice*, Esquire, as the Crown Land Agent at *Madawaska*; a copy of the regulation for disposing of the timber on Crown Lands, which came into force on the 5th of September, 1849; copies of all letters whether from the late Commissioner of Crown Lands to Mr. *Robertson*, or to *Jean Langevin*, Esquire, the Corresponding Clerk in the Department, directing him to communicate with the local Agent on the subject; also, a copy of a letter from Mr. *Rice*, the local Agent, to Mr. *Robertson*, dated at *Madawaska*, the 12th of May, 1851; a copy of a letter written by Mr. *Robertson* to the late Commissioner of Crown Lands, on the 14th of the same month of July, enclosing the amount of mileage on 1400 miles of Timber-berths or limits, and a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated the 4th of August following, acknowledging the same; copies of two letters from Mr. *Langevin* to Mr. *Rice*, dated respectively the 11th and 18th of the same month of August; with a copy of the new timber regulations referred to in the last mentioned letter; copies of three letters from the Crown Land Department to Mr. *Rice*, dated respectively 20th, 22nd and 25th August, 1851; a copy of a letter from Mr. *Robertson* to Mr. *Rice*, dated the 20th September of the same year, and a copy of an account delivered by Mr. *Rice* to Mr. *Robertson*, dated at *St. John, New Brunswick*, the last mentioned day, and signed by Mr. *Rice* as such sub-agent; copies of the several Licences granted to Mr. *Robertson*, and of the securities furnished according to the terms of the last mentioned regulations; copy of a letter from Mr. *Robertson* to Mr. *Rice*, dated *St. John*, 27th November, 1851, and a copy of a letter from Mr. *Rice* to Mr. *Robertson*, dated *Little Falls, Madawaska*, 26th of the same month of November; copies of any letters written by Mr. *Robertson* either to Mr. *Rice* or to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in the month of December following; also of a telegraphic despatch from *John A. Torney*, styling himself Crown Land Agent, addressed to Mr. *Robertson* from *Rivière du Loup*, on 5th April, 1852, and of another sent in answer thereto by Mr. *Robertson* to Mr. *Torney*, from *St. John*, on the same day: copies of all subsequent Correspondence between Mr.

Robertson and the Commissioner of Crown Lands; copy of Mr. *Torney's* appointment, if any, as such Agent, with copies of the instructions given to him; copies of any representations made by any parties in relation to the said limits, or the timber cut thereupon, with a view to obtain the seizure of such timber; and praying also, that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate to this House the steps taken by or under directions from the Executive Government or the Crown Land Department, in consequence of such representations or otherwise; and generally, all papers, documents, and information, relating to the differences between Mr. *Robertson* and the Executive Government of this Province.

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. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Egan*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House, a copy of a Despatch from His Excellency to the Right Honorable Sir *John S. Pakington*, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated the 1st April last, forwarding a Communication from Mr. *Joly*, Chairman of the *Quebec* and *Montreal* Railway Committee, praying that the north shore of the *St. Lawrence*, from *Quebec* to *Montreal*, be adopted for the main Trunk Line, to form a portion of the Great Provincial Railway to be constructed by the *North American* Provinces, with the aid of a Provincial or Imperial guarantee, and copies of the Memorial and documents enclosed with it; and also, a copy of a Despatch from Sir *John S. Pakington*, dated the 27th of the same month of April, acknowledging the receipt of the Papers so transmitted by His Excellency.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide more effectually for the publication of Law Reports 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 the fourteenth of February next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Quebec* Board of Trade, relative to Actions at law in *formâ pauperis*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's* Reading Room.

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 the fourteenth of February next.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company, being read;

Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Dixon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of further amending the same" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider of the Motion made yesterday, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Governor General transmitting to this House the Estimates of the sums required for the service of the year 1852, together with the said Estimates, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. *Clapham* reported the Bill to prevent fishing with Gill Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to prevent fishing with Seines and other Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*.”

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of the said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Stuart* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *St. Mary’s* College of *Montreal*.”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company in Marine Assurance:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act for the relief of *John Knatchbull Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, Provincial Land Surveyor:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*.”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to empower any Railway Company whose Railway forms part of the main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the property and rights of any such Company; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating Railway Companies:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from opposite *Quebec* to *Trois Pistoles*, and for the extension of such Railway to the Eastern frontier of this Province:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec* Friendly Society:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend an Act, intituled, “An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society, under certain restrictions, rules, and regulations therein mentioned:” And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Goderich*,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Grand Junction* Railroad Company,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the “fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the *Brantford* and “*Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to “*Goderich*,” and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 22. After “were” insert “therein,” and leave out from “effect” to “and” in line 23, and insert “thereof.”

Page 1, line 44. Leave out from “printed” to “published,” and after “published” insert “and passed.”

Page 2, line 41. Leave out “henceforth.”

Page 7, line 42. After “be” where it occurs the second time, insert “a.”

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry back the Bill to the

Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for the deepening of *Lake St. Peter*, and the improvement of the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* between the said points, and for other purposes,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office,” without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, by filling up the blank with “the Legislative Council and”: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be transmitted the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne; to which they desire the concurrence of this House :—

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

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company;” and the same were read, as follow :—

Page 1, line 22. Leave out “and.”

Page 1, line 23. After “*Henry Bull*” insert “and.”

Page 2, line 9. Leave out from “*Peterborough*” to “and” in line 10.

Page 2, line 29. Leave out from “with” to “of” and insert “copies.”

Page 2, line 32. Leave out “shall” and insert “to.”

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for the deepening of *Lake St.*”

"Peter, and the improvement of the Navigation of the *St Lawrence* between the said points, and for other purposes;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 38. Leave out from "desirable" to "for."

Page 2, line 39. After "Harbour" insert "to commit."

Page 2, line 42. After "in" where it occurs the second time, insert "the."

Page 3, line 28. After "expedient" insert "by."

Page 3, line 39. Leave out "said."

Page 3, line 44. Leave out "Parliament" and insert "Legislature."

Page 3, line 51. Leave out "said" where it occurs the first time.

Page 5, line 17. Leave out "or."

Page 5, line 18. After "consigne" insert "or shipper."

Page 8, line 1. Leave out from "applied" to "by."

Page 9, line 14. Leave out "unforeseen."

Page 9, line 30. After "the" where it occurs the first time, insert "Provincial."

Page 11, line 15. Leave out "then."

Page 12, line 7. After "the" insert "Provincial."

Page 12, line 11. Leave out "so."

Page 12, line 31. Leave out "five" and insert "six."

Page 14, line 4. After "Court" insert "at *Montreal*."

Page 14, line 11. After "Court" insert "at *Montreal*."

In the Schedule to the Bill.

Page 14, line 26. After "on" insert "all other," and leave out from "Vessels" to "½d." in line 27 and insert "measuring fifty tons and upwards per ton of their burthen per Register, for each day of twenty-four hours they remain in Port, reckoned from the hour of their arrival to that of their departure."

Page 14, line 28. After "day" insert "as aforesaid."

Page 14, line 29. After "on" insert "all other" and leave out from "Vessels" to "6d." and insert "measuring under fifty tons per day, as aforesaid."

Page 14, line 35. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred minots."

Page 14, line 36. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred minots."

Page 14, line 37. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred minots."

Page 14, line 39. Before "half" insert "Flour per."

Page 14, line 46. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred pieces."

Page 14, line 47. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred pieces."

Page 14, line 48. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred pieces."

Page 15, line 1. Leave out "do" and insert "per hundred pieces."

Page 15, line 5. Before "Puncheon" insert "Staves," and leave out "do" and insert "per mille."

Page 15, line 6. Before "Standard" insert "Staves" and leave out "do" and insert "per mille."

Page 15, line 7. Leave out from "Timber" to "per."

Page 15, line 8. Leave out "Bottoms" and insert "Frames."

Page 15, line 10. Leave out "do" and insert "per cord."

Page 15, line 12. Leave out "do" and insert "each."

Page 15, line 13. Leave out "do" and insert "each."

Page 15, line 14. Leave out "do" and insert "each."

Page 15, line 15. Leave out "do" and insert "each."

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

A Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Patrick* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—
Government House,

Quebec, 9th November, 1852.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, To-morrow at one o'clock, to assent in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

R. Bruce,

Governor's Secretary.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward* Election Petition, have leave to adjourn until the eighteenth day of February next, owing to the adjournment of this House from To-morrow until that period, and in order to give the Parties an opportunity of procuring evidence, and the attendance of Witnesses.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, that *Louis Lacoste* and *Edward Short*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to which were referred the Returns presented on the 19th October instant, relative to the reduction of Duties on Red Pine Timber, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (A.A.A.)

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Boulton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be referred to a Select Committee to take evidence as to the best mode of equalizing the remuneration of Registrars throughout the Province, proportioned to their labors, and as to the propriety of funding the Fees received by the Registrars throughout the Province, and fixing the remuneration to be paid to each officer annually" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the words " every Registrar in *Upper Canada* shall be allowed

“ the following Fees, and no more, that is to say” in the fifth Clause of the Bill, and “ inserting the words “ it shall and may be lawful for the County Councils, by By-Law to be passed for that purpose, to establish a scale of Fees to be allowed to the “ Registrars in their Counties respectively, for the duties they are required to discharge, either by this or any other Act of this Province, and that until such scale “ be established by such By-Law as aforesaid, the following Fees shall be taken by “ the Registrars for the duties discharged by them” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

*Boulton,**Gamble,**3. Hartman.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

*Brown,**Fortier,**Mackenzie,**Rose,**Burnham,**Fourrier,**MacNab, Sir A. N.**Scymour,**Cartier,**Gouin,**Marchildon,**Shaw,**Chabot,**Hicks,**McDougall,**Sicotte,**Chapuis,**Jobin,**Mongeneux,**Stevenson,**Chauveau, Sol. Gen. Langton,**Morin,**Street,**Christie (Wentworth.) LaTerrière,**Paré,**Stuart,**Clapham,**Laurin,**Patrick,**Taché,**Crawford,**Lemicux,**Richards, Atty. Gen.**White,**Drummond, Atty. Gen. Lyon,**Ridout,**Willson,**Egan,**Macdonald (Kingston) Robinson,**44. Wright, (E.R. York.)*

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Stuart* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “on the “eighteenth of February next” added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, a Clause (And be it enacted, that whenever, after the passing of this Act, a Deed or Conveyance shall be executed under and by virtue of a Letter or Power of Attorney from the grantee or grantors, a Memorial of such Letter or Power of Attorney may be registered, in the same manner and upon the same evidence as a Memorial of a Deed of Conveyance is now legally registered; and the Registrar shall be allowed the same Fees for recording the same, as for a Deed or Conveyance under this Act,) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "and Commons;" and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make certain provisions with regard to Common Schools in *Upper Canada*, for a limited period, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make more effectual provision for enforcing the legal rights of the Crown in regard of Public Works, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed until the sixteenth of February next; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Marchildon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Marchildon* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	30. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	18. <i>Stuart.</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “ An Act to make more effectual provision for enforcing the legal rights of the Crown in regard to Public “ Works in *Lower Canada.*”

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed To-morrow, at half past twelve o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Joint Addresses of both Houses on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*; and that they have ordered, that the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché*, and the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Morris*, do attend His Excellency on the part of their House at that time.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of this House, To-morrow at half past twelve o'clock, with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of a Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Society for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Quebec*, 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 said Committee ; and after some

time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Prince* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Prince* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Taché* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls upon a Bridge which they have constructed on the northern branch of the River *Yamaska* :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend and extend the Act incorporating a Company for making a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the Township of *Rawdon*, in *Lower Canada* :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Missisquoi*, from the place where it is now kept to a more central position :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to vest in the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton* the Gore” of *King Street*, for public purposes :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Ontario, Simcoe*, and *Huron* Railroad Union Company :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*.”

And then he withdrew.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 10^o die Novembris;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1852.

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 County of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of *Serafino Giraldi*, Tavernkeeper, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

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

Of *Leonard Misener*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Wainfleet*; praying for the repeal of the Act 7 *Vic.* cap. 12, and that authority be given to each Municipality to pass By-Laws for the protection of Game in their locality.

Of the Reverend *William Scott* and others, of *Melbourne* and vicinity; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Of Mrs. *J. Cumming* and others, female inhabitants of the County of *Glengary*; and of *George D. Griffin* and others, of the Township of *Brantford*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *A. Painchaud*, Esquire, and others, Traders and Merchants of the *Magdalen Islands*; complaining of various obstacles in the execution of the Law, and other grievances, and praying redress.

Of *Denis Veronneau* and others, Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for aid to assist them in defraying the expense of the erection of two School Houses within the said Municipality.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. Painchaud*, Esquire, and others, Traders and Merchants of the *Magdalen Islands*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into certain matters relative to the *Magdalen Islands*.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Committee of Supply, reported a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and eighty thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to meet the necessary and indispensable Expenses of the Government of this Province, for the year 1852, not otherwise provided for, to be accounted for in detail during the present Session of Parliament.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Resolution be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to consider the following Resolutions:—1. That this House deeply regrets that the Estimates for the current year were not brought down for consideration at an earlier period of the Session: 2. That the printed Financial Statement having just been laid before this House, it is impossible to consider the details thereof, before one o'clock this day (when it is proposed to adjourn for three months) with that care and attention which should be given to the important duty of expending large sums of the Public Money; 3. That it is totally inexpedient to vote the Supplies *en bloc*, "as proposed by the Government," instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

*Boulton,**Brown,**Gamble,*4. *Mackenzie.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

*Badgley,**Egan,**McDonald (Cornwall.) Richards, Atty. Gen.**Burnham,**Fortier,**Macdonald (Kingston) Shaw,**Cauchon,**Fournier,**MacNab, Sir A. N. Sicotte,**Chabot,**Gouin,**Malloch, Stevenson,**Chapais,**Hartman,**Marchildon, Street,**Chauveau, Sol. Gen.**Hincks,**Mongenais, Stuart,**Christie, (Gaspé.)**Langton,**Morin, Taché,**Christie (Wentworth.) La Terrière,**La Terrière,**Morrison, Tessier,**Clapham,**Laurin,**Patrick, Willson,**Crawford,**LeBlanc,**Prince, Wright, (E. R. York.)**Dixon,**Lemieux,**Ridout, 44. Wright, (W. R. York.)*

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolution be now read a second time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Egan*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of Supply, to consider the expediency of applying Thirty thousand pounds of any sum that may be voted by this House, to be appropriated in aid of the Roads and Bridges of the two *Canadas*; the said sum to be expended through Municipal Corporations, according to population," instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Resolution be now read a second time.

And the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, reported, That His Excellency the Governor General had been attended with the Joint Address of both Houses respecting the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Halifax*; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would transmit the said Address to Her Majesty, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 20th September, 1852, for Documents and information respecting the practicability of forming a safe Dock and Harbour for the reception of Shipping arriving at the Port of *Quebec*, &c., and for other information relative to the improvement of the Harbour of *Quebec*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (M.M.M.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 27th October, 1852, to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Return of the Debentures issued under the authority of the third Section of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 112, for Loans towards defraying the expenses of the Court House now in progress of erection in *Montreal*, for Court Houses and Gaols in *Kamouraska*, *Aylmer*, and *Chicoutimi*, or for repairing or rebuilding Court Houses in *Gaspé* and *Bonaventure*,—said Return to shew the date and amount of each Debenture, when and where and to whom sold or

paid, whether at a discount, at par, or at a premium, how any bonus that may have been received was applied, the names of the Broker and Agent who negotiated the Debentures, the commission or brokerage paid in each case, with copy of the Orders in Council upon which the same were issued by the Receiver General to meet the requirements of the Department of Public Works in the erection, repairing, and rebuilding of the said Court Houses and Gaols; and shewing what other funds have been applied to these works, with the gross expenditure.

For the said Return, see Appendix (N.N.N.)

Ordered, That the two preceding Returns be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, “An Act for the establishment of a Line of Steam Vessels between this Province and the United Kingdom:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Orphan’s Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Governor General to issue a Proclamation to declare the County of *Perth* to be separated from the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, and for other purposes therein mentioned:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the City of *Hamilton* with Water:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of the said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to make more effectual provision for enforcing the legal rights of the Crown in regard to Public Works in *Lower Canada*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend and explain the Act authorizing the issue of Debentures for giving relief to the City of *Quebec*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to make certain provisions with regard to Common Schools in *Upper Canada*, for a limited period.”

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, that *Louis Lacoste* and *Edward Short*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Twentieth Report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Street* reported, That the

Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Laurin* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, 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 remove doubts as to the powers of the Junior Judges of County Courts in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to authorize the appointment of Assistant Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* in certain cases.

An Act further to extend the period limited for certain purposes by the *Montreal* Registry Act.

An Act to amend the Act providing for the summary decision of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to supply an omission in Schedule B to the *Upper Canada* Municipal Corporations Law Amendment Act of 1850.

An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to admit *Neil Cameron McIntyre* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney therein.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of the Reign of Her Majesty, to incorporate the *Saint Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the power of the said Company.

An Act to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to authorize the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company to extend their Railroad, and to acquire the Land necessary for such extension, and for other purposes relative to the said Company.

An Act to extend and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, “An Act to provide for the appointment of Magistrates for the “more remote parts of this Province.”

An Act for the relief of Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, by facilitating the

negotiation of Loans to enable them to rebuild the property destroyed by the said Fire.

An Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*.

An Act to authorize the Town of *Dundas* to grant its security to the Great Western Railroad Company, on behalf of the *Desjardins* Canal Company, for certain improvements on the said Canal.

An Act to provide by one general Law for the incorporation of Electric Telegraph Companies.

An Act to ascertain and establish the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de la Baie*.

An Act to incorporate the Grand Trunk Railway of *Canada*.

An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases.

An Act to legalize and continue the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Torbolton*.

An Act to amend the Charter of the *Erie* and *Ontario* Railroad Company.

An Act for avoiding doubts as to the true meaning of a certain enactment in the Act regulating Elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to incorporate the *Quebec* Temperance Hall Association.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating Bishop's College.

An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned and for other purposes connected with the administration of *McGill* College.

An Act for the granting of certain Lots in the Town of *Bytown*, to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company.

An Act to extend the provisions of the eighteenth Section of "The Railway "Clauses Consolidation Act" to the Act incorporating the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company.

An Act to separate the Township of *Romney* from the Township of *East Tilbury*, and to erect the said Townships into independent Corporations.

An Act to incorporate the *St. Mary's* College of *Montreal*.

An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company.

An Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*.

An Act to authorize the City of *Montreal* to raise a Loan to consolidate their debt.

An Act to give effect to certain proceedings under the Act, intituled, "An Act "to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property "was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and "thirty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight."

An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act extending the powers of the *British America* Fire and Life Assurance Company in Marine Assurance.

An Act for the relief of *John Knatchbull Roche*, of the Town of *Port Hope*, in the County of *Durham*, Provincial Land Surveyor.

An Act to empower any Railway Company whose Railway forms part of the Main Trunk Line of Railway throughout this Province, to unite with any other such Company, or to purchase the property and rights of any such Company; and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned incorporating Railway Companies.

An Act to provide for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from opposite *Quebec* to *Trois Pistoles*, and for the extension of such Railway to the Eastern Frontier of this Province.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the "*Quebec* Friendly Society."

An Act to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the "*Quebec* Benevolent Society," under certain restrictions, rules, and regulations therein mentioned."

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to authorize *François Daigle* and *Alexis Dufresne* to demand Tolls upon a Bridge which they have constructed on the northern branch of the River *Yamaska*.

An Act to authorize the City of *Kingston* to negotiate a Loan of Seventy-five thousand pounds to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend and extend the Act incorporating a Company for making a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the Township of *Rawdon*, in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Mis- sisquoi* from the place where it is now kept to a more central position.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of "Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company."

An Act to amend two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision for the management of the Post Office.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the Recorder's Court of the City of *Montreal*.

An Act to vest in the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton*, the "Gore" of *King* Street, for public purposes.

An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Ontario*, *Simcoe* and *Huron* Railroad Union Company.

An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*.

An Act to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for the deepening of Lake *St. Peter*, and the improvement of the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence* between the said points, and for other purposes.

An Act to authorize the *Brantford* and *Buffalo* Joint Stock Railroad Company to construct a Railway from *Fort Erie* to *Coderich*.

An Act to incorporate the Grand Junction Railroad Company.

An Act for the establishment of a Line of Steam Vessels between this Province and the United Kingdom.

An Act to provide for the establishment of a Bureau of Agriculture, and to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Agriculture.

An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Orphan's "Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*."

An Act to enlarge and extend the powers granted by the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 81, so as to enable the Municipal Council of the Township of *Stamford* to make By-Laws for the better government of that part of the said Township which lies in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of *Niagara*.

An Act to authorize the Governor General to issue a Proclamation to declare the County of *Perth* to be separated from the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of supplying the City of *Hamilton* with Water.

An Act to facilitate the winding up of the affairs of the Mutual Fire Assurance Company of the County of *Montreal*.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Com- pany.

An Act to make more effectual provision for enforcing the legal rights of the Crown in regard to Public Works in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to make certain provisions with regard to Common Schools in *Upper Canada* for a limited period.

An Act to amend and explain the Act authorizing the issue of Debentures for giving relief to the City of *Quebec*.

An Act to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Laurin* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies be amended, by leaving out the word “Fifty” in the fourth paragraph thereof, and inserting the words “One hundred;” and by adding the words “provided that the amount granted be held to cover the entire Session” at the end of the said paragraph.

2. *Resolved*, That the said Report be further amended, by leaving out the ninth paragraph thereof.

3. *Resolved*, That this House doth concur with the Standing Committee on Contingencies in their Fifth Report, so amended.

The said Resolutions being read a second time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the said Resolutions be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to the said Committee to restore the ninth paragraph of the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies” instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the said Resolutions be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to the said Committee to leave out the fifth paragraph of the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, recommending a pension for the widow of the late *Charles Olivier*” instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Twentieth Report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, in their Twentieth Report.

And the said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,
The House adjourned until the fourteenth day of February next.

Lunæ, 14° die Februarii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a Certificate of the Return of *Timothy Lee Terrill*, Esquire, for the County of *Stanstead*, in the room and place of *Hazard Bailey Terrill*, Esquire, deceased.

And the said Certificate was read; and is as followeth:—
Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 3rd December, 1852.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the third day of November last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Registrar of the County of *Stanstead*, (*Charles A. Richardson*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the said County of *Stanstead*, for the election of one Member to represent the said County of *Stanstead* in the present Parliament, in the room and place of the late *Hazard Bailey Terrill*, Esquire, who, since his Election and return to serve as the Representative of the said County of *Stanstead*, had departed this life, by means whereof the seat of the said late *Hazard Bailey Terrill*, as Representative of the said County of *Stanstead*, had become vacant, *Timothy Lee Terrill*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the twenty-third day of November last past, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Felix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

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

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Lemieux* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *Lacoste* to express his sorrow for the inconvenience he has caused the House and the Parties by his absence, on account of severe illness, from the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Kamourasha* Election Petition.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Ordered, That *Louis Lacoste*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth*, and *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Anthony Ribble* and others; the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Green* and others, of *Wellington Square* and vicinity; the Petition of *D. S. Miller* and others; the Petition of *Andrew Wilson* and others, of

Cumminsville and its vicinity; and the Petition of the Reverend *Robert G. Minton* and others, of the Free Church Congregation of *St. Louis de Gonzague*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of *J. P. Déry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond*, Seigniori of *Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *E. Rousseau* and others, of *St. Roch's* and *St. John's* Suburbs, in the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the Consumer's Gas Company of the City of *Toronto*.

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

Of *Patrick Loughry* and others; and of *William King* and others, of the Township of *Bristol*, County of *Ottawa*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that the By-Law of the said Council authorizing the investment of the sum of £50,000 in the *Ontario, Simcoe*, and *Huron* Union Railroad may be declared valid.

Of *Serafino Giraldi*, Tavern-keeper, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the reimbursement of a certain sum of money paid by them for their Licenses in the year 1851.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Louis Lacoste* and *Eduard Short*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, from the 10th to the 17th November last inclusive; that, on the 18th of November, the Committee were officially informed, by Letter from the Provincial Secretary, that *Edward Short*, Esquire, had been appointed one of the Judges of the Superior Court of *Lower Canada*, and not considering him any longer a Member of the House or of the Committee, they adjourned till this day; and also, that *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* moved, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, and the Question being put, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, for special cause shewn and verified upon oath, to wit, by reason of his inability to attend in consequence of illness in his family, be allowed to absent himself from the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition, and that he be discharged from attending the same; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *LeBoutillier* have leave of absence for four weeks, from this day, on urgent private business,

Mr. *Stuart*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *George E. Cartier*, *James Smith*, *John White*, and *John Langton*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on the 18th November last, and that *George E. Cartier*, *James Smith*, and *John Langton*, Esquires, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, this day.

Ordered, That *George E. Cartier*, *John White*, *John Langton*, and *James Smith*, Esquires, do attend in their place in this House, To-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out a new Writ for the election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Town of *Sherbrooke*, in the room of *Edward Short*, Esquire, who, since his Election, hath accepted office as one of the Judges of the Superior Court of *Lower Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency, the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 3rd of September last, praying for a Statement of the Imports and Exports with the Lower Provinces; the sums paid for Timber in certain Counties, and Vessels built therein and therein constructed and loaded.

For the said Return, see Appendix (O.O.O.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 30th September last, praying for copies of all Correspondence between the Government and other Parties, relative to the Commutation of the Seignior of *Vaudreuil*.

For the said Return, see Appendix, (P.P.P.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, of the 3rd of November last, praying for a Statement of Tonnage Dues for the support of the Marine Hospital, and a Return shewing the number Seamen admitted, and the annual cost of their maintenance.

By Command,

Secretary's Office,

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Quebec, 14th February, 1853.

Statement of Tonnage Dues paid annually by the Shipping for the Support of the Marine Hospital since it was built; also, of the Annual Cost for maintaining the Seamen admitted into the Establishment.

Tonnage Duties.				Amount Currency.		
				£	s.	d.
Net Amount	of Duties	in	1836	1264	4	0
do	of do	1837	1364	4	10	
do	of do	1838	1316	5	4	
do	of do	1839	1417	2	3	
do	of do	1840	1706	11	3	
do	of do	1841	1684	2	4	
do	of do	1842	1151	2	10	
do	of do	1843	1719	6	11	
do	of do	1844	1732	16	6	
do	of do	1845	2186	16	4	
do	of do	1846	2152	0	6	
do	of do	1847	1819	14	5	
do	of do	1848	1658	7	10	
do	of do	1849	1764	2	4	
do	of do	1850	1742	6	7	
do	of do	1851	1994	16	4	
Total, Tonnage Duties.....				£ 26674	0	7

Carried over

Tonnage Dues.	Amount Currency.		
	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>	26674	0	7
In addition to the above, there was voted in the Estimates for 1846, to make up the deficiency of the Fund of the Hospital in 1845, caused by the admission therein of an extra number of Shipwrecked Seamen	£217	17	9
Vote in Estimate for 1849 to make up deficiency of Fund for 1847 and 1848	505	10	1
And to cover expenses of cases of distress admitted into the Hospital, in 1848	56	1	8
	779	11	1
	£ 27453	11	8

NOTE.—The Tonnage Duty for 1852, is..... £1870 10 0
 The Payments for Sick Seamen admitted in Hospital..... 2056 15 4
 A Balance of £597 13s. 9d. remains still unpaid.

Expenditure.	Amount Currency.		
	£	s.	d.
In the year 1836	1264	4	0
do 1837	1364	4	10
do 1838	1316	5	4
do 1839	1417	2	3
do 1840 and 1841	2774	11	7
do 1842	1650	0	0
do 1843	1950	0	0
do do, For cost of a Building for an Hospital	262	10	0
do 1844	1500	0	0
do 1845	2000	0	0
do 1846	1820	9	11
do 1847	2113	10	10
do 1848	1602	2	7
do 1849, Balance of 1848	£ 299	9	6
do do	1784	9	0
	2083	18	6
do do To meet expenses attending cases of extreme distress, admitted in 1848	56	1	3
do 1850	1250	0	0
do 1851	1250	0	0
Total, for Payments for Seamen admitted	£ 25675	1	1
Payments to Commissioners on account of Shipwrecked and Destitute Seamen wintering in Quebec:—			
During Winter of 1844 and 1845	£111	14	4
do 1845 and 1846	150	0	0
do 1846 and 1847	150	0	0
do 1847 and 1848	150	0	0
do 1849 and 1850	134	12	3
do 1851 and 1852	150	0	0
	846	6	7
Paid for same service made good on Estimate 1847	£100	0	0
	£ 26521	7	8

Inspector General's Office,
 Quebec, 11th January, 1853.

Jos. Cary,
 Dy. Insp. General.

Marine Hospital,
Quebec, 10-14th December, 1852.

Sir,—I have the honor, in answer to your letter of the fifth ultimo, to transmit you a Return of the Sailors annually admitted to the Hospital since the first of January 1835. I am unable to furnish a Return for the previous years, as the Books of the Hospital make no distinction before that date, between Sailors and Emigrants. I must add, that the House Surgeon who furnished me with this Return, has been so much occupied, that he has not been able to prepare it sooner.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most humble Servant.

N. Casault,

S. T. C. M. & E. H.

Etienne Parent, Esquire.

Assistant Provincial Secretary,

&c.

&c.

&c.

Return shewing the number of Sailors admitted in each year to the *Quebec* Marine Hospital, from the 1st of January, 1835, to the end of November, 1852.

Years.	Patients.	Years.	Patients.
1835.....	104	1844.....	718
1836.....	506	1845.....	1035
1837.....	471	1846.....	1108
1838.....	554	1847.....	1700
1839.....	745	1848.....	802
1840.....	912	1849.....	834
1841.....	897	1850.....	639
1842.....	623	1851.....	742
1843.....	780	1852.....	682

N. Casault,

S. T. C. M. & E. H.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 14th October last, praying for certain information relative to re-payments on the *Quebec* Fire Debentures under the Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 62, and other subsequent Acts amending the same.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Q.Q.Q.)

Supplementary Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 20th September last, praying for all documents and certain information respecting improvements to *Quebec* Harbour.

For the said Supplementary Return, see Appendix (M.M.M.)

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Terrebonne* from the place where it is now kept to a more central position.

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 the twenty-second instant.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, being read;

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

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 15^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *John Boyd* and others, of the Township of *Georgina*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of *Pierre Roy*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Marguerite de Blairfinnie*, called *L'Acadie*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Léon*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Pierre Voyer*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Trafalgar*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Hutton*; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Gore* District Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. *White*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *George E. Cartier*, *John Langton*, and *James Smith*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions, with respect to Summary Convictions and Orders.

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

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *LeBlanc* not attending in his place;

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions' Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee,

yesterday, and this day, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *George E. Cartier*, *John White*, *John Langton*, and *James Smith*, Esquires, in their places in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Langton*, and Mr. *Smith* not attending in their places,—and Mr. *White* attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions' Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *George E. Cartier*, *John Langton*, and *James Smith*, Esquires, being Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, and this day, and not having attended in their places in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

Ordered, That *John White*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, on the eighteenth of November last, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the day for resuming the further consideration of the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, against *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, for the examination of Witnesses, and the hearing of Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*, being read;

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* moved, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, and the Question being put, That the said Order of the day be postponed till Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Muttice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridoul,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>32. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>6. Tessier.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :—

Elgin and Kincardine.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of Despatches from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies enumerated in the accompanying Schedule.

Government House.

Quebec, 14th February, 1853.

Schedule of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 14th February, 1853.

No. 79.—29th Oct., 1852.—Contribution of Books to the Legislative Library.

Military.—No. 14.—30th October, 1852.—In reply to Joint Address on the subject of Medals to the Militia of *Canada*.

No. 90.—2nd December, 1852.—In reply to Joint Address on Reciprocity with Foreign Nations.

No. 2.—15th January, 1853.—On the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

(Copy.)—No. 79.

Downing Street, 29th October, 1852.

My Lord,—Referring to Your Lordship's Despatch of the 4th November last, requesting that assistance might be given to Mr. *Faribault*, the Gentleman deputed by a Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, to proceed to this Country for the purpose of procuring Books for a new Legislative Library, I have to acquaint Your Lordship that Her Majesty's Government have had much pleasure in affording all the facilities in their power both to Mr. *Faribault* and to Mr. *Wicksteed*, his successor, in enabling them to execute the object of their mission, and I have now to inform Your Lordship that, in addition to the Books which have already been supplied to Mr. *Wicksteed* from this and other Departments of the Government, Twenty-two volumes of State Papers, compiled in the Department of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, have been forwarded to Mr. *Rich*, of *Tavistock Street, London*, (the Agent appointed by Mr. *Wicksteed*,) for transmission to *Canada*.

I have to request Your Lordship to present these Volumes to the two Legislative Bodies of *Canada*, as a further contribution from Her Majesty's Government to the Library they are forming.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *John S. Pakington.*

The Right Honorable

The Earl of *Elgin and Kincardine*,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—Military, No. 14.

Downing Street, 30th October, 1852.

My Lord,—I have laid before the Queen, your Despatch, No. 96, of the 8th October, with the Address therein enclosed, from Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, praying that Medals may be conferred upon the survivors of the Canadian Militia who were present at the various Engagements during the late War with the *United States*, which are not enumerated in the General Order of the 1st June, 1847.

I have it in command to acquaint you, that Her Majesty was pleased to receive

the said Address very graciously. But I have, at the same time, to state that Her Majesty's Government have felt it to be impossible to advise Her Majesty to accede to the prayer submitted to Her.

Attaching, as Her Majesty's Government do, the weight which is due to all recommendations of the Parliament of *Canada* upon the affairs of the Province, they would be glad on that account, as well as from their high sense of the gallantry of the Militia who distinguished themselves in the Engagements referred to, to advise the manifestation of any proof of the Queen's sense of the services of the Militia, which would not be inconsistent with the regulations under which it was found necessary to distribute the War-Medals among the various branches of the Military service of the Crown. After full and anxious consideration, and on the advice of the highest Military authority, a line of distinction was drawn with respect to all the Actions in which the Military and Naval Forces of the Crown had been engaged in all parts of the world; and to that line, which was unavoidably applied to the Actions fought by the Troops in *Canada* with the Forces of the *United States*, Her Majesty's Government think it now necessary to adhere, although doubtless many gallant officers and men may in this, as in other similar cases, have felt mortified that they did not come within the prescribed rules.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *John S. Pakington.*

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 90.

Downing Street, 2nd December, 1852.

My Lord,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 105, of the 5th ultimo, transmitting an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada* on the subject of Reciprocity with Foreign Nations.

I have laid this Address before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive it very graciously.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *John S. Pakington.*

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, K.T.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 2.

Downing Street, 15th January, 1853.

My Lord,—I have the honor to acknowledge Your Despatch of the 22nd of September last, addressed to my predecessor, and forwarding an Address to the Queen, from the Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

2. This Address was laid before Her Majesty by my predecessor, and Your Lordship is probably aware from what has recently passed on this subject in the Imperial Parliament, that Her Majesty's late advisers had taken the matters contained in it into their consideration, and were preparing to communicate with you respecting it, when the recent change in the administration interfered with their intentions.

3. In consequence of that event, it became my duty to bring the subject under the attention of my Colleagues at the earliest opportunity. And I have now to inform you that Her Majesty's Government have determined on advising Her Majesty to accede to the prayer of that Address.

4. In arriving at this decision, they have felt it their duty to keep out of view the question whether or not any alteration is at present desirable in the mode of appropriating the fund derived from those Reserves, established by the 3 and 4 *Vic.* cap. 78. They do not deny that they share in the regret expressed by Lord *Grey*, in his Despatch of January 27th, 1851, that any desire should be entertained to disturb a settlement devised with a view to reconcile conflicting interests and feelings, and which, it was hoped, might have accomplished that object. But they are fully satisfied that no such sentiments of regret would justify the Government or Parliament of this Country in withholding from the Canadian people, through their Representatives, the right of dealing as they may think proper with matters of strictly domestic interest.

5. That such was to a great extent the view originally entertained by the British Parliament of this question, appears evident from the provisions of the original Constitutional Act of 31 *Geo.* 3, by which a wide discretion was left to the then Canadian Legislature to alter or repeal its provisions. That liberty it was thought proper, in framing the Act of 1840, to withdraw; but in restoring it, Her Majesty's Government are but reverting to those general principles of policy which were recognized in 1791, in this instance, and which have been habitually adopted and adhered to in others: principles on which alone they conceive that the Government of *Canada* can or ought to be conducted, and by the maintenance of which they believe that those sentiments of loyalty to the Crown and attachment to the existing connexion with this great Empire, which now animate the Colony, can be most effectually confirmed.

6. They will therefore be prepared to follow the course already indicated by Lord *Grey* in the Despatch above referred to, namely, to recommend to Parliament to pass an Act giving to the Provincial Legislature authority to make, subject to the preservation of all existing interests, such alterations as they may think fit in the present arrangements respecting the Clergy Reserves. Her Majesty's Government are induced to make this reservation solely from those considerations of justice which they rejoice to find so fully recognized in the Addresses which have been from time to time presented to the Crown.

7. The language of these Addresses are such as to give every ground for confidence that the powers to be thus given to the Provincial Parliament will be exercised with caution and forbearance towards the feelings and interests of all classes in those two great Districts which are now happily united under the single Legislature and Government of *Canada*. But I must repeat that it is not from a reliance on this confident anticipation, however strongly they may entertain it, that Her Majesty's Government have come to their present decision, but because they are satisfied on more general principles, that the Parliament of *Canada*, and not the Parliament of the United Kingdom, is the body to which the functions of legislation on this subject must for the public advantage be committed.

8. You will take an early opportunity for communicating the contents of this Despatch to the Legislature.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *Newcastle.*

The Right Honorable

The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,

&c. &c. &c.

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the said Message, and accompanying Despatches, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision touching the expense of maintaining Patients in the Lunatic Asylum in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 16^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

TIMOTHY LEE TERRILL, Esquire, Member for the County of *Stanstead*, 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. Speaker laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, for the year ending 31st December 1852.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (D.)

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *John White*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *White* to express his regret for being absent on the 18th November last, from the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Toronto* Election Petition, and to state that such absence was unintentional on his part.

Ordered, That *John White*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of *Auguste Bourbeau* and others, of *St. Augustin*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *J. H. Lefroy*, Esquire, F.R.S., President, and others, Members of the Canadian Institute.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Trafalgar*; the Petition of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, Warden, Chairman on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Halton*; and the Petition of *J. Young* and others, Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Kéroack* and others, of the Parish of *Cap de la Magdelaine*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of *John McGill Chambers*, of the Township of *Montague*, in the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth* and *Bruce*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron*, *Perth* and *Bruce*;

praying that the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act may be so amended as to facilitate the proceedings of County Councils with reference thereto.

Of *Anthony Ribble* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Green* and others, of *Wellington Square* and vicinity; of *D. S. Miller* and others; of *Andrew Wilson* and others, of *Cumminsville* and its vicinity; and of the Reverend *Robert G. Minton* and others, of the Free Church Congregation of *St. Louis de Gonzague*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Of *J. P. Dery* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond*, Seigniory of *Bourg-Louis*, County of *Portneuf*; praying for certain amendments to the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof.

Of *E. Rousseau* and others, of *St. Roch's* and *St. John's* Suburbs, in the City of *Quebec*; representing that as sufferers by the great Fires in the said City, they obtained aid by Debentures on which they were obliged to raise money at heavy discount and great loss, and that they are now unable to pay the same, and praying for a remission of the whole or part thereof.

Of the Consumer's Gas Company of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the provisions of the Act incorporating the said Company.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House. That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, Tomorrow.

Mr. *Lemicux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *White*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *George E. Cartier*, *John Langton*, and *James Smith*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th October last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, copies of all Reports and enquiries, documents and evidence, on which the payment of £550, mentioned in the Report of the Public Works for 1851, to *William Cottingham* was made.

For the said Report, see Appendix (R.R.R.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 4th October 1852, for certain information and documents

respecting the Building erected in the Lower Town of the City of *Quebec* to be the Custom House.

For the said Return, see Appendix (S.S.S.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, *Resolved*, That a Call of the House be made on Tuesday the first day of March next.

Resolved, That such Members as shall not then attend, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause Circular Letters to be written immediately to the absent Members, enclosing to them copies of the present Resolutions, signed by the Clerk of this House.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *George E. Cartier*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Sicotte* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *Cartier* to express his sorrow for the inconvenience he had caused the House and the Parties by his absence, on account of urgent business, from the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Toronto* Election Petition.

Ordered, That *George E. Cartier*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

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

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 17^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *John McLeod* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*,—The Petition of *Thomas LePage* and others, of the County of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Varin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. D. Maréchal* and others, of the Village of *Napierville*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengary*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, of *Niagara*.

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

Of *John Boyd* and others, of the Township of *Georgina*; praying that the said Township may be re-united to the County of *York*.

Of *Pierre Roy*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfin-die*, called *L'Acadie*; praying that the Representation Bill may be so amended as to leave the said Parish as heretofore united to the County of *Chambly*.

Of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Léon*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River

St. Lawrence, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended to the said undertaking.

Of *Pierre Voyer*, of the City of *Quebec*; representing that certain lands at *Palace Harbour*, conceded to his father in virtue of a title from *Père de Berry*, General Superintendent of the Order of *Recollets*, were taken possession of by the Government, and that the enjoyment thereof is now granted to the Corporation of *Quebec*, and praying for indemnity or a pension in consideration of the premises.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Trafalgar*; praying that the Petition of *Alexander McNaughton* and others, for the passing of an Act to separate the County of *Halton* from *Wentworth*, and to place the County Town at the Village of *Milton*, may not be granted,—but that in case such separation be made, the selection of the County Town be left to the decision of the Rate-payers of the County.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to sell a certain Road in the County of *Wentworth*, or for a general Act making provision in such cases.

Of the President and Directors of the *Gore* District Mutual Fire Insurance Company; praying for a certain amendment to their Act of Incorporation.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House. That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *John Langton* and *James Smith*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Paige* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

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

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

Veneris, 18^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statement of the Affairs of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad Union Company.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (I.)

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

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Library Association; the Petition of *William Henry Ellis* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, carrying on business on the Coast of *Labrador*; and the Petition of *Matthew H. Warren*, and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, carrying on trade on the Coast of *Labrador*.

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

Of *Auguste Bourbeau* and others, of *St. Augustin*; and of the Reverend *N. Kérock* and others, of the Parish of *Cap de la Magdelaine*, County of *Champlain*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended to the said undertaking.

Of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Montreal*; praying that the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 46, incorporating the said Bar, may be amended, by increasing certain Fees therein mentioned.

Of *J. H. Lefroy*, Esquire, F.R.S., President, and others, Members of the Canadian Institute; representing that the scientific observations at the Observatory at *Toronto* are in danger of being discontinued, by reason of the contemplated withdrawal of the Royal Artillery at present stationed there, and praying that the said Observatory may be continued by Provincial authority, by placing it in connection with the Provincial University, or otherwise.

Of *J. Young* and others, Reeves and Deputy-Reeves, of the County of *Halton*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate the said County from its present Union with the County of *Wentworth*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Trafalgar*; praying that should it be deemed expedient to separate the County of *Halton* from its present Union with the County of *Wentworth*, the selection of the place of the County Town of the said County of *Halton* may be left to the Rate-payers thereof.

Of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, Warden, Chairman on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Halton*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate the said County from its present Union with the County of *Wentworth*, leaving the selection of the County Town of the said County of *Halton* to the Rate-payers thereof.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Niagara*; representing that the Board of Ordnance in *England* hold a large quantity of land within the limits of the said

Town, and that the Corporation thereof are desirous of obtaining the grant of a portion of the said land for purposes of improvement, and praying the adoption of measures for the attainment of that end, or otherwise that they may be empowered to tax the said lands.

Of *John McGill Chambers*, of the Township of *Montague*, in the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying that a competent Deputy Provincial Surveyor may be commissioned to settle permanently the boundary line between the said Township and *North Elmsley*, at the cost of the Petitioner.

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, informed the House, That *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, at its next sitting.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. H. Lefroy*, Esquire, F.R.S., President, and others, Members of the Canadian Institute, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, That the House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of appropriating certain unexpended balances of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *McDougall*, seconded by Mr. *Stevenson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will order copies of all Correspondence between the Government and Mr. *Joly*, relative to the *Point Platon* Wharf, and copies of all Surveys and Reports relative to the said Wharf, to be laid before this House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to allow the recusation of Judges who are Seigniors, in cases where Seigniorial Rights are called in question.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Upper Canada Jurors' Act* of one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to repeal certain parts thereof, being read ;

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

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *John Langton* and *James Smith*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Currency, being read ;

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

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

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

Lunæ, 21^o die Februarii ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *James Smith*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Morrison* stated, that he was desired by Mr. *Smith* to express his sorrow for the inconvenience he had caused the House and the Parties by his absence, on account of severe illness, from the Committee appointed to try the matter of the *Toronto Election Petition*.

Ordered, That *James Smith*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Manufacturing Company* ; and the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. J. Guyon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Elizabeth*, County of *Berthier* ; and the Petition of *Louis Champagne* and others, of *Lavaltrie* and other Parishes, in the County of *Berthier*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of *Michel Naud* and others, of *Deschambault* ; and the Petition of *Baptiste Lépine* and others, of *Pointe aux Trembles*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent.

By Mr. *Prince*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*.

By Mr. *Gouin*,—The Petition of *J. B. Lamère* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Town of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Smith of Durham*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Olivier Duval*, Esquire, and others, of the *Banlieue* of the Town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. E. Bois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *John McMillen* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *John Stewart* and others, of the County of *Halton*, and others; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nelson*.

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

Of *John McLeod* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg*; praying that the Petition of the Town Council thereof for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Council to sell or lease the present Market site in the said Town, and to acquire another site and build thereon, be not granted.

Of *Thomas LePage* and others, of the County of *Gaspé*; praying that Legislative encouragement may be given to the Fisheries and Trade connected therewith, in the District of *Gaspé*, by granting Bounties as in other Countries,—by exempting certain articles used in the Trade from the payment of duty,—and by the adoption of such measures as shall cause *Gaspé Basin* to be made a Free Trading Port.

Of the Reverend *L. D. Maréchal* and others, of the Village of *Napierville*; praying for a reduction of the *rentes foncières* on lands belonging to inhabitants of the said Village, and situated therein.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying for the repeal of the Common School Law, and the substitution of one general comprehensive Free School Act for *Canada West*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont, Dundas*, and *Glengary*; praying that the Jury Law may be so amended as to place the duties and fees of officers connected therewith under the control of the County Councils.

Of *John C. Ball* and others, of *Niagara*; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to establish a Mutual and Proprietary Insurance Company at *Niagara*.

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

Of *Matthew H. Warren* and others,—and of *William Henry Ellis* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, carrying on business on the Coast of *Labrador*; praying for the establishment of Reciprocal Free Trade between the said Coast of *Labrador* and *Canada*, similar to that existing between all the other North American Colonies.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John McLeod* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last, and this day.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last, and this day.

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, informed the House, That *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chapais* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Board of Notaries for the Districts of *Kamouraska* and *Gaspé*, and further to amend the Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* be added to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the system upon which Lands have been conceded and sold in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, and into the causes which obstruct the settlement of the said Townships.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Clapham*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Tessier*, Mr. *Stuart*, and Mr. *Dubord*, be appointed to take into consideration and report on the advantages to be derived from, and the means by which may be obtained, a periodical Ice Bridge across the River *St. Lawrence* at *Quebec*; and also, on the importance of erecting Breakwaters on the *Point Levy* Reef and *Beauport* Flat, in connection with and in furtherance of the aforesaid object, as well as for the protection of the Harbour and general Commerce of the Country; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Married Women not residing in *Canada*, to convey their Real Estates in *Upper Canada* by their lawful Attorney.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, and intitled, "An Act to amend the Law respecting Real Property, and to render the proceedings for recovering possession thereof in certain cases less difficult and expensive."

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. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *James Smith* and *John Langton*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last; and that *John Langton*, Esquire, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 3rd September last, praying for certain particulars of information and statements relative to Judicial Officers in *Lower Canada*, under the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 37.

For the said Return, see Appendix (T.T.T.)

The Order of the House of Friday last, for the attendance of *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read;—And Mr. *Street* attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee on Friday last, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Jobin* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Street* to state, That on Tuesday morning last, he went to the Ferry House at *Albany* for the purpose of crossing the *Hudson* River in time to take the Express Train from *New York* to *Troy*, and on his arrival at the said Ferry House he found that the Steam Ferry Boat which plies in common with the said Express Train had met with an accident in the Ice, which disabled her from crossing the said River, and that in consequence of the said accident, he was unable to reach the Train in time to take the Northern Train for *Montreal*, on that day, and hence he was unable to reach the Seat of Government on Friday last, to attend the meeting of the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward* Election Petition, as he intended to have done, and would have done but for the accident aforesaid; and the same having been verified upon Oath by Mr. *Street*;

Ordered, That *Thomas C. Street*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

Mr. *Mulloch*, from the Committee to consider the expediency of appropriating certain unexpended balances of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to appropriate out of the unexpended or unappropriated balance of the Common School Fund for *Lower Canada*, for the year 1851, a sum not exceeding Three thousand pounds currency, as an aid for the building of School Houses under the direction of the School Commissioners.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient further to appropriate out of the said balance, a sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds currency, as an aid towards the formation of Parish and Township Libraries, in localities where adequate contributions may have been made for the same object.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient further to appropriate out of the said balance, a sum not exceeding Five thousand pounds currency, as an aid for Education in *Lower Canada*, in such manner as may be devised by Parliament during the present Session.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to define by law the amount which ought to be appropriated out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for the years 1852 and 1853, towards making provision for the remuneration of the School Inspectors for *Lower Canada*, and for the establishment and maintenance of a Normal School,—the balance necessary for such services being taken out of the unexpended or unclaimed balance of the Common School Fund for *Lower Canada*, as provided by the Act of the 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 97.

5. *Resolved*, That the said amount out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund be fixed at the sum of Two thousand pounds currency, for each of the said years.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to appropriate out of the said Jesuits' Estates Fund, as an investment, at the rate of five per cent per annum, from the 1st day of January, 1853, a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred pounds cur-

rency, for the purchase of a site and buildings for a Normal School at *Montreal*, and a further sum not exceeding Five hundred pounds currency, for the necessary repairs thereto; the interest as aforesaid to be paid in half-yearly payments into the said Fund, out of the said unexpended or unclaimed balance of the Common School Fund for *Lower Canada*, as the first charge thereon, and out of any monies which may be hereafter otherwise appropriated by law towards the said Normal School.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate certain unexpended balances out of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*.

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

The Order of the day for resuming the further consideration of the allegations contained in the Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Montmorency*, against *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar, and Returning Officer at the late Election for the said County, for the examination of Witnesses, and the hearing of Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*, being read;

And the House being informed that Mr. *Lefrançois* attended at the door; he was called in.

Thomas Pope and *Jacques Rhéaume*, Esquires, also attended as Counsel on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*.

And the House being informed that *Philip Warren*, one of the Witnesses on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*, attended at the door; he was called in; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Lemieux*:—

1. What is your name, place of residence, and occupation?—My name is *Philip Warren*; I reside at the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, and I am a Merchant.

2. Were you an Elector at the last General Election of a Member for the County of *Montmorency*; did you take an active part in the said Election, and had you an opportunity of observing the conduct of Mr. *Lefrançois*, as Returning Officer, before and during the said Election, and state in what manner he conducted himself?—I was an Elector at the last Election for the County of *Montmorency*, and I took an active part in that Election: I remarked Mr. *Lefrançois*' conduct, both before and during the Election. In his quality of Returning Officer at the said Election, Mr. *Lefrançois* conducted himself in the most delicate manner, and rendered full justice to both parties.

3. Are you not aware that Mr. *Bernier*, the brother-in-law of Mr. *Lefrançois*, had his office in the house of the latter during the last Election?—I am.

4. Had Mr. *Bernier* any public charge or office, and was he obliged to receive a number of persons in his said office at Mr. *Lefrançois*'?—Mr. *Bernier*, at that time, was Clerk to the School Commissioners, and was obliged to receive a great many persons who had to pay their contributions.

5. Is it not true that during the Election in question, a large number of persons were obliged to go to the office of Mr. *Bernier* to settle and pay their contributions just mentioned?—It is.

6. State what took place at *Chateau Richer* on the nomination day, and state whether it was possible for the Returning Officer to act with more impartiality than he did in relation to the partizans of both Candidates on that occasion?—I was not present all the time.

7. Is it not true that Mr. *Lefrançois* took no part whatever in the meetings held at *Chateau Richer* and elsewhere in opposition to Mr. *Cauchon*, and that he invariably kept aloof during the time that he fulfilled the duties of Returning Officer?—Mr. *Lefrançois* took no part whatever in the above object.

8. Do you know Mr. *Ovide Rousseau*, the Notary, and will you state what was the public rumour in *Chateau Richer* concerning the pretensions of that gentleman in relation to the office of Registrar, now held by Mr. *Lefrançois*?—This is the rumour that was abroad: A certain number of persons said to me on several occasions, “Mr. *Lefrançois* is going to lose his office;” whereupon I asked, “Who could make Mr. *Lefrançois* lose his position?” and was answered, that Mr. *Joseph Cauchon* could, in order to get Mr. *Rousseau* appointed to it afterwards.

9. Will you state to the best of your knowledge, whether it be true that Mr. *Lefrançois* was the author of the contestation at the Election, and will you state your reasons for believing that it is not Mr. *Lefrançois* who was the cause of the opposition shewn to Mr. *Cauchon*?—It is not Mr. *Lefrançois* who was the author of the opposition shewn to Mr. *Cauchon* at his Election, but Mr. *Cauchon* himself, with his newspaper, who is continually heaping imprecations on every one who differs with him in politics.

10. Will you state in whose house the partizans of Mr. *Guay* used to meet during the said Election?—During the two polling days, the partizans of Mr. *Guay* put up at the house of Messieurs *Jean* and *Thomas Michel*.

11. Is not the house of Mr. *Lefrançois* generally resorted to by a considerable number of persons?—It is.

12. Do you know *Régis Poulin*, one of the witnesses heard on behalf of Mr. *Cauchon*; and will you state what is the general character of that individual?—I am acquainted with the character of Mr. *Régis Poulin*; in general it is rather an indifferent one.

13. Are you not a near neighbour of Mr. *Lefrançois*, and if that gentleman had taken any steps in favor of Mr. *Guay* or against Mr. *Cauchon*, would you not have had a knowledge thereof?—I am neighbour to Mr. *Lefrançois*, and am persuaded that he shewed no more favor to Mr. *Germain Guay's* party than to that of Mr. *Joseph Cauchon*.

By Mr. *Cauchon* :—

14. Whom did you support at the said Election?—Mr. *Germain Guay*.

15. Are you not a friend of Mr. *Lefrançois*, the Returning Officer?—Yes, I was, and still am a friend of Mr. *Lefrançois*.

16. Did you not go to Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois's* own house, both before and during the Election; did he not speak to you, or did you not speak to him of the Election; what did you say to him; what did he say to you; state fully and at length every thing you know on this subject?—I both saw Mr. *Lefrançois* and went to his house; I spoke to him of the Election. As soon as Mr. *Lefrançois* had taken the oath of office, he begged of me not to speak to him of Elections, “because” said he “I wish to render justice without respect to any party whatsoever.”

17. How can you say that Mr. *Lefrançois* did not in any way or any where conduct himself as a party man?—Did he not prove it both by his words and his actions.

18. How are you able to assert that Mr. *Lefrançois* was not the cause of the Election contest in the County of *Montmorency*?—I can assert it, because three years before the Election there was a strong party who had declared against Mr. *Joseph Cauchon*.

19. Had you ever any conversation with Mr. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* on the subject of the evidence you were to give at the Bar of this House?—No, none.

20. Were you always present in Mr. *Lefrançois's* house when people was there;

and how can you be aware in every case of what was said there?—I never said that I was aware of all that was said at all times in Mr. *Lefrançois*' house.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

And the House being informed that *Pierre Taillon*, another of the Witnesses on the part of Mr. *Lefrançois*, attended at the door; he was called in; and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Laurin*:—

21. What is your name and residence, and did you reside at *Chateau Richer* at the time of the last Election, and were you one of the Electors at the said Election?—My name is *Pierre Taillon*; I reside at *Chateau Richer*; and was an Elector before and at the time of the said Election.

22. Were you a resident of *Chateau Richer* at the time of the last General Elections, and who were your neighbours?—Yes, I was a resident of *Chateau Richer* at the time; and my nearest neighbours are Messrs. *Louis Célestin Lefrançois* and *Charles Rhéaume*.

23. Were you present at the nomination, and will you state all that took place; how Mr. *Lefrançois* conducted himself towards the two Candidates, and their partizans?—I was not present at the nomination. I have no knowledge of what took place on that day.

24. Had you occasion to observe the conduct of Mr. *Lefrançois* as Returning Officer during the said Election, and will you state how he conducted himself towards both Candidates?—I was acquainted with the conduct of Mr. *Lefrançois* as Returning Officer; I often went to his house both during and before the Election to hear the news of the Election; Mr. *Lefrançois* said to me, "I cannot talk about these things; ask some body else; I cannot talk about these matters; refrain from mentioning them to me as much as possible, for it exposes me to censure in my present position."

25. Did not Mr. *Bernier*, in his capacity of Secretary or Treasurer to the School Commissioners, receive from the *habitans* their respective contributions during the Election; if not, state what Mr. *Bernier*'s occupation was, and where he kept his office?—Yes, Mr. *Bernier* is Secretary to the School Commissioners, and keeps his office in Mr. *Lefrançois*' house, and there he received a great many people who came there to pay their contributions.

26. Do you know the reasons why before and during the Election a certain number of persons resorted to the house of Mr. *Lefrançois*?—I am not acquainted with all the reasons which induced so many persons to go to Mr. *Lefrançois*, but I presume that most of them went there either to pay their contributions to Mr. *Bernier*, or to transact other business with Mr. *Lefrançois*, as a Notary.

27. Do you know why Mr. *Cauchon* met with opposition in his County, and will you state, from what you know on the subject, if Mr. *Lefrançois*, the Notary, was the cause of the contestation, or whether Mr. *Cauchon* himself was not; be kind enough to detail the circumstances you are acquainted with?—I do not know who was the author of the contestation. I never heard the Notary *Lefrançois* speak of it. The contest was begun by gentlemen from *Quebec*.

28. Do you know *Charles Rhéaume*, a witness examined in this matter on behalf of Mr. *Cauchon*, and state whether his word is to be taken, and whether you would believe him on oath?—I know Mr. *Charles Rhéaume*; he is a very near neighbour of mine. For my part I would not take his word, nor believe him on oath.

29. Were you at any time a partizan of Mr. *Cauchon*?—Yes, I was a partizan of Mr. *Cauchon* at his first Election; I was one of his voters.

By Mr. *Cauchon*:—

30. Were you not one of Mr. *Guay*'s partizans?—I was.

31. Are you aware whose partizan Mr. *Lefrançois* was, and how did you become aware of it?—I was not aware whose partizan Mr. *Lefrançois* was.

32. Did you ever place any confidence in Mr. *Rhéaume*, and will you state why you ceased to place any confidence in him?—I used to place confidence in Mr. *Rhéaume*, and he himself by his own conduct was the cause of my losing the confidence I had formerly placed in him.

33. State the circumstances?—The circumstances are these: Mr. *Rhéaume* was summoned before a Court of Justice on an indictment for perjury, and on that account I have no more confidence in him.

34. Was he tried, and on what grounds was he accused of perjury?—His trial was commenced; I do not know whether it was brought to a conclusion, and I am not aware for what reason he has been accused of perjury.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, and the Question being put, That the further hearing of the allegations against *Louis Célestin Lefrançois*, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of *Montmorency*, be postponed; the House divided: and the names being called, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	21. <i>Willson.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	9. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Malloch,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on the seventh day of March next.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General:—Tables of Trade and Navigation of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1852.

For the said Tables, see Appendix (A.)

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 22° die Februarii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Lemieux* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *LeBlanc* to state, That he was unable to attend in his place in the House on the fourteenth day of the present month of February, and that he has been unable to attend since, on account of illness in his family; and the same having been verified upon Oath by Mr. *LeBlanc*;

Ordered, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Lewis E. Rose* and others, of the County of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the *Upper Canada* Mining Company; and the Petition of the *Grand River* Navigation Company.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of *Thomas Maley* and others.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation de la Pointe du Lac*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *John Crawford*, Esquire, and others, of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, and of *Lazark* and *Renfrew*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,—The Petition of *Amable Archambeault* and others, of the County of *Leinster*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *John Cunningham* and others, of the Township of *Orford*, County of *Kent*; and the Petition of *John Stewart* and others, of the Township of *Orford*, County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; the Petition of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; the Petition of *William Morrine*, President, and others, the Commissioners of the *River du Chêne* Canal; and the Petition of *John Fraser*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* in *Lower Canada*.

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

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *George N. Ridgway*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*, County of *Sherbrooke*; and the Petition of *W. H. Webb* and others, School Commissioners of the Township of *Melbourne*.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *John Langton*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-first Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *John Boyd* and others, for the annexation of *Georgina* to the County of *York*, and the Petitions of *Robert Spence*, Esquire, and of *John Young* and others, for the separation of the County

of *Halton* from *Wentworth*; and they find that the Notices required by the 64th Rule have been duly given.

The Petition of Mrs. *Margaret Machar* and others, for incorporation of the Widows and Orphans' Friend Association of *Kingston*, is not of a nature to require the publication of Notice.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Act 32 *Geo.* 3, cap. 8, as applies to the appointment of the Keepers of Court Houses in the several Counties in *Canada West*, and to vest the same in the County Councils.

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 the second day of March next.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sicotte*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Lacoste*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Chapais*, and Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, be appointed to enquire into the state of Education in *Lower Canada*, the working of the School Law, the efficiency of the Education Department in *Lower Canada*, and the means of rendering more effective the Legislative enactments adopted for the advancement of Education in *Lower Canada*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make better provision touching the expense of maintaining Patients in the Lunatic Asylum in *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ridout* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday the fourth day of March next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the registration of Voters; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 23^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *James S. Howard*, Esquire, and others, members and friends of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*; and the Petition of

the Reverend *Alexander Sanson*, and others, members and friends of the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Camden and Zone*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—Two Petitions of the Town Council of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *Samuel Alcorn* and others, of the Village of *Yorkville* and its neighbourhood.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William T. Leach*, D.C.L., Incumbent, and others, Members of *St. George's Church, Montreal*.

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

Of the *Montreal Manufacturing Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the capital and extend the privileges of the said Company.

Of the Reverend *L. J. Guyon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Berthier*; praying for aid in behalf of an Establishment for the purposes of Female Education and the care of the sick, erected in the Village of the said Parish and placed under the charge of the Sisters of Providence.

Of *Louis Champagne* and others, of *Lavaltrie* and other Parishes, in the County of *Berthier*; praying that the Provincial Public Debt may not be increased for the purpose of constructing a Railway from *Quebec to Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *Michael Naud* and others, of *Deschambault*; of *Baptiste Lepine* and others, of *Pointe aux Trembles*; of the Reverend *L. E. Bois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*; and of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the incorporation of a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Quebec to Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying that the Municipal Council Act may be so amended as to transfer the control of the Township Lines and the Roads thereon, from the County to the Township Councils.

Of *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent; praying the adoption of measures for the formation of an Ice Bridge on the River *St. Lawrence*, at or near the said City during each Winter.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex and Lambton*; praying for the passing of a general or special Act to enable the Reeves of the said County of *Essex* to raise funds by assessment on the County of *Essex* only, for the erection of a Gaol and Court House therein, and for the repair of the Grammar School of that County.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex and Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *J. B. Lamère* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Town of *William Henry*; praying for an annual grant to the said Municipality for the maintenance of two Schools therein conducted by "*Les Frères des Ecoles Chrétiennes*," and "*Les Sœurs de la Charité*."

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland and Durham*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Municipalities to make use of any materials necessary for Public Improvements found on any Lands at a suitable distance, on terms similar to those allowed by Chartered Companies.

Of *Olivier Duval*, Esquire, and others, of the *Banlieue* of the Town of *Three Rivers*; representing the injustice of compelling them to pay taxes for the construction of a Cathedral Church in the said Town, in addition to the tithes and other rates now paid by them, while parties residing within the limits of the said Town are exempted from payment of the said tithes; and also stating their opposition to

the alienation of the said Cathedral Church in favor of the Bishop of the Diocese, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *John McMullen* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, of *Quebec*; praying for the passing an Act to render Official Salaries of Government Officers liable to attachment for debt.

Of *John Stewart* and others, of the County of *Haltou*, and others; praying that the Petition of *Peter Fisher* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Nelson* and *Nassagaweya* Road Company praying for the passing of an Act to legalize the said Company, and the proceedings thereof, may not be granted.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Nelson*; praying that the Common School Law may be so amended as to leave to each School Section the mode of paying its Teacher.

Of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to borrow a certain sum of money, and to erect therewith Water Works for the use of the said City.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 8th November last, for a List of Claimants for damages alleged to have been caused to the property of individuals by the construction of the *Beauharnois* Canal, as also, copies of the Reports of the Commissioners of Public Works, Engineers, or others employed to investigate and report on such claims, and a Statement shewing the names of Claimants who have been paid, and by what authority.

For the said Return, see Appendix (U.U.U.)

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*, relative to a Goal, Court House, and Grammar School, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Prince*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Brown*, and Mr. *Willson*, 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.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration and report on the advantages to be derived from, and the means by which may be obtained, a periodical Ice Bridge across the River *St. Lawrence* at *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*, relative to intoxicating Liquors, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*, and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Matthew H. Warren* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, carrying on Trade on the Coast of *Labrador*; and the Petition of *William Henry Ellis* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, carrying on business on the Coast of *Labrador*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report upon the state of the Fisheries carried on in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and on the *Labrador* Coast, by the Inhabitants of this Province.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Com-

mittee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee this day.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That *John Langton*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

On motion of Mr. *Lemieux*, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday the first day of March next at eleven o'clock A.M., in order to enable the Sitting Member to procure his Witnesses who reside at a great distance, and to adduce evidence in answer to the allegations of the said Petition.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Supplementary Return relative to the Harbour of *Quebec*, which was presented on the 14th instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to certain Judicial Officers in *Lower Canada*, which was presented on Monday last, be referred to the Standing Committee on Printing; with power to make an Abstract thereof for the Appendix to the Journals.

Ordered, That the said Abstract be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* have leave to bring in a Bill to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the County of *Ontario*, and annex it to the County of *York*.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Custom House in the Lower Town of the City of *Quebec*, which was presented on Wednesday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to communicate to this House copies of all Correspondence and Communications between Her Majesty's Government in *England* or the Customs Department thereof, and the Provincial Government, or any Member thereof, relating to the withdrawal of the Imperial Branch of the Customs for *Montreal* and *Quebec*; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Smith (Frontenac,)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie (Gaspé,)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>Wright (W. R. York,)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	<i>25. Young.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth,)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards (Atty. Gen.)</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	29. <i>Wright (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Lacoste,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the safety of Her Majesty's Subjects, and others, on the Highways of this Province, and to regulate the travelling thereon.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the present Session for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire at *Mont-real*.

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 to legalize the use of Strychnine in *Upper Canada* for the destruction of Wolves and other noxious animals, and to repeal part of the fifth Section of an Act of the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to prevent the hunting of Deer " at improper seasons of the year, and further to amend the Laws for the preservation of Game."

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. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *John Langton*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Langton* to state, That he was unavoidably absent from his duties as a Member of this House, by reason of urgent private business, until the sixteenth day of February instant, on which day he left home to attend in his place in Parliament; and the same having been verified upon Oath by Mr. *Langton*;

Ordered, That *John Langton*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday the seventh day of March next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, to amend the Acts regulating their

practice, expediting and simplifying the proceedings of the said Courts, and for the settlement of disputes without litigation, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the deterioration of lands and hereditaments charged with hypothecs, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sicotte*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Stuart*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*, 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 provide for the more speedy Distribution of the Statutes, 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 abolish the Rectories, 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 amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal such Clauses of the Common School Acts of *Upper Canada* as authorize the establishment of Sectarian Schools endowed with the public money, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Office of Queen's Printer, and to provide for the public printing and legal advertizing, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the regulation of Marriages, and to place upon a footing of equality the several Religious Denominations relative to the solemnization or celebration of Matrimony, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in certain Inhabitants of the Township of *Moore*, a Road allowance therein, and to establish a new Road in lieu thereof, being read ;

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Wright (W. R. York)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>12. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Muttice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemieux.</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Thrcotte,</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>26. White.</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and explain the Ordinance concerning the registration of hypothecs in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Lemieux*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Dumoulin*, Mr. *Cartier*, and Mr. *Tessier*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province, at certain seasons of the year, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill extending to persons charging or charged with Criminal Offences, the right of being assisted by Counsel, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Sanborn*, and Mr. *Cartier*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

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

Jovis 24^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Lancashire* and others, of *Russelton* and other places, in the County of *Beauharnois*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Bank*; and the Petition of *Richard Ross* and others, journeymen Bakers, residing in the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; praying for the passing of an Act to exempt Railroads generally from Municipal taxation.

Of *Lewis E. Rose* and others, of the County of *Stanstead*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to carry on Banking at *Stanstead Plain*, under the name of the *Stanstead County Bank*.

Of the *Upper Canada Mining Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the said Company.

Of the *Grand River Navigation Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Town Council of *Brantford* to issue new Debentures of smaller sums in the place of such amount as may be returned to them by the said Company, and that the said Debentures may have the benefit of the Consolidated Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of *Thomas Muley* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from the Town of *Perth*, in the County of *Lanark*, to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway at or near *Kemptville*, in the County of *Grenville*.

Of the Reverend *D. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation de la Pointe du Lac*, County of *St. Maurice*; and of *Amable Archambeault* and others, of the County of *Leinster*; praying for the incorporation of a Company for the construction of a Railway on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence* from *Quebec* to *Montreal*, and that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of *John Crawford*, Esquire, and others, of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, and of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company under the name of “The *Brockville* and *Ottawa Railway*”; and that a part of the unsurveyed lands above or near *Pembroke* be made to the said Company, to aid in constructing the said Railroad from *Brockville* to *Pembroke* by way of the mouth of the *Madawaska*.

Of *John Cunningham* and others; and of *John Stewart* and others, all of the Township of *Orford*, County of *Kent*; praying the adoption of measures for the settlement and improvement of the Indian Reserve claimed by the *Moravian* Indians in the said Township.

Of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; praying the adoption of measures either by the Incorporation of a Company, or otherwise, for the construction of a Bridge across the River *St. Lawrence* opposite the City of *Montreal*.

Of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; praying the adoption of measures for the construction of a Bridge available to all public interests, across the River *St. Lawrence* at the City of *Montreal*.

Of *William Morrine*, President, and others, the Commissioners of the River *du Chêne* Canal; praying that the period allowed for the completion of the said Works may be extended to the 1st November, 1859.

Of *John Fraser*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* in *Lower Canada*; praying that a day may be appointed for hearing them by Counsel at the Bar of the House, with reference to the Bill to define the rights of *Seigniors* and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, and that such day may not be earlier than the 25th of March next.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying for the passing of an Act to disunite the said County from the County of *Middlesex*.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying for a certain amendment to the Assessment Law of *Upper Canada*.

Of *George N. Ridgway*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*, County of *Sherbrooke*; praying for aid to open a new Road from the said Township to enable them more easily to benefit by the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad, leading to the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *W. H. Webb* and others, School Commissioners of the Township of *Melbourne*; representing that in their said capacity they had two new School Houses built in the said Township under a misapprehension of the application of the School Fund, and that they are unable to raise funds to pay for the said houses, and praying for aid in the premises.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 9th November, 1852, for copies of certain Despatches and Papers on the subject of the North Shore Railroad:—

The Despatches and Papers asked for by the above mentioned Address, were laid before the House on the 13th September last, with other Despatches relative to the *Quebec* and *Halifax* Railroad; and are printed in the Appendix (Z.) to the Journals of the present Session.

By Command.

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Secretary's Office.

Quebec, 24th February, 1853.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That at the sitting of the Committee this day, the Counsel for the sitting Member raised an objection to further proceedings, on the ground that the Committee are dissolved, for the following reasons:—1st, Because, on the 18th day of November last, the day to which the Committee stood adjourned with leave of the House, but one Member was present:—2nd, Because, for three successive

days no meeting of the Committee took place:—3rd, Because, on the 14th, 15th and 16th February instant, less than three Members were present at the meetings of the Committee for those days.

Mr. *Cartier* further informed the House, That the Committee after deliberating upon the said objection, and hearing the Agent for the Petitioners in reply, had agreed to the following Resolution:—

That the objection of the Counsel for the sitting Member be overruled, and the trial of the Petition referred to them proceeded with.

The Honorable Mr. *La Terrière*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *John McGill Chambers* for the establishment of the boundary line between *Montague* and *North Elmsley*,—and of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto* for an extension of the provisions of their Act of Incorporation; and they find that sufficient Notice has been given in each case.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address of the 8th November last, for various Documents relative to claims for damages alleged to have been caused to the property of individuals by the construction of the *Beauharnois* Canal, which was presented yesterday, be referred to the Standing Committee on Printing, with the view of preventing the reprint of such parts thereof as now appear on the Journals of this House.

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, and the Question being proposed, That *John Fraser*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* in *Lower Canada*, be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the twenty-fifth day of March next, upon the Bill to define the rights of *Seigniors* and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, previous to the second reading thereof;

Mr. *Fortier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mongenais*, That the word "twenty-fifth" be left out, and the word "fourth" inserted instead thereof;

Mr. *Scotte* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Varin*, That the word "fourth" be left out, and the word "eleventh" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the Original Question, so amended, it was agreed to.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That *John Fraser*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* in *Lower Canada*, be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, on the eleventh day of March next, upon the Bill to define the rights of *Seigniors* and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, previous to the second reading thereof.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the several Acts incorporating the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *Saint Lawrence* Railroad, and for other purposes;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 38. Leave out from "were" to "authorized" in line 39.

Page 1, line 39. After "borrow" insert "by any Act passed prior to the passing of the Act mentioned in the Preamble to this Act," and after "expedient" insert

“and also all such other and further sum or sums not exceeding in all a sum of
 “Seventy-five thousand pounds currency, as they may find it necessary to borrow
 “from time to time, in order to redeem their Debentures already granted as here-
 “inafter mentioned.”

Page 2, line 2. After “therein” insert Clauses (A.) (B.) (C.) and (D.)

Clause (A.) “And be it enacted, That it shall be lawful for any holder of a
 “Debenture, Bond, or other Security heretofore granted by the said Company un-
 “der and in virtue of the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of this Pro-
 “vince, passed in the Session thereof held in the thirteenth and fourteenth years
 “of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Company of Pro-
 “priators of the *Champlain and Saint Lawrence* Railroad to extend the said Road
 “and for other purposes,” at any time after the passing of this Act to present the
 “same to the said Company for redemption, and thereupon the amount therein
 “specified shall become payable by the said Company within six months from the
 “day of the date of such presentment, with interest until paid at the rate specified
 “therein, and the said Company shall be bound and obliged to pay the same ac-
 “cordingly, whatever may be the day of payment stipulated in such Debenture,
 “Bond, or other Security: Provided always, That nothing herein contained shall
 “be construed to oblige any holder of any such Debenture, Bond, or other Security
 “to present the same as aforesaid, or in any way to prolong the term for which any
 “such Debenture, Bond, or other Security may have been granted. And in case of
 “the default of the said Company so to redeem any such Debenture, Bond, or
 “other Security as aforesaid, so presented as aforesaid, within the said period of six
 “months, it shall be lawful for the holder thereof at any time after the expiration
 “of the said period to cause together Notarial Certificates of such presentment and
 “of protest in the name of such holder at the expiration of such period to be regis-
 “tered in the Registry Office of any County in which any portion of the real pro-
 “perty of the said Company may be situate, and thereupon all the lands and pro-
 “perty of the said Company shall become and be mortgaged and hypothecated in
 “favor of the holder of such Debenture, Bond, or other Security, in the same man-
 “ner and to the same effect and under and subject to the same provisions as if the
 “same were a Debenture granted in virtue of this Act.”

Clause (B.) “And be it enacted, That it shall also be lawful for any holder of
 “any such Debenture, Bond, or other Security as last aforesaid, if he shall see fit
 “and prefer so to do, at any time after the passing of this Act to present the same
 “to the said Company and to require of the said Company in lieu thereof, a Deben-
 “ture in the form and to the effect provided for by this Act; and thereupon it
 “shall be the duty of the said Company to furnish him with a Debenture in the
 “form and to the effect aforesaid, but for the same sum payable at the same time,
 “and bearing interest at the same rate as the Debenture, Bond, or other Security so
 “tendered for exchange as aforesaid; and in case of the default of the said Com-
 “pany so to do within fifteen days from the day of the date of such presentment,
 “it shall be lawful for such holder to cause the Debenture, Bond, or other Security,
 “so presented as last aforesaid, together with Notarial Certificates of such present-
 “ment and of protest in the name of such holder, at the expiration of the said last
 “mentioned period, to be registered in the Registry Office of any County in which
 “any portion of the real property of the said Company may be situate, and there-
 “upon all the lands and property of the said Company shall become and be mort-
 “gaged and hypothecated in favor of the holder of such Debenture, Bond, or other
 “Security in the same manner, and to the same effect, and under and subject to the
 “same provisions as if the same were a Debenture granted in virtue of this Act.”

Clause (C.) “And be it enacted, That the amount specified in each and every
 “Debenture so granted in exchange, as well as in each and every Debenture,
 “Bond, or other Security so registered after protest as aforesaid, shall be

“ computed in and form part of the said last mentioned sum of Seventy-five thousand pounds, so that it shall not in any case be lawful for the said Company to grant Debentures under this Act for more than One hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds, or such less sum as may, with the aggregate amounts of all such Bonds, Debentures, or other Securities registered after protest as aforesaid, form the said sum of One hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds.”

Clause (D.) “ And be it enacted, That until Debentures, Bonds, or other Securities of the said Company, to the amount of One hundred and seventy-five thousand pounds, shall have been registered under the provisions of this Act, the holders of all Bonds, Debentures, or other Securities so registered, shall rank equally among themselves without any priority of mortgage or hypothec, whatever may be the dates of such Bonds, Debentures, or other Securities, or of the registration thereof respectively, any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Page 3, line 8. After “ expedient ” insert “ Provided always that no such resolution shall have any force or effect until after it shall have been submitted to and approved and adopted by a general meeting of the Shareholders of the Company.”

Page 3, line ult. After “ Company ” insert “ with the counter-signature of the Secretary of the Company.”

Page 4, line 4. After “ such ” insert “ with the counter-signature of the Secretary of the said Company as such.”

Page 4, line 10. After “ Directors ” insert “ or Secretary.”

Page 4, line 11. After “ endorsing ” insert “ or assisting to make, draw, or endorse.”

Page 4, line 21. After “ Company ” insert “ in pursuance of any resolution to that effect, which may be adopted at a special general meeting of the Shareholders duly convened for that purpose.”

Page 4, line 31. After “ Railroad ” insert “ doing as little damage as may be, and making satisfaction to the owner or proprietor of or person interested in such land for all that he may lose or suffer by reason of such entry or felling and removal as aforesaid, in the manner provided by the Act lastly above cited.”

Page 5, line 26. After “ Company ” insert “ approved or revised.”

Page 5, line 27. Leave out from “ by ” to “ in ” and insert “ the Act cited in the Preamble to this Act.”

Page 6, line 8. Leave out from “ thereto ” to “ and ” in line 12.

Page 6, line 22. After “ unclaimed ” insert Clauses (E.) and (F.)

Clause (E.) “ Provided always, and be it enacted, That all or any of the said Tolls may by any By-Law be lowered and reduced and again raised as often as it shall be deemed necessary for the interests of the undertaking, subject to such approval and revision as aforesaid.”

Clause (F.) “ And be it enacted, That after the next annual general meeting of Shareholders of the said Company, no share or shares that shall have been held for a less period than three months immediately prior to any occasion on which the votes of the Shareholders of the said Company are to be taken, shall entitle the holder or holders thereof to vote on such occasion either in person or by proxy.”

In the Schedule to the Bill.

Page 7, line 5. Leave out from “ from ” to “ Saint.”

And the said Amendments, being read a second time, were, with Amendments to several of them, agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendments, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others; of the Parish of *St. Léon*, County of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of the Reverend *N. Kéroack* and

others, of the Parish of *Cap de la Magdelaine*, County of *Champlain*; the Petition of *Auguste Bourbeau* and others, of *St. Augustin*; the Petition of *Michel Naud* and others, of *Deschambault*; the Petition of *Baptiste Lépine* and others, of *Pointe aux Trembles*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. E. Bois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Mashinongé*; and the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rose*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Olivier Duval*, Esquire, and others of the *Banlieue* of the Town of *Three Rivers*, be printed in the English and French languages, with the names of the Petitioners attached, for the use of the Members of this House; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Camcron,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth,)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York,)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright (W. R. York,)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	36. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	11. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the *Grand River Navigation Company* to raise a certain sum of money by Loan.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada* relating to Mutual Insurance Companies.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* and Mr. *Brown* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce, McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders, of the City of *Toronto*.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Printing to enquire into and report upon the regularity of the distribution of the Provincial Statutes of the last Session and the cost thereof, and the means of rendering such distribution more expeditious for the future.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County

of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, 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 separate the Townships of *Upton* and *Acton* from the County of *Drummond*, and to annex the said Townships to the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, for Judicial and Municipal purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sicotte*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *McDougall*, and Mr. *Varin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the Circuit of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned for the protection of Indians in *Upper Canada*, by repealing the third Section thereof, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate *La Congrégation des Hommes de Ville Marie*, in the City of *Montreal*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize Cities and Towns to establish and maintain Public Libraries, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain part of a certain Act therein mentioned, and to define what persons shall have the right to vote at the Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly to represent the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the Town of *Three Rivers*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cauchon*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, and Mr. *Poulin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 126, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to compel "Vessels to carry a Light during the Night, and to make sundry provisions to regulate the navigation of the waters of this Province," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *White*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Ridout*, and Mr. *Lau-*

rin, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision for the collection of Claims against the Owners of Vessels, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Champlain*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the tenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 10 & 11 *Vic.* cap 23, relative to Masters and Servants, and to extend the provisions thereof to Mechanics and others, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowment thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College, 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 regulate the proceedings relative to the seizure of Real Property in cases of *Folle Enchère*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the discharge of hypothecs, charges and servitudes on Real Property, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal so much of the Act providing for the optional commutation of the Tenure of Lands in the *Fiefs* and *Seigniories* of *Lower Canada*, as allows the commutation of the right of *lods et ventes* without the commutation of the other Seigniorial rights on the same lands, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts regarding the right and liability of Foreign Executors, Administrators and Corporations to sue and be sued in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the seventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce the Registration of all Titles to lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the system upon which Lands have been conceded

and sold in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, and into the causes which obstruct the settlement of the said Townships.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to limit and define the responsibilities of Executors, Administrators, Trustees and Guardians in certain cases, and to facilitate the settlement of their Accounts with the Estates of deceased persons, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Hartman*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, and Mr. *Langton*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of *St. Michel*, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intitled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for a remedy to abuses prejudicial to Agriculture," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Poulin*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Varin*, Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Sicotte*, and Mr. *Jobin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act 7 *Will.* 4, cap. 18, to "regulate the expenditure of District Funds within this Province," and to provide for the auditing and payment of certain accounts by the County Councils, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the tenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 23, and to make further provision for protesting Foreign Bills of Exchange in *Upper Canada*, 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 amend certain Acts for the relief of Religious Societies, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and Mr. *Langton*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Upper Canada* Municipalities Act of 1849, and to grant to the several Municipalities the power of assessing for public improvements and the support of indigent infirm persons, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the seventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act authorizing the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*, so as to compel them to keep their Roads in repair, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday the seventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better securing of the Freedom of Elections, by the use of the Ballot in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the seventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 24, to Companies formed for the purpose of improving the navigation of Rivers and Streams in *Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Turcotte*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *McLachlin*, Mr. *Street*, and Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bil be read a second time on Friday the eleventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the making of certain Annual Returns to the Government, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the seventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Members of the "Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of "Physic and Surgery therein," to afford relief to certain persons who were in practice as Physicians and Surgeons in this Province at the time when the said Act "became Law," being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the tenth day of March next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate *La Société des Dames Charitables de la Paroisse de St. Etienne de la Malbaie* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Mattice* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereto.

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said amendment ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to

add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the words "Provided always that no Real Estate shall "be held by the said Association for the purpose of deriving a revenue therefrom, "but only such Real Estate as it may require for its actual occupancy" at the end of the first Clause thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>White,</i>	<i>6. Wright, (E. R. York)</i>
<i>Christie, (Westworth)</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé,)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>41. Wright (W. R. York).</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Dixon*, seconded by Mr. *Mattice*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 25^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Wilder Pierce* and others, Directors of the *Stanstead Seminary*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *George M. Bradford*, of the Township of *Chatham*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Two Mountains*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *William Workman*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of *George J. Ryerse*, Esquire, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*, and others, heirs and devisees of *Samuel Ryerse*, late of the said Township, Esquire; and the Petition of *Frederick*

Fick and others, of the Townships of *Walsingham* and *Houghton*, County of *Norfolk*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Patrick McGuire* and others, of *Ashfield* and other Townships in the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*.

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

Of *James S. Howard*, Esquire, and others, members and friends of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Members of the said Society.

Of the Reverend *Alexander Sanson* and others, members and friends of the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Members of the said Society.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Jurors' Act of *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to reduce the expenses thereof.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; praying that the Municipal Corporations Act may be amended in so far as relates to the Election of Mayor for the said Town.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to establish Water and Gas Works in the said Town, and to borrow a certain sum of money for that purpose, and otherwise to carry out the said object.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Camden* and *Zone*; praying that the Law regulating the manner of granting Tavern Licenses may be so amended as to place the control of the said Licenses in the several Municipalities of *Upper Canada*.

Of *Samuel Alcorn* and others, of the Village of *Yorkville* and its neighbourhood; praying that the Act incorporating the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto* may be so amended as to enable them to extend their Works to the said Village.

Of the Reverend *William T. Leach*, D.C.L., Incumbent, and others, Members of *St. George's Church, Montreal*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas LePage* and others, of the County of *Gaspé*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire and report upon the state of the Fisheries carried on in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and on the *Labrador Coast*, by the Inhabitants of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the amended Assessment Act of *Canada West*, as requires the County Councils to meet on the first day of May in each year to equalize the Assessments, and fixing the third Monday in June instead thereof, for that purpose.

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. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Lower Canada Judicature Act 12 Vic. cap. 38*, and to provide for the service of Circuit Court Writs by Bailiffs.

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

Ordered, That the 64th, 66th, and 74th Rules of this House be suspended, in so far as regards a Bill to authorize the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal* to borrow a certain sum of money, and to erect therewith Water Works for the use of the said City.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal* to borrow a certain sum of money, and to erect therewith Water Works for the use of the said City.

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. *White* have leave to bring in a Bill to separate the County of *Halton* from *Wentworth*.

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

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amherstburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town, and have agreed to an amendment, which they beg to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amherstburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish the boundary of lots in the West Gore in the Township of *Beverley*, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Monaghan*, and to provide for the compensation of persons suffering loss by the confirmation of such allowance, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm certain Titles in the Township of *Aldbrough*, and rectify difficulties which have arisen from an erroneous survey, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Division Court Act of *Upper Canada*, and to extend the Jurisdiction of the same, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the eleventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions in *Upper Canada*, with respect to persons charged with indictable offences, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the fifteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions in *Upper Canada*, with respect to summary convictions and orders, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday the fifteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowment thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Smith (Frontenac,)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie (Gaspé),</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards (Atty. Gen.)</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth),</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall,)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York,)</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>Wright (W. R. York,)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith (Durham,)</i>	<i>58. Young.</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown, *2. Cauchon,*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee of Supply, being read; *Ordered,* That the Message of His Excellency the Governor General transmitting to this House the Estimates of the sums required for the service of the year 1852, together with the said Estimates, be referred to the said Committee.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

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

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

Lunæ, 28^o die Februarii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr *Sicotte* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Paige* to state, That he was from the fourteenth day of February instant, until the twenty-fifth day of the same month, confined to his home by severe indisposition, and was in consequence during that period utterly incapable of leaving home to attend the sittings of this House, and that he left on the said twenty-fifth instant for the purpose of resuming his seat in this House; and the same having been verified upon Oath by Mr. *Paige*;

Ordered, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *A. M. Delisle*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *J. Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Morin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jacques*, County of *Huntingdon*; the Petition of *Joseph Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luc*, County of *Chamby*; the Petition of *J. Bissonnette*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*; the Petition of the Reverend *R. Robert* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfindie*, County of *Chamby*; and the Petition of *P. P. Demaray*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *St. John*, County of *Chamby*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette* which lies within the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—Three Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dunwich*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Charles McFall* and others, of the Township of *Hillier*, County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *John Ryan*, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from some point in the Township of *Malden* on Lake *Erie* or the River *Detroit*, to pass through the Village of *St. Thomas* and the said Town of *Brantford*, to the Junction of the Great Western Railway with its *Galt* Branch.

Of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors within this Province.

Of the Reverend *Henry Lancashire* and others, of *Russeltown* and other places, in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying for the repeal of the present License Law, and the enactment of a Law similar to the *Maine* Liquor Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the said Mu-

nicipal Council may be authorized to take Stock therein, and to issue Debentures in that behalf.

Of the *Quebec Bank*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in the said Bank, in certain cases.

Of *Richard Ross* and others, journeymen Bakers, residing in the City of *Quebec*; praying that in any Bill introduced for promoting the better observance of the Sabbath, a clause may be included to prohibit Sunday Baking.

Of *Wilder Pierce* and others, Directors of the *Stanstead Seminary*; praying the usual annual aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Vandrevuil*; praying that the existing Municipal System of *Lower Canada* may not be superseded by that of Parish Municipalities.

Of *George M. Bradford*, of the Township of *Chatham*; representing the claims of himself and others to certain Lots in the 5th range of the said Township which are now unjustly in the possession of other parties, and praying for an investigation in the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Two Mountains*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Council to issue Debentures and subscribe for Stock in the *St. Lawrence and Ottawa Grand Junction Railway*, to the amount of £100,000.

Of *William Workman*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from the said City, by the North East of the Mountain, to the Town of *Bytown*.

Of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 128*, incorporating the said City.

Of *George J. Ryerse*, Esquire, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, County of *Norfolk*, and others, heirs and devisees of *Samuel Ryerse*, late of the said Township, Esquire; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to make perfect Titles to the Lands devised unto them as such heirs and devisees as aforesaid.

Of *Frederick Fick* and others, of the Townships of *Walsingham* and *Houghton*, County of *Norfolk*; praying for the opening of a Channel to connect the River *Rowan*, called "*Big Creek*," with the waters of *Lake Erie*.

Of *Patrick McGuire* and others, of *Ashfield* and other Townships in the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying for aid to open a Road through the said Township of *Ashfield*.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the Municipal Corporations Act may be so amended as to authorize Township Councillors to vote themselves pay, to a certain amount, for travelling and personal expenses.

On motion of Mr. *Cartier*, seconded by Mr. *Varin*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Toronto Election Petition* have leave to adjourn until Wednesday the twenty-third day of March next, to enable the Counsel for the Sitting Member to procure evidence for his defence from *Toronto*.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Seventeenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*, and have agreed to certain amendments thereto, which they beg leave to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the mat-

ter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last, and this day.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till the fourteenth day of March next, to enable the Petitioners' Counsel to procure the attendance of certain Witnesses whom he considers necessary in the prosecution of the case.

Ordered, That the Bill to divide the Common of *Maskinongé* among the Coproprietors thereof, be read the third time on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven Members, composed of Mr. *Tessier*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, Mr. *Laurin*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Dubord*, and Mr. *Stuart*, be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the Ordinance 4 *Vic.* cap. 17, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the improvement of certain Roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the City of *Quebec*, " and to raise a fund for that purpose," and the Acts amending the above mentioned Ordinance, have been carried out.

Ordered, That the several Petitions on the subject of Roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Ordinance passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses, " and Church Yards."

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

On motion of Mr. *Ridout*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do take steps to obtain a Statement of all Mechanics' Institutes, Agricultural Societies, Boards of Trade, Universities, Colleges, and other Literary or Scientific Institutions established in *Lower* and *Upper Canada*, as well as of all County, Town, and City Municipalities; and when he has obtained the said information, to furnish the same to this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line touches.

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, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* have leave to bring in a Bill supplementary to an Act of this Session, detaching for Judicial purposes the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annexing the same to the District of *Kamouraska*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Clapham* seconded by Mr. *Dixon*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General, praying him to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all Correspondence between the Trinity Board and the Executive respecting an Ice Bridge at *Quebec*.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being put, That the 64th, 66th, and 74th Rules of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to increase the Capital of the *Montreal* Manufacturing Company, and for other purposes; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Fortier* have leave to bring a Bill to facilitate the building of Churches 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 the fourteenth day of March next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dubord* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt certain Vessels from the Duty imposed by the Act to provide for the Medical treatment of Sick Mariners.

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

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of any Correspondence which may have taken place between the Government of this Province and the Imperial Government, or between either of them and any person or persons, on the subject of the Seamen's shipping Act.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the thirty-fifth Section of the Ordinance 4 *Vic.* cap 30, to certain cases therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

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 this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend and explain the Ordinance concerning the registration of hypothecs in *Lower Canada*.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,

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 List of all applications for grants of the Beach of the River *St. Charles*, and of all grants or leases which may have been made thereof.

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. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

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 the eighth day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tessier*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polott,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith (Durham,)</i>	<i>Wright (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith (Frontenac)</i>	<i>42. Young,</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>10. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more speedy Distribution of the Statutes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the fourteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision for the collection of Claims against the Owners of Vessels, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Ecclesiastical Society of *St. Michel*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the fourteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap 23, and to make further provision for protesting Foreign Bills of Exchange in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove certain doubts as to the Law for the trial of Controverted Elections, 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 amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Dubord*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Cauchon*, and Mr. *Clapham*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to modify the Usury Laws, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend to *Upper Canada* the provisions of the two Acts therein mentioned for facilitating the performance of certain duties of Justices of the Peace out of Session, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain and remove doubts as to the construction of the Act authorizing Parties to sue and defend Causes in *formâ pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to regulate the Election of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly, being read;

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better securing to Occupiers compensation for ameliorations made by them upon Lands in certain cases, being read;

Mr. *Sanborn* moved, seconded by Mr. *Terrill*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie (Gaspé,)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth,)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	43. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice.</i>	<i>Smith (Durham,)</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Chapais.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Tuché</i>	16. <i>Willson,</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the seventh day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the *St. John's* Circuit, in the District of *Montreal*, 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 amend the Law of Patents for Inventions, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the fourteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the recovery of the rates and taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-Laws of the late District Councils in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to further amend the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen at the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define and establish the Division Line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope* and adjacent premises in Commissioners, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the construction of Plank and other Roads by Joint Stock Companies in *Upper Canada*, being read;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in *Lower Canada*, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions by providing a system for the registration of Voters, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d'Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall compose and constitute the same, 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 said 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 now received.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act amending the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the City of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the ninth day of March next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Morrison* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Carouge Pier, Wharf, and Dock Company*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which Security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices in the event of such Security not being given within a time limited after the grant of such Office," and for other purposes, being read ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's* Reading Room, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to alter and amend certain provisions relating to the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Cartier*, and Mr. *Sicotte*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more equal distribution of business in the Superior Courts of Common Law in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the "Act to regulate the exercise of certain rights of Lessors and Lessees," in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *Stuart*, and the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain and amend the "Act to allow Notaries to call Meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge," and for other purposes, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make more ample provision for the incorporation of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*, and to extend its limits, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Directors of the *Grand River* Navigation Company to place the said Navigation under the control and management of the Provincial Government under certain conditions, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Street*, and Mr. *White*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to explain the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize *François Verrault*, Esquire, to build a Toll " Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, in the Parish of *St. Henry*, near the Church in " the said Parish, in the County of *Dorchester*," being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 4*, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act concerning Land Sur- " veyors," being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the final adjustment of Boundaries, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law for the sale and settlement of the Public Lands, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better manage- ment of the Lunatic Asylum, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law for the better protection of Crown Timber, and for the collection of the Dues there- on, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law with respect to the solemnization and registration of Matrimony, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law re- lating to Grammar Schools in *Upper Canada*, 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 repeal the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 28*, and to transfer the place for holding the meetings of the Municipal Council of the Municipality Number two, of the County of *Drummond*, from the Village of *Stanfold* to the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, in the same Municipality, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect Justices of the Peace in *Upper Canada* from vexatious actions, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal part of the Acts 12 *Vic. cap. 78*, and 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 5*, so far as the same relate to the County of *Welland*, and to provide for the selection of a suitable place for a County Town in the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the fourteenth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate Ecclesiastical Bodies, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Currency, 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 provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Terrebonne* from the place where it is now kept to a more central position, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the eighth day of March next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the *Upper Canada Jurors' Act* of one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to repeal certain parts thereof, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act to amend the Law respecting Real Property, and to render the proceedings for recovering possession thereof "in certain cases less difficult and expensive," being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of the present Session for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, being read ;

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

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 1° die Martii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Return from the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*, received in conformity to an Order of the House, of the 27th October, 1852 ; and which is as followeth :—

Office of the Commissioners of the

Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*,

Kingston, 25th February, 1853.

Sir,—In pursuance of the request of the Legislative Assembly, conveyed through you, for certain information regarding the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*, we beg to forward you such details as can be furnished from the Company's Books in this Country.

The gross amount of all Loans and other Investments in the Province, from the commencement of the Company's operations to the 23rd instant, is £214,284

14s. 2d. exclusive of £100,000 contracted to be advanced to the Sufferers by the late Fire in the City of *Montreal*, in July last, but including the sum of £22,762 6s. 8d. on the Bonds and Debentures of various Municipalities and incorporated Companies.

The rate of Interest taken or agreed to be taken is eight per cent, except in the case of the *Montreal* Fire Relief Loan, on which the rate of Interest is six per cent.

The amount taken in advance is invariably one half year's Interest. The Interest of one or more subsequent half years has been paid according to the date of the respective Loans.

The amount of Law expenses charged to and obtained from borrowers, and of costs and expenses collected for or by the Agents or Surveyors or Appraisers employed in ascertaining the value of the properties offered in security or otherwise, is £4684 10s. The only further charges are the fees of the Registrars of Counties, which vary in each case, according to the number of entries on the Register Books.

The Company's Books being adjusted with reference to the date at which the Company opened its Office for business in *Canada*, and not with reference to the calendar year, it would occupy much time and cause serious inconvenience and delay in the progress of the ordinary business of the Company's Office, to compile separate accounts for the years 1851 and 1852, but the amounts stated above include the amounts for both years.

The List of the Company's Officers in *London* and *Kingston* is subjoined.

The amount of the Company's transactions with Municipalities and incorporated Companies is £22,762 6s. 8d. exclusive of £100,000 for the *Montreal* Fire Relief Loan, and the rate of Interest taken or agreed to be taken is eight per cent, with the exception of the *Montreal* Fire Relief Loan, which is six per cent.

The Company does not hold any lands or real estate in *Canada*.

The Company has not purchased at any time any mortgaged estates, lots or tenements, and consequently does not now hold, and never did hold, any property purchased below the sum for which the land was mortgaged.

The present amount of the Company's Capital is £500,000 Sterling.

Of the present Capital, £438,300 Sterling, is held in *England*, and £61,700 Sterling, is held in *Canada*.

The Directors have called up £75,000 Sterling, and £425,000 Sterling, are in reserve for security and future employment.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servants.

F. A. Harper,

Robt. Shank Atcheson.

Commissioners.

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

Office of the Commissioners of the
Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*,
Kingston, 25th February, 1853.

The Officers of the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada* are:—

In *London*.

Thomas Baring, Esquire, M.P.

Richard Carr Glyn, Esquire, M.P.

Sir Randolph I. Routh, K.C.B., President.

} Trustees.

Directors.

John Auldjo, Esquire,
Peter Buchanan, Esquire,
William Chapman, Esquire,

Charles Morrison, Esquire,
James Gordon Thompson, Esquire,
Melvil Wilson, Esquire.

Auditors.

Michael Seward, Esquire,

T. W. Bell, Esquire.

Secretary.

Thomas Macdonald, Esquire.

Solicitors.

Messieurs *Crowder* and *Maynard*.

Bankers.

Messieurs *Glyn*, *Mills*, & Co.

In Canada.

Robert Shank Atcheson, Esquire, } Commissioners.
Francis A. Harper, Esquire. }

Solicitor.

Hon. *John A. Macdonald*, M.P.P.

Bankers.

Commercial Bank, M.D.

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

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of *Antoine Lajoie* and others, of the Township of *Shawenegan*, District of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *John Fraser*, Esq., and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wellington*, *Waterloo* and *Grey*.

By Mr. *Gamble*,—The Petition of *William Henry Beresford*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Théophile H. Pacaud*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality Number one of the County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of *Robert Blackwood* and others, of that part of *Canada* lying between the *Galt* Junction of the Great Western Railway and *Malden* on the *Detroit* River; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *Paris*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; the Petition of *George S. Wilkes* and *James Kerby* of the Town of *Brantford*; the Petition of *A. B. Bennett* and others, of the Province of *Canada*; and the Petition of *James Kerby* and others, of that part of *Canada* lying between the *Galt* Junction of the Great Western Railway and *Malden* on the *Detroit* River.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *James Morris* and others, of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Jacob De Witt*, Esquire, and others, American Presbyterians, of the City of *Montreal*; and two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 8th November last, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Return shewing, 1st. The sums paid by the Government up to this date to the Corporation of the Railway now in progress between *Toronto* and *Barrie* on *Lake Simcoe*, of the Great Western Railway and its branches, and of the *St. Laurence* and *Atlantic* Railway, and the sums agreed to be paid, for which Provincial Debentures are about to issue, to each of the said Railway Companies, and so as to show the whole payments, votes of credit, or pledges for principal or interest or both, from Government in aid of Railways. 2nd. Copy of any Reports or other official correspondence that may have taken place between the Engineers and other officers employed by the Government to report upon the condition and progress of the above Railways, or the expenditure on the same, and the Executive Government, or any Head of Department or Bureau thereof, since the close of the last Session of the Legislature.

For the said Return, see Appendix (V.V.V.)

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That at the sitting of the Committee, this day, *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, one of the Petitioners, moved "That inasmuch as the number of Members composing the said Committee has been unavoidably reduced to less than three, to wit, to the number of two, and has so continued for the space of three sitting days, and upwards, to wit, from the sixteenth day of February, inclusive, to the twenty-eighth day of the same month, also inclusive, that the said Committee be dissolved; and that the same be reported to the House for such order thereupon as to law and justice may appertain."

Mr. *Sicotte* further informed the House, That after deliberating upon the said Motion, and hearing the Counsel for the Sitting Member in reply, the Committee had agreed to the following Resolution (*Seneca Paige*, Esquire, dissenting):—

That the said Motion be rejected, and the trial of the Petitions referred to the Committee proceeded with.

Mr. *Sicotte* moved seconded by Mr. *Varin*, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution;

On motion of Mr. *Taché*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*;

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Motion be postponed till Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *D. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation de la Pointe du Lac*, County of *St. Maurice*; and the Petition of *Amable Archambeault* and others, of the County of *Leinster*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing-Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *L. E. Rose* and others, for incorporation of the *Stanstead County Bank*; of *John Crawford*, Esquire, and others, for incorporation of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; of the *Upper Canada Mining Company*, for amendments to their Charter; of the *Quebec Bank*, for an increase of Capital, &c.; of *George J. Ryerse* and others, (last Petition) for an Act to enable them to give perfect Titles to certain Lands devised to them as heirs and devisees of the late *Samuel Ryerse*; and find the Notices to be correct.

The Notices requisite upon the Petitions of *Daniel McDonald* and others, for a new division of *Yonge and Escott*; of *Marcus Child* and others, for incorporation of a Company for constructing a Railway from *Montreal to Stanstead*; and of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*, for amendments to their Charter, severally presented at the former part of the present Session, have now been proved to the satisfaction of Your Committee, having been given during the recent adjournment of the House.

The Petition of the *Grand River Navigation Company*, for power to the Town Council of *Brantford* to issue the Debentures in favor of the said Company authorized by an Act of the present Session, in smaller sums, is not, in the opinion of Your Committee, of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

Upon the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Two Mountains*, for authority to subscribe for Stock in the *St. Lawrence and Ottawa Grand Junction Railway*, Your Committee find that no Notice has been given; but a Resolution for subscribing to the said Stock having been passed by the Council at a meeting specially called for the purpose, which Resolution has been published in the public papers, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the present application be allowed to proceed, upon the condition of a provision being inserted in the Bill, requiring the proposed subscription for Stock to be laid before the Rate-payers of the County, and to receive the sanction of a majority of the same before being acted upon, in accordance with the practice in *Upper Canada* in cases of a like nature.

Upon the two Petitions of the Town Council of the Town of *London*, praying respectively for authority to construct Gas and Water Works, and for an amendment of the Municipal Law so far as relates to the election of the Mayor of the said Town, Your Committee find that no Notices have been given.

The Order of the day for the call of the House, being read;

Ordered, That the House be now called over.

Ordered, That the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do go with the Mace, to the places adjacent, and summon the Members there to attend the service of the House :—And he went accordingly; and being returned;

The House was called over, and several of the Members appeared; and the names of such Members as made default to appear, were taken down, as follow :—

William Henry Boulton,

William Lyon Mackenzie,

David LeBoutillier,

Daniel McLachlin,

George Byron Lyon,

Hon. *William Hamilton Merritt,*

Hon. *John Alexander Macdonald,*

Hon. *Louis Joseph Papineau.*

Sir Allan Napier MacNab,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,
Ordered, That the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House, this day, be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to appropriate certain unexpended balances out of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Gouin*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 2^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *William Gunn* and others, of the County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Louis C. Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar of the first division of the County of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *George Sherwood*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Brockville*.

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

Of *A. M. Delisle*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from the said City of *Montreal* to the Town of *Bytown*, by way of the north-east side of the Mountain, *Isle Jésus*, *St. Andrews*, and *Grenville*.

Of *J. Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, County of *Champlain*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended to the said undertaking.

Of the Reverend *J. Morin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jacques*, County of *Huntingdon*; of *Joseph Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Luc*, County of *Chambly*; of *J. Bissonnette*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*; of the Reverend *R. Robert* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite de Blairfin-die*, County of *Chambly*; of *P. P. Demaray*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *St. John*, County of *Chambly*; and of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette* which lies within the County of *Quebec*; praying amendments to the Representation Bill.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; pray-

ing for the passing of an Act to render valid certain Titles of Lands purchased from the daughters of U. E. Loyalists after their marriage.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying for certain amendments to the Jury Law of *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Dunwich*; and of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from the *Galt* Junction of the Great Western Railway, by a certain route, to *Malden* on the *Detroit River*.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*; praying for aid.

Of *Charles McFall* and others, of the Township of *Hillier*, County of *Prince Edward*; praying for the passing of an Act to appoint a Commissioner for the re-survey of the side line of the third concession of the said Township.

Of *John Ryan*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the restoration of Civil Rights,—for the enregistration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, free from Priesti-anity,—for the admissibility of Witnesses and Jurors free from *Credo* or Spiritual Inquisitions,—for the abolition of the Court of Vice-Admiralty,—and that his Mail sureties may be released from their liability on account of his contract.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Lands situated on the River *St. Maurice* and its tributaries, together with the Map, which was presented on Thursday the 2nd day of November last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Stanstead* County Bank.

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

On motion of Mr. *Sanborn*, seconded by Mr. *Terrill*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the following Resolutions:—1. That it is expedient to empower the School Commissioners of every School Municipality in *Lower Canada*, on a Petition presented to them by the majority of Rate-payers in any School District within such Municipality, to assess and cause to be collected of the Rate-payers of such School District, such sum above the proportion rated upon the whole Municipality as shall be required by such Petition, to be applied for the School purposes of such Districts. 2. That to maintain efficient Schools in the newly settled Sections of *Lower Canada*, it is expedient that the monies received by any Municipality should be distributed equally among the School Districts therein, instead of being apportioned according to the number of Scholars in such Districts.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Johnson* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; which was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to empower the School Commissioners of every School Municipality in *Lower Canada*, on a Petition presented to them by the majority of Rate-payers in any School District within such Municipality, to assess and cause to be collected of the Rate-payers of such School District, such sum above the proportion rated upon the whole Municipality as shall be required by such Petition, to be applied for the School purposes of such Districts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company.

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

On motion of Mr. *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*,
Ordered, That the 64th, 66th, and 74th Rules of this House be suspended, as regards the Bill to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence* at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*.

Mr. *Polette* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dumoulin*, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to confirm certain proceedings of the Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, at *Three Rivers*, relative to the property of their *Fabrique*, to impose and levy an assessment upon the said Inhabitants, and for other purposes therein mentioned ;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, That the word "not" be inserted after the word "be ;"

And the Question being put, That that word be there inserted ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	Messieurs	<i>White,</i>	<i>6. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth,)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>			

NAYS.

<i>Brigley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	Messieurs	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>		<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>		<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>		<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>		<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>		<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>		<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>		<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>		<i>Richards, (Atty. Gen.)</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>		<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>		<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>		<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York,)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>		<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>57. Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>				

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That Mr. *Polette* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm certain proceedings of the Catholic Inhabitants of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin at *Three Rivers*, relative to the property of their *Fabrique*, to impose and levy an assessment upon the said Inhabitants, 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. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*.

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. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The *Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly Railroad Company*."

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

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to modify the Usury Laws, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was yesterday proposed, That the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Langton*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the Representation of the People in Parliament should be based upon Population, and the number of Members of the House of Assembly gradually enlarged with the progressive increase of Population upon a fixed ratio of Representation, and without regard to any separating line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnlum,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé,)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	15. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Malloch.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Aity. Gen.</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Samborn,</i>	57. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>

<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Charveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polotte,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	58. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	14. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next;

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Murney*, That the word "Friday" be left out, and the word "Tuesday" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 3° die Martii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following Letters addressed to the Clerk of this House by *Frederick Widder*, Esquire, Commissioner of the *Canada Company*, on the subject of the Order of the House of the 8th November last, calling for a Statement of the Affairs of the said Company:—

Canada Company's Office,

Toronto, 25th November, 1852.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of an Order made by the House of Assembly on the 8th instant, in reference to the *Canada Company's Affairs*, which will have our attention.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Fred. Widder, Commissioner.

Wm. B. Lindsay, Esquire,

Clerk, Legislative Assembly, *Quebec.*

Canada Company's Office,
Toronto, 8th February, 1853.

Sir,—I have already acknowledged the receipt of your letter communicating to me the Order of The Honorable the Legislative Assembly, that you should apply to us for various Statements upon the Affairs of the *Canada Company*; I have now the honor to state that after having given the numerous matters upon which information is asked for, my best consideration, I find that not only would the labor, time, and expense, required in their preparation be extremely great, but that the extent of the inquiry involves matters in which the personal and private interests of the Proprietors of the Company are concerned, and upon which I cannot furnish information, except with their consent.

I would further beg to state that Her Majesty's Government have been regularly furnished with all such Accounts and Statements as the Company have been required to supply, and that if it should be the desire of the Legislative Assembly, I shall be happy to transmit to you, as soon as they can be received from *England*, the several Reports that have been made by the Directors to the Proprietors up to the present time.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
Fred. Widder, Commissioner.

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*, to 31st December, 1852.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (G.)

And also, Statement of the Affairs of the Great Western Railroad Company.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (I.)

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

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company; and the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *C. J. Forbes, Esquire*, and others, of *St. Andrews, County of Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Cyprien Tanguay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Germain, County of Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *George Arthur* and others, of the Township of *Hillier*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of *William McClellan* and others, of the Township of *Middleton*; and the Petition of the *St. Thomas Branch* of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson*, Chairman, and others, Members of the Board of Trustees of the Grammar School at *St. Catherines*; and the Petition of *James W. O. Clark* and others, of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

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

Of *Antoine Lajoie* and others, of the Township of *Shavenegan, District of Three Rivers*; complaining that through the negligence of the Government Agent they have sustained loss in the cutting of timber on the lots occupied by them and for which they have location tickets, and praying for indemnity in the premises.

Of *John Fraser, Esquire*, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Road known as the Cove Road may be extended as far as *Cap Rouge*.

Of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; praying that the Petition of *S. S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from opposite the City of *Montreal* *viâ Chambly* and the outlet of Lake *Memphremagog* to the Province Line, be not granted, and that they be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House previous to any action with reference the said Petition.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wellington*, *Waterloo*, and *Grey*; praying for the passing of an Act to legalize such By-Laws of the late District and County Councils as have been quashed by the Court of Queen's Bench.

Of *William Henry Beresford*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, late a Captain in the Rifle Brigade; setting forth: That in the month of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, the Petitioner was married to *Catharine Lawrence* his now wife, at that time living in *Montreal*, Spinster: That the Petitioner and the said *Catharine Lawrence* lived and co-habited together as man and wife from the time of their marriage until the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one: That unhappy differences, caused by great violence of temper and uncontrollable bursts of passion on the part of the said *Catharine Lawrence*, during which the Petitioner's life was endangered, rendered it impossible for them to continue to reside together, and after consultation with friends, and a negotiation of several months, it was agreed between them to live separate and apart; and the Petitioner communicated the unfortunate state of his family affairs to the brother of the said *Catharine Lawrence*, her only surviving relative, who came to this Province at the time the separation took place, and with whom the said *Catharine Lawrence* left the abode of the Petitioner to return to *Halifax* in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, her native place, in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one: That for some time after the departure of his said wife, the Petitioner was kept in ignorance of her place of residence, although it was stipulated at the time of the separation that he should always be made aware of the same; subsequently the Petitioner was told by her Agent that she resided at *Rochester*, in the State of *New York*, and upon enquiry was informed that she resided in the neighbourhood of *Rochester* with her brother: That during the winter of 1851, the Petitioner was satisfied that her brother was residing with her, although at the same time a person by the name of *Daniel Gallagher*, formerly (and while the said *Catharine Lawrence*, the Petitioner's wife, was living with the Petitioner) a servant in the Petitioner's employment, was also an inmate of the same house, and was called by Petitioner's wife her half-brother: That in the early part of last summer the Petitioner had reason to believe that his wife had entered into and carried on an unlawful familiarity and criminal intercourse with the said *Daniel Gallagher*, and while the Petitioner was taking the necessary steps to satisfy himself of her guilt and obtain proof thereof, she suddenly disappeared from her residence, but was subsequently traced to the City of *Rochester*, where she and the said *Daniel Gallagher* passed as man and wife, under the name of Mr. and Mrs. *Daniel Braadfield*, and whither she had gone, as the Petitioner learned, to be delivered of a child: That finding herself discovered, she returned home to her residence near *Rochester*, and on the fourteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, was delivered of a female child, which child died on the thirteenth day of January now last past: That in consequence of the residence abroad of the said *Daniel Gallagher*, the Petitioner was unable to institute legal proceedings against him for such criminal conversation with his said wife, with a view to the present application to the House: That the said *Catharine Lawrence* hath, by her criminal and adulterous behaviour as aforesaid, dissolved on her part the Bond of Marriage; and praying the House, that leave may be given to bring in a Bill to dissolve the marriage of the Petitioner with the said *Catharine Lawrence*, and to enable him to marry again, and that he may have such other relief in the premises as the House shall think proper.

Of *Théophile H. Pacaud*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, County of *Champlain*; complaining of the conduct of *Joseph E. Turcotte*, Esquire, in his capacity of Queen's Counsel, Chief of Police, President of the Court of Quarter Session, practising Advocate, and Member of the Legislative Assembly, and praying an investigation in the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of Municipality Number one of the County of *Rimouski*; praying for the establishment of a Circuit Court at the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*.

Of *Robert Blackwood* and others, of that part of *Canada* lying between the *Galt* Junction of the Great Western Railway and *Malden* on the *Detroit* River; of *A. B. Bennett* and others, of the Province of *Canada*; and of *James Kerby* and others, of that part of *Canada* lying between the *Galt* Junction of the Great Western Railway and *Malden* on the *Detroit* River; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from the said Junction to *Malden* aforesaid.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*; praying that the Representation Bill may be amended by making Population its basis, and that the said Village be included in the County of *Elgin*.

Of *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *Paris*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Paris* Hydraulic Company," for the construction of a Dam across the *Grand River* of the said Village.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pellam*; praying that the Bill relating to the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and having for its object the permanent reunion of the said Counties for Judicial purposes, may not pass into law.

Of *George S. Wilkes* and *James Kerby* of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to create Hydraulic power for manufacturing purposes at the said Town.

Of *James Morris* and others, of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying for an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway, to be called "The *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway," and that certain unsurveyed Lands above or near *Pembroke* be granted in aid thereof.

Of *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, and others, American Presbyterians, of the City of *Montreal*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying for the repeal of the 19th Section of the Common School Act, which provides for Sectarian Schools, and also for certain other amendments to the said Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying for certain improvements in the navigation of the Rivers *Thames* and *Sydenham*, and *McGregor's* Creek.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*; praying that a Registry Office more permanent and safer than the one hitherto used may be provided for the said County.

Of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Bridge across the River *St. Lawrence*, opposite or near to the said City.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, and others, of that part of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette* which lies within the County of *Quebec*, be committed to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Gover-

nor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of any Communication which may have been addressed to Members of the Legislative Council on the subject of Indemnity to Members of that Honorable House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Gouin* have leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid the Indentures of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of *Lower Canada*.

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

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration a Motion made on Tuesday last, That this House doth concur with the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions, in a Resolution adopted by the said Committee;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the said Motion be postponed till Monday next; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Mr. Speaker then declared that, in his opinion, the Motion for confirming the Resolution of the said Committee should not be entertained by the House, inasmuch as he considered that the Committee having had the power conferred upon them to decide the Question, the House should not interfere.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Society for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Quebec*,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Reverend *Alexander Sanson* and others, for incorporation of the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society; of *James S. Howard* and others, for incorporation of the *Upper Canada* Bible Society; and of the Municipal County of *Essex* and *Lambton*, for power to assess the County of *Essex* for the erection of a Gaol and Court House, &c., and find that the requisite Notices have been given.

On the Petition of *A. M. Delisle* and others, for incorporation of a Company for construction of a Railway from *Montreal* to *Bytown* by *Isle Jésus*, Your Committee find that the only Notices published are those in the *Montreal Gazette*, since the 20th February, and in the *Montreal Minerve*, since the 18th February.

The Petitions of the Bar of *Lower Canada* (*Montreal* Section,) for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation by increasing certain fees; and of the *Montreal* Manufacturing Company, for an increase of their Capital and extension of certain privileges, Your Committee find to be respectively of such a nature as to require Notice, which has not been given.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to modify the Usury Laws; 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 an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

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

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

Veneris, 4^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. Mongenais,—The Petition of *John Scanlan*, School Master.

By the Honorable Mr. Macdonald,—The Petition of *John Watkins*, President, on behalf of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. Stuart,—The Petition of *O. Robitaille*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. LaTerrière,—The Petition of *John Guay* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Chicoutimi*, County of *Saguenay*.

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

Of *William Gunn* and others, of the County of *Bruce*; praying for the opening of Roads through the said County to the Town of *Goderich*.

Of *Louis C. Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar of the first division of the County of *Montmorency*; praying to be indemnified for the expenses incurred by him in attending with Witnesses at the Bar of the House to answer certain charges preferred against him by *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, a Member of this House.

Of *George Sherwood*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Brockville*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Brockville* Gas Light Company."

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Eighteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's* Reading Room, and have agreed to the same with an amendment, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

They have also examined the Bill to amend the Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Mr. *Polette* reported, from the General Committee of Elections, the Amended Panels.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the North Shore Railroad, which was presented on the 24th February last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Gene-*

vide de Batissean, County of *Champlain*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company, be read the third time on Monday next.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John McMullen* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, Mr. *Dubord*, and Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, 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.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Municipality of the County of *Two Mountains* to take Stock in the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa* Grand Junction Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to afford relief and make compensation to persons who, as Tenants under Emphyteotic Leases, improve their Houses and Buildings in obedience to certain By-Laws of the City of *Quebec* passed for the prevention of accidents by fire.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter, amend and extend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend an Act passed in the eighth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to confer upon His Majesty certain powers and authorities necessary to the making, maintaining, and using the Canal intended to be completed under His Majesty's direction, for connecting the waters of Lake *Ontario* with the River *Ottawa*, 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 Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented,

pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 28th February, 1853, for copies of Correspondence between the Trinity Board and the Executive respecting an Ice Bridge at *Quebec*.

By Command,

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 1st March, 1853.

Secretary's Office,

Montreal, 25th January, 1845.

Gentlemen,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to transmit to you the accompanying copy of an Address of the House of Assembly for certain particulars of information relative to your Corporation; and to request that you will be good enough to furnish His Excellency with a report of the same in compliance with the requirements of the Address, at as early a day as possible.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *D. Daly*, Secretary.

The Master, Deputy Master, and
Wardens of the Trinity House, *Quebec*.

Trinity House,

Quebec, 7th February, 1845.

Sir,—Your letter of the 25th January last, with the accompanying copies of two Addresses of the Legislative Assembly, relating to the formation of Ice Bridges over the River opposite to *Quebec* and *Three Rivers*, having been laid before the Board, we are directed to transmit to you, herewith enclosed, copy of a Report from Captains *Young*, *Boxer*, and *Alleyn*, as containing the opinion of the Board regarding the effect of the said Ice Bridges upon the navigation of the *St. Lawrence*, this Report having been concurred in by the Board, who further consider that the using of artificial means to stop the Ice would be a very dangerous experiment.

We have, &c.

(Signed,) *Lindsay & Lemoine*,
Registrar T. H. Q.

The Honorable *D. Daly*,
Provincial Secretary, *Montreal*.

NOTE :—The Report of Captains *Young*, *Boxer* and *Alleyn*, is printed in the Appendix (L.L.L.) to the Journals of the House of Assembly, Session 1844-45.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, of the 18th ultimo, for copies of all Correspondence, Surveys, and Reports relative to the *Point Platon* Wharf. For the said Return, see Appendix (W.W.W.)

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect Justices of the Peace in *Upper Canada* from vexatious actions, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of the present Session for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, seconded by Mr. *Gouin*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 7^o *die Martii*;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Gouin*,—The Petition of *J. Baptiste Lamère*, President, and others, the *Sorel* Library Association; and the Petition of *Godfroy Cormier* and others, Masters and Owners of Vessels trading between *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and the *United States*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *St. John's*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of the Honorable *D. Mondelet* and others, of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Aimé Desilets*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Peter Brown* and others, of the Town of *Southampton*, *Lake Huron*; and the Petition of *John Fraser* and others, Township Councillors of the County of *Welland*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Catharines*; and two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of *Isaac B. Aylsworth* and others, of the Village of *Newburgh* and its neighbourhood.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *Walter H. Denaut* and others, of the County of *Leeds*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of *Simon Fennell*, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, Chairman, and *Thomas M. Taylor*, Secretary, on behalf of a Meeting held in the American Presbyterian Church, *Montreal*; the Petition of *Benjamin S. Cory*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the Village of *Wellington*; the Petition of *James Finlay* and others, adherents of the Presbyterian Church in *Whitby* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; the Petition of *F. George Scott*, Esquire, and others, on behalf of the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society; and the Petition of *Roderick Kennedy* and others, of the Village of *Bath*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Richard Juson* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *W. B. Nichol*, Esquire, M.D., and others, Professors in the Faculties of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company and of *Clarke Gamble*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, Trustee.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *Alexander Willson* and others, of the Township of *Onslow*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *L. H. Schofield* and others, of the County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of *Antoine Légaré* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, County of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Joseph Déry*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, County of *Portneuf*; and the Petition of *Michael Scott* and others, of the Village of *Cap Rouge* and its neighbourhood, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James C. Usher*, and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; the Petition of *Eliakim Malcolm*, Esquire, Warden, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Brant*; and the Petition of *F. Foster* and others, of that part of the Province lying between the *Galt Junction* of the Great Western Railway and *Malden* on the *Detroit River*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *John Power* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; the Petition of Mrs. *Margaret Lunn* and others, Directresses and Lady Managers of the University Lying-in Hospital of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Trustees of the *Mount Royal Cemetery Company*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *A. B. Papineau* and *W. B. Leonard*, Esquires, of *St. Martin*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *George Husband* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, Patron, and others, Officers of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch, Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean de l'Isle d'Orleans*, County of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Honorable *N. F. Belleau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of the Great Western Railroad Company; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and also for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company under the name of the *Huron and Ontario Railway Company*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Mayor of the said City may be elected by the Municipal Electors in the same manner and at the same time as the Aldermen and Councillors, and that the Election of School Trustees may also take place at the same time.

Of *C. J. Forbes*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Andrews*, County of *Two Mountains*; praying for the construction of a Railway from *Montreal* through *St. Eustache* and *St. Andrews* to the Town of *Bytown*, and that no other line may be incorporated.

Of the Reverend *Cyprien Tanguay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Germain*, County of *Rimouski*; praying the adoption of measures to insure the completion of the *Trois Pistoles Railway*, and that the Grand Trunk Line of Railway may be continued from *Trois Pistoles* by *Ristigouche* to the Eastern Boundary of *Canada*.

Of *George Arthur* and others, of the Township of *Hillier*; praying that the Petition for a re-survey of the said Township may not be granted.

Of *William McClellan* and others, of the Township of *Middleton*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and manufacturing purposes.

Of the *St. Thomas Branch* of the Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying that a certain piece of Land in the Town of *Lon-*

don, granted to the Municipal Council of the late District of *London* as a site for the holding of Free Fairs, may be equally divided between the said Counties, or that the proceeds thereof when sold may be so divided.

Of the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson*, Chairman, and others, Members of the Board of Trustees for the Grammar School at *St. Catherines*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *James W. O. Clark* and others, of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying for the passing of an Act to prevent any obstruction by the Great Western Railroad Company to the navigation of the *Twenty Mile Creek*, from Lake *Ontario* to the Village of *Jordan*.

Of *John Scanlan*, School Master; representing that he has been deprived of a certain amount of wages in consequence of the formation of the new Parish of *St. Zotique* out of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *John Watkins*, President, on behalf of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston*; praying that the Assessment Law may be so amended as to substitute a better mode of taxing the stocks of merchandize of Merchants and Shopkeepers.

Of *O. Robitaille*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; representing that they, as sufferers by the great Fires in the said City, obtained aid by Debentures on which they were obliged to raise money at heavy discount and great loss, and that they are now unable to pay the same, and praying for a remission of the whole or part thereof.

Of *John Guay* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Chicoutimi*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the erection of School Houses in the said Municipality.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, relative to the election of Mayor of the said City, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Street*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and Mr. *White*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*, referred to them, and have agreed to several amendments thereto.

Your Committee have also taken into their consideration the Bill to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches, referred to them, and have agreed to several amendments thereto.

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their attentive consideration the Instruction from Your Honorable House of the 24th ultimo, viz: "To enquire into and report upon the regularity of the distribution of the Provincial Statutes of the last Session and the cost thereof, and the best means of rendering such distribution more expeditious for the future."

In their enquiry, Your Committee called before them the Queen's Printer, by whom, under the authority of a Statute, the duty is at present gratuitously performed; and having thoroughly examined the system adopted by that Officer, are

unanimously of opinion that it is not desirable to make any alteration, as the duty is both satisfactorily and economically performed under that system.

Your Committee, although satisfied that no more satisfactory plan, than the one now acted upon, can be recommended for the distribution of the Statutes, must remark that, after the adjournment, a greater delay took place in their completion, than was anticipated under the recent arrangement of having them printed prior to the Royal Assent being given; nevertheless, Your Committee are led to believe that this delay entirely arose from the fact of its being the first issue after the adoption of a new printed form, and therefore, in future, but a short time will elapse from the close of a Session, till the Statutes are generally distributed throughout the Province.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That *Ovide LeBlanc*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of *Essex* for certain purposes, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Johnson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Johnson* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council request this House to communicate to their Honors the evidence, proofs, and documents on which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company."

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Bill to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended, in so far as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal, Bytown* and *Ottawa* Grand Trunk Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal, Bytown and Ottawa Grand Trunk Railway Company.*

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

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended, in so far as regards a Bill to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad* to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad* to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes.

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 this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended, in relation to a Bill to amend an Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the Section of the District of *Montreal.*

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That leave be granted to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the Section of the District of *Montreal*; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Cities and Towns in *Upper Canada* to elect their several Mayors by the Municipal Electors generally.

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

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tessier*, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee on the subject of the *Quebec Turn-pike Roads*, to enquire into the reason why the works on the Highway from *Hough's farm*, measuring a mile towards the Church of *St. Augustin*, have not been performed, as required by the Law of 1850; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall),</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, (Atty. Gen.)</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>24. Young,</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Byrnham,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>MacNab,</i> Sir A. N.	<i>Stevenson,</i>	20. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Society for the crection of an Hotel in the City of *Quebec*;" and the same were read, as follow:—

- Page 1, line 33. Leave out "twenty-five" and insert "forty."
- Page 1, line 35. Leave out "twenty-five" and insert "forty."
- Page 1, line 36. Leave out "two" and insert "three," and after "thousand" insert "two hundred."
- Page 2, line 1. Leave out "two" and insert "three," and after "thousand" insert "two hundred."
- Page 2, line 6. Leave out "abandon."
- Page 2, line 8. After "fit" insert "subject to the By-Laws of the Society, to be passed by the Board of Management to be appointed as hereinafter provided."
- Page 2, line 19. After "Railway" insert "Company," and after "East" insert "and the *Saint Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company."
- Page 2, line 20. After "Currency" insert "each."
- Page 3, line 21. Leave out from "the" where it occurs the third time, to "Board" in line 22.
- Page 3, line 22. After "Society" insert "and Auditors as hereinafter mentioned."
- Page 3, line 30. After "Society" insert "and two persons to be Auditors."
- Page 3, line 31. Leave out from "place" to "and" in line 34.
- Page 3, line 35. Leave out from "management" to "of" in line 36.
- Page 3, line 36. After "Society" insert "and of Auditors."
- Page 3, line 39. After "the" where it occurs the second time, insert "next," and leave out "following" and insert "thereafter not being a Sunday or a statutory Holiday."
- Page 4, line 3. After "majority" insert "of votes."
- Page 4, line 12. After "proxy" insert "being also a shareholder."
- Page 4, line 16. Leave out "appointed" and insert "elected," and after "occasion" insert "by the Shareholders then present in person or by proxy."
- Page 4, line 25. After "to" insert "appoint and employ and remove at pleasure such Officer or Officers, Agent or Agents, Servant or Servants of the said Society, as they may find from time to time expedient or necessary, and to."
- Page 4, line 28. After "from" insert "of certificates."
- Page 5, line 1. After "contract" insert "a loan or."
- Page 5, line 2. After "Society" insert "not exceeding in the whole at any one time the sum of Twenty-five thousand pounds Currency."
- Page 5, line 5. After "of" insert "the several instalments and."
- Page 5, line 15. After "Society" insert "certified by the Auditors as having been examined and found correct."
- Page 5, line 18. After "shareholders" insert "giving at least fifteen days notice thereof in Newspapers published at the said City of *Quebec*, in the English and French languages respectively."
- Page 5, line 21. Leave out from "four" to "and" in line 22, and insert "and that in the absence of the Chairman it shall be in the power of the Members present to elect from among themselves a Chairman for the time being, who, in addition to his vote as a Member of the Board, shall have a casting vote in case of an equal division of votes at the meeting of the Board at which he shall be chosen to preside."

Page 5, line 22. After "death" insert "or resignation."

Page 5, line 23. Leave out from "absence" to "for."

Page 5, line 24. Leave out "three" and insert "six," and leave out from "of" where it occurs the second time, to "the" in line 26, and insert "the disqualification of any Member of the Board of Management."

Page 5, line 28. After "deceased" insert "resigned."

Page 5, line 29. Leave out "incapable" and insert "disqualified."

Page 5, line 32. Leave out from "management" "to office" and insert "going out of."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Return from the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*, laid before the House on Tuesday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Papers relative to the *Canada* Company, communicated to this House on Thursday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Statement of the Affairs of the Great Western Railroad Company, laid before this House on Thursday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Railway Corporations, which was presented on Tuesday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Schools, &c., which was presented on the 8th November last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to modify the Usury Laws, being read;

And the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Brown*, "the Honorable Mr. *Young*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and the Mover, to enquire and report with all convenient speed, what has been the result of the repeal or partial repeal of the Usury Laws in *Great Britain*, the adjoining States, and other Countries where the experiment has been already tried; with power to send for persons and papers" instead thereof.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until Wednesday next; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Brown*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and the Mover, to enquire and report "with all convenient speed, what has been the result of the repeal or partial repeal "of the Usury Laws in *Great Britain*, the adjoining States, and other Countries "where the experiment has been already tried; with power to send for persons "and papers;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	26. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	32. <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Fortier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mongenais*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	26. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	32. <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to add the following Clause thereunto:—"And be it further enacted, "that every payment of interest exceeding the rate aforesaid, shall be taken to be "in discharge of the principal money, or of interest at the rate aforesaid, any agreement to the contrary or actual appropriation of payment notwithstanding: And "that so soon as the amount of the principal sum with interest as last aforesaid shall

“ be repaid, the said principal sum, with all interest due thereon, shall be deemed to
 “ be paid and satisfied: Provided that when the said principal sum, and interest
 “ at the rate aforesaid, shall have been paid and satisfied, any further payment vol-
 “ untarily made on account of any excess of interest reserved by the original contract
 “ of loan or forbearance, shall be lawful and irrevocable” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzic,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>27. Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>29. Young.</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Turcotte* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*, That all the words after “the” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an “Instruction to amend the same so that its immediate operation shall only affect “Commercial transactions between Trader and Trader, and that as regards all other “transactions it shall not come into operation until five years after the passing “thereof” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzic,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>25. Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>31. Young.</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to add the following Clause thereto:—"And be it enacted, that in all suits or actions for the recovery of the capital of any loan, or the interest thereon, or both, the debtor shall be entitled to examine the lender on his oath, respecting all the facts connected with the said loan ; and the said lender shall be a competent witness, and shall be bound to answer: and in *Lower Canada* the debtor may submit *faits et articles* to the Plaintiff who shall be bound to answer the same, as in other Civil Cases in *Lower Canada*" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to amend the same, by adding the following Clause at the end thereof : "Provided always and be it enacted, that this Act shall apply only to Notes and Bills not having three months to run" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to amend it so that its provisions may apply only to *Upper Canada*" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	21. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	35. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gouin*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to

add the words "Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of excepting the County of *Haldimand* from its operation" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, That all the words after "the" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the second Clause thereof: "Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to the loan or forbearance of any money upon security of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any estate or interest therein;" and also for the purpose of inserting the following additional Clause: "And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Legislature, and no longer" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>24. Viger.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>29. Young.</i>
<i>Johnson,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>30. Young.</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>23. Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Malloch* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,
The House adjourned.

Martii, 8° die Martii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Joseph Gosselin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Laurent de l'Isle d'Orléans*, County of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Burnham*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *Dunbar Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, a Petitioner against the Election and Return of *J. G. Clapham*, Esquire, as Member for the County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *William Carling* and others, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich*; and the Petition of *Josiah Strong* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*.

By Mr. *Poulin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Village of *Christieville*, in the Parish of *St. Athanase*.

By Mr. *Gouin*,—The Petition of *J. F. Sincennes* and others, Proprietors of Steamers, Vessels, and Crafts, domiciled at *Sorel* and at *Berthier*, and adjoining places.

By Mr. *Clapham*,—The Petition of *John R. Lambly*, of *Leeds*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Quebec* and *Megantic*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Humberstone*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Thorold*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Henry McKenny* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *John Willson*, Esquire, and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Willson*, Esquire, and others, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying that the Act incorporating the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company may be revived and amended.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to

the House the Twenty-fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Great Western Railroad Company, for amendments to their Act of incorporation,—of *William Henry Berresford*, for a Divorce,—of *George Sherwood* and others, for incorporation of the *Brockville Gas Light Company*,—of *John Smith* and others, for incorporation of the *Paris Hydraulic Company*,—and of *George S. Wilkes* and *James Kerby*, for incorporation of a Hydraulic Company at *Brantford*; and they find that the Notices have been duly given.

With respect to the Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, for incorporation of a Mutual and Proprietary Insurance Company at *Niagara*, Your Committee find that a Notice has been published for the requisite length of time, but that it refers to the incorporation of a Mutual Company only, no mention being made of a Proprietary Branch; Your Committee, therefore, report the fact, leaving it to Your Honorable House to determine whether this discrepancy is of sufficient importance to nullify the Notice.

On the Petition of *Charles McFall* and others, for a re-survey of the side line of the third Concession of *Hillier*, it appears that no Notices have been given.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes, and have agreed to report the same, without any amendment, to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company.

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

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company.

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

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Huron* Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes, be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House on the first instant, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the seventeenth day of March instant, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Bill to incorporate *La Société des Dames Charitables de la Paroisse de St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the "Society of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie.*"

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to divide the Common of *Mashinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Bill to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to repeal the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 28, and to transfer the place for holding the meetings of the Municipal Council of the Municipality Number two, of the County of *Drummond*, from the Village of *Stanford* to the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, in the same Municipality, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to transfer the "place of meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Drummond* "Number two, to the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, in the said Municipality."

Ordered, That Mr. *McDougall* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d'Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall compose and constitute the same, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act "incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d'Yamaska*, in so far as regards "the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall "hereafter compose and constitute the same."

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to explain and amend the "Act to allow Notaries to call Meetings of "relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized "by a Judge," and for other purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pas.

Ordered, That Mr. *Poulin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to appropriate certain unexpended balances of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Bill to amend the Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Bill to amend the Act of the present Session for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Bill to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to modify the Usury Laws, being read ;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of leaving out the words "at any rate of interest whatsoever" in the "third line of the second Clause, and inserting the words "at a rate of interest "not exceeding eight per cent;" and by adding the words "but in all cases in which "the rate of interest shall exceed eight per cent, the penalties imposed by the "Laws now in force in this Province shall be and remain in full force and vigor" "at the end of the said second Clause," instead thereof;

Mr. *Laurin* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, That all the words after "be" to the end thereof be left out, in order to add the words "read the third time this day six months;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gambic,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith (Frontenac)</i>	<i>Viger.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>42. Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the Original Question:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Valois* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Chapais*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the further consideration of the Bill be postponed until the next Session of Parliament, in order to afford the People of this Province an opportunity of expressing an opinion on the measure" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding division.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of amending the same" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>50. Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>19. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of amending the same.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *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, as follow:—

Line 30. After “interest” insert “or such lower rate of interest as may have been agreed upon.”

Line 32. After “paid” leave out the remainder of the Bill, and insert Clause (A.)

Clause (A.) “And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to any Bank or Banking Institution, or to any Insurance Company, or to any Corporation or Association of persons heretofore authorized by law to lend or borrow money at a rate of interest higher than six per centum per annum.”

The first amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The second amendment being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the the said amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>48. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>	<i>21. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Lacoste,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>

<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston.)Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N. Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen. Malloch,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>	<i>42. Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>31. Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; 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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to prevent fishing with Seines and other Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies for Charitable and Educational purposes, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, The House adjourned.

*Mercurii, 9^o die Martii;*ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *S. J. N. Dumoulin* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne d' Yamachiche*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *John Craig* and others, of the Town of *London*; and the Petition of *Robert Robson*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting held in the Township of *London*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Harper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*, County of *Nicolet*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the *St. Lawrence and Ottawa Grand Junction Railroad Company*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Aldborough*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Valin* and others, of the County of *Portneuf*,

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *R. McKinnon*, Esquire, and others, of the Village of *Caledonia*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *G. Joly*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *L. Fiset* and others, School Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, County of *Quebec*.

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

Of *J. Bapiste Lamère*, President, and others, the *Sorel Library Association*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Godfroy Cormier* and others, Masters and Owners of Vessels trading between *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and the *United States*; praying to be exempted from paying the proposed tax for the deepening of *Lake St. Peter*.

Of the Municipality of the Town of *St. John's*; praying for the opening of a Road from the Township of *West Farnham* to the said Town, as petitioned for.

Of the Honorable *D. Mondelet* and others, of *Three Rivers*; praying for aid to enable the Board of Works to construct Piers at the mouth of the River *Richelieu*, to prevent the accumulation of ice, and so promote the opening of the navigation of the *St. Lawrence*.

Of *Aimé Desilets*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Three Rivers*; of *Antoine Légaré* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, County of *Quebec*; of *Michael Scott* and others, of the Village of *Cop Rouge* and its neighbourhood, County of *Portneuf*; and of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean de l'Isle d'Orléans*, County of *Montmorency*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of *Peter Brown* and others, of the Town of *Southampton*, *Lake Huron*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway from the Town of *Guelph* to the Township of *Saugeen*.

Of *John Fraser* and others, Township Councillors of the County of *Welland*; praying that the Bill providing for the permanent re-union of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland* may not pass into Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Catherines*; and of the Municipal

Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying for certain amendments to the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying that the Law relating to Municipal bodies may be so amended as to enable them to form Joint Stock Companies for the construction of public improvements.

Of *Isaac B. Aylsworth* and others, of the Village of *Newburgh* and its neighbourhood; of *Benjamin S. Cory*, Esquire, M.D., and others, of the Village of *Wellington*; of *James Finlay* and others, adherents of the Presbyterian Church in *Whitby* in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; of *F. George Scott*, Esquire, and others, on behalf of the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society; of *Roderick Kennedy* and others, of the Village of *Bath*; and of the Reverend *James C. Usher* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *Walter H. Denaut* and others, of the County of *Leeds*; praying that the law providing that they shall be indemnified for damages done to their property by reason of the *Rideau* Canal, may be so amended as to entitle them to recover damages in cases not provided for thereby.

Of *Simon Fennell*, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; representing that in the year 1844 the Sheriff of the said County, conspiring with other persons, sold certain Lands for taxes at a nominal rate, whereby the property of the Petitioner was sacrificed to his loss, and praying for an investigation in the premises.

Of *Jacob De Witt*, Esquire, Chairman, and *Thomas M. Taylor*, Secretary, on behalf of a Meeting held in the American Presbyterian Church, *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating Liquors in this Province.

Of *Richard Juson* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for the passing of an Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company.

Of *W. B. Nichol*, Esquire, M.D., and others, Professors in the Faculties of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*; representing the injustice which shall result to them by the passing of the Bill to amend the Laws relating to the University of *Toronto*, unless a just compensation be awarded to each of them in that behalf, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company and of *Clarke Gamble*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, Trustee; praying that the Act of this Session to amend the Act incorporating the said Company, may be so amended as to enable them to give a free and unencumbered Title to the purchaser of the said Works.

Of *F. Foster* and others, of that part of the Province lying between the *Galt* Junction of the Great Western Railway and *Malden* on the *Detroit* River; and of *Eliakim Malcolm*, Esquire, Warden, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Brant*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from the said Junction through *Brantford*, *Norwich* and *St. Thomas*, to *Malden* aforesaid.

Of *Alexander Willson* and others, of the Township of *Onslow*; praying for a new survey of the sixth and seventh lines of the said Township.

Of *L. H. Schofield* and others, of the County of *Ontario*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from *Port Whitby* on *Lake Ontario* to *Sturgeon Bay* on *Lake Huron*.

Of *Joseph Dery*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L' Ancienne Lorette*, County of *Portneuf*; praying for the passing of the Bill to increase the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, in so far as it relates to the said Parish.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying for certain amend-

ments to the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope* and adjacent premises in Commissioners.

Of Mrs. *Margaret Lunn* and others, Directresses and Lady Managers of the University Lying-in Hospital of the City of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Trustees of the *Mount Royal Cemetery Company*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *A. B. Papineau* and *W. B. Leonard*, Esquires, of *St. Martin*; praying that *l'Isle Jésus* and *l'Isle Bizard* may be separated from the Island of *Montreal*, and formed into a separate County.

Of *George Husband* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; praying that the said County may not be made to give its guarantee, as proposed, for the re-payment of any amount of liabilities over and above the amount of Tolls which may be received from the *Grand River Navigation*, when completed by the Government.

Of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, Patron, and others, Officers of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch, Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Institute.

Of *John Power* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to compel the *Quebec Turnpike Trustees* to macadamize the Road leading from *Hough's Farm* to the *Trait Quarré de St. Augustin*, instead of a certain other Road proposed to be made by the said Trustees.

Of the Honorable *N. F. Belleau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Bridge across the River *St. Lawrence* opposite or near to the said City.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Louis C. Lefrançois*, Esquire, Registrar of the first division of the County of *Montmorency*, praying to be indemnified for the expenses incurred by him in attending with Witnesses at the Bar of the House, to answer certain charges preferred against him by *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, a Member of this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	20. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	34. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Shar,</i>	
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, a Member of the

Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Supplementary Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*.

For the said Supplementary Report, see Appendix (J. J.)

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Egan*,

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 Report on a Railway Suspension Bridge proposed for crossing the River *St. Lawrence* at *Quebec*, made to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council of *Quebec*, by *Edward William Serrell*, Engineer, with the maps, plans and estimates accompanying the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English Language.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all reports, representations and suggestions which the Inspectors of Schools may have made or addressed to the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, as well as all correspondence which may have taken place between the said Superintendent and the said Inspectors since the appointment of the latter.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* have leave to bring in a bill to authorize the Creditors of Public Officers to attach by *Saisie Arrêt* after Judgment, the Salaries and Emoluments of the said Officers in certain cases.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Burnham* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a new Survey of the concession Line between the sixth and seventh concessions of the Township of *Hamilton* in the County of *Northumberland*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Patrick*,

Ordered, That the 64th, 65th, 66th, and 70th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, and others of the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the general Railway Clauses Consolidation 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 To-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, *Ordered*, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration and report on the advantages to be derived from, and the means by which may be obtained, a periodical Ice Bridge across the *St. Lawrence* at *Quebec*, to make enquiry and report on the possibility and practicability of establishing a line of communication by Steamers between the City of *Quebec* and the South Shore of the River *St. Lawrence* during the winter months, and what would be the best mode of construction of these Steamers, and of what materials and power, and the probable cost of each of the Steamers, and what number would be necessary.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was yesterday proposed, That the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “this day three months” added at the end thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

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

Jovis, 10° die Martii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of *Joseph Clement* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, President of the Committee of the National School Society; and the Petition of *Allan Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, and others.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Augustin Gauthier*, Junior, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of *Joseph Gosselin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Laurent de l'Isle d'Orléans*, County of *Montmorency*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* and *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*; praying certain amendments to the Act 13 & 14 Vic. cap. 64, relating to Municipal Councils and Municipalities.

Of the President and Directors of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Dunbar Ross*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, a Petitioner against the Election and Return of *John Greaves Clapham*, Esquire, as Member for the County of *Megantic*; setting forth: That on the tenth day of November last the Select Committee previously appointed to try the several Election Petitions presented to the House against the Election and Return of *John Greaves Clapham*, Esquire, as Member for the said County of *Megantic*, was, by the previous decease of *Hazard B. Terrill*, Esquire, one of the Members of the said Select Committee, and the leave of absence granted by the House to *Michel F. Valois*, Esquire, another Member of the said Select Committee, reduced to the number of three; and that the said Select Committee was subsequently, to wit, on the sixteenth day of February last, unavoidably reduced to less than three Members, to wit, to the number of two, and did so continue reduced to the number of two for the space of three sitting days and upwards, to wit, from the said sixteenth day of February last to the twenty-eighth day of the same month of February, both days inclusive, by the unavoidable absence of *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, another Member of the Select Committee, caused by the severe indisposition of the said *Seneca Paige*, and consequent confinement to his house during ten days of the last mentioned period, as the same is more fully ascertained and established by the Affidavit of the said *Seneca Paige*, made and received before the House on the said twenty-eighth day of February last, and admitted and allowed as a cause of unavoidable absence on the part of the said *Seneca Paige*: That the Petitioner respectfully submits that by reason of the premises, and by force of the provisions of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," the said Select Committee was and now is dissolved; and praying the House will be pleased to order and direct that the General Committee of Elections and the Members of the Chairmen's Panel, do meet as soon as conveniently may be for the purpose of appointing another Select Committee to try the said Election Petitions.

Of *William Carling* and others, of the Town of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to vest in them a certain part of Church Street in the said Town.

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; praying that the said Town may be erected into a distinct Municipality, to be called "The City of *Ottawa*."

Of *Josiah Strong* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*; praying that the said Township may be divided into two Municipalities, to be called respectively the Township of *North Sandwich* and the Township of *South Sandwich*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich*; praying that the Petition for the division of the said Township into two Municipalities may not be granted, but that the Town of *Sandwich*, with the Village of *Windsor*, may be set apart as a distinct Municipality, leaving the rural portion of the Township to form another distinct Municipality.

Of the Municipal Council of the Village of *Christieville*, in the Parish of *St. Athanase*; praying for aid to macadamize the Road leading from *Covansville* in the Township of *Dunham*, passing through *Farnham*, *Ste. Brigitte* and *St. Grégoire*, to the Parish of *St. Athanase* on the River *Richelieu*.

Of *J. F. Sincennes* and others, Proprietors of Steamers, Vessels and Crafts, domiciled at *Sorel* and at *Berthier*, and adjoining places; praying that the Act of the present Session relating to the improvement of the *Montreal* Harbour and the deepening of *Lake St. Peter*, may not be repealed or amended, and that no tonnage duty be levied on vessels drawing less than ten feet of water passing through *Lake St. Peter*.

Of *John R. Lambly*, of *Leeds*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Quebec* and *Megantic*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from near the station of the *Quebec* and *Richmond* Railway in the Township of *Nelson*, County of *Megantic*, to a certain point on the River *Thames*, with a branch to the Court House or vicinity thereof in the Township of *Leeds*, and also to improve the navigation of the Rivers and Lakes in the said County of *Megantic*.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying that the various provisions relative to the Commercial Policy of *Canada* set forth and prayed for by the Petition of *Hugh Allan*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of the Convention of Delegates of the Boards of Trade, presented this Session, may be adopted and carried into effect.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Humberstone*; praying that the limits of the Municipality of the Village of *Thorold* may not be extended as petitioned for, and that no alteration be made in the Municipalities of the County of *Welland*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Thorold*; praying that the limits of the Municipality of the Village of *Thorold* may not be extended as petitioned for.

Of *Henry McKenny* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg*; praying for the passing of the Bill now before the House to authorize the Municipal Council of the said Town to sell the site of the old Market in that Town.

On motion of *Mr. Sicotte*, seconded by *Mr. Paige*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Monday next.

Mr. Lemieux, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *Richard Juson* and others, for revival of the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company,—and of *Alexander Wilson* and others, for a new survey of the sixth and seventh Concessions of *Onslow*, and find that due Notice has been given.

On the Petition of the Trustees of the *Mount Royal* Cemetery Company, the Notices appear to be sufficient, excepting that required to be published at the Church door of the Parish; but Your Committee would beg permission to record their opinion, that this requirement of the 64th Rule was only intended to apply to Country Parishes.

On the Petition of *John Willson* and others, for an Act to revive and amend the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Act, Your Committee find that Notice has appeared for upwards of two months in the *Hamilton Spectator* and the *Hamilton Gazette*, and also in the *Canada Gazette*; but a small portion of the proposed line runs through the Counties of *Haldimand* and *Norfolk*, and Notice does not appear to have been inserted in any papers published within those Counties. The proposed Road is however but a short one (36 miles), and it having been represented to Your Committee that the *Hamilton* papers circulate freely through that part of the Country, they therefore report the facts, leaving the question as to sufficiency of Notice to the decision of Your Honorable House.

The Petitions of the Archbishop of *Quebec* and others, for incorporation of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch*,—and of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company and *Clarke Gamble*, for an amendment of the Act of the present Session relating to the said Company, are not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Ordered, That the 64th and 65th Rules of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain doubts existing as to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of an Act passed during the present Session, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara Harbour and Dock Company*."

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery*.

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 Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *O. Robitaille*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Resolved, That the evidence, proofs, and documents on which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Pichering Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company*," be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *D. Mondelet* and others, of *Three Rivers*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Egan*, seconded by Mr. *Stuart*,

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 Statement shewing the amounts expended in surveying Townships in the County of *Ottawa* for the last ten years; the name of each Surveyor, the amount paid each for the separate Townships, the names of the said Townships, and the date of the Instructions, and return of the same; also, the names of the Surveyors now employed in the County, as well as the Townships being under survey, and the probable cost of the same, as well as any other sums expended in Surveys during the above period, to whom paid, and on what account; as well as a Return of the number of Settlers found in the said Townships when the Surveys were performed, and the Return of the number of the Settlers in each Township according to the last Census.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an

Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 9th of March, 1853, to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Report on a Railway Suspension Bridge proposed for crossing the River *St. Lawrence* at *Quebec*, made to His Worship the Mayor and the City Council of *Quebec*, by *Edward William Serrell*, Engineer, with the maps, plans, and estimates accompanying the same.

For the said Return, see Appendix (X.X.X.)

Ordered, That the Statement of the Affairs of the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron* Railroad Union Company, laid before this House on the eighteenth day of February last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Dixon* attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, be taken into custody by the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Sir *Allan N. MacNab* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Dixon* to state, That the true cause of his absence, yesterday, from the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions, was that he misapprehended the nature of the adjournment on Tuesday the 8th day of March instant, and did not suppose that after the said Committee had decided upon the first point submitted for its consideration, that it was required to meet again until other points for consideration had been laid before it; and the same having been verified upon Oath by Mr. *Dixon*;

Ordered, That *Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have appointed the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, in the place of the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson*, to act on the part of their House upon the Joint Committee on the Library.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was yesterday proposed to be made to the Question, That the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes, be now read a second time; and which Amendment was, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “this day three months” added at the end thereof;

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Vulois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>33. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>39. Young.</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the Bill to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Charitable and Educational purposes, be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>39. Young.</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>33. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday the eighteenth day of March instant.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Bill to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act " to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *Saint Lawrence* " Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty-Gen.</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>30. Young.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

Mackenzie, 2. *Tessier.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal, Bytown* and *Ottawa* Grand Trunk Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Huron* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the County of *Ontario*, and annex it to the County of *York*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 11^o *die Martii*;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery a Certificate of the Return of *Alexander Tilloch Galt*, Esquire, for the Town of *Sherbrooke*, in the room and place of the Honorable *Edward Short*, who, since his election to serve for the said Town of *Sherbrooke*, has accepted the Office of one of the Judges of the Superior Court of *Lower Canada*.

And the said Certificate was read; and is as followeth:—

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 11th March, 1853.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fifteenth day of February last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Sheriff of the District of *Saint Francis*, (*George Frederick Bowen*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the Town of *Sherbrooke*, for the election of one Member to represent the said Town of *Sherbrooke* in the present Parliament, in the room and place of the Honorable *Edward Short*, who, since his Election as Representative of the said Town of *Sherbrooke*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the Office of one of the Judges of the Superior Court of *Lower Canada*, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable *Edward Short*, in the said Legislative Assembly, as Representative of the said Town of *Sherbrooke*, had become vacant, *Alexander Tilloch Galt*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the eighth day of March instant, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Felix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

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

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

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *D. Lemaître Augé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *William H. Merritt*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Thomas Simard* and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence* in and below the Harbour of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Sarah A. E. Wilson* and others, Sunday School Teachers of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of the Reverend *S. J. N. Dumoulin* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche*, County of *St. Maurice*; and of *G. Joly*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of *John Craig* and others, of the Town of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable Mechanics and others who expend labor or material in the erection or repair of Buildings, to maintain a lien thereon until the payment of all sums due for such labor or material.

Of *Robert Robson*, Chairman, on behalf of a Public Meeting held in the Township of *London*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Law.

Of the Reverend *J. Harper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*, County of *Nicolet*; praying for aid to extend and improve the Model School established in the Village of the said Parish, and also the High School for girls, and also to establish a Library for the use of those Schools.

Of the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa Grand Junction Railroad Company*; praying that the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal, Bytown* and *Ottawa Grand Trunk Railway Company* may not pass into Law, or otherwise that the Line of the said Company's Road may not touch at *St. Eustache*, *St. Andrews* or *Grenville*, or approach within nearer than twenty miles of the Line of Road adopted by the Petitioners.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors within this Province.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Aldborough*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from the *Galt Junction* of the Great Western Railway through *Brantford*, *Norwich*, and *St. Thomas*, to *Malden*.

Of *Joseph Valin* and others, of the County of *Portneuf*; praying that the Concession Road leading to the Church of *St. Augustin* may be placed under the control of the *Quebec Turnpike Trustees*.

Of *R. McKinnon*, Esquire, and others, of the Village of *Caledonia*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *L. Fiset* and others, School Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, County of *Quebec*; praying for aid from the unappropriated School Funds of *Lower Canada* to establish an Academy in the said Parish.

Resolved, That that part of the Petition of *Antoine Lajoie* and others, of the Township of *Shavenegan*, District of *Three Rivers*, which alleges that the Petitioners have sustained loss on the sale of standing timber on the lots occupied by them under location tickets, through the negligence of the Land Agent, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Poulin*, and Mr. *Mongenais*, to enquire into the circumstances connected therewith, but without reference to the indemnity claimed by the Petitioners, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to

consider certain Resolutions on the subject of the amendment and consolidation of the several Acts now in force relative to Emigrants and Quarantine.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Clapham* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 3rd March 1853, to His Excellency the Governor General, for a copy of any Communication which may have been addressed to Members of the Legislative Council on the subject of Indemnity to Members of that Honorable House.

By Command.

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 11th March, 1853.

Private.

Speaker's Chambers,
Quebec, 22nd January, 1853.

Sir,—The difficulty experienced, particularly during the recent sitting of the Legislature, in bringing together in our House a sufficient number of Members to form and maintain a *Quorum*, has engaged the serious attention of the Government and induced them to devise the means best adapted to remedy an evil, equally injurious to the public interest, as subversive of the importance and efficiency of that branch of the Legislature.

It has occurred to them that one of the means to attain that result would be to propose to the Members of that body, an allowance at least sufficient to cover the expenses to which they are inevitably exposed in the discharge of their duties.

Considering the present circumstances of the Province, the extent of the Country, and the position of individuals, it has been thought that this proposal, which seems but reasonable, could be made without wounding, in the least, the feelings of those to whom it is addressed, and without derogating to the consideration to which they are entitled.

Under this impression, actuated by those motives, and relying also on the opinion expressed by several of our Members, the Government have come to the determination of recommending to Parliament, at its next sitting, the adoption of the necessary measures for the realization of a project which the Honorable the Provincial Secretary has already alluded to in his place, in the Legislative Assembly, previous to the last adjournment.

I have thought it my duty to communicate to you that determination, and the reasons for which it has been adopted; and in doing so, I must express my earnest hope, that whatever may be your personal opinion as to the propriety and expediency of the measure, you will take it in good part, in consideration of the motives to which it is due, that you will not deprive the Council of your valuable services, and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you in your place at the re-opening of the House in February next. In the mean time,

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) *R. E. Caron*.

Ordered, That the said Return be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Bill to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, being read ;

And the Petition of *John Fraser*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of *Fiefs* and Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, which was received and read upon the twenty-fourth day of February last, being also read ;

The Counsel against the Bill was called in.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And the Counsel for the Petitioners was heard ; and then he was directed to withdraw.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Counsel for the Petitioners be further heard on Monday next.

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

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

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 14^o *die Martii* ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *John Burgess* and others, of the Village of *Brampton*, *Canada West*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *William Hepburne*, and others, of the Village of *Chippawa* and neighbourhood.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *W. B. Hamilton* and others, of the Townships of *Tiny* and *Toy*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. H. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Barnabé*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, the Patrons and Committee of Management of the *Montreal Dispensary* ; and the Petition of the Honorable *John Young* and the Honorable *W. Badgley*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of *E. B. McCrady* and others, the Municipal Councillors of the Township of *South Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. L. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Fabien*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Robert Hamilton* and others, of the Village of

Queenston and neighbourhood; the Petition of *William Porterfield* and others; of the Village of *Dunville*; the Petition of *H. Glass* and others, of *Sarnia*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. McLachlan* and others, of the Village of *Acton*; and the Petition of *Francis Chapman* and others, of the Village of *Wallaceburgh*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; and the Petition of the Reverend *Augustin Milette* and others, of *St. Augustin* and other Parishes, in the County of *Portneuf*.

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

Of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company; praying that the *Montreal*, *Bytown*, and *Ottawa* Grand Trunk Railway Company may not be empowered to make their Road through certain streets in the City of *Montreal*, specified in a plan deposited according to Law by the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, whose rights and privileges become by Law united with those of the Petitioners.

Of *Joseph Clement* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*; praying that the side lines of the said Township may be settled according to a certain plan agreed upon by the Petitioners.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Niagara*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain Road allowances as originally surveyed and laid out in the said Township.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*; praying for certain amendments to the Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the construction of Plank and other Roads by Joint Stock Companies in *Upper Canada*.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, President of the Committee of the National School Society; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *Allan Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from Lake *Huron* to the *Pacific* Ocean, and that the lands to the width of sixty miles along the line of such Railway may be granted or sold to the said Company on such terms as may be paid for the extinguishment of the Indian Title thereto.

Of *Augustin Gauthier*, Junior, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and of *D. Lemaitre Augé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of *William H. Merritt*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *St. Catherines*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Welland* Canal, Gas and Water Company."

Of *Thomas Simard* and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence* in and below the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec* may not pass into Law.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the repeal of so much of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 114, as vests the *Cul-de-Sac* in the said City in the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and that the control and possession of the said *Cul-de-Sac* may be vested in the Corporation of the said City, in order to remedy certain evils arising from its present condition.

Of *Sarah A. E. Wilson* and others, Sunday School Teachers of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures to prohibit all labor in the Public Departments on the Lord's Day.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures to prevent public sales from taking place, under the authority of the Sheriff, on the Lord's Day.

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Paige*,
Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Thursday next, to enable the Parties to procure Witnesses.

Mr. *Hartman*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *Josiah Strong* and others, for a division of the Township of *Sandwich*,—of *John R. Lambly* and others, for authority to construct a branch in *Megantic*, from the *Quebec* and *Richmond* Railway,—of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*, for incorporation of said Town as a City,—and of *William Carling* and others, for an Act to vest in them a certain part of Church Street in the Town of *London*, and they find the Notices in each case to be sufficient.

On the Petition of *L. H. Schofield* and others, for authority to construct a Railway from *Port Whitby* to *Sturgeon Bay*, it appears that sufficient Notice has been published in the County of *Ontario*, but none in the County of *Simcoe*; it has however been represented to Your Committee that it is the intention of the Petitioners to terminate their Road by connecting it with the Line (already chartered) leading from *Peterborough* to *Georgian Bay*, if arrangements to that effect can be made, in which case it would probably be confined to the County of *Ontario*. Under these circumstances Your Committee beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 64th Rule, as regards that portion of the proposed Line within the County of *Simcoe*.

On the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, for authority to construct certain branch lines within the County of *Peterborough*, and one within the County of *Northumberland*, Your Committee find that Notice has been given within the County of *Peterborough* only; they therefore beg leave to recommend that in any Bill to be passed upon this subject, authorizing the construction of branches, the Company be confined to those lying within the limits of the County of *Peterborough*.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, relative to Concession allowances and side Lines, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, Mr. *Street*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and Mr. *Morrison*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, relative to the Lunatic Asylum Tax; the Petition of *James W. O. Clark* and others, of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; and the Petition of the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson*, Chairman, and others, Members of the Board of Trustees for the Grammar School at *St. Catharines*, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Emmett* and others, of the Township of *Grantham*, County of *Lincoln*; and the Petition of *H. Mittleberger* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Watkins*, President, on behalf of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce*, *McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders, of the City of *Toronto*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Watkins*, President, on behalf of the Board of Trade of the City of *Kingston*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Shaw* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize a Survey to define and establish the boundary between the fourth concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the County of *Lanark*.

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. *Clapham* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Junction Railway and Canal Company.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada* Bible Society.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent fishing with Seines and other Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*;" and the same were read, as follow :—

Page 1, line 13. Leave out from "shall" to "take" in line 14.

Page 1, line 14. Leave out from "Trout" to "in" where it occurs the first time in line 15.

Page 1, line 15. Leave out from "Lakes" to "in" where it occurs the second time.

Page 1, line 17. Leave out from "Lakes" to "in" where it occurs the second time.

Page 1, line 18. Leave out from "Trout" to "therein" in line 19.

Page 1, line 19. After "spear" insert "between the fifteenth day of September and the fifteenth day of November in any year."

In the Preamble of the Bill.

Page 1, line 1. Leave out from "that" to "species" and insert "a certain."

In the Title of the Bill.

Line 2. Leave out from "Trout" to "in."

Line 3. After "*Saguenay*" insert "during a certain season of the year."

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the Question being put, That this House doth agree with the Legislative Council in the said Amendments :—It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Chapais*, and Mr. *Lemieux*, be appointed to draw up Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council, at a Conference, for disagreeing to the said Amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*,

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara* Falls and Suspension Bridge Company.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,
Ordered, That the 74th Rule of this House be suspended as regards such Rail-
 way Bills as have been referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals,
 and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Egan*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Govern-
 or General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House,
 copies of any Communications he may have received to the effect that the *British*
 Government were about to grant half the funds necessary to construct that portion
 of the Intercolonial Railway which lies between *Miranichi* and *Trois Pistoles* or
River du Loup, or any other Communication in any way relating to that portion of
 Railway, with copies of any Communications relating to the construction of the
 Railway to *Trois Pistoles*, and the formation of the Company in relation thereto,
 and generally all information and documents connected with these important Pub-
 lic Works.

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

The House, according to Order, resumed the further consideration of the Ques-
 tion which was on Friday last proposed, That the Bill to define the rights of Seig-
 niors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, be
 now read a second time.

And the Counsel for the Petitioners against the Bill was again called in, and
 heard.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Hon-
 orable Mr. *Chabot*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration
 of the Question be postponed until Tuesday the twenty-second instant, and be then
 the first Order of the day; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affir-
 mative.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,
 The House adjourned.

Martis, 15^o *die Martii*;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*,—The Petition of *Alexander*
McNaughton and others, Reeves, Deputy Reeves and Councillors of the County
 of *Halton*; the Petition of *Robert Miller* and others, Reeves, Deputy Reeves and
 Councillors of the County of *Halton*; and the Petition of *Charles Kelly* and others,
 Reeves, and Deputy Reeves and Councillors of the County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *William Price*, Esquire, and others, of the
 City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *John Walker* and others, of the Township

of *Holland, Owen Sound, County of Grey*; and the Petition of *Christopher Armstrong* and others, of the Township of *Egremont, County of Grey*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *William Young* and others, of the Village of *Brampton, Canada West*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *John Gilmour* and others, owners of Park Lots in Lot No. 12 of the 13th Concession of the Township of *Monaghan*; the Petition of *Edmond Chamberlen*, of the Town of *Peterborough*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *John W. Smith* and others, of the Village of *Grafton*; and the Petition of the Reverend *R. H. Thomson* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of *Thomas McGinn* and others, Depositors and Claimants against the *Montreal Provident and Savings Bank*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. A. Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule, County of St. Maurice*; and the Petition of *J. P. Trudel*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule, County of St. Maurice*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Mockridge*, Rector of *Warwick*, in the County of *Lambton*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Josiah Strong* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich, County of Essex*, be referred to a Committee of seven Members, 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.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Dixon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and Mr. *Morrison*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Dery*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and all other Petitions praying that Roads be placed under the control of the *Quebec Turnpike Road Trustees*, be referred to the Select Committee on the subject of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *John Power* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, and others, praying for the passing of an Act to compel the *Quebec Turnpike Trustees* to macadamize the Road leading from *Hough's farm* to the *Trait Quarré de St. Augustin*, instead of a certain other Road proposed to be made by the said Trustees, be referred to the Select Committee on the subject of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in *John Carling* and others, a certain portion of Church Street in the Town of *London*.

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. *McLachlin* have leave to bring in a Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received

and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the twenty-eighth day of March instant.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John McMullen* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Polette*, from the General Committee of Elections, laid before the House, —Minutes of the Proceedings of the General Committee of Elections, pursuant to the 41st Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851.”

Ordered, That the said Minutes do lie upon the table.

Ordered, That the said Minutes be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment, viz: Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act of the present Session for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal* :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal* :” And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to make better provision for granting Licenses to Keepers of Taverns and Dealers in Spirituous Liquors in *Lower Canada*, and for the more effectual repression of Intemperance,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act making certain provisions relative to the Counties of *Perth*, *Brant*, and *Waterloo*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Brockville Gas Light Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to make better provision for granting Licenses to Keepers of Taverns and Dealers in Spirituous Liquors in *Lower Canada*, and for the more effectual repression of Intemperance,” was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Tessier*, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*,

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

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act making certain provisions relative to the Counties of *Perth*, *Brant*, and *Waterloo*,” was read the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Brockville Gas Light Company*,” was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Crawford*, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*,

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

Mr. *Clapham*, from the Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of the amendment and consolidation of the several Acts now in force relative to Emigrants and Quarantine, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal the Acts 12 *Vic.* cap. 6; 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 4; 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 3: and 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 78, imposing a duty on Emigrants or Passengers coming into this Province by Sea, and making certain provisions and regulations on the subject of such Emigrants or Passengers, and the Vessels in which they come, and to amend the said provisions and regulations and consolidate them as amended into one Act.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the rate or duty to be paid in respect of Emigrants and other Passengers arriving in this Province by Sea from any Port in *Europe*, should be:—For each adult, five shillings, and for each other Emigrant or Passenger between the ages of five and fifteen years, three shillings and nine pence, if they have embarked with the sanction of the Government of the Country from which they sailed,—and seven and six pence for every Emigrant or Passenger who shall have embarked without such sanction.

3. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient to re-enact the provisions of the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 4, authorizing the return of part of the duty, in cases where Emigrants merely pass through this Province to the *United States*.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal the present Quarantine Act 35 *Geo.* 3, cap. 5, (*Lower Canada*,) to amend and simplify its provisions, and to empower the Governor in Council to make permanent regulations respecting Quarantine, in place of the Proclamation for the same purpose which is now issued annually by the Governor.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that provision should be made, as heretofore, for the maintenance of an efficient Quarantine Establishment at *Grosse Isle*, and the employment of Officers, Medical and otherwise, for ensuring the carrying into effect of the laws and regulations made for the purpose of preventing the introduction or spread of contagious or infectious disease.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amhertsburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Burnham* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Burnham* reported the Bill accordingly: and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, and intituled, "An Act to amend the Law respecting Real Property, and to render the proceedings for recovering possession thereof in certain cases less difficult and expensive," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to confer Equity Jurisdiction upon the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and

for other purposes therein mentioned; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Willson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

The Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into "a Committee on the said Bill" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>24. Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Richards, (Atty. Gen.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Luuvin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egun,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>42. Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the day, and take precedence of Notices of Motions.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 16^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Ellen Daniell*, of the Township of *Toronto*, County of *Peel*, and others.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *Jean Bruneau* and others, Proprietors of Farms situated at *Rivière St. Pierre*, Lower *Lachine*, County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*,—The Petition of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company; and the Petition of *John G. Bowes*, Esquire, of the City of *Toronto*, and others.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *Julien Guerin* and others, of *St. Joachim*, County of *Montmorency*; and the Petition of *André Leroux Cardinal*, Chief Messenger to this House.

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

Of *H. Glass* and others, of *Sarnia*; praying the adoption of measures to secure to the People of *Canada* the benefit of Ocean Penny Postage.

Of the Reverend *J. McLachlan* and others, of the Village of *Acton*; of *Robert Hamilton* and others, of the Village of *Queenston* and neighbourhood; of *William Porterfield* and others, of the Village of *Dunville*; of *Francis Chapman* and others, of the Village of *Wallaceburgh*; of *John Burgess* and others, of the Village of *Brampton, Canada West*; and of *William Hepburne* and others, of the Village of *Chippawa* and neighbourhood; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *W. B. Hamilton* and others, of the Townships of *Tiny* and *Tay*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the use of intoxicating Liquors, except for useful purposes.

Of the Reverend *J. H. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Barnabé*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying the adoption of certain measures to promote the settlement of the Township of *Caxton*, in the said County.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, the Patrons and Committee of Management of the *Montreal* Dispensary; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Honorable *John Young* and the Honorable *W. Badgley*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to construct a Building in the said City, to be known as the "*Montreal Exchange*."

Of *E. B. McCrady* and others, the Municipal Councillors of the Township of *South Dorchester*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railroad from the *Galt Junction* of the Great Western Railway through *St. Thomas* to *Malden* on the *Detroit* River.

Of the Reverend *J. L. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Fabien*; praying that the proposed Grand Trunk Line of Railway to *Trois Pistoles*, may be continued to the Eastern limit of *Canada*, by way of *Ristigouche*.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that such Vessels navigating the River *St. Lawrence* as do not require by their draft of water the deepening of Lake *St. Peter*, may be exempt from the payment of any Tax for such improvement.

Of the Reverend *Augustin Millette* and others, of *St. Augustin* and other Parishes,

in the County of *Portneuf*; praying that the Road from *Hough's Farm* towards the *St. Augustin Church* may be macadamized according to the intention of the Act 12 *Vic. cap. 115*, and that any Bill proposing to alter the same may not pass into Law.

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. B. Hamilton* and others, of the Township of *Tiny* and *Tuy*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. Jeffry*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* and the Township of *Hamilton*, on the subject of Temperance.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, relative to the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Street*, and Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, relative to Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Public Works, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Léon*, County of *St. Maurice*, relative to a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and all other Petitions on the same subject, received up to the tenth instant inclusive, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Huron* Railway Company, and have made several amendments to the same, which they beg leave to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

On motion of Mr. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Wednesday the thirtieth day of March instant, to give further time to the Counsel of the Petitioners to produce evidence in support of their case.

Mr. *LeBlanc*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-eighth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *Joseph Bédard*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch, Quebec*,—and of *R. G. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Québec*, relating respectively to the election of Churchwardens and other matters connected with the administration of the said Parishes, and are of opinion that these Petitions are of a public nature, and therefore do not require the publication of Notice.

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Huron* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dubord* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Elections of Churchwardens (*Marguilliers*) in the Parishes of *Notre Dame de Québec*, *St. Roch de Québec*, and elsewhere.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors, in certain cases, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Hamilton and Port Dover* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the construction of Plank and other Roads by Joint Stock Companies in *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Fergusson*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Dixon*, Mr. *Gamble*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and Mr. *Langton*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the conveyance by the Catholic Parishioners of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, of the personal property, buildings and immoveables appropriated to Divine Worship, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Ridout*, and Mr. *Dubord*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Mr. Speaker,

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

Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to appropriate certain unexpended balances of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*:" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled; "An Act to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain and Saint Lawrence* Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *Saint Lawrence* Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 38. Leave out from "of" to "this" in line 39.

Page 2, line 9. Leave out "said" and after "Preamble" insert "to this Act."

Page 2, line 32. Leave out from "*Gazette*" to "to" in line 35.

Page 3, line 19. Leave out from "That" to "and" in line 27, and insert "each holder of a Bond already issued by the said Company as aforesaid, who shall so signify, in writing as aforesaid, his intention either to take in exchange therefor another Bond as aforesaid, or to receive the amount thereof in cash as aforesaid, shall be bound by such signification, and that from and after the publication in the *Canada Gazette*, subsequent to the expiration of the thirty days above mentioned, of a notice by the said Company to the effect that it is prepared to redeem the Bonds for which money has been demanded and to issue new Bonds in exchange for those for which new Bonds have been demanded, the interest stipulated in such Bonds shall continue to accrue in respect thereof during sixty days only, or such shorter time as may elapse before the redemption or exchange thereof respectively as aforesaid, after which it shall wholly cease."

Page 7, line 15. Leave out from "Act" to "cited" in line 16.

Page 7, line 16. After "cited" insert "in the Preamble to this Act."

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Government House,
Quebec, 16th March, 1853.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, To-morrow, at half-past three o'clock, to assent in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant

R. Bruce,
Governor's Secretary.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the day, and take precedence of Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act making certain provisions relative to the Counties of *Perth*, *Brant*, and *Waterloo*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 17^o die Martii ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Mono*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Thomas Savage* and others, Students in the Faculty of Medicine in the University of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of *A. Sproat*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, citizens and residents of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. Z. Gingras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Basile* ; and the Petition of *George M. Ross* and others, Ship-Owners, Mariners, and others interested in the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* between the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal* ; and the Petition of *E. Lami dit Caliche*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pittsburgh*.

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

Of *Alexander McNaughton* and others ; of *Robert Miller* and others ; and of *Charles Kelly* and others, Reeves, Deputy Reeves, and Councillors of the County of *Halton* ; praying that the Village of *Milton* may be appointed to be the County Town of the said County, in the event of its separation from the County of *Wentworth*.

Of *William Price*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec* ; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the *Quebec* and *Trois Pistoles* Navigation Company.

Of *John Walker* and others, of the Township of *Holland, Owen Sound*, County of *Grey* ; and of *Christopher Armstrong* and others, of the Township of *Egremont*, County of *Grey* ; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Guelph* to *Owen Sound*, as a continuation of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railroad.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton* ; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the said City to consolidate its Debt, and also to obtain Land in the said City for the purposes of sewerage.

Of *William Young* and others, of the Village of *Brampton, Canada West* ; of *John W. Smith* and others, of the Village of *Grafton* ; and of the Reverend *R. H. Thomson* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa* ; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec* ; and of the Reverend *J. A. Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice* ; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Mon-*

treal on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; praying that all the Streets in the new Survey of the said Town may be reduced to the width of one chain.

Of *John Gilmour* and others, owners of Park Lots in Lot No. 12 of the 13th Concession of the Township of *Monaghan*; praying that the Bill to confirm a certain allowance for Road in the said Township, and to provide for the compensation of persons suffering loss by the confirmation of such allowance, may not pass into Law.

Of *Edmond Chamberlen*, of the Town of *Peterborough*; representing that he is proprietor of certain Park Lots in the Township of *Monaghan*, and as such that his rights are endangered by a Bill before the House relating to the said Township, and praying that no unnecessary encroachment may be made upon his land, or otherwise that he be sufficiently compensated therefor.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Peterborough*; praying that the Inhabitants of the said Town may be exempted from paying the costs of planting stone monuments at the various angles of the Park Lots in the Township of *Monaghan*, proposed by the Bill to confirm a certain allowance for Road in that Township.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Thomas McGinn* and others, Depositors and Claimants against the *Montreal* Provident and Savings' Bank; praying for the appointment of one or more Trustees to represent the Depositors in the said Bank, and that the said Trustee or Trustees be empowered to proceed against the Directors of the said Bank for the recovery of the amount of their respective Deposits.

Of *J. P. Trudel*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for aid to open Roads through certain Townships in the District of *Three Rivers*.

Of the Reverend *J. Mockridge*, Rector of *Warwick*, in the County of *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the exchange of a certain Lot in the Township of *Warwick*, patented as a Glebe, for a certain adjoining Lot, in order to remedy an error committed by Government.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 20th September, 1852, for a full, clear and detailed Statement of the estate, property, income, debts, and expenditure, and of all the pecuniary and temporal affairs of the Corporation of "The Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of *St. Sulpice* of *Montreal*," from the date of its incorporation to the first day of January, 1852.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Y.Y.Y.)

Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Twenty-ninth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *St. Catharines*, for an extension of the provisions of the Consolidated Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada*, to Loans contracted for supplying Cities and Towns with Water and Gas, or the extension of the same to a Loan to be contracted for this purpose by the Municipal Council of *St. Catharines*, and they consider that the latter portion of this prayer, though of a local character, prays for the extension of a Public Act, and therefore does not come under the provisions of the Rules relative to Notice.

They have also examined the Petition of the Honorable *John Young* and the

Honorable *W. Badgley*, for the incorporation of the *Montreal* Exchange, and they are of opinion that it is not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council, at a Conference, for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent fishing with Seines and other Nets for Trout and other Fish in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*," reported, That the Committee had drawn up a Reason accordingly; which was read, as followeth:—

Because, in absolutely prohibiting the pernicious practice of fishing Trout with Gill or other Nets, it was not intended to prevent any person from fishing or catching Trout or other Fish with lines, hooks, or spears, during any part of the year.

The said Reason, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them the Reason which induced the House not to concur in the Amendments made by their Honors to the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province, and have agreed to report the same with several amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's* Reading Room, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *C. J. Forbes*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Andrews*, County of *Two Mountains*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That the Committee had a second time taken into consideration an application of the Sitting Member for delay until Monday next, to continue the examination of his Witnesses, and an affidavit produced by him yesterday in support of his application, and had also taken into consideration a Motion of the Petitioners dated yesterday, as well as one dated this day, alleging that the Sitting Member had not used the necessary diligence to procure his Witnesses, and praying that the examination be declared closed; and that, after a mature deliberation, they were unanimously of opinion, that the said Motions should be set

aside and negatived, and that the delay required by the Sitting Member should be granted to him.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Monday next, in order to allow the Sitting Member a further delay for the production of his Witnesses.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Town of *St. Catharines* to borrow money on the credit of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund of *Upper Canada*, for the purpose of Lighting that Town with Gas, and for other purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the twenty-eighth day of March instant.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dixon*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Mr. *Willson*, Mr. *Ridout*, and Mr. *Burnham*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Exchange.

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.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to make certain provisions relative to the Counties of *Perth*, *Brant*, and *Waterloo*," was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, without any Amendment.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, 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 incorporate the Society for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Quebec*.

An Act to provide for the construction of a general Railway Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, at or in the vicinity of the City of *Montreal*.

An Act to appropriate certain unexpended balances of the School Fund for *Lower Canada*, and certain other sums out of the Jesuits' Estates Fund, for Educational purposes in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act of the present Session for the relief of the Sufferers by the late Fire at *Montreal*.

An Act to authorize the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *Saint Lawrence* Railroad to consolidate their Debt, and for other purposes.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Railway Companies Union Act to Companies whose Railways intersect the main Trunk Line, or touch places which the said Line also touches.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Huron* Railway Company; 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 now received.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Junction Railway and Canal Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Carouge* Pier, Wharf, and Dock Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

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

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mallock* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 18^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (I.)

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

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *John Thomson* and others, proprietors and occupiers of land within the *Banlieue* of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*,—The Petition of *John Embleton* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Gilbert Wrong*, Esquire, President, on behalf of the Township of *Malahide* Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Townships of *Tuy* and *Tay*.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of *H. G. Stoughton* and others, of the Township of *Sheffield*, County of *Addington*.

By Mr. *Sicotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. A. Provencal* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; the Petition *T. N. Auger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de Rouville*; and the Petition of *F. H. Goddu*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ange Gardien*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *John G. Bowes*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of the Common Council of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*.

By the Honorable Mr. *La Terrière*,—The Petition of *Louis Z. Rousseau*, Esquire, of *Bagotville*, in the County of *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *George Grant* and others, of the Village of *Dickinson's Landing*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Bartholomew C. A. Gagy*, Esquire, Seigneur of *Grandpré*, *Groisbois*, and *Dumontier*.

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

Of Mrs. *Ellen Daniell* of the Township of *Toronto*, County of *Peel*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to vest in them, as the Trustees of the Estate of the late *Stanurs Daniell*, a certain Road allowance in the said Township, in lieu of a more convenient Road granted from the said Estate.

Of *Jean Bruneau* and others, Proprietors of Farms situated at *Rivière St. Pierre*, Lower *Lachine*, County of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to authorize the Corporation of *Montreal* to borrow money and erect Water Works therewith for the use of the City, may be so amended as to protect the said Farms from damage thereby.

Of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall*, Esquire; representing that broken Lot No. 39, Concession A, in the Township of *Nepean*, belonging by right to the said Estate, is about to be granted by the Government to Mr. *Rochester* and *E. Malloch*, Esquire, and thereby alienated from the said Estate, and praying for investigation in the premises.

Of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *John G. Bowes*, Esquire, of the City of *Toronto*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Toronto*, *Owen Sound*, and *Saugeen* Railway Company."

Of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of "The *Toronto*, *Owen Sound*, and *Saugeen* Railway Company."

Of *Julien Guerin* and others, of *St. Joachim*, County of *Montmorency*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of *André Leroux Cardinal*, Chief Messenger to this House; praying indemnity for certain losses sustained by him through the burning of the Parliament House at the City of *Montreal*, in 1849.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Bartholomew C. A. Gagy*, Esquire, Seignior of *Grandpré, Grosbois, and Dumontier*, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received, and read; representing the difficulties which interfere with the commutation of the Seigniorial Tenure, and the rights of Parties concerned therein, and praying that Legislation in the matter be postponed, and a Commission appointed to adjust the said difficulties and ensure a speedy decision in the premises.

Ordered, That the said Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Bruneau* and others, Proprietors of Farms situated at *Rivière St. Pierre*, Lower *Lachine*, County of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich* be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Josiah Strong* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, acting Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall*, of *Chippawa*, Esquire, be referred to a Committee of seven Members, 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.

Ordered, That *Mr. Smith* of *Durham*, *Mr. Hartman*, the Honorable *Mr. Macdonald*, *Mr. Christie* of *Wentworth*, the Honorable *Mr. Robinson*, *Mr. Fergusson*, and *Mr. Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Husband* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to enable the Directors of the *Grand River* Navigation Company to place the said Navigation under the control and management of the Provincial Government, under certain conditions.

Sir Allan N. MacNab, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and have agreed to several amendments thereto, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

The Honorable *Mr. Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Nineteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the County of *Ontario*, and annex it to the County of *York*, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the County of *Ontario* and annex it to the County of *York*, be read the third time on Monday next.

On motion of *Mr. Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, seconded by *Mr. Hartman*,

Ordered, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Port Whitby* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Port Wharby* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company.

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

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a Loan of Fifty thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 28, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of "Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical, or "chemical purposes."

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to permit of disinterments in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And also,

The Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired upon the subject-matter of the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent fishing with Seines or other Nets for Trout or other Fish in the Lakes "within the County of *Saguenay*," and acquaints this House that the Managers on the part of the Legislative Council are to be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Taché*, and *Belleau*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of this House, required by Parliamentary usage, at four o'clock this day, in the Conference Chamber.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to permit of disinterments in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read the first time.

Resolved, That six Managers be appointed to meet the Managers appointed by the Legislative Council, at the time and place appointed for the holding of the Conference desired upon the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent fishing with Seines and other Nets for Trout and other Fish "in the Lakes within the County of *Saguenay*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Cartier*, be appointed Managers on the part of this House.

Then the Managers went to the Conference ; and being returned :—

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and had delivered the Reason for disagreeing to the said Amendments ; and had left the Bill, and Amendments, with their Honors.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That a Call of the House be made on Wednesday next ;

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Sir

Allan N. MacNab, That the words "Wednesday next" be left out, and the words "Monday week" inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>MacNab,</i> Sir A. N.	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	15. <i>Wright.</i> (W.R. York.)
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (Frontenac.)	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gowin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (Durham.)
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i> Sol. Gen.	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie,</i> (Gaspé.)	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond,</i> Atty. Gen.	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (Cornwall)	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright,</i> (E. R. York.)
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	42. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That a Call of the House be made on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That such Members as shall not then attend, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause Circular Letters to be written immediately to the absent Members, enclosing to them copies of the present Resolutions, signed by the Clerk of this House.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next; and that it be then the first Order of the day, and take precedence of Notices of Motions.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 21^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ. REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the Bank of Montreal, on the 28th February 1853.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (R.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of the Country bordering on the *Ottawa River*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Antoine Chrétien* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the *Hamilton Mercantile Library Association*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *M. Anderson* and others, of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*; and the Petition of *R. Bell* and others, of the Village of *Carleton Place*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Michael Timlin* and others, of *Upper Canada*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *James Kyle* and others, Office-bearers of the Free Presbyterian Church of *Winchester*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. C. Quin* and others, the Minister and Office-bearers of the Free Church of *Cornwall*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Charles Quin* and others, Members and Office-bearers of the Presbyterian Free Church of *Osnabruck*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Champlain*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Gerald Morgan* and others, of the Townships of *Tuchersmith* and *Stanley*, County of *Huron*; the Petition of *James Gibb*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *James Barge* and others, of the Township of *Stanley*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Escott*.

By Mr. *Willson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas B. Read* and others, of the Village of *Vienna, Canada West*.

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of Miss *Marie Josephite Duperez*, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *McLachlin*,—The Petition of *Hammett Hill*, President, and others, Trustees of the *Bytown Mechanics' Institute* and *Athenæum*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Laberge* and others, of the Parish of *L' Ancienne Lorette*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Mono*; praying that the said Township may be attached to the County of *Peel*, and exempted from the Railroad Debt of the County of *Simcoe*.

Of *Thomas Savage* and others, Students in the Faculty of Medicine in the University of *Toronto*; praying that the Faculties of Law and Medicine in the said University may not, as proposed by the Bill relating thereto, be abolished,—or otherwise that the said Faculties may be continued a sufficient length of time to enable matriculated Students therein to obtain their Degrees, in prospect of which they have entered upon the respective courses of study.

Of *A. Sproat*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*; praying for the repeal of the Common School Law, and the enactment of a Law similar to that in force previous to the year 1841.

Of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, citizens and residents of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from the said City to some point at or near the Town of *Bytown*.

Of the Reverend *T. Z. Gingras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Basile*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of *George M. Ross* and others, Ship-Owners, Mariners, and others interested

in the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* between the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*; praying that no tax for the improvement of Lake *St. Peter*, as proposed by a Bill relating thereto, may be imposed on River Craft navigating between the said Ports.

Of *E. Lami dit Caliche*; representing that in good faith he has enjoyed possession of certain property in the Indian Village of *Lorette*, being and believing himself to be of Indian descent, but that he has been compelled to abandon the said property by virtue of the Ordinance 4 *Vic. cap. 44*, and praying relief in the premises,

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend certain Acts for supplying the said City and parts adjacent with Water, and to increase the amount authorized to be raised for that purpose.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pittsburgh*; praying that the Great *Cataraqui* River and the *Rideau* Canal may be made the boundary line between the said Township and the Township of *Kingston*.

Of *John Thomson* and others, proprietors and occupiers of land within the *Banlieue* of *Quebec*; praying that the existing limits of the said City may remain unaltered.

Of *John Embleton* and others, of the Village of *Streetsville*; and of *George Grant* and others, of the Village of *Dickinson's Landing*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *Gilbert Wrong*, Esquire, President, on behalf of the Township of *Malahide* Agricultural Society of the United Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying that in the event of any new appropriation of a certain block of land in the Town of *London* granted for Free Fairs, the interests of the Agricultural Societies of the County of *Elgin* may be duly considered.

Of the Municipality of the Townships of *Tiny* and *Tay*; praying for certain amendments to the Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Union Railroad Company.

Of *H. G. Stoughton* and others, of the Township of *Sheffield*, County of *Addington*; praying for certain amendments to the existing Law with regard to the sale and cutting of Timber on the Crown, School, and Clergy Lands.

Of the Reverend *J. A. Provençal* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; of *T. N. Auger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de Rouville*; and of *F. H. Goddu*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *L'Ange Gardien*, County of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying that the village of *St. Césaire* may be made the County Seat of the proposed new County of *Rouville*.

Of *John G. Bowes*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of the Common Council of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable the said Council to construct an Esplanade in front of the said City, and for other purposes connected therewith.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying for certain amendments to the Law regulating the Standard of Weights and Measures in so far as relates to certain species of grain.

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*; praying that the Law relating to the Licensing of Auctioneers may be so amended as to enable each Municipality to impose a Tax on Auctions held within their respective limits.

Of *Louis Z. Rousseau*, Esquire, of *Bagotville*, in the County of *Saguenay*; praying payment of a certain amount for his services in taking the Census of a certain part of the said County.

Ordered, That the Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of the Country bordering on the *Ottawa* River, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of “The *Bytown and Pembroke Railway Company.*”

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee ; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee, among other subjects brought before them, have considered the expediency of supplying the Reading Room with some of the more prominent Periodicals of the *London* and *Paris* Press, and would beg to recommend that the Clerk be authorized to obtain the following *London* papers, viz:—The *Times* ; the *Daily News* ; the *Spectator* ; the *Examiner* ; the *Britannia* ; the *Despatch* ; the *Morning Herald* ; and the *Economist*.

Also, the following *Paris* Papers, viz:—The *Moniteur* ; the *Siccle* ; and the *Constitutionnel*.

Your Committee would also recommend to the consideration of Your Honorable House, that the usual allowance for Mileage of Members from and to the Seat of Government, in consequence of the Recess, commencing from the 10th November last, be paid by the Clerk as a contingency of the present Session, at the same rate as if the Sittings that commenced on the 14th of February last, had been a separate Session.

From the Statement made by the Clerk of Your Honorable House to the Committee, it is recommended that a further sum of Five thousand pounds be granted on account of the Contingencies.

And the said Report being again read ;

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

On motion of Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

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, Clerk of this House, for a further sum of Five thousand pounds, on account of the Contingencies of this House ; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirtieth Report of the said Committee ; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of Mrs. *Ellen Daniell* and others, for the vesting of a certain Road allowance in the Trustees to the Estate of the late *S. Daniell*,—and of *John G. Bowes*, Esquire, for power to the Corporation of *Toronto* to construct an Esplanade in front of the said City, and find the Notices correct. Sufficient Notice has also now been proved upon the Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, for a permanent union of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

Upon the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*, for a reduction of the width of certain Streets in the new Survey of that Town to one chain, Your Committee find that sufficient length of Notice was given, but that the proposed width of the said Streets is stated therein to be six rods, while the Petition prays that they may be reduced to the width of one chain (or four rods) ; Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that in any Bill to be passed in relation thereto, the terms of the Notice be strictly adhered to.

Upon the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Hamilton*, for authority to consolidate their City Debt, and to obtain land for the purposes of sewerage, Your Committee find that due Notice has been given with respect to the consolidation of the Debt, but that the Notice contains no definite mention of the other

matter included in the Petition; they therefore beg to recommend that the applicants be allowed to proceed only upon so much of their Petition as relates to the consolidation of the City Debt.

On the Petition of *William Price* and others, for incorporation of the *Quebec and Trois Pistoles* Navigation Company, it appears that no Notice has been given; but inasmuch as the parties merely apply for the ordinary corporate powers for a purpose which can in no way interfere with private rights or interests, Your Committee beg leave to recommend that the 64th Rule be suspended in this case.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Seminary of *St. Sulpice of Montreal*, which was presented on Thursday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Burnham* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg and Peterborough* Railway Company."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Tessier*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to permit of disinterments in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be read a second time To-morrow.

Mr. *LeBlanc* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of the Commission and Instructions given to the Commissioners appointed, in 1845, to enquire into the Losses suffered by the Inhabitants of *Lower Canada* during and in consequence of the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838; and also the originals of the several Journals of the Commission appointed under the Act 12 Vic. cap. 58; this House respectfully assuring His Excellency that the said books shall be returned so soon as they shall have taken the necessary communication of them; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>5. Valois.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Charveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Polotte,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>48. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnson* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Act for the formation of Joint Stock Companies in *Lower Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of Mill-Owners from vexatious Actions.

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. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York* have leave to bring in a Bill to allow the borrowing of Money at eight per cent, in certain cases.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for the completion of the works for the improvement of the River *du Chêne*.

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.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to vest in the “*Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of “the Town of *Peterborough*,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to separate the County of *Halton* from the County of *Wentworth*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Polette*, the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Dumoulin*, Mr. *McDougall*, Mr. *Fortier*, and Mr. *Jobin*, be appointed to take into consideration the advantages which would result to navigation, trade, and the cultivation of a great extent of land on the shores of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the formation of an Ice Bridge every winter, on the said River above the *Richelieu* Rapids, and the means by which such a Bridge might be secured, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament; 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.

And the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Malloch* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the “whole House, with an Instruction to amend the same, by attaching the Townships “of *Gloucester* and *Osgoode* as formerly, to the County of *Carleton*, for the purpose of “Representation in the Legislative Assembly” instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	18. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	38. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Seymour* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommended to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by dividing the incorporated Counties of *Le-nor* and *Addington* into two Electoral divisions, each of which shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly by one Member" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	21. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Langton,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	38. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, That all the words after "That" to the

end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by dividing the County of *Peel* into two Ridings to be called the North Riding and South Riding, each of which shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly by one Member; the North Riding to consist of the Townships of *Caledon* and *Albion*, and so much of the Township of *Chinguacoucy* as is situated north of the side line between Lots Nos. 10 and 11; and the South Riding to consist of the Townships of *Toronto* and *Toronto Gore*, and so much of the Township of *Chinguacoucy* as is situated south of the side line between Lots Nos. 10 and 11" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>25. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hicks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lourin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>31. Young.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Langton*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction so to amend the same, that instead of one Member for the Town and Township of *Niagara* with a population of 5,590, one for *Lincoln* with 18,278, and one for *Welland* with 20,141, these Constituencies shall be arranged in three Electoral Districts as nearly equal as possible: That instead of *Bytown*, with a population of 7,760, having one Member, and *Carleton* with 23,637, having one Member, these Constituencies shall be divided into two Electoral Districts as nearly equal as possible: That instead of one Member for the Town and Township of *Cornwall* with a population of 6,353, and one Member for the remaining Townships of *Stormont* with a population of 8,290, these two Constituencies shall be united and have one Representative: That instead of the following Constituencies having eight Representatives, they shall have nine, distributed among Electoral Districts as nearly equal as possible in numerical strength, viz: *London*, 7,035, *Elgin West*, 8,237, *Middlesex East*, 16,207, *Middlesex West*, 16,657, *Elgin East*, 17,181, *Haldimand*, 18,788, *Norfolk*, 21,281, and *Huron* and *Bruce*, 22,035: That instead of *Russell*, with two Townships from *Carleton*, having one Member for a population of 8,925, and *Prescott* one Member for 10,487, these Counties (as they now stand) shall be united, and have one Member for a population of 13,357: That instead of the County of *Peel*, with a population of 24,816, having one Member, it shall have two: That instead of *Leeds* and *Gren-*

“ville, with a population of 50,721, having four Representatives, they shall have three, distributed in Electoral Districts as equally as possible, according to population: And that instead of *Lenox, Addington* and *Hastings* South, with a population of 42,932, having two Members, they shall have three, severally representing Electoral Districts as equal as possible” instead thereof:

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	<i>9. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Langton,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Camcron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw:</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>54. Young.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Langton*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an Instruction to insert the following Clause: “And be it enacted, that whenever the population of either Section of the Province shall exceed that of the other by one third, every County or Riding, then containing within its limits a population of thirty thousand, shall be entitled to send a second Member to represent such County or Riding in the Legislative Assembly, and it shall be the duty of the Governor in Council to divide such County or Riding into two Ridings of compact and contiguous territory, and as nearly as may be, of equal numbers in relation to the population therein, for the purpose of such representation, and to designate the boundaries of such new Ridings, which shall thenceforward be entitled to be represented in the Legislative Assembly by one Member each” instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>20. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chubot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>43. Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *White*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by detaching the Townships of " *Grantham* and *Louth* from the Township of *Lincoln*, and annexing them to the " Town and Township of *Niagara*, which will give, for the purpose of representation, a population of 15,000, instead of 5,590, as proposed by the present division ; " and dividing the remainder of the County of *Lincoln*, and the County of *Welland*, " consisting of nearly 30,000, as nearly as may be, in two other Electoral divisions " instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>7. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>White,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chubot,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Ridnut,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>51. Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Malloch* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*,

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of further amending the same, by annexing the Parish of *St. Nicolas* to the County of *Levis*, and the Parishes of *St. Sylvestre* and *St. Agathe* to the County of *Lotbinière*.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee. The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mulloch* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made further amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mulloch* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next; and be then the first Order of the day after the Call of the House, and take precedence of Notices of Motions.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirtieth day of March instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors in certain cases, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Harman*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Clapham*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 22^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *McDougall*.—The Petition of *J. D. Armstrong*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Sorel*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*.—The Petition of *J. T. Williams*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Morrison*.—The Petition of *John Black*, Clerk to the Registrar, and *William Stanley*, Clerk to the Master of the Court of Chancery for *Upper Canada*.

By Mr. *Brown*.—The Petition of *William Corley* and others, of the Township of *St. Vincent*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Crowland*; the Petition of *John McDonald* and others, of the Village of *St. Mary's*; the Petition of *Thomas F. Purdy* and others, of the *Gore* of *Camden*, County of *Kent*; the Petition of *William Flood* and others; the Petition of *Philip Thompson* and others; and the Petition of *Peter Fergusson* and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*, relative to the Law respecting the licensing of Auctioneers, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Ridout*, Mr. *Patrick*, Mr. *Mattice*, and Mr. *Stevenson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all conve-

nient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, relative to the Law regulating the standard of Weights and Measures, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Shaw*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Malloch*, and Mr. *Patrick*, 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.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Josiah Strong* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, and another reference, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of *Josiah Strong* and a large number of other highly respectable Freeholders in the Township of *Sandwich*, County of *Essex*, praying for a Bill to divide that Township into two separate and independent Municipalities, according to the plan set forth in their Petition; and Your Committee have also carefully examined the Petition of the Municipal Council of the same Township, setting forth their reasons why they do not deem it necessary or advisable that the said Township should, for the present, be divided into two Municipalities, and praying that the same may remain in its present position without being divided, and representing that it is far more the popular opinion that the Town of *Sandwich* and Village of *Windsor* should be incorporated into a Municipality, leaving the rural portion of the Township by itself.

Your Committee have given much attention to these Petitions, because they refer to a matter of great importance to the Township, and they cannot but think, that numbering as it does, in population and wealth any two other Townships in the County of *Essex*, it may not be sufficiently represented in the Council of the United Counties of *Essex* and *Lambton*. At the same time Your Committee feel themselves bound to attach great weight to the opposition given to the measure by the Municipal Council of the said Township, who are supposed to represent the Freeholders and Inhabitants by whom they were elected, and who must have formed the majority of its people.

Your Committee, therefore, considering this to be purely a local measure, and one to be properly submitted to the people of *Sandwich* before the election of Municipal Officers in January next, decline reporting or recommending any Bill to be passed by Your Honorable House in favor of a division of the said Township, and they are unanimous of opinion, that the matter should, for the present at least, remain as it is.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fifteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to incorporate the *Hamilton and Port Dover* Railway Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they humbly submit to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Sixteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to incorporate the *Montréal, Bytown, and Ottawa* Grand Trunk Railway Company, and have gone

through the provisions of the same, to which they have made several amendments, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirty-first Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Municipality of *Pittsburgh*, for an extension of the boundary of that Township,—and of *N. Sparks* and others, for incorporation of the *Bytown* and *Pembroke* Railway Company, and are satisfied that sufficient Notice has been given. The full Notice has also been now proved upon the Petition of *Charles C. Small* for an Act to vest in him a certain Road allowance in *Pichering*, presented prior to the adjournment.

On the Petition of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and for authority to construct a branch to the Township of *Mariposa* and another to the Village of *Keene*, Your Committee find that the Notices given are sufficient, excepting so far as respects the branch last mentioned; they therefore beg to recommend, that the Company be allowed to proceed upon their Petition, with the exception of that part of it which relates to the construction of a branch to the Village of *Keene*.

With regard to the Petition of *J. G. Bowes* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from some point on the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway to *Owen Sound* and thence to *Saugeen*, the Notices proved, embrace only the United Counties of *Ontario* and *Peel*, and those of *Wellington*, *Waterloo*, and *Grey*; Your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that in any Charter to be granted to the Petitioners, the route of the proposed Railway be confined to those Counties, thus excluding the County of *Simcoe* and the proposed extension from *Owen Sound* to *Saugeen*.

On the Petition of the Municipality of *Mono*, for annexation of that Township to the County of *Peel*, it appears that no Notices have been given.

Ordered, That Mr. *Malloch* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Pembroke* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal*, *Bytown*, and *Ottawa* Grand Trunk Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Hartman* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Hartman* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill conveying to the City of *Toronto* certain Water Lots, with power to the said City for the construction of an Esplanade.

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. *Smith of Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Peterborough and Port Hope* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill supplementary to the Common School Act of *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday the thirty-first day of March instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 28th ultimo, for a List of all applications for grants of the Beach of the River *St. Charles*, and of all grants or leases which have been made thereof.

By Command.

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 9th March, 1853.

Crown Land Department,
Quebec, 2nd March, 1853.

Sir,—In compliance to the request contained in your letter of the 1st instant, I have the honor to enclose a List of the grants of the Beach of the River *St. Charles*, within the Estates of the late Order of the Jesuits, as furnished by the local Agent; also, a List of all persons who have applied for grants of Beach on that River, through this Department, since it has had the superintendence of the Crown Domain and Jesuits' Estates (1847), or which were made previous thereto, but were yet pending at that time.

I should also state that *T. C. Lee*, Esquire, holds, under a lease which expires on the 1st October, 1849, the Beach in front of a portion of *Lavacherie* Farm, together with a deep Water Lot opposite the same, and further the tongue of Land called *Hore Point*, with the wharves attached to the same, on a lease which expires the 1st May, 1855.

With regard to the other grants of Beach on the River *St. Charles*, which may have been completed up to this day, I beg to refer you to my letter of the first instant, in answer to yours of the same date before mentioned.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Felix Fortier,

For the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Etienne Parent, Esquire,
Asst. Pr^o. Secretary, East, Quebec.

List of persons who have applied for grants of the Beach of the *St. Charles River*, through the Crown Land Department, since it has had the superintendence of the Crown Domain and Jesuits' Estates, or which were made previous thereto, but were yet pending at that time.

John Jones; Mathew Bell, William Walker and David Burnet; William Hedley Anderson; Archibald Laurie; John Munn; Heirs John Anderson; T. T. Lowndes; Paul Lepper; François Joseph Parant and Charles F. Pratt.

Felix Fortier,

For the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Crown Land Department,
Quebec, 3rd March, 1853.

Table of grants of Beach Lots on the River *St. Charles*, Seigniori of *Notre Dame des Anges*, made by the Crown as representing the late Order of Jesuits.

Grantee.	Notary.	Date of Deed.	Amount.			Annual Interest.			Remarks.
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
H. N. Jones	Ls. Panet..	22nd Nov. 1839.	426	0	0	21	6	0	{ Tenure commuted, 1st October, 1849. Amount paid £44 15s. 0d. Do. do. 2nd June, 1848. Amount re- maining à consti- tut £208 6s. 8d., now in possession of F. X. Paradis, Esquire. Constitut redeemed, 10th Dec. 1850.
Widow Jos. Savard ..	Ls. Panet..	30th Nov. 1839.	76	0	0	3	16	0	
Burnet & Forsyth	Ls. Panet..	6th Dec. 1839.	400	0	0	20	0	0	
Hôtel-Dieu of Quebec .	Ls. Panet..	19th Oct. 1840.	370	18	0	18	10	11	
The Rev. E. W. Sewell.	Ls. Panet..	15th Jan. 1841.	987	6	0	49	7	7	
H. N. Jones.....	Ls. Panet..	26th Jan. 1842.	479	7	8	23	19	4	
H. N. Jones.....	Ls. Panet..	30th July, 1846.	346	0	0	17	6	0	
			£ 3085	11	8	154	5	10	

Louis Panet, Agent.

Quebec, 2nd March, 1853.

Crown Land Office,
Quebec, 9th March, 1853.

Sir,—In my letter to you of the 3rd instant, enclosing two Lists called for by the Legislative Assembly, I should have observed that by Order in Council of the 18th ultimo, a grant of certain Beach property on the River *St. Charles*, in the Jesuits' Estates, now occupied by *Wm. Hedley Anderson*, Esquire, was allowed in favor of that gentleman, who has since signified his acceptance of the proposed terms, and would therefore appear as much entitled to the property as if the grant was fully completed.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Felix Fortier,

For the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Etienne Parent, Esquire,
Aest. Pro. Secretary, East, Quebec.

List of Grants and Leases made by the Crown of the Beach of the River *St. Charles*, prepared in compliance with an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, of the 28th day of February, 1853.

Name.	Lot.	Contents.	Date.
Nathaniel Taylor and others.	Grant to them of the right of constructing <i>Dorchester Bridge</i> on certain conditions and reservations.		27th April, 1789.
The Honorable John Richardson, Curator to vacant Estate of the late William Grant.	Grant of part of the Beach on the south westerly shore of the River <i>St. Charles</i> .	537,166 ft. French Measure.	15th March, 1811.
Charles Smith.	Lease of <i>Hare Point</i> for 21 years, from 1st May, 1829.	53 arpents 21 perches, French Measure.	11th October, 1830.
William Henderson and others, Trustees of <i>St. Paul's Market</i> .	Grant of a Beach Lot on the south shore of the River <i>St. Charles</i> .	Not stated.	16th January, 1833.
Charles Smith, the elder.	Grant in Free and Common Socage of Lot at <i>LaCanarlière</i> (Commutation of Tenure).	100 arpents. 61 perches, 228 feet.	16th August, 1845.
Corporation of the City of <i>Quebec</i> .	Grant of <i>Palace Harbor, Quebec</i> .	988,000 feet, English Measure.	22d November, 1851.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Quebec, 3rd March, 1853.

Thomas Amiot,
Deputy Registrar of the Province.

Supplementary Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 18th February 1853, for copies of all Correspondence between the Government and *Mr. Joly*, relative to the *Point Platon Wharf*, and for copies of all Surveys and Reports relative to the said Wharf.

For the said Supplementary Return, see Appendix (W.W.W.)

A Bill to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amherstburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town, was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to amend an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William the Fourth*, and intitled, "An Act to amend the Law respecting Real Property, and to render the proceedings for recovering possession thereof in certain cases less difficult and expensive," was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Attorney General Richards* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Order be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove certain doubts existing as to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of an Act passed during the present Session, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and "Dock Company," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Brockville* Gas Light Company," being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

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 Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d'Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall hereafter compose and constitute the same," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Society of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*," with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the further consideration of the Question which was, on Friday the eleventh day of March instant, proposed, That the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, be now read a second time ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the second Order of the day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 23^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *Henry Hanna*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *John*,—The Petition of *John McBean*, Esquire, President, and others, Directors of the *Berthier* Academy.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Sax* and others, of the Parish of *Laval*, District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas McPherson* and others, of the Townships of *Lancaster* and *Charlottenburgh*, County of *Glen-gary*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Langton*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Macalister* and others, of *Sarnia*; the Petition of the Reverend *Andrew Wilson* and others, of the Village of *Port Dover*; the Petition of *Charles Scarlett* and others, of the Township of *Dawn*, County of *Lambton*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dawn*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, and others, of *Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Antoine Chrétien* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the repeal of the existing Educational Law, and the re-enactment of the voluntary system in lieu thereof.

Of *M. Anderson* and others, of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of “The *London* and *Port Stanley* Railroad Company.”

Of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*; praying that the Townships of *Olden*, *Oso*, *Clarendon* and *Palmerston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, may be annexed to the County of *Lanark*.

Of *R. Bell* and others, of the Village of *Carleton Place*; of the Reverend *Thomas B. Read* and others, of the Village of *Vienna, Canada West*; of *James Kyle* and others, Office-bearers of the Free Presbyterian Church of *Winchester*; of the Reverend *J. Charles Quin* and others, Members and Office-bearers of the Presbyterian Free Church of *Osnabruck*; and of the Reverend *J. C. Quin* and others, the Minister and Office-bearers of the Free Church of *Cornwall*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord’s Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Champlain*; praying that the County Seat of the said County may be transferred to the Parish of *St. François Xavier de Batiscan*.

Of *Gerald Morgan* and others, of the Townships of *Tuckersmith* and *Stanley*, County of *Huron*; and of *James Barge* and others, of the Township of *Stanley*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *James Gibb*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill relating to the improvement of *Lake St. Peter*, or any other Bill imposing a tax on *Lake* or *River Craft* drawing eleven feet of water or under, for the improvement of the said *Lake*, may not pass into Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Escott*; praying that no alteration may be made in the present Boundary Line of the said Township.

Of the Reverend *Michael Timlin* and others, of *Upper Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate all Medical Societies in *Upper Canada*, and allow their respective Boards to grant Diplomas.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Ontario*; praying that the Bill to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the said County, and annex it to the County of *York*, may not pass into a Law.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Laberge* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the Provincial guarantee may be extended thereto.

Of Miss *Marie Josephite Duperez*, of *Montreal*; representing that she is the great-grand-daughter of *Sieur de Champlain*, the founder of the City of *Quebec*, and first Governor of *Canada*, and that she is now advanced in years, delicate in health, and unable to support herself, and praying for aid in the premises.

Of *Hamnett Hill*, President, and others, Trustees of the *Bytown Mechanics' Institute* and *Athenæum*; praying for certain grants of money to establish on a better footing and maintain the said Institution, and also, that a remission of Postage dues may be granted to that and all similar Institutions.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Gosselin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Laurent de l'Isle d'Orléans*, County of *Montmorency*; the Petition of the Reverend *S. J. N. Dumoulin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anne d'Yamachiche*, County of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of *G. Joly*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. A. Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of *Augustin Gauthier*, Junior, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *D. Lemaitre Aujé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *St. Maurice*; and the Petition of *Julien Guérin* and others, of *St. Joachim*, County of *Montmorency*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of *André Leroux Cardinal*, Chief Messenger to this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. *Polette*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to allow the *Fabriques* of the Diocese of *Quebec* to form a Mutual Insurance Company; presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have carefully considered the provisions of the Bill referred to them, and have come to the conclusion that it is desirable to extend the same to the other Dioceses in *Lower Canada*. various parties connected with those Dioceses having expressed a wish to that effect; they have accordingly so amended the Bill as to incorporate two separate Associations,—one for the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Three Rivers*, (recently divided,)—and the other for the Dioceses of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*, which amendments they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the thirty-first day of March instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twentieth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act

“to incorporate the Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*,” and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*,—and the Bill to authorize the conveyance by the Catholic Parishioners of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, of the personal property, buildings and immoveables appropriated to Divine Worship, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and to each of the said Bills they have made certain amendments which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

On motion of Mr. *Sicotte*, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Wednesday next, in order to enable the Parties to summon Witnesses.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*,” be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the conveyance by the Catholic Parishioners of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, of the personal property, buildings and immoveables appropriated to Divine Worship, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* have leave to bring in a Bill to attach a certain portion of the Township of *Kingston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, for Municipal purposes.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Sisters of Charity at *Quebec*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the thirty-first day March instant.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d' Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall hereafter compose and constitute the same;” and the same were read, as follow :—

Page 1, line 36. After “*St. Hyacinthe*” insert “and the other Members of the said Corporation.”

In the Preamble of the Bill.

Line 4. Leave out “said,” and after “Corporation” insert “of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d' Yamaska* created by the Act of the Parliament of *Lower Canada* hereinafter mentioned.”

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Clément* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Niagara*, relative to a Road allowance, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, relative to Concession allowances and side Lines.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, relative to the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act for *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the *Quebec* Harbour, which was presented on the fourteenth day of February last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Quebec*, relative to a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in *Charles Cozwell Small*, Esquire, certain Road allowances in the Township of *Pickering*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday the thirty-first day of March instant.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Society of "Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*;" and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 2, line 3. After "Act" insert "not being contrary to this Act, or to any "other Act or Law in force in *Lower Canada*."

And the said Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Bridge Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Insurance Companies incorporated in this Province, to take the same rate of Interest on Loans made by them as the *Upper Canada* Trust and Loan Company are authorized to take.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do obtain from the President and Directors of the Railway now in progress between *Toronto* and *Lake Huron*, a Return shewing who are at present the Stockholders, their names, and the shares they hold, with copy of any Correspondence or Reports relative to the intended Terminus on *Lake Huron*, and also shewing what Stockholders have demanded or

received payment of the monies paid by them on their shares, under authority of the 4th Section of the Act 16 Vic. cap. 51.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copy of the Third Annual Report of the Directors of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, adopted 7th February, 1853, with the accompanying documents.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the following Returns, namely:— 1st. A Statement of the Cash at the credit of the Government of *Canada*, and where deposited, naming the balance in each place of deposit, and whether interest is payable, and if so, what rate or rates of interest,—said Statement to be made up to the 1st instant, or such other recent day as may be convenient: 2nd. A Statement of the Public Debt in gross, with the amount of interest paid thereon during the last twelve months: 3rd. A Statement of the amount of money now at the credit of the Sinking Fund, how and where deposited or invested, and the amount of interest or dividends thereon accruing: 4th. Copies of any Correspondence between the Chartered Banks of *Canada* and the Government, relating to the transfer of the Public Accounts from certain Banks to other Banking Institutions, and concerning the Public Deposits and the interest to be paid thereon, and the collection, management and transfer of the Public Revenue: 5th. A List of the Clerks and other *Employés* in each of the following Public Departments, viz: the Executive Council Office; the Provincial Secretary's Office; the Inspector General's Office; the Receiver General's Office; the Crown Land Office and its branches; the Board of Works and its branches; the Bureau of Agriculture and Statistics; the Post Office Department (excepting the local Offices throughout the country); the Adjutant General's Office; the Provincial Registrar's Office; and the Emigration Office,—such List to shew the Official title or occupation of each Clerk or other Officer, and the Salary paid to each; also, to distinguish those Officers respectively who have been appointed since the 28th October, 1851, whether their Offices were newly created, and if not to whom they succeeded; also, to shew any addition or additions which may have been made to the Salary of any Officer in the said Departments since the 28th October, 1851, and any addition just made to the Salary of any Officer; also the hours of attendance at each of the above Departments.

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.

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 Bill, intituled, "An Act to modify the "Usury Laws," without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Law *Æde*. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Valois*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of the Accounts rendered by the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of *Montreal*, from the date of their last Returns up to this day; also, copies of certain Correspondence which has taken place between the said Trustees and the Government.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of this House, and to consider and devise means calculated to expedite the performance of its duties, with power to report from time to time, with an Instruction to the said Committee, presented to the House the Final Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

In pursuance of the Order of Your Honorable House, Your Committee have made a careful examination of the Rules of the House, and after due consideration, have agreed to recommend a modification of the same in some respects. The alterations which they have the honor to suggest, do not, however, except in a few instances, involve any change in the spirit of the Rules as they now stand, being intended chiefly to condense the Orders passed at various times having reference to the same subject, to rescind such of the Rules or Standing Orders as have become inconsistent with present practice or with Orders more recently adopted, and to embody in the form of Rules, various regulations which have been agreed to and acted upon by Your Honorable House, upon the recommendation of Select Committees or otherwise, since the adoption of the present Rules. Your Committee append to their Report a copy of the Rules in their amended form, which they have the honor to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House. The amendments proposed are to the following effect:—

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the First Report of Your Committee, Your Honorable House have adopted a Resolution requiring two days notice of all Bills, Resolutions, &c., which is included as No. 36 of the amended Rules; and have rescinded the 6th Rule, providing for the reading of the Minutes, each day, by the Clerk, which is accordingly left out of the new series.

The following are the alterations which are now proposed by Your Committee: The 29th Rule, which provides for the translations of the Journals, and of documents before the House, into the French language, became no longer necessary upon the adoption of the Standing Order of the 19th December, 1844, which directs the printing in both languages of all Bills and documents submitted to the House; it is accordingly left out of the amended series. The 31st Rule, requiring the compilation of an Index to the Journals of each Session, is also unnecessary, the Index being made as a matter of course, as a necessary appendage to the Journals: this Rule has therefore been omitted.

The 59th Rule, relating to the printing of Bills, has been amended, by inserting the provisions of the Standing Orders of 19th December, 1844, (for the printing of Bills in both languages) and 29th March 1849, (for the printing of Bills relating to *Upper Canada* in English only.)—See amended Rule No. 58.

The 63rd Rule, requiring the Clerk to publish certain Notices relative to Private Bills, has been amended, so as to provide for the publication, from time to time, of those Rules which define the particular Private and Local Bills of which Notice must be given.—See amended Rule No. 62.

The 64th Rule, prescribing the Notices to be given on certain Private and Local Bills, has been rendered more definite in the description of those Bills upon which Notice is required, and Your Committee have thought it desirable to amend that

part of it which relates to the Notices to be given in *Lower Canada*, by expunging so much as relates to the publication at the Church doors of the different Parishes affected by the application, which they have reason to believe has been of little practical use, and has in other respects been productive of evil consequences which more than counterbalance any supposed advantages resulting from it. They have also made provision for the publication in the *Official Gazette* of such applications as may not affect any particular locality.—See amended Rule No. 63.

The 70th Rule, relative to fees and expenses on Private Bills, has been amended by requiring the parties applying for a Bill to provide a copy of the same in both languages, whether the same relates to *Upper* or *Lower Canada*. A Standing Order adopted in 1849, exempted Bills relating to *Upper Canada* alone from being printed in the French language, unless required by a Member; but as no Bill can now receive a third reading until it is printed in both languages, and a translation thereof becomes necessary before the Bill passes Your Honorable House, Your Committee have thought it right and just that these Bills should be placed on the same footing in this respect as those relating to *Lower Canada*. They have further amended this Rule by embodying in it the provisions of the 67th and 79th, relative to the printing of Private Bills and Acts by the parties.—See amended Rule No. 68.

The 76th Rule, requiring, in amended Private Bills, that the amendments be inserted in the printed copy of the Bill, has been amended, by requiring that a duplicate copy of such amended Bill be filed in the office.—See amended Rule No. 76.

The 83rd Rule, relative to the presentation of Petitions, Your Committee have thought it advisable to expunge, and to recommend in lieu thereof, the adoption of a Rule providing that Petitions be laid on the table each day before five o'clock, endorsed with the name of the Member presenting the same; this change not to apply, however, to Election Petitions.—See amended Rule No. 80.

The 87th Rule, relative to the appointment of Select Committees, permits a Member moving the appointment of a Committee to name the Members thereof, unless objected to by the House. This Your Committee propose to amend by substituting the words "two Members" for "the House."—See amended Rule No. 83.

The 92nd Rule, relative to Orders of the day, Your Committee propose to expunge, and to substitute the provisions of the Standing Order of the 20th April, 1846, prescribing the order of precedence for the various items on the Order of the day Book, and to provide further that such Orders as are not taken up when called shall not require a special motion for postponement, but that all remaining undisposed of at the adjournment be placed on the Orders for the next sitting. The effect of this will be to render unnecessary the numerous motions for postponing particular Orders of the day by which the minutes of some days' proceedings are so unnecessarily extended.—See amended Rule No. 88.

The 95 Rule, regulating the mode of admission to the Library during the Session, Your Committee have amended in accordance with an Order recently adopted by the Standing Committee on the Library, so as to exclude Strangers from admission except upon a written Order from the Speaker of either House.—See amended Rule No. 91.

The 97th Rule, relative to the opening of the Library during the Recess, has been amended by applying it also to the Reading Room.—See amended Rule No. 93.

In the 98th Rule, relative to subscriptions for Periodical Works, Your Committee have embodied the Standing Order of the 16th June, 1841, authorizing the Clerk to subscribe to the various Newspapers in the Province.—See amended Rule No. 94.

The 99th Rule, fixing the hours of attendance of Officers of the House and extra Writers, has been amended by adding the substance of the Standing Order of the 30th November, 1843, prohibiting any charges for extra hours, &c.—See amended Rule No. 95.

The 101st Rule, requiring the Clerk to prepare annual Statements of Imports

and Exports, Your Committee are of opinion should be expunged, as the requisite information is contained in the Trade and Navigation Returns annually prepared by the Government.

The above embrace all the amendments which Your Committee propose to make to the Rules of Your Honorable House, with the exception of some few unimportant verbal and other alterations which they have thought it unnecessary to particularize.

Your Committee will now proceed to explain the changes which they propose for the consideration of Your Honorable House in the Standing Orders that have been adopted from time to time, and are yet in force. The Standing Orders of 16th June, 1841, (subscription for Newspapers); 30th November, 1843, (attendance of Officers of the House, &c.); 20th April, 1846, (precedence of Orders of the day); 5th June, 1846, (vacancies in offices, &c.); 29th March, 1849, (printing of Bills for *Upper Canada* in English only); and 4th June and 2nd August, 1850, (Orders of the day), are recommended to be rescinded, the provisions of the same being all incorporated with the amended Rules and Standing Orders as now reported.

The Standing Order of 27th July, 1841, regulating the printing and distribution of the Journals, Your Committee have amended by increasing the number of copies to 1500, and by providing that copies be supplied to such other Provincial or Foreign Legislatures as may be willing to exchange, and also to the different incorporated Colleges, the District and other Judges, and to the various Municipalities in *Upper and Lower Canada* (as directed by the Order of 7th July, 1851). The Standing Order of 28th June, 1841, regulating the ordinary routine business of the House, they have amended so as to accord with the proposed alterations in the Rules. And the Standing Order of 30th November, 1843, providing for the payment of Witnesses, they have amended by adding certain provisions for restricting their payment within due limits, and for preventing abuses in this respect, which they have based upon the practice adopted by Your Honorable House during the last three Sessions.—See Standing Orders Nos. 2, 5, 7.

The Standing Orders adopted on 25th June, 1841, (Lists of Committees); 28th June, 1841, (Orders of the day); 19th July, 1841, (completion of work in Recess); 7th September, 1841, (control of Clerks, &c.); 19th December, 1844, (Printed Papers); 28th March, 1845, (Travelling Allowances); 22nd May, 1846, (Members making Reports); 29th March, 1849, (Sessional Printing); 4th June, 1850, (Third Reading of Bills); 6th June, 1851, (reference of Documents to Printing Committee); 25th August, 1852, (Annual Statements and Reports); and 2nd September, 1852, (Form of Printed Journals),—Your Committee recommend to remain in force, with such slight verbal alterations only as have been thought necessary. They are accordingly appended to the Rules now reported. (See Standing Orders Nos. 1 to 17.) In addition to these there have been at various times, recommendations emanating from Select Committees, and which, having been adopted by Your Honorable House, have partaken of the character of Standing Orders. Such of these as do not interfere with the alterations in the Rules now suggested, Your Committee have embodied in the form of Standing Orders, and have the honor to submit them for the consideration of Your Honorable House.—See Standing Orders Nos. 18 to 20.

Having completed their examination of all the existing Rules, Standing Orders, and Regulations, Your Committee next proceeded to the consideration of the Instruction of Your Honorable House, to consider whether it is expedient to add the following to the Standing Orders:—"No Petition shall be rejected because it is a "printed document, (the Signature or Signatures excepted,) instead of being in "manuscript;" and having duly considered the question, they have come to the conclusion that it is advisable to adopt a provision of that nature; they have accordingly

prepared the draught of a Standing Order, which they submit herewith.—See Standing Order No. 21.

In conclusion, Your Committee submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, two further Resolutions which they propose for adoption as Standing Orders; the one, to declare that the Committee on Standing Orders (or other Committee of a like nature,) shall from time to time report upon all Petitions for Private and Local Bills that may be presented, as to the sufficiency of the Notice given under the Rules of the House;—the other, to provide that on Mondays and Thursdays the House shall proceed to the consideration of all such Orders of the day as may be unopposed, immediately after the ordinary routine business. (See Standing Orders Nos. 22, 23.) The first of these regulations has been put in practice for the greater part of the present Session, under an Order of the House, and has been found to work exceedingly well; and the other, Your Committee have no doubt will be found greatly to expedite the business of the House, by advancing unopposed measures a stage, from time to time, which now, from their position upon the Orders of the day, are kept back continually by other and more important measures involving discussion and debate.

RULES and STANDING ORDERS as reported by the Committee.

RULES.

MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE.

1. That this House do meet at three o'clock in the afternoon: and if at three o'clock there is not a *Quorum*, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn; but when the House rises on Friday, it shall stand adjourned to the following Monday.
2. That when the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the Chair.
3. That whenever the Speaker is obliged to adjourn the House for want of a *Quorum*, the hour at which such adjournment is made, and the names of the Members then present, shall be inserted in the Journals.

QUORUM.

4. That upon the appearance of a *Quorum* the Speaker shall take the Chair, and the Members be called to order.
5. That the Speaker shall always take the Chair when the Black Rod is at the door, whatever the number of Members then present may be.

SPEAKER.

6. That the Speaker shall preserve Order and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the House.
7. That the Speaker shall not take part in any Debate, or vote in any case, unless the House shall be equally divided.—He may give his reasons for so voting. He shall stand uncovered when addressing the House.
8. That when the Speaker is called upon to explain a point of order or practice, he is to state the Rule applicable to the case, without argument or comment.

MEMBERS.

9. That every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

10. That when two or more Members rise at once, the Speaker shall name the Member who is first to speak; and the other or others may appeal to the House, if dissatisfied with the Speaker's decision, by the Question, "Which Member was first up?"

11. That every Member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote thereon, unless the House shall excuse him, or unless he shall be personally interested in the question; provided such interest be resolvable into a personal pecuniary profit, or such as is peculiar to the Member, and not in common with the interest of the subject at large, in which case he shall not vote.

12. That whenever a Petition tending to incorporate any number of persons to carry on any commerce or trade, is presented to this House, such of the Members of this House as are to become incorporated in consequence of such Petition, to carry on such commerce or trade, are personally interested in all questions that may arise upon such Petition, and in any after proceedings that may take place upon it.

13. That when the Speaker is putting a question no Member shall walk out of, or across the House; nor when a Member is speaking shall any Member hold discourse to interrupt him, except to order, nor pass between him and the Chair.

14. That a Member called to order shall sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the House, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate: If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

15. That no Member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen or any of the Royal Family, or Person administering the Government of this Province; nor shall he use unmannerly or indecent language against the proceedings of this House, or against particular Members; nor shall he speak beside the question in debate.

16. That each Member may, of right, require the question or motion in discussion to be read for his information at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member speaking.

17. That no Member shall speak more than once on the same question, without leave of the House, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, which may have been misconceived; but then he is not to introduce new matter.

18. That no Member shall speak more than once, without leave of the House, upon a previous question.

19. That any Member may, at any time, desire the House to be cleared of strangers; and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Serjeant-at-Arms to execute the order, without debate.

20. That it be recommended to every Member wishing to go out during the sittings, to inform the Serjeant-at-Arms of the place where he may be found if wanted.

21. That no Member during the Session shall absent himself for more than one sitting at a time, without an express leave of absence from the House.

22. That this House will not grant leave of absence to any Member, (unless that there are forty-three Members present in town,) but on the most urgent and accidental business specially stated to the House.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

23. That the Master in Chancery attending the Legislative Council, be received as their Messenger, at the Clerk's Table, the Members sitting; where he shall deliver such Message as he is charged with from the Legislative Council.

24. That all Messages from this House to the Honorable the Legislative Council, be sent by one Member of this House.

25. That when this House shall judge it necessary to request a Conference with the Legislative Council, the Reasons to be given by this House upon the subject of the Conference shall be prepared and agreed to by the House, before a Messenger shall be appointed to make the said request.

26. That Messages from the Honorable the Legislative Council, shall be received into this House so soon so announced by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

27. That Legislative Councillors, desirous of hearing the debates, may have seats without the Bar, in a space to be set apart for that purpose, withdrawing when the House is cleared.

STRANGERS.

28. That Strangers admitted into the House during its sittings, who make a noise or behave irregularly, shall be committed to the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, to await the judgment of this House.

JOURNALS.

29. That a copy of the Journals of this House be delivered, each day, to His Excellency the Governor General, certified by the Clerk.

30. That this House doth consent that its Journals may be searched by the Legislative Council, in like manner as this House may, according to Parliamentary usage, search the Journals of the Legislative Council.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

31. That the Rules of the House shall be observed in a Committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the Rule limiting the number of times of speaking.

32. That in all unprovided cases, resort shall be had to the Rules, Usages, and Forms of Parliament, which shall be followed, until this House shall think fit to make a Rule applicable to such unprovided cases.

DIVISION OF THE HOUSE.

33. That upon a Division in the House, the names of those who vote for, and of those who vote against the question, shall be entered upon the Minutes, if two Members require it.

MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS.

34. That a motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

35. That a motion that the Chairman leave the Chair, shall always be in order, and shall take place of any other motion.

36. That no motion for leave to present any Bill, Resolution, or Address, or for the appointment of any Committee, shall be made until at least two days' notice thereof shall have been given,—all such notices to be laid on the Table before five o'clock, and to be printed with the Proceedings of the day.

37. That no motion shall be debated or put, unless the same be in writing, and seconded. When a motion is seconded, it shall be read in English and in French by the Speaker, if he is master of both languages; if not, the Speaker shall read in either of the two languages most familiar to him; and the reading in the other language shall be at the table by the Clerk or his Deputy, before debate.

38. That after a motion is read by the Speaker, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the House; but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, with permission of the House.

39. That when a question is under debate, no motion shall be received unless to amend it, or commit it, or to postpone it to a certain day, or for the previous question, or for adjournment.

40. That the Previous Question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question; and shall be in the following words: "Shall the main Question be now put?"

41. That a motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

42. That all questions, whether in Committee or in the House, shall be put in the order in which they are moved.

43. That no motion prefaced by any preamble, shall be admitted in this House.

44. That every motion, when seconded, ought to be received and read by the Speaker, except in the cases provided for by the Rules of this House.

45. That it shall be the duty of the Speaker, whenever he shall conceive that a motion which he has received and read, may be contrary to the Rules or Privileges of this House, to apprise the House thereof immediately, before the question on such motion is put, and to cite the Rule which is applicable to the case.

AID AND SUPPLY.

46. That if any motion be made in this House for any Public Aid, Subsidy, Duty or Charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not presently be entered upon, but shall be adjourned till such further day as the House shall think fit to appoint; and then it shall be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and their opinion be reported before any Resolution or Vote of the House do pass thereupon.

47. That all Aids and Supplies granted to Her Majesty by the Legislature of *Canada*, are the sole gift of the Assembly of this Province, and all Bills for granting such Aids and Supplies ought to begin with the Assembly, as it is the undoubted right of the Assembly to direct, limit, and appoint in all such Bills, the ends, purposes, considerations, conditions, limitations and qualifications of such grants, which are not alterable by the Legislative Council.

48. That in order to expedite the business of the Legislature, the House should not insist on the privilege claimed and exercised by them, of laying aside Bills sent from the Legislative Council because they impose pecuniary penalties; nor of laying aside amendments made by the Legislative Council because they introduce into or alter pecuniary penalties in Bills sent to them by this House; provided that all such penalties thereby imposed, are only to punish or prevent crimes and offences, and do not tend to lay a burden on the subject, either as Aid or Supply to Her Majesty, or for any general or special purposes, by Rates, Tolls, Assessments, or otherwise.

PUBLIC BILLS.

49. That every Public Bill shall be introduced by a motion for leave, specifying the Title of the Bill, or by a motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in, or by an Order of the House on the Report of a Committee.

50. That no Bill shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read.

51. That all amendments shall be reported to the House by the Chairman, standing in his place. After report, the Bill shall be subjected to debate and amendment in the House, before the question for appointing a day for the third reading shall be put.

52. That every Bill shall receive three several readings, on different days, previous to its being passed, except on urgent and extraordinary occasions, when it may be read twice or thrice in one day.

53. That when a Bill is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back.

54. That Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House, shall first be read throughout by the Clerk, and then be read by the Chairman and debated by Clauses, leaving the Preamble and Title to be last considered.

55. That when a Bill passes the House, the Clerk shall certify the same, with the date thereof, at the foot of the Bill.

56. That a similar mode of proceeding shall be observed with Bills which have

originated in and passed the Legislative Council, as with Bills originating in this House.

57. That it shall be the duty of the Law-Clerk of this House to revise all Public Bills after the first reading, and that after such revision, he do mark his initials and certify on the endorsement of the said Bills, in red ink, that the same are correct; and that the said Law-Clerk be held responsible for the due performance of such duty, in obedience to this Resolution; and that in every succeeding stage of of such Bills the said Law-Clerk shall be also held responsible for the correctness of the said Bills, should amendments be made thereto: and he shall make a Breviat of every such Bill previous to the second reading thereof.

58. That all Bills, Public and Private, and Breviats and Abridgements thereof, be printed before the second reading, in the English and French languages in equal proportions (unless the House in certain cases dispense with such printing), with the exception of Bills relating only to *Upper Canada*, which shall be printed in English alone, unless otherwise required by any one Member,—and also of certain Bills to continue Acts, or other short Bills not introducing any important innovation, with the printing of which the Speaker may dispense.

PRIVATE BILLS.

59. That hereafter no Petition for any Private or Local Bill will be received by the House after the first fifteen days of each Session, unless the Petitioners shall have first applied, after notice thereof, for leave to present such Petition, and obtained permission of the House to do so.

60. That hereafter this House will not receive any Private or Local Bills, except within the first four weeks of each Session.

61. That this House will not receive any Report of a Standing or Select Committee, upon any Private or Local Bill, except within the first six weeks of each Session.

62. That the Clerk of this House shall, within three months after the close of each Session, publish, in the *Official Gazette*, the 63rd, 64th, and 65th Rules,—and in other newspapers (English and French) the substance thereof; and shall also, immediately after the issuing of the Proclamation convoking the Provincial Parliament for the dispatch of business, announce, in the *Official Gazette*, and other newspapers published in this Province in the English and French languages, until the opening of Parliament, the day on which the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire, according to the Rules of this House; and the said Clerk shall also announce, by Notice set up in the Select Committee Rooms, and in the Lobby of this House, by the first day of every Session, the days on which, according to the Rules of this House, the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, Reports on those Petitions, and Reports on the Bills upon those Petitions, are to expire.

63. That all applications for Private or Local Bills, whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railroad, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam, or Slide, or other like work; the granting of a right of Ferry; the construction of works for supplying Gas or Water; or for the incorporation of any particular Profession or Trade, or of any Banking or other Commercial Company, or Cemetery Company; the incorporation of a Town or City; the levying of any local Assessment; the division of any County or Township; the removal of the site of a County Town, or of local offices; the regulation of a Common; the re-survey of any Township, Line, or Concession; or for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive rights or privileges whatsoever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties; or for making any amendment of a like nature to any former Act,—shall require the following Notice to be published, viz:—

In *Upper Canada*—A notice inserted in one newspaper published in the County, or Union of Counties, affected.

In *Lower Canada*—A notice inserted in one newspaper in the English, and one newspaper in the French language, in the District affected, or in both languages if there be but one paper; or if there be no paper published therein, then (in both languages) in a paper published in an adjoining District, and also in the *Official Gazette*.

Such notices shall be continued in each case for a period of at least two months, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session, and the consideration of the Petition. Provided that if the application be of such a nature as not to affect any particular locality, the notice may be published in the *Official Gazette*.

64. That before any Petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge is presented to this House, the person or persons purposing to petition for such Bill shall, upon giving the Notice prescribed by the 63rd Rule, also, at the same time, and in the same manner, give a notice in writing, stating the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the intervals between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they propose to erect a draw-bridge or not, and the dimensions of such drawbridge.

65. That parties publishing notices of intended application for Private Bills under the 63rd Rule, shall be required to send, addressed to the "Private Bill Office, Legislative Assembly," (as soon as may be after its publication,) a copy of the local newspaper containing the first insertion of any such notice (or a certificate of the insertion thereof, by the proprietor of such paper); and also, after the presentation of the Petition, a copy of the paper containing the last insertion of the said notice, or a certificate thereof.

66. That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced on a Petition, to be presented by a Member, and seconded.

67. That when any Bill shall be brought into the House for confirming Letters Patent, a true copy of such Letters Patent shall be attached to the Bill.

68. That the expenses and costs attending on Private Bills giving any exclusive privilege or advantage, whether for the erection of a Bridge, or the construction of a Railroad, Turnpike Road, Telegraph Line, Harbour, Canal, Lock, Slide, Dam, or other like work; or for the incorporation of Banking or Commercial Companies, Cemetery Companies, or Companies for the construction of Gas or Water Works, or for any other objects of profit, or private or individual advantage; or for amending, extending, or enlarging any former Acts in such manner as to confer additional powers, ought not to fall on the public; and that for the purpose of defraying the same, the parties seeking to obtain any such Bill shall be required to pay into the Private Bill Office the sum of £15, immediately after the second reading thereof; and all such Bills shall be prepared in the English and French languages, by the parties applying for the same, and printed by the Contractor for printing the Bills of the House, and 250 copies thereof in English, shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, with 150 copies in French also, of such Bills as relate to *Lower Canada*, before the second reading; and no such Bill shall be read a third time until a certificate from the Queen's Printer shall have been filed with the Clerk, that the cost of printing 150 copies of the Act in each language for the Government, has been paid to him.

69. That every Private Bill, after having been read a second time, shall be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, if any such shall have been appointed, or to some other Standing Committee of the same character.

70. That whenever any Petition or Bill presented to the House shall have been referred to a Committee to examine the matter thereof and report the same as it shall appear to them, to the House, the House will not admit any Petitioners to be

heard, by themselves or Counsel, against such Petition or Bill, until the matter shall have been first reported to the House.

71. That all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any Private Bill, shall, when required by the Committee, appear in person before them to give their consent; and if they cannot personally appear, they may send their consent in writing, which shall be proved before the Committee by one or more witnesses. And in every case the Committee upon any Bill for incorporating a Company shall require proof that the persons whose names appear in the Bill as composing the said Company are of full age, and that they are in a position to effect the objects contemplated by the Bill, and have personally consented to become so incorporated.

72. That no Committee on any Private Bill, based upon a Petition, notice of which is required by the 63rd Rule, shall sit thereupon, without first causing a week's notice of the day of sitting to be set up in the Lobby.

73. That the Committee to whom any Private Bill shall have been referred, shall report the Bill to the House, whether such Committee shall or shall not have agreed to the Preamble, or gone through the several Clauses, or any of them; and when any alteration shall have been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, together with the ground of making the same, shall be specially stated in the Report.

74. That when the Committee on any Private Bill shall report to the House that the Preamble of such Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction, they shall also state the grounds upon which they have arrived at such a decision.

75. That a filled up Bill containing the amendments proposed to be submitted to the Committee on the Bill, be deposited in the Private Bill Office, one clear day before the meeting of the Committee upon such Bill.

76. That the Chairman of the Committee shall sign, with his name at length, a printed copy of the Bill on which the amendments are fairly written, and shall also sign with the initials of his name, the several amendments made and clauses added in Committee; and another copy of the Bill, with the amendments written thereon, shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Committee, and filed in the Private Bill Office, or attached to the Report.

77. That (except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity) no motion shall be made to dispense with any Sessional or Standing Order of the House, relative to Private Bills, without due notice thereof.

78. That a Book, to be called the "Private Bill Register," shall be kept in a room to be called the "Private Bill Office," in which Book shall be entered, by the Clerk appointed for the business of that Office, the name, description and place of residence, of the parties applying for the Bill, or their agent, and all the proceedings thereon, from the Petition to the passing of the Bill: such entry to specify briefly each proceeding in the House, or in any Committee to which the Bill or Petition may be referred, and the day on which the Committee is appointed to sit. Such Book to be open to the public inspection daily, during Office hours.

79. That the Clerk of the Private Bill Office do prepare, daily, lists of all Private Bills, and Petitions for Private Bills, upon which any Committee is appointed to sit, specifying the time of meeting, and the room where the Committee shall sit; and the same shall be hung up in the Lobby.

PETITIONS.

80. That the Petitions and memorials addressed to the House (except Election Petitions, which shall be presented by a Member in his place) shall be laid on the table each day before five o'clock, endorsed by the Member presenting the same, with his name, and he shall be answerable that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter. And all Petitions, after lying two days on the table, shall be read by the Clerk, and if received by the House, be then entered in the Journals.

PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE.

81. That Papers laid before this House, or referred to a Committee for their consideration, are of right to be read once by the Clerk or Chairman at the table, but when once read to the House or Committee, they are then, like every other Paper that belongs to the House, to be moved for to be read, and if objected to, to be decided by taking the sense of the House or Committee.

COMMITTEES.

82. That in forming a Committee of the whole House, the Speaker shall leave the Chair, and shall, before leaving the same, appoint a Chairman to preside, who shall have the same authority in the Chair of the Committee as the Speaker in the Chair of the House, and in other Committees the Chairman shall have the like authority.

83. That the mode of appointing a Select Committee, shall be first to determine the number it shall consist of, then each Member naming one, which shall be written down by the Clerk; those who have most voices shall be taken successively, until the number is completed; and if any difficulty should arise by two or more having an equal number of voices, the sense of the House shall be taken as to the preference; but it shall be always understood, that no Member who declares himself or divides against the body or substance of the Bill, motion or matter to be committed, upon any of the Readings thereof, can be nominated to be of a Committee upon such Bill, motion or matter: or the mover may submit the names of the Members to form the Committee, and if not objected to by two Members, the Members so nominated shall compose the Committee.

84. That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or Motion upon any subject, which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House.

85. That of the number of Members appointed to compose a Committee, such number thereof as shall be equal to a majority of the whole number chosen, shall be a *Quorum* competent to proceed to business in all cases, where the number to form such *Quorum* shall not be specially fixed by the House.

MESSENGERS.

86. That the Speaker of this House shall appoint all Messengers; but it shall be always understood, that the Member who moves for the Message shall of right be one of the number of Messengers, and that any Member who shall declare himself, or divide against the said Message, or against the subject thereof, cannot be appointed to be one of the Messengers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

87. That the Order of the day shall have preference to any motion before the House.

88. That all measures standing on the Orders of the day be taken up according to the precedence they originally held when placed on the Order of the day Book; and such as are not taken up when called, shall remain in their relative position; and all such Orders as remain undisposed of at the adjournment of the House, shall be postponed till the next sitting day, without a special motion to that effect.

PRIVILEGES.

89. That whenever any matter of privilege arises, it shall be immediately taken into consideration.

LIBRARY.

90. That a proper Catalogue of the Books belonging to the Library be kept by

the Librarians, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested ; and who shall be required to report to the House through Mr. Speaker, at the opening of each Session, the actual state of the Library.

91. That no person whatever shall be entitled to admission to the Library during a Session of Parliament, except the Governor of the Province, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and Legislative Assembly, and the Officers of the two Houses for the time being, and such other persons as may receive a written order of admission from the Speaker of either House.

92. That during a Session of Parliament, no Books belonging to the Library be permitted to be taken out of the building, except upon receipts given by a Member of either House.

93. That during the recess of Parliament the Library and Reading Room shall be open every day in each week, Sundays and Holidays excepted, from the hour of ten in the morning until three in the afternoon ; and that access to the Library be permitted to persons introduced by a Member of the House, or admitted at the discretion of the Clerk or one of the Librarians, subject to such regulations as may be deemed necessary for the security and preservation of the collection ; but that no one shall be allowed to take any Book out of the Library, except Members of the House, and such persons as may be authorized by the Speaker, or, in his absence, by the Clerk of the House, or by one of the Librarians.

94. That the Clerk of this House be authorized to subscribe for the Newspapers published in the Province, and such other papers, British and Foreign, as may from time to time be directed by the Speaker, and to import annually the continuation of Periodical Works in the Library.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

95. That the hours of attendance of the respective Officers of this House and the Extra Clerks employed during the Session, be from nine in the forenoon until one in the afternoon, and from two until eight o'clock, and from thence until the business of the day be completed ; and that no charges for extra hours be allowed.

96. That before filling any vacancy in the Offices of this House, enquiry be made touching the necessity of such Office, the amount of salary and emoluments thereunto annexed, and fixing such salary *de novo* at every change.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE HOUSE.

1. That the Clerk of this House be required to cause to be placed in some conspicuous place within this House, a List of the several Standing and Select Committees, as appointed from time to time.

2. That the ordinary routine of the daily proceedings in this House, in the transaction of business, be as followeth :—

Receiving and reading Petitions.

Referring Petitions.

Presenting Reports (by Standing and Select Committees.)

Motions.

Orders of the day.

3. That the Clerk of this House be directed to lay on the Speaker's table, every morning, previous to the meeting of the House, the order of the proceedings for the day ; and that a copy of the same be hung up in the lobby, for the information of Members.

4. That it shall be the duty of the Officers of this House (including the Clerk

and Clerk Assistant) to complete and finish the work remaining at the close of each Session.

5. That 1500 copies be printed of the Journals of this House, with the Appendix thereto, after every Session, to be disposed of as followeth:—

Three copies to each Member.

One copy to each of the Members of the Legislative Council.

Six copies to His Excellency the Governor General.

Three copies in English, and two in French, to the Library of the Legislature.

One copy each, to the Governors, Legislative Councils, and Assemblies, of *New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Prince Edward's Island, the Island of Jamaica, and Island of Bermuda,* and such other Legislatures (Provincial or Foreign) as may be willing to furnish copies of their own Journals in return.

Two copies to the Colonial Department.

Three copies to the Library of the House of Commons.

Three copies to the Library of the House of Lords.

Six copies to the Clerk's Office, for the use of this House.

One copy to each of the Judges of the Courts of Chancery, Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and District Courts in *Upper Canada*,—and to each of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, Superior Court, District and Circuit Courts in *Lower Canada*.

One copy to each incorporated University or College, and to each Law Library in the Province, as the Speaker may direct.

One copy to each Municipal Council in *Upper Canada*, and pending the establishment of the said Councils in *Lower Canada*, an equal number to be distributed in the several Townships and Parishes therein under the direction of the Clerk.

6. That the Clerk of this House be held responsible for the safe keeping of all the Papers and Records of this House, and have the direction and control over all the Clerks and Servants employed in the Office, subject to such orders as he may, from time to time, receive from Mr. Speaker and the House.

7. That the Clerk of this House be authorized to pay out of the Contingent Fund, to Witnesses summoned to attend before any Select Committee of the House, the sum of ten shillings per diem, during their attendance, and a reasonable allowance for travelling expenses, upon any certificate or order of the Chairman of the Committee before which such Witnesses have been summoned; but no Witness shall be so paid, unless a certificate shall first have been filed with the Chairman of such Committee, by some member thereof, stating that the evidence to be obtained from such Witness is, in his opinion, material and important; and no such payment shall be made in any case, without the authority of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, which shall be signified by the endorsement of the Chairman thereof upon the aforesaid certificate: and when any Witness shall have been in attendance during three days, if his presence is still further required, recourse shall again be had to the Contingent Committee, and so on every three days, and no Witness residing at the seat of Government shall be paid for his attendance.

8. That all Bills and Documents submitted to the consideration of the House, be printed in each of the English and French languages, in equal proportion, unless otherwise directed.

9. That no allowance will in future be made to any person in the employ of this House, who may not reside at the seat of Government, for travelling expenses in coming to attend his duties.

10. That Members of this House be permitted to make Reports from Select Committees of which they may be Chairmen, standing in their places, and without proceeding to the Bar of the House.

11. That no work be paid for at the rate of Sessional Printing which is not de-

livered to the House during the Session; and that any work not so delivered shall be paid for at the rate allowed for the printing of the Journals and Appendix.

12. That the contractors for the Sessional Printing shall be entitled to perform such work as is delivered to them during the Session, and that no portion of the work intended to form part of the Appendix shall be so delivered unless it appears to the Clerk of the House that it can be executed during the Session.

13. That in case extra copies of any portion of the Appendix which cannot be delivered during the Session, be required, the same shall be furnished by the contractors for the Appendix at their contract price.

14. That all Orders of the day for the third reading of Bills shall take precedence of all other Orders for the same day, except only of such of the said other Orders as may have been given precedence by special order of the House.

15. That all documents presented to this House, whether in accordance with Addresses or otherwise, be referred to the Standing Committee on Printing, in order that the said Committee may report from time to time whether, in their opinion, it is expedient that such documents should be printed in the Appendix to the Journals; and that such Reports should contain an estimate of the cost of printing each document.

16. That it shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and cause to be printed, and delivered to each Member, at the commencement of every Session of the Legislature, a List of the Reports or other periodical Statements which it is the duty of any Officer or Department of the Government, or any Bank or other Corporate Body, to make to the Legislative Assembly, referring to the Act or Resolution, and page of the volume of the Laws or Journals in which it may be contained, and placing under the name of each Officer or Corporation a List of Reports or Returns required of him or it to be made, and the time when the Report or periodical Statement may be expected.

17. That in future, the Journals and Appendices, as also Sessional Papers (Bills excepted), be printed in Royal Octavo form, of the size of the Report on Trade and Navigation for 1851, with new small pica type, without marginal notes, and with but two blank lines between the page heading and reading matter. The Yeas and Nays in the Journals to be in long primer, in four columns.

18. That no Bill be introduced into the House, either in blank or only in part completed.

19. That all Letters, Correspondence, and Papers forwarded by Members, and chargeable against the Contingencies of the House, do pass through the office thereof.

20. That the Clerk shall not engage nor put on pay, at the outset of a Session, any more extra Writers than may be necessary for the time being, taking on others as the increase of business may require.

21. That this House will not, in future, refuse to receive Petitions on account of the same being printed, provided there are at least three genuine signatures upon the same printed sheet.

22. That all Petitions for Private or Local Bills, which may from time to time be received by the House, be taken into consideration (without a special reference) by the Committee on Standing Orders, (or such other Committee as may be appointed for the purpose,) who shall report in each case whether the provisions of the 63rd and 64th Rules, with regard to the publication of Notice, have been complied with.

23. That on Monday and Thursday in each week, the unopposed Orders before the House, take precedence of all other matters, after presenting Reports by Select Committees.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave of absence for one month, from To-morrow, on urgent private business.

The Order of the day for the call of the House, being read ;

Ordered, That the House be now called over.

Ordered, That the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and summon the Members there to attend the service of the House:—And he went accordingly ; and being returned ;

The House was called over, and several of the Members appeared; and the names of such Members as made default to appear, were taken down, as follow :—

William Henry Boulton,
Alexander Tilloch Galt,
David LeBouillier,
George Byron Lyon,
Honorable *Louis Joseph Papineau.*

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter :—

Government House,

Quebec, 23rd March, 1853.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, To-morrow at half past three o'clock, to assent in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

R. Bruce,
Governor's Secretary.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to enlarge the Representation of the People of this Province in Parliament, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Murney*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the third Clause: "Provided always that whenever any County, Riding, City or Town in this Province, which by the foregoing provisions of this Act will, on the passing thereof, be entitled to be represented by one Member in the Legislative Assembly, shall by the then last Census contain a population of thirty thousand Souls or upwards, such County, Riding, City or Town shall thereupon become entitled to be represented in the said Assembly by two Members ; and upon such fact appearing by the Official Returns of any Census, the Governor shall cause a Writ of Election forthwith to issue for the Return of an additional Member for such County, Riding, City or Town" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Brown,
Burnham,
Christie, (Gaspé.)

Macdonald (Kingston.) Ridout,
MacNab, Sir A. N. Robinson,
Malloch, Seymour,

Stevenson,
Street,
White,

Dixon,
Gamble,
Langton,

Marchildon,
Murney,

Smith, (Frontenac.) *Willson,*
Shaw, 21. *Wright, (W.R. York.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Cameron,
Cartier,
Cauchon,
Chabot,
Chapais,
Chauveau, Sol. Gen.
Christie (Wentworth.)
Clapham,
Drummond, Atty. Gen.
Dubord,
Dumoulin,
Egan,
Fergusson,

Fortier,
Fournier,
Gouin,
Hartman,
Hincks,
Jobin,
Johnson,
Lacoste,
LaTerrière,
Laurin,
Lemieux,
McDonald (Cornwall.)
Mackenzie,
Mattice,

McDougall,
McLachlin,
Merritt,
Mongenais,
Morin,
Morrison,
Paige,
Patrick,
Polette,
Poulin,
Prince,
Richards, Atty. Gen.
Rolph,
Rose,

Sanborn,
Sicotte,
Smith, (Durham.)
Stuart,
Taché,
Terrill,
Tessier,
Turcotte,
Valois,
Varin,
Viger,
Wright, (E. R. York.)
55. *Young.*

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;
Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommended to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of altering the arrangement of the Townships composing the Ridings of the County of *Durham*, so that the East Riding shall consist of the Townships of *Cavan* and *Hope*, the Town of *Port Hope*, and all that portion of the Township of *Clarke* lying east of the allowance for Road or side Line between Lots Nos. 18 and 19, in the various Concessions and parts of Concessions of the said Township of *Clarke*, and all that portion of the Township of *Manvers* lying east of the allowance for Road or side Line between Lots Nos. 16 and 17, in the several Concessions of the said Township of *Manvers*; and that the West Riding shall consist of all that portion of *Clarke* and *Manvers* lying west of the aforesaid allowances for Road or side Lines in each of the said Townships, together with the Townships of *Darlington* and *Cartwright*" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Fergusson,
Johnson,

Mackenzie,
Smith, (Durham.)

White,

6. *Wright, (E. R. York.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Brown,
Burnham,
Cameron,
Cartier,
Cauchon,
Chabot,
Chapais,
Chauveau, Sol. Gen.
Christie, (Gaspé.)
Christie, (Wentworth.)
Clapham,

Fournier,
Gamble,
Gouin,
Hartman,
Hincks,
Jobin,
Lacoste,
Langton,
LaTerrière,
Laurin,
LeBlanc,
Lemieux,

McDougall,
McLachlin,
Mongenais,
Morin,
Morrison,
Murney,
Paige,
Patrick,
Polette,
Poulin,
Prince,
Richards, (Atty. Gen.)

Scymour,
Shaw,
Sicotte,
Smith, (Frontenac.)
Stevenson,
Street,
Stuart,
Taché,
Terrill,
Tessier,
Turcotte,
Valois,

<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	70. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;
 Mr. *Stuart* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of being amended, by restoring to the City and County of *Quebec* the limits prescribed in the said City and County, respectively, in the said Bill, as introduced into this House, and as contained therein at the time of the second reading thereof, and by providing that the said City of *Quebec* shall be comprized within its present limits as by Law established, and be represented in the Legislative Assembly by three Members: And that the said County of *Quebec* shall be divided into two Ridings to be called the First and Second Ridings of the said County of *Quebec*; the First whereof shall comprize that portion within the limits of the present County of *Quebec* commonly called and known as the *Banlieue*, and the Second Riding shall comprize the remaining portion of the said County within its present limits; and that each Riding shall be represented in the Legislative Assembly by one Member, as provided in respect of the County of *Montreal*; and that an additional Member for a Constituency in *Upper Canada*, be recommended by the said Committee instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	20. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gowin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongeneais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Charveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	56. <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sharr,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	61. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	16. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sharr,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Prince,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	61. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	16. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to divide the Common of *Maskinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday the thirty-first day of March instant.

A Bill to incorporate the *Ontario* and *Huron* Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *London* and *Port Sarnia* Railway Company."

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the County of *Ontario*, and annex it to the County of *York*, being read ;

Mr. *Hartman* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company, was, according to Order, 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 .

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to remove certain doubts existing as to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of an Act passed during the present Session, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company," being read ;

Mr. *Street* moved, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *White*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day week" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Mackenzie,

Merritt,

White,

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDonald, (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>32. Valois.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Langton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommended to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out from the word "enacted" to the end of the Bill, and inserting "the words "that nothing in the said Act or in the sixth Section thereof " was intended, or shall be construed, to give to any such creditor, any claim or " recourse upon any of the property in the said Act referred to, than such creditor would have had in law or equity, if the said Act had never been passed" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>13. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Johnson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>23. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. *Street* moved, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to remove certain doubts existing as " to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of the Act passed during the " present Session, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held " in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act " to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Com- " pany;" the House divided: and names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>

Cartier,
Chapais,
Crawford,

Jobin,
Johnson,
MacNab, Sir A. N.

Morin,
Morrison,

Taché,
22. Turcotte.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown,
Cauchon,
Christie (Wentworth.)

Govin,
Hartman,
Langton,

Macdonald (Kingston.)
Mackenzie,
Merritt.

Valois,
White,
12. Wright, (E. R. York.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question which was, on Friday the eleventh day of March instant, proposed, That the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the said Order be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House on the first day of March instant, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the sixth day of April next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,
Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House To-morrow, adjourn till Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 24° die Martii;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,—The Petition of the Municipalities of the Townships of *Pickering* and *Scarborough*; and the Petition of *George Tait* and others, of the Townships of *Pickering* and *Scarborough*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *John Greenshields* and others, Depositors in the *Montreal* Provident and Savings Bank.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *W. M. Dole*, Esquire, and others, of Municipality Number two, of the County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; the Petition of *Peter McCallum* and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, County of *Lambton*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Marie Anne Robitaille*, widow of the late *Antoine B. Belleville*, of the Parish of *La Malbaie*, County of *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *Joseph S. Walton*, of *Sherbrooke*; the Petition of *R. D. Morkill* and others, Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*; and the Petition of *A. J. Parker*, Chairman, and *William Scott*, Secretary, on behalf of an Association of Ministers and Laymen of various Evangelical Churches within the bounds of the District of *St. Francis*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *G. W. Wicksteed*, Esquire, Law Clerk and English Translator to this House.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*,—The Petition of *James Armstrong*, of the Parish and District of *Montreal*, Esquire.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *J. D. Armstrong*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Sorel*, District of *Montreal*; praying that the Act amending the Ordinance relating to Winter Roads, and to prevent the use of *Traines* in *Lower Canada*, may be repealed, and that the said Ordinance may be declared to be in full force and effect.

Of *John Black*, Clerk to the Registrar, and *William Stanley*, Clerk to the Master of the Court of Chancery for *Upper Canada*; representing the insufficiency of their present Salaries for the maintenance of themselves and their families, and also the liabilities they have necessarily incurred by reason of such insufficiency, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *J. T. Williams*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*; of *William Corley* and others, of the Township of *St. Vincent*; and of *Thomas F. Purdy* and others, of the *Gore* of *Camden*, County of *Kent*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Crowland*; praying that the limits of the Village of *Thorold* may not be extended as petitioned for.

Of *John McDonald* and others, of the Village of *St. Mary's*; of *Philip Thompson* and others; of *Peter Fergusson* and others; and of *William Flood* and others; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Ordered, That the Petition of *G. W. Wicksteed*, Esquire, Law Clerk and English Translator to this House, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying for an increase of Salary, and that he be relieved from the duties of English Translator, except in certain cases.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean B. Côté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of the Town Council of *St. Hyacinthe*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That the Parties in this cause have declared their examination of witnesses closed as regards preliminary points; that delay has been granted to them till Wednesday the 30th day of March instant, for hearing; and that the Committee are desirous of adjourning to that day.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Wednesday the 30th day of March instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twenty-first Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to vest in certain Inhabitants of the Township of *Moore*, a Road allowance therein, and to establish a new Road in lieu thereof. The Bill proposes to vest in the owners of Lots Nos. 37 to 68 inclusive, of the first concession of *Moore*, in the County of *Kent*, the original allowance for a Road on the bank of the River *St. Clair*, to the extent of the said Lots, and to convey to the Public, as a highway in lieu thereof, a Road now laid out and travelled through the said Lots, a short distance back from the River.

Your Committee having carefully inquired into the circumstances, respectfully report, that it appears from the Petitions before Your Honorable House in relation to this matter, that the original allowance runs along the bank of the River *St. Clair*; that several gulleys occurring on the portion of the Road in question, some twenty years ago a detour was made the depth of a field back, and a Road opened up which has continued to be used since as the public highway; that the front Road has not been opened up as a carriage-way, but is used by foot passengers, and that no objection was taken by the owners of the land at the time, and it is only of late that compensation has been sought.

Your Committee are of opinion that whatever claim the owners of the Lots in question may have for compensation for the land taken for the back Road, they have no just claim to the concession they demand; and they are decidedly of opinion that the front Road should on no account be surrendered.

Under these circumstances, Your Committee feel it their duty to report, That the Preamble of the Bill has not been proved.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council Chamber:—

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, 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 amend the Act incorporating the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe d'Yamaska*, in so far as regards the persons composing the said Corporation, and to declare what persons shall hereafter compose and constitute the same.

An Act to incorporate the Society of Charitable Ladies of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*.

An Act to vest in the *Little Lake Cemetery Company* certain allowances for Road in the Park Lots of the Town of *Peterborough*.

An Act to modify the Usury Laws.

An Act making certain provisions relative to the Counties of *Perth*, *Brant*, and *Waterloo*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. D. Armstrong*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Sorel*, District of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chapais* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Board of Examiners for School Teachers in the District of *Kamouraska*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday the thirty-first day of March instant.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify the *Brock* Monument Building Committee, 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 Wednesday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying he will be pleased to direct the proper Officer to prepare and furnish to this House all the Contracts and Documents in connection with the erection and construction of the Court House at the City of *Montreal*, and all Correspondence with the Architects relative thereto, which the Government shall think proper to produce.

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.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the “Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal, amend, and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Court of Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the fourth day of April next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain an Act, intituled, “An Act to provide a remedy against absent Defendants.”

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Catarqui* and *Peterborough* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce*, *McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*.

Mr. *Dubord* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, assuring Her Majesty that very great inconvenience and loss are occasioned to the Trade of this Province and Shipping interests in general, from the exorbitant Fees and Expenses attending all proceedings in the Court of Vice-Admiralty at *Quebec*, and from the fact that there is no authority within this Province empowered to modify the same so as to afford that relief which is imperatively requisite; and praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to adopt such measures as may be necessary for em-

powering the Governor of this Province, in Council, or such other authority within the Province as Her Majesty may think proper, to revise, reduce, and regulate the Fees to be taken in the said Court of Vice-Admiralty, and to make a Tariff of such reduced Fees;

Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "a Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report with all convenient speed to this House, whether any and what Fees are paid to the Proctors or Barristers practising in the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Province on causes instituted in and disposed of by the said Court, the Tariff or table of such Fees, and the authority in virtue whereof they are established and exacted from Suitors in the said Court; and that the Committee do consist of Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Tessier*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, and the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to enquire into and report with all convenient speed to this House, whether any and what Fees are paid to the Proctors or Barristers practising in the Court of Vice-Admiralty in this Province on causes instituted in and disposed of by the said Court, the Tariff or table of such Fees, and the authority in virtue whereof they are established and exacted from Suitors in the said Court; and that the Committee do consist of Mr. *Dubord*, Mr. *Stuart*, Mr. *Tessier*, Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, and the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, on Monday last, proposed, That the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors in certain cases, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, *Ordered*, That the Debate be further adjourned until Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Pembroke* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,
The House adjourned until Tuesday next.

Martis, 29° *die Martii*;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—
By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *Thomas Lunn* and others, of the Township

of *Sydenham*; the Petition of *William Watt*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Normanby*, County of *Grey*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nicol*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *Guelph*; and the Petition of *William Clarke*, Warden of the United Counties of *Wellington* and *Grey*.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *George K. Smith*, of *Lake Superior*.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *F. B. Beddome* and others, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *A. G. Charlebois*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Rigaud*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *C. S. Cherrier*, Esquire, and others, Roman Catholic Citizens of the City of *Montreal*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Colin C. Ferrie*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *George S. Tiffany* and *George J. Grange*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *W. B. Jarvis*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *York*, *Ontario*, and *Peel*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Thorah*.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *Thomas D. Harris* and others.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *Joseph Simmons* and others, proprietors of farms situate at *Rivière St. Pierre* and *Lower Lachine*, County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Tessier*,—The Petition of *J. L. Pagé* and others, Navigators and others, of the Parish of *Deschambault*; and the Petition of *N. Portelance* and others, Navigators and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles des Grondines*.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Henry Hanna*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*, County of *Carleton*; praying that no alteration may be made in the Representation of the said County in Parliament, as proposed by the Bill relating thereto.

Of *John McBean*, Esquire, President, and others, Directors of the *Berthier* Academy; praying for aid in behalf of the said Academy.

Of the Reverend *P. Sax* and others, of the Parish of *Laval*, District of *Quebec*; praying for aid to construct Bridges and improve the Road leading from the Churches of the said Parish to that of *Beauport*.

Of the Reverend *Thomas McPherson* and others, of the Townships of *Lancaster* and *Charlottenburgh*, County of *Glengary*; of the Reverend *Andrew Wilson* and others, of the Village of *Port Dover*; and of *A. J. Parker*, Chairman, and *William Scott*, Secretary, on behalf of an Association of Ministers and Laymen of various Evangelical Churches within the bounds of the District of *St. Francis*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on Canals.

Of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company; praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying for the repeal of the Common School Law, and the enactment of a Law more simple and comprehensive providing for a system of Free Schools under the County Municipalities.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying that the several Township Municipalities may have the control or management of their respective Boundary Lines.

Of the Reverend *William Macalister* and others, of *Sarnia*; and of the Muni-

pality of the Township of *Dawn*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of *Charles Scarlett* and others, of the Township of *Dawn*, County of *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act to detach all the School Sections of the said Township from the corresponding School Sections of the Township of *Zone* and *Gore* of *Camden*.

Of *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, and others, of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*, may not pass into Law.

Of the Municipalities of the Townships of *Pickering* and *Scarborough*; praying that the Bill to vest in *C. C. Small*, Esquire, certain Road allowances in the said Township of *Pickering*, may not pass into Law, without the Municipalities interested therein being first consulted.

Of *George Tait* and others, of the Townships of *Pickering* and *Scarborough*; praying that a certain portion only of the Road allowances in the said Township of *Pickering* proposed to be vested in *C. C. Small*, Esquire, may be vested in him.

Of *John Greenshields* and others, Depositors in the *Montreal* Provident and Savings Bank; representing their confidence in the Trustees and Directors of the said Bank since its suspension of payment, and praying that no action may be taken in the matter of the Petition of *Thomas McGinn* and others, Depositors and Claimants against the said Bank, for the appointment of Trustees, with power to proceed against the said Directors.

Of *W. M. Dole*, Esquire, and others, of Municipality Number two, of the County of *Ottawa*; praying that the said Municipality may be erected into a County.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; praying that certain By-Laws of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, passed in the year 1842, may not be legalized.

Of *Peter McCallum* and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, County of *Lambton*; representing that their Lands are in danger of being sold by the Sheriff for taxes which accrued before the said lands came into possession of the Petitioners, and praying for relief in the premises.

Of *Joseph S. Walton* of *Sherbrooke*; praying for payment of his claim against the Municipal District of *Sherbrooke*, as Secretary to the District Council thereof.

Of *R. D. Morkill* and others, Trustees of the *Sherbrooke* Academy; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of Mrs. *Marie Anne Robitaille*, widow of the late *Antoine B. Belleville*, of the Parish of *La Malbaie*, County of *Saguenay*; representing that on account of certain differences between her said late husband as a School Commissioner, and the *Curé* of the said Parish, the said *Curé* denied to his remains the right of burial in the Parochial Burial Ground, and praying for the passing of an Act to grant relief in the premises.

Of *James Armstrong*, of the Parish and District of *Montreal*, Esquire; praying that the Corporation of the said City may be authorized to erect Mills and dispose of Mill Sites along the line of the proposed Water Works of the said City.

Mr. *Dixon*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have duly considered the prayer of the Petition, and find that in that portion of the Town of *London* known as the “new survey,” the Streets have been laid out two chains in width, while those in the old survey are of the width of one chain only,—and the Town Council are desirous of having the width of all the new Streets (with the exception of *Wellington* Street) reduced to one chain, so as to be uniform with the older portion of the Town.

Your Committee are fully of opinion that the present width of these new Streets is too great, and that it is advisable to reduce the same, as much inconvenience and expense will otherwise be experienced, but they find that the present application does not agree with the Notice given by the Town Council, in which the width to which they propose these Streets to be reduced is stated to be six rods, being two rods wider than the Petition states. It appears also that a Petition has been presented to Your Honorable House from certain Inhabitants of the Town of *London* in opposition to the proposed reduction; under these circumstances, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that leave be given to introduce a Bill for reducing the width of the Streets in question, but that the extent of such reduction be specially determined by Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce the width of certain Streets in the new survey of the Town of *London*, 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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition of the there-undersigned, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Toronto*, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That the date of the Deed of the Lands in *Horton*, included in the declaration of qualification made at the last Election for the City of *Toronto*, by *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, the Sitting Member, being July 12th, 1851, and he the said Mr. *Boulton*, having subsequently declared under oath, in a proceeding in the Court of Queen's Bench, on the 21st of November, 1851, that he was then insolvent, and had made an assignment of all his property, both real and personal, to Trustees, for the benefit of his Creditors; the said Lands in *Horton* cannot be considered the *bonâ fide* property of Mr. *Boulton*, at the date of the said declaration of qualification.

That the remaining property specified in the said declaration of qualification, situate in the City of *Montreal*, was not, in the opinion of the Committee, of the value of Five hundred pounds of Sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting the same.

That the said *William Henry Boulton* was not duly elected at the said Election, for want of property qualification; and that the said Election is void.

That the defence to the Petition by the said *William Henry Boulton* is not frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the "City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 21. Leave out from "seven" to "holding" in line 24.

Page 2, line 24. Leave out "fifty" and insert "twenty-five."

Page 2, line 25. Leave out "five" and insert "two," and after "hundred" insert "and fifty."

Page 2, line 25. Leave out from "pounds" to "and" in line 28.

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stevenson* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Piers, Wharves, and Harbours.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal, Bytown and Ottawa Grand Trunk Railway Company*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Brown* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Brown* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Port Whitby and Lake Huron Railroad Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canal, and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; 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 now received.

Mr. *Smith of Frontenac* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a Loan of Fifty thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill supplementary to an Act of this Session, detaching for Judicial purposes the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annexing the same to the District of *Kamouraska*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, on Friday the eleventh day of March instant, proposed, That the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 30^o die Martii;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Marchildon*,—The Petition of *Louis Marchand*, of the Parish of *St. Genevieve de Batiscan*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Joseph Thibodeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of *Charles Cazeau* and others, licensed Cullers for the department of Deals, Planks, Boards, and Lathwood.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *O. Martineau*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, and others, of *L'Orignal* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; and the Petition of *Paul Bedford* and others, of the Township of *Norwich*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *Christopher Mullins* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniority of *Shoolbred*, in the District of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of Miss *Marguerite de Lanaudière* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day for the House again in Committee on that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Champlain*, be postponed till Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall),</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	15. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	15. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

And the Votes being equally divided:—Mr. Speaker gave his casting Vote in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Fournier*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the following matters relative to the *Magdalen Islands*:—1st. Under what description of Tenure the inhabitants of these Islands hold their Lands; 2nd. What is the present condition of their Agriculture, Trade, Fisheries, and other branches of industry, whether

in mines, minerals, or otherwise, and what would be the most efficient means for their improvement should that be deemed necessary; 3rd. Whether these Islands generally, in a Commercial point of view, are advantageous to this Province, or otherwise; lastly, into all matters having reference thereto,—with an Instruction to the Committee, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix, (Z.Z.Z.)

Ordered, That One thousand copies of the said Report, with the Documents and Plans accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 14th March, 1853, for information relative to the *Trois Pistoles* and *Miramichi* Railroad:—

Memorandum.

No communications have been received to the effect that the British Government were about to grant half the funds necessary to construct that portion of the inter-Colonial Railway which lies between *Miramichi* and *Trois Pistoles* or *River du Loup*, or any other communication in any way relating to that portion of Railway; nor any communications relating to the construction of the Railway to *Trois Pistoles*, and the formation of the Company in relation thereto.

By Command.

Secretary's Office,

Quebec, 30th March, 1853.

A. N. Morin, Secretary.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 23rd instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a copy of the Third Annual Report of the Directors of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, adopted 7th February, 1853, with the accompanying documents.

For the said Return, see Appendix (J.)

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Seventeenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Junction Railway and Canal Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they beg leave to submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to lessen Costs in Suits at Law in *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before this House, for its information, the Petition of Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, M.P.F. the Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, and between two and three thousand other inhabitants of *Canada*, relative to the *Grand River* Settlers; the documents which accompanied the said Petition; the Report of *David Thorburn*, Esquire, Indian Agent, on said Petition, or copies of the said documents; and copy of any reply to said Petition from the Indian Department, addressed to Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would lay before this House, for its information, a Statement shewing the amounts of money paid from the Indian Fund to Settlers on the *Grand River, Canada West*, as compensation for giving up their improvements, and the expenses incurred for the prosecution of certain Settlers on the said *Grand River*; as also the names of all the Officers and Servants of the Indian Department, with their several incomes, whether derived from fees, salaries, perquisites, or from any source; the amount derived from sales of *Grand River* Lands, and how invested; and the profits, if any, accruing to the Indians therefrom.

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. *Cauchon*, seconded by Mr. *Stuart*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the Report of Doctors *Nelson* and *MacDonnell*, and *Zephirin Perrault*, Esquire, Advocate, on the *Quebec* Marine Hospital, and of all documents having reference to the Inquiry held by the said Gentlemen concerning the said Institution.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of any late Reports from the Governor General of *Canada*, and from the Lieutenant Governors of the other British Provinces, on the state of the Colonies under their Government, which may have been laid before the Imperial Parliament.

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. *Stuart*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to adopt such measures as to him shall seem fit and proper, to have prepared and printed in the form in which the Laws of this Province are now printed, the Parochial subdivisions of *Lower Canada*, shewing the bounds, limits or division lines of the various Parishes established and erected therein for Civil purposes, including as well such as were established by the *Arrêt* of the Council of State of His Most Christian Majesty, dated the 3rd March, 1722, as all those which have since been ascertained, established and confirmed in a legal and regular manner, either as new Parishes or as Parishes formed by the dismemberment or subdivision of Parishes previously erected and recognized according to Law; and shewing also, in a condensed form, the authority under which each Parochial subdivision was made, the name of the Governor during whose Administration the same took place, the names of the Commissioners recommending the same, the date of their Report, and the date of the *Arrêt*, Letters Patent, or Proclamation establishing and confirming the same; including such information as may be in the possession of Government concerning Parishes

or reputed Parishes not yet Civilly erected, and also the subdivisions of each County into Townships where there are any.

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. *Sanborn*, seconded by Mr. *Terrill*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all Correspondence of record in the Office of the Provincial Secretary, on the subject of the claims of certain Inhabitants of the *Indian Stream* Settlement in the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*, for compensation for injuries received from Citizens of the State of *New Hampshire*, on the occasion of the arrest, in 1835, of two individuals under a Warrant from *Alexander Rea*, Esquire, then a Justice of the Peace; and also, a copy of the Report made by *John Moore*, Esquire, a Commissioner appointed under the Provincial Statute 9 *Vic. cap. 38*, upon the nature and extent of the injuries sustained.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *White*, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Mover, be appointed to consider and report on the expediency of recommending the adoption of an Address to Her Majesty in favor of admitting the Productions of *Canada* into the Markets of *Great Britain* free of duty, comprising Grain and Breadstuffs of all kinds; Pork, Beef, Butter, Cheese, and Provisions of all kinds; Timber, Ores, Metals, Clay Stones of all kinds; Hides, Tallow, Fish, and Oil of all kinds, and all articles manufactured from the productions of *Canada*; also to consider whether the same principle should not be applied to our Commercial intercourse with the Sister Colonies; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	25. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrici,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Nistice,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Roiph,</i>	29. <i>White.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the Contract entered into for furnishing Tug Boats on the *St. Lawrence* between *Prescott* and *Montreal*, with the name, tonnage, draught of water, and power of each Boat; and also, the Surveys, when obtained, of the Channel between *Prescott* and *Montreal*, and Charts to point out what obstructions exist therein, for the information of Mariners navigating this Channel.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will please to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, a Statement of the monies which have been received from the sales of all Public Lands since the 30th May, 1849, under the provisions of the first Section of the Act, intituled, "An Act to raise an Income of One hundred thousand pounds out of the Public Lands of *Canada*, for Common School Education;" also, a Return of the One Million Acres of Land set apart for the purpose of creating a Fund for the establishment and support of Common Schools and District Libraries, and not to be alienated for any other purposes whatever, shewing where the same is situated, the price originally fixed per acre for the same, the number of acres sold, the amount paid thereon, and invested under the second Section of the aforesaid Act, and the charges for management and sale thereof in each year; and praying that His Excellency will direct that a Statement shewing the state of this Fund be hereafter published in the annual Public Accounts.

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 Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts touching the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Turcotte*, seconded by Mr. *McDougall*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Communications which may have taken place between the Executive Government and the present Proprietors of the *St. Maurice* Forges, with reference to the said Forges and to the Lands of the *Fief St. Etienne*; and, also, of all Instructions given by the Government, and of all Reports made to the Government, in relation to the said Forges and Lands of *St. Etienne*, since the Report made on the same subject by *Etienne Parent*, 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.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Gamble*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Burnham*, and *Christie* of *Wentworth*, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the operation of the Assessment

Laws, especially with reference to the collection of Taxes on Lands of non-residents and the equalization of County Rates amongst the several Municipalities.

On motion of Mr. *Dubord*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,

Ordered, That the Rules of this House be suspended in the case of the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of *Quebec*, praying for power to borrow an additional sum of Fifty thousand pounds for the construction of Water Works.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of the Instruction at any time received by the Provincial Government, or by the Government of *Lower Canada*, in relation to the Commutation of Tenure.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize Clergymen of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in *Lower Canada*, to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twenty-second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Brockville Gas Light Company*,” and have agreed to report the same without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Brockville Gas Light Company*,” be now read the third time. The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, without any Amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Ridout*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,

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 *Toronto*, in the room of *William Henry Boulton*, Esquire, whose Election has been declared void.

A Bill to incorporate the *Montreal, Bytown and Ottawa Grand Trunk Railway Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*.”

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill supplementary to an Act of this Session, detaching for Judicial purposes the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annexing the same to the District of *Kamouraska*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act supplementary to the Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question which was, on Friday the eleventh day of March instant, proposed, That the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, be now read a second time ;

And the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Friday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, The House adjourned.

Jovis, 31 ° die Martii ;

ANNO 16 ° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petition was brought up, and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. H. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Barnabé*, County of *St. Maurice*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of *Thomas Lunn* and others, of the Township of *Sydenham* ; of *William Watt*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Normanby*, County of *Grey* ; of the Municipality of the Township of *Nicol* ; and of the Municipality of the Town of *Guelph* ; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Guelph* to *Owen Sound*, as a continuation of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway or otherwise.

Of *William Clarke*, Warden of the United Counties of *Wellington* and *Grey* ; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Guelph* to *Owen Sound*, and that no point other than *Guelph* aforesaid may be made the terminus thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell* ; praying that the Bill providing for the recovery of Taxes imposed by By-Laws of the

late District Councils may be made to provide for the collection of rates imposed and in arrear for the years 1851 and 1852.

Of *George K. Smith*, of *Lake Superior*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable him and his associates to work the Mineral region on the coasts of *Lakes Superior* and *Huron*.

Of *F. B. Beddome* and others, of the Town of *London*; praying that the application for an Act to reduce the width of certain Streets in the new survey of the said Town may not be granted.

Of *A. G. Charlebois*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Rigaud*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the provisions of the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, may be extended to *Lower Canada*.

Of *C. S. Cherrier*, Esquire, and others, Roman Catholic Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Roman Catholic minority of *Upper Canada* may enjoy the same rights with regard to separate Common Schools as are enjoyed by the Protestant minority of *Lower Canada*, in the same respect.

Of *Colin C. Ferrie*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Act to vest in the Corporation of the said City the Gore of *King Street*, for public purposes, may be so amended as to restrict the said Corporation to enclosing and ornamenting the said Gore, and to prevent the erection of buildings thereon.

Of *George S. Tiffany* and *George J. Grange*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the establishment of a College at the City of *Hamilton*.

Of *W. B. Jarvis*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *York, Ontario*, and *Peel*; praying for certain amendments to the Law respecting the sale of Lands for taxes.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Thorah*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate the said Township from the County of *Ontario*, and attach it to the County of *York*, without being subject to the debt incurred by the said County of *Ontario*.

Of *Thomas D. Harris* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them under the name of "The *Toronto* Royal Hotel Company."

Of *Joseph Simmons* and others, proprietors of farms situate at *Rivière St. Pierre* and *Lower Lachine*, County of *Montreal*; praying that the Corporation of the City of *Montreal* may be authorized to borrow money, and construct Water Works therewith for the use of the said City, under certain restrictions and obligations.

Of *J. L. Pagé* and others, Navigators and others, of the Parish of *Deschambault*; and of *N. Portelance* and others, Navigators and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles des Grondines*; praying that no tax or rate, as proposed by a Bill before the House, may be levied on Vessels drawing less than eleven feet water for passing through *Lake St. Peter*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying that the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act may be so amended as to make it applicable to local improvements or the payment of their debts by Municipalities.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Walker* and others, of the Township of *Holland*, *Owen Sound*, County of *Grey*; the Petition of *Christopher Armstrong* and others, of the Township of *Egremont*, County of *Grey*; the Petition of *William Clarke*, Warden of the United Counties of *Wellington* and *Grey*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *Guelph*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Nicol*; the Petition of *Thomas Lunn* and others, of the Township of *Sydenham*; and the Petition of *William Watt*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Normanby*, County of *Grey*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. B. Jarvis*, Esquire, Sheriff of the United Counties of *York, Ontario*, and *Peel*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the operation of the Assessment Laws.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Eighteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company, and have agreed to several amendments thereto, which they recommend to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House. : As also the Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Pembroke* Railway Company, and have also made several amendments to the same, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Pembroke* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Seymour* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Seymour* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Brown* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Brown* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Junction Railway and Canal Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow,

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on which to found an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, as to the assembling of Parliament.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That the beginning of the month of February would be the most convenient period of the year for the assembling of Parliament.

2. *Resolved*, That it would be convenient for the Country if His Excellency the Governor General, in the exercise of his undoubted prerogative, would summon Parliament for the despatch of business at the period named in the preceding Resolution.

The first of the said Resolutions, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The second of the said Resolutions being read a second time, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution ; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Brown*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Street*, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General, upon the said Resolutions.

On motion of Mr. *Tessier*, seconded by Mr. *Laurin*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a List of the Deeds of Commutation of Lands held *en roture* into *franc aleu roturier*, stating the names only of the parties to such Deeds, the name of the Seignior, the date of the Deed, and the name of the Notary before whom such Deed was passed ; and also, a Statement shewing the amount received by the Crown as indemnity on such Commutations, pursuant to Sections 3, 4, and 5, of the Act 8 *Vic.* cap. 42, from the date of the said Act (29th March, 1845,) to the 1st January last.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Military Asylum.

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. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to divide the Common of *Maskinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province; 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 now received.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Marchildon*, The House adjourned.

Veneris, 1° *die Aprilis*;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Etienne Hallé* and others, of *Ste. Claire* and other Parishes; and the Petition of the Municipality of the County of *Dorchester*, Division Number two.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Louis Marchand*, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, County of *Champlain*; representing that by virtue of a Lease he has been for a long time and still is in possession of the *Banal* Grist Mill of the Seigniorship of *Batiscan*, in the said Parish, pertaining to the Jesuits' Estates, and praying that he may be allowed to purchase the said Mill and site, or otherwise obtain a long Lease therefor, in order to improve the same.

Of *Joseph Thibodeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for certain amendments to the Education Law of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Charles Cazeau* and others, licensed Cullers for the department of Deals, Planks, Boards, and Lathwood; praying for a certain amendment to the Act 8 *Vic.* cap. 49, called the Cullers' Act.

Of *O. Martineau*, Esquire, and others, of the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski*; praying that the Petition of *Joseph Robitaille*, Esquire, representing that for twenty-two years he served in Parliament as Member representing the County of *Cornwallis*, now the said Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski*, for which he received no compensation, and that now in his old age he is left unprovided for, and praying indemnity in consideration of the premises, may be granted.

Of *Charles P. Treadwell*, Esquire, and others, of *L'Orignal* and its vicinity; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying that a certain proposed Bill to amend the Act of this Session providing for the improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*

and the deepening of Lake *St. Peter*, and the improvement of the navigation of the *St. Lawrence*, may be passed into a Law.

Of *Paul Bedford* and others, of the Township of *Norwich*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from the *Galt Junction* of the Great Western Railway, running through *Brantford*, *Norwich*, and *St. Thomas*, to *Malden* on the *Detroit River*.

Of *Christopher Mullins* and others, *Censitaires* of the Seigniori of *Shoolbred*, in the District of *Gaspé*; complaining that they are exposed to unjust exactions on the part of the Seigniors, and liable to be arrested for arrears of rent on going into the Province of *New Brunswick*, and that the quantity of land paying rent to the Seigniors is greater than by their titles they have right to, and praying relief in the premises.

Of Miss *Marguerite de Lanaudière* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories; praying that the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, may not pass into Law, but that a Commission be appointed to provide for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure upon an honorable basis, securing to them adequate indemnity, and that one of the Commissioners be a Seignior elected by the Petitioners.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Standing Committee on the Public Accounts, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

Your Committee have the honor to report that, in pursuance of the duty entrusted to them, they have, since their First Report, carefully examined several of the Public Accounts for 1851, calling for explanations where they appeared necessary; but that owing to the press of other business to which several of the Members have been called away, a mass of matter still remains for examination, to which they will give their attention as early as possible, deeming it proper, in the mean time, to submit the following:—

Your Committee observe that the expenses under the head of "High Constables, East," in Account No. 20, appear so considerable as to deserve the attention of the Executive. Of those Officials there are, in *Lower Canada*, four, viz: one in each of the Districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, *Three Rivers*, and *St. Francis*, whose salaries collectively (the highest being only £40) amount to £140, but for whose services no less than £2,486, over and above their salaries, are charged, making a total of £2,626, for services to the High Constables, an amount, as Your Committee deem it, excessive, considering their duties. Your Committee suggest for the consideration of the Executive, whether it may not be advisable, instead of persisting in the present system, open, as Your Committee apprehend, to grave objections, to increase their salaries, defraying only such disbursements as in the due performance of their duties, and in good faith they may have laid out or become liable for.

Your Committee have cause to believe, from inquiries they have made on the subject, that the High Constables charge, and are paid, mileage on the service of writs, subpoenas, and other orders of Court, where, in fact, they have only disbursed for postage by mail, deriving therefrom a very considerable income, but constituting an abuse that ought to be corrected. In the mean time, the Law Officers of the Crown, entrusted with the prosecution of criminal offences in the Courts of Law, should be required scrupulously to supervise the expenses under this head chargeable against the revenue by the High Constables, taking care, as far as it may be in their power, that such disbursements only as are necessary and unavoidable, and none other, be defrayed at the public cost.

The attention of Your Committee having been drawn to an item of £104 19s. 9d., in Account No. 23, "for Commission to the Collector;" at 5 per cent. on £2,099 16s. 1d. being "the amount of Tonnage duty levied at *Quebec* during the season of "1851," under the Act 6 *Will.* 4, cap. 35, continued by 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 68, to pro-

vide for the medical treatment of Sick Mariners, they have inquired by what authority this deduction in favor of the Collector was made from the fund in question. The Act 8 Vic. cap. 4, sec. 4, provides that the salary or pay allowed to the Collector "shall be in lieu of all fees, allowances, or emoluments of any kind whatsoever, except actual and authorized disbursements, shares of seizures, forfeitures and penalties excepted." The Collector, consequently could not make any such charge or deduction, on his own behalf, for collection of the monies constituting this fund, nor authorize another to do so. Your Committee, however, have satisfactorily ascertained that although the item (£104 19s. 9d.) in question is charged as "Commission to the Collector," the money has not been deducted for his benefit, but has been allowed by the Executive, under, it is presumed, a liberal interpretation of the aforesaid Act (6 Will. 4, cap. 35,) to a deserving subordinate officer in the Customs Department of *Quebec*, specially charged, in addition to his ordinary duties, with the collection of this Tonnage duty to provide for the medical treatment of Sick Mariners, in compensation of his extra services in that respect, the same allowance having been made for some years previously, by an Order of the Governor in Council (copy whereof, dated 31st October, 1838, is hereunto annexed,) to his immediate predecessor in office. The same remark applies also to the item of £37 5s. 10d. in Account No. 32, for Commission on the collection of £746 15s. 10d. Tonnage duties under the Act 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 25, for defraying the expenses of the *Quebec* River Police.

The rates or duties imposed by Act 12 Vic. cap. 6, on Passengers or Emigrants arriving at the Port of *Quebec* in 1851, appear, by Account No. 28, to have amounted to £12,079. The sum paid "on account of Emigration expenses for the year "1851," is stated at £5,563; and that "on account of salaries and other expenses at "Grosse Isle" for the same year, at £2,680. There is moreover, a deduction of £275 by the Collector of the Customs at *Quebec* "for boat hire and other services as authorized by the Commissioner of Customs." On calling for the vouchers authorizing the expenditure of the said amount, and of its application, it appears that by Letter of the 7th April, 1851, from the Collector (Mr. *Dunscomb*) to the Commissioner of Customs, it was represented that with a view to the carrying into effect the said Act 12 Vic. cap. 6, relating to Emigrants, viz: for boarding and overhauling ships arriving with such, and mustering those on board liable to the Emigrant rates, the service would require a Boarding Officer and boat's crew of four men, and a suitable boat, the cost of all which he estimated at £275 for the first year (1851,) and thereafter at £250. He accordingly requested to be "furnished with authority to deduct the same from the gross collections of the Emigrant tax." To this application there was subjoined the following estimate of cost, viz:—

Boat, oars, sails, rigging and fitting,.....	£	35	0	0
4 men, at £5, May to November, 7 months,.....		140	0	0
Coxwain and Boarding Officer,.....		100	0	0
		—————£275 0 0		

The proposal and estimate of the Collector were approved of, by Letter dated 3rd May following. Your Committee find, however, on production of the vouchers, that instead of a row-boat with oars, sails and suitable fitting, proper for the boarding of ships in ordinary weather, and to cost, as estimated, but £35, a schooner-rigged decked vessel has been built, of some nine tons measurement, upon the construction and equipment whereof the Collector has unauthoritatively expended upwards of four times (£141 9s. 2d.) that amount, an assumption exceedingly reprehensible, in the opinion of Your Committee, more especially by an Official charged with the important trust of collecting the public revenue, and such as they deem it an imperious duty to remark upon and disapprove.

The amount allowed (£275) for the service of the year 1851, has not, it is true,

been exceeded, but the Collector, in deviating from his estimate, has thereby misapplied so much. The whole sum is, indeed, of itself inconsiderable, but not so the principle involved in the mis-application in question, which, if allowed to pass unnoticed, might become a most inconvenient and dangerous precedent.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

Robert Christie, Esquire, in the Chair.

Tuesday, 12th October, 1852.

Joseph Cary, Esquire, Deputy Inspector General, called in; and examined:

1. You have been desired, at previous sittings of the Committee, to produce the vouchers of the outlay of £200 advanced (as per Account No. 39) to *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, "to enable him to defray the expenses of the conveyance of Prisoners to *England*, charged with the commission of murder on the high seas", or to explain to the Committee how the amount has been laid out; are you now prepared to produce the vouchers, or to give the necessary explanation; if not, what is it that prevents you?—The Account has not yet been rendered to our Department by *Mr. Ross*, although I have twice called upon him by Letter since the sitting of this Committee. I can give no statement whatever till I receive an answer to my application; he has taken no notice of it yet.

2. When was the money issued to *Mr. Ross*?—In the month of November, last year.

3. When did the Prisoners sail for *England*?—I cannot say precisely, but I understand that it was shortly after the money was given to *Mr. Ross*.

4. Then you have every reason to believe that the money was laid out about that time?—I have.

5. Are you aware of any reason or impediment which *Mr. Ross* may have for not accounting for it sooner?—I am not.

6. He has now, however, had nearly a year to account for it?—He has; but no account has yet been rendered.

Thomas A. Begly, Esquire, Secretary of the Board of Public Works, called in; and examined:

7. The Committee, in looking into the expenses incurred (£6306 1s. 4d.) in defraying the removal of various Officers of the Government from *Toronto* to *Quebec* last autumn, desire to know from you on what principle the various items to the several Officers, as stated in the Account (A.) now shewn to you, were apportioned and fixed?—I cannot say exactly on what principle the sums paid to the respective Public Officers for the removal of themselves and their families were apportioned and paid; all I know of the matter is, that I was directed by the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, to prepare a statement of the probable expense of the removal from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, based on the cost of the removal from *Montreal* to *Toronto*, and afterwards to make a statement of the amounts which, in my opinion, it would be fair to allow to the Public Officers for the removal of themselves and their families to *Quebec*. This I have done, with the assistance of the Book-keeper; but the amounts paid differed in many instances from those so apportioned, deductions having been made from some, and additions made to others.

8. Can you produce to the Committee the sketch you prepared; if so, hand it in. Let the Committee also know, if you can, how much has been paid for such removal to the Officers of the Government respectively, down to the present time?—The Statement I now hand in is a copy of that prepared by the Book-keeper and myself; it shews the amounts so apportioned by us, based on the numbers of the respective families, as furnished by the heads of Departments of the Government, and on the quantity of their furniture, so far as we were able to judge. In addition, it gives the amounts paid up to this date, as required.

Saturday, 16th October, 1852.

Mr. *James Maclaren*, Gaolor of the District of *Quebec*, called in; and examined:

9. The Committee wish to know the names of the two Prisoners who, some time last fall (1851,) were in your custody on a charge of murder on the high seas, and who were sent to *England* for trial there; also, the date of their being shipped by you in this port for *England*, the name of the vessel in which they were shipped, and in whose custody?—Their names, in the warrant of commitment, were *Anthony Burts Urgent*, and *Frank Murray*, charged with an assault on the high seas with intent to murder. They were taken out of my custody on the 16th November, 1851, by order of the Police Magistrate, Mr. *McCord*, and, as I understood, put on board the "*Lady Bulwer*," for *England*. They were put in custody of *Michael Barrett* and *James Staton*, policemen or constables, who accompanied them to *England*, and have since returned to this City, where they now are.

Joseph Cary, Esquire, Deputy Inspector General, again called in; and examined:

10. Is it in your power to produce the vouchers for the outlay of £200, advanced to *Dunbar Ross*, Esquire, according to Account No. 19, or can you give the Committee any statement in detail of the application, in whole or in part, of this money?—It is not; Mr. *Ross* not having rendered an account of the expenditure of that sum, as he was required and had promised to do. On my calling upon him for it this morning previously to attending on this Committee, he sent word by the messenger that the Account was about being copied, and it would be sent to me.

11. What is the date of the warrant under which the £200 was advanced to him?—The date of the warrant is the 15th November, 1851, and the money was advanced to Mr. *Ross* the same day, by the Receiver General.

Wednesday, 27th October, 1852.

The Honorable *Joseph Bourret*, a Member of the Legislative Council, called in; and examined:

12. You filled the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works when the Seat of Government was removed from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, last autumn?—Yes.

13. What was the precise date of the removal, or of the order given therefor?—The Public Offices were closed at *Toronto* on 20th September, 1851, with directions for their removal as early as possible, so as to open in *Quebec* on 10th October following.

14. Did not the duty of determining and fixing the allowance that should be given to each Official out of the £5,000 voted to defray the expenses of the removal from *Toronto* to *Quebec* devolve upon you?—Yes.

15. The Committee wish to be informed if in apportioning the amount so voted to the several Officers, you adopted any general rule, and what; whether, for example, you divided the indemnity among them according to their stations and rank, or by the number of their respective families, assigning to each, after inquiry as to the family with which he was charged, the sum you thought proper to his condition or wants?—The division was made according to the number of their respective families, and the quantity of furniture belonging to each.

Tuesday, 1st March, 1853.

Joseph Cary, Esquire, Deputy Inspector General, again called in; and examined:—

16. The Committee observe, in Account No. 23, of 1851, (Tonnage duties under Act 6 Will. 4, cap. 35, continued by 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 68, to provide for medical treatment of Sick Mariners) a deduction of £104 19s. 9d. stated as "Commission to the Collector" at 5 per cent. on "Tonnage duty levied at *Quebec* during the season "of 1851," amounting to £2,099 16s. 1d.; and desire to be informed by what authority this deduction is made by the Collector, whose fixed salary, as the Com-

mittee are at present advised, is, according to the 4th Section of the Statute under which he holds his Commission (8 *Vic.* cap. 4) "in lieu of all fees, allowances, or emoluments of any kind whatsoever, except actual and authorized disbursements, shares of seizures, forfeitures and penalties?"—I produce copies of the Order in Council of 6th July, 1838; of the Letter of the Collector of Customs of *Quebec*, of 11th July, 1851, addressed to the Commissioner of Customs; and of the reply of the latter Officer, dated the 15th of the same month. On perusal of these documents it will be seen that the amount deducted from the collections in question, was not applied to the emolument of the Collector of Customs, but to remunerate a Clerk in the establishment employed in the collection of and accounting for these particular duties, and whose income, otherwise, was extremely moderate. I am authorized to state that no such deduction is to be made in future, the salaries of the Clerks and other subordinates of the Customs being increased.

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council on Matters of State, dated 6th July, 1838, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, on the 31st October following:—

On the memorial of Mr. *James Prendergast* praying for remuneration for the additional duty, risk, and responsibility imposed upon him under the Act 2 *Will.* 4, cap. 17, imposing a Tax on Emigrants, and under 6 *Will.* 4, cap. 35, imposing a Tonnage duty for the relief of Sick Mariners.

The Committee humbly recommend that Mr. *Prendergast* be allowed five per cent on the amount of Tonnage duty collected, which they conceive to be a fair and moderate remuneration for the services imposed upon him by the two Acts 2 & 6 *Will.* 4.

Certified, *Wm. H. Lee,*
Acting C.E.C.

To the Honorable
The Inspector General, &c., &c., &c.

Custom House, *Quebec*, 11th July, 1851.

Sir,—In transmitting the "Hospital Tonnage dues Account" herewith, for the quarter ending the 5th July, I desire to bring to the notice of the Inspector General, that by a Minute of Council, approved of by the Governor General on the 5th of July, 1838, the Officer taking these dues was allowed to deduct 5 per centum on the amount collected.

That this money is collected in very small sums, varying from 1s. 10d. upwards, and involves great trouble and risk of mistakes being made, and requires the Officer's attendance before and after hours.

That the above allowance was enjoyed by Mr. *Prendergast*, the late Clerk, for 13 years; Mr. *Prendergast*, at the same time, being in receipt of a salary of £305 currency, per annum.

That Mr. *N. N. Ross*, whose salary is £125 currency, per annum, has taken the Tonnage dues, and has retained the same allowance; and as he is a deserving and meritorious public servant, I respectfully express a hope that the Inspector General may approve thereof.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) *J. W. Dunscomb.*

R. S. M. Bouchette, Esquire,
Commissioner of Customs, *Toronto.*

No. 21.

Inspector General's Office,
Customs Department, *Toronto*, 15th July, 1851.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 11th instant, transmitting the "Hospital Tonnage dues Account" for the quarter ending the 5th July; and in reply to that part of your letter which has reference to al-

lowance of 5 per cent granted by the Minute in Council of the 5th July, 1838, to the Officer on account of the dues so collected, I beg to inform you that the per centage in question is to be continued to Mr. *N. N. Ross* as hitherto to Mr. *Prendergast*, his predecessor in the discharge of that duty, and the Inspector General authorizes you accordingly to make the deduction, or to approve of the same being made by the Collector of the dues, in the manner sanctioned by the Government in Council, by the Order of the 5th July, 1838, referred to.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) *R. S. M. Bouchette.*

To the Collector of
H. M. Customs, *Quebec.*

Wednesday, 2nd March, 1853.

Joseph Cary, Esquire, Deputy Inspector General, again called in; and examined :

17. It is matter of public notoriety that an increase of salaries has been allowed the sub-officials in the Customs Department of *Quebec*,—was any Statement called for and given in at any time previous thereto, shewing the salaries and emoluments actually received by them, upon which the increase has been awarded them; and if so, can you produce it for the satisfaction of the Committee?—On inquiry, I am informed that no such Statement was called for or required,—the records of the Department being sufficient to afford the necessary information.

Friday, 4th March, 1853.

Mr. *N. Neilson Ross*, a Clerk in the Customs Department of *Quebec*, called in; and examined :—

18. The Committee understand that you have received, for your own use, and above your salary, the amount of £104, being the per centage, at 5 per cent. on the collection of £2,099, Tonnage duties, during 1851, at *Quebec* and *Montreal*, for the medical treatment of Sick Mariners, as stated in Public Account No. 23, now shewn you; is such the fact?—I received the sum of £104 for collecting the Tonnage on Hospital dues at the Port of *Quebec*, over and above my salary. Prior to my receiving this per centage, my salary was £137 currency; then I was only a subordinate Clerk. It was reduced on the 5th January, 1851, to £125. The July following, I was allowed the per centage above mentioned of 5 per cent. This allowance had been made to Mr. *Prendergast* for the space of thirteen years, whose salary was £305 currency.

19. Was there then, or is there now, any condition or understanding, on your receiving this per centage, that if it were objected to and disallowed you were to refund it?—There was no such understanding or condition.

The following Letter was subsequently received from Mr. *Ross*, addressed to the Chairman of the Committee :—

Custom House, *Quebec*, 18th March, 1853.

Sir,—In accordance with the expressed wish of certain Members of the Committee of the Honorable Legislative Assembly on the Public Accounts, I beg most respectfully to state that the duties with which I am charged in the Customs Department of this Port, are :—

To receive, examine and number the Reports and Manifests of vessels inwards.

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To receive the Entries of vessels outwards, with Sufferances and Jerque Notes.

To write the Clearances of the vessels outwards, specifying in writing the particulars of the cargoes,—exacting from the party or parties clearing the vessels, a Certificate that all Trinity dues have been paid.

To write the Clearances of vessels trading Inland, giving the particulars of goods transhipped, removed in bond, or in transit to the *United States*.

To take charge of the Bonds.

To collect the Emigrant Tax, taking care that the Emigrants are properly rated, and charged according to law.

To collect the Tonnage and Water-Police dues, which collections are made in very small sums varying from 1s. 10d. and upwards,—a duty involving much trouble and risk of mistakes, and requiring extra attendance both before and after hours, particularly when 100 or 150 vessels arrive together, as is sometimes the case.

To keep the Emigrant Tax Book, giving a detailed account of the collections.

To keep the Tonnage and Water-Police Book, giving a detailed account of the collections.

To keep Tonnage Books inwards and outwards, shewing the different Countries from which the vessels arrive, British and Foreign, with cargo and in ballast, and the Nations to which they belong, and also the various Countries to which they clear, &c.

To keep the Collector's Cash Book, shewing the particulars of the cash received, and payments made.

To make out quarterly and annually the Collector's Accounts Current with the Government; Accounts of salaries and incidents, Emigrant Tax, Tonnage, and Water Police dues and other accounts, with vouchers.

To take charge of Letters inwards and outwards, writing and copying Letters of correspondence, &c.

To assist in making up numerous and important Returns required by the Inspector General, &c.

The foregoing are only a part of the multifarious duties with which I am charged, it being impossible to give them all in full detail; seldom a day passes during the business season without some information being required in relation to the general business of the Customs.

Previous to the year 1851, when the Customs were more immediately under the control of the Home authorities, there were four Clerks and two extra assistants in the Long Room; at present there are only two Clerks.

You are aware that I have been upwards of eight years in the Customs Department of this Port, and am consequently well acquainted with all the routine business of the Customs.

When the recent change took place in 1851, I expected promotion; but in this I was disappointed, my salary being reduced to £125 per annum. The Collector considering that I merited a larger Salary than that allowed me, made application on my behalf to the Commissioner of Customs for the usual per centage on the Tonnage dues; and in answer received an order from the Inspector General to the effect that I was to receive 5 per cent on the amount of all such collections.

And I would here beg to observe, that my predecessor enjoyed for about 13 years, 5 per cent on the amount of all the Tonnage and Water Police dues collected, together with his salary of £305 currency, per annum; and if it was not according to law that he received such a per centage, it was at least considered strictly according to justice, that the person collecting these dues should for this extra work receive an extra emolument.

I humbly trust that the Honorable Committee on the Public Accounts may be pleased to take the foregoing statement under their consideration, and give such aid as may be necessary to restore to me the per centage of which I have for the present been deprived.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

N. Neilson Ross.

Friday, 11th March, 1853.

Joseph Cary, Esquire, Deputy Inspector General, again called in; and examined:—

20. The Committee observe by your vouchers of the expenditure of £275 “for boat hire and other services, as authorized by the Commissioner of Customs,” that there is an item of £81 for the building and fitting out of a boat for Her Majesty’s Customs, and £39 more, for sails, &c., with other items, making in all a total of £140, and wish to know what description of boat or vessel the same may be, whether impelled by sails only or by oars, the particular purposes for which she is used or may be useful, and how long since such a boat has become necessary to the service, and whether, besides it, there are any other boats in the service of the Customs, and of what description? The Committee desire you will answer as fully as you can to all these particulars at its next sitting.

Tuesday, 15th March, 1853.

Joseph Cary, Esquire, was again called in; and handed in the following in reply to Question No. 20, put to him at the last sitting:—

I now produce the Letter of the Collector of *Quebec*, of 12th instant, descriptive of the boat, its uses, &c. I believe such a boat was not in use before 1851. The cost for boats, crews, &c., was, in 1849, £263 8s. 4d., in 1850, £193 16s. 1d., (as will be seen below). There appeared to be two boats in use in these years.

Amount charged for boat service in Accounts for 1849 and 1850, furnished by *Mr. Jessopp*, late Collector for the Port of *Quebec*:—

One year’s allowance for boat (1849)...	£ 41	13	4
Boatmen.....	110	17	11
Extra ditto.....	100	0	0
Repairs.....	10	17	1

Total for 1849.....£263 8 4

One year’s allowance for boat (1850)...	£ 41	13	4
Boatmen.....	117	9	8
Extra ditto.....	21	5	6
Repairs.....	13	7	7

Total for 1850.....£193 16 1

Custom House, *Quebec*, 12th March, 1853.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, in accordance with the request conveyed in your communication of yesterday’s date, that the boat in question measures as follows:—

Length, over all,.....	28 feet 6 inches.
Length, from fore part of stem to after part of stern post,	27 “ 6 “
Breadth over all,.....	11 “ 7 “
Tonnage $9\frac{1}{3}\frac{5}{8}\frac{3}{8}$.	

The boat is propelled either by sails or oars; generally by sails, as she then requires only a man and a boy. She resembles in every respect the class of boats used by the Pilots on this River, except that she is decked to afford protection in bad weather.

The boat is rigged as a Schooner with two masts, jib, foresail and mainsail.

With regard to the particular purposes for which she is used, or may be useful, *Mr. Lambert*, the Tide Surveyor, reports her as most serviceable for boarding ves-

sels, more particularly at the ballast ground, which saves a boat's crew a pull of 15 miles, and also for the same duty at *Indian Cove*, round *Point Lévi*, about 10 miles distance.

My first intention was to have built an ordinary gig of the same length, and pulling four oars; but when the Tide Surveyor ascertained that it was not my intention to require all vessels arriving in Port to bring up opposite the Town, which had previously been the practice, but against which the Trade loudly remonstrated, he suggested that the boat should be decked, and fitted with sails, as no boat's crew could possibly go through with the work. Mr. *Lambert* never passes a day, I think I may even not except Sundays, without going on the water. Mr. *Fife*, the former Tide Surveyor, had not, I am informed, hardly been on board of a boat for many years. I mention this circumstance to shew that Mr. *Lambert's* opinion is entitled to consideration, as the working man of that department.

The Port extending as it does many miles up and down the River, a decked boat is sometimes useful in visiting different quarters thereof.

In the fall of 1851, "A report having reached *Quebec*, that the Schooner *Santos* " *Primos* from *Oporto*, with a valuable cargo of wine was wrecked
Extract from Letter dated 3rd February, 1852. " down the River, and that the cargo was likely to go into con-
sumption without payment of duty, I despatched the first named
" officer, Landing Waiter *Thompson*, in the Custom House boat, to the wrecked
" vessel, with instructions to exercise a strict supervision over the cargo.

"The season was advanced, and weather stormy. Mr. *Thompson* undertook the
" task cheerfully, and performed it satisfactorily, and after having seen the cargo
" safely transhipped into a Schooner, returned to *Quebec*; the cargo consisting of
" 188 Quarter Casks Port wine, 9 Hhds. do., 3 Pipes do., 4 Quarter Casks do.,
" 2 Pipes do., 49 Baskets Corks and loose Cork wood, 19 Baskets Corks, 18 Boxes
" and 25 Barrels Onions, and 8 Boxes Lemons, rigging, anchors, chains, sails, &c.,
" arrived in Port, and all duty was collected thereon."

In 1852, during the slack period of the season, I went down the River for ten days or a fortnight, in the boat, and visited several *American* vessels loading deals, at the different establishments below.

The boat, besides assisting in the daily service of boarding vessels, affords means of preserving a tolerable supervision over the vessels in Port.

The excess of the cost of the boat in question, decked and provided with sails, over the cost of a four-oared gig, such as I first intended to have built, you will not fail to observe would be fully covered in one season, by the difference in the wages to the hands.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

J. W. Dunscomb.

Joseph Cary, Esquire,
Deputy Inspector General, *Quebec*.

No. 1.

Custom House, *Quebec*, 7th April, 1851.

Sir,—I do myself the honor to request the favor of your directing Mr. *Hincks'* attention to the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 6, "An Act to make further provision respecting "Emigrants," with a view to point out the necessity for immediate provision being made for the mustering of Passengers for the Emigration Tax, the boarding and overhauling of all vessels coming into Port.

The expense attending this service, I respectfully submit, will be properly chargeable upon the gross collection under the law, and the rigid performance of the duty will not only, undoubtedly, largely increase the receipts, but likewise ensure

the observance of those enactments which a humane and enlightened policy has provided for the comfort and protection of the Emigrant.

The service will require a Boarding Officer and boat's crew of four men, and a suitable boat; the cost of which is estimated, for the first year, at £275, and hereafter at £250.

The Boarding Officer, besides the performances of the duty now pointed out as necessary to be done under the law, will be able to furnish the Collector with a list of arrivals daily, and thus secure a prompt report of all vessels; will likewise be able to examine the vessels as well as passengers' baggage, amongst which, it appears, there is constantly many dutiable articles stowed away and concealed, and will also be able to place a Tide Waiter on board, and in charge of all vessels with cargo.

It may be proper to explain that this duty has been done heretofore by the Tide and Assistant Tide Surveyors, with two boats, and has been charged in the Customs Establishment. The present Establishment, however, having been framed only with a view to Customs duty, contains no provisions whatever for this service, and the boats, Mr. *Jessopp* informs me, belong to the Imperial Authorities, who have ordered one, unseaworthy, to be sold, and the other to be put in order for the use of Mr. *Bruce*, Controller of Navigation Laws.

I suggest that an allowance, not exceeding £275, for the season of 1851, and not exceeding £250 hereafter, be made for this service, and that I may be furnished with authority to deduct the same from the gross collections of the Emigrant Tax.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) *J. W. Dunscomb.*

R. S. M. Bouchette, Esquire,
Commissioner of Customs, *Toronto*.

(True Copy,)

R. S. M. Bouchette.

ESTIMATE OF COST.

Boat, oars, sails, rigging and fitting,.....	£35	0	0
4 men at £5, May to November, 7 months...	140	0	0
Coxswain and Boarding Officer.....	100	0	0
	£275	0	0

R. S. M. B.

(Copy.)

Inspector General's Office,

Customs Branch, *Toronto*, 3rd May, 1851.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th ult., pointing out the necessity of immediate provision being made for carrying out the provisions of the 12 *Vic. cap 6*; and having submitted the same to the Inspector General, I have now to inform you that he approves of your suggestion, that an allowance not exceeding £275 for the season of 1851, and not exceeding £250 hereafter, be made for the service referred to in your letter, and I am to authorize you to charge the same against the gross receipts or collections of the Emigrant Tax, and deduct it accordingly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,) *R. S. M. Bouchette*,
Commissioner of Customs.

To the Collector of Customs,
Port of *Quebec*.

PORT OF QUEBEC.

Statement of Monies paid out of Emigrant Tax Collections, for Boat Service, in the year 1851.

	£	s.	d.	
Boat Builder's Account.....	81	4	9	Voucher No. 1.
Sail Maker's do	39	7	11	do 2.
Gordon, Wilson & Co., (Iron ballast)	8	2	6	do 3.
John Gregg's (Caulker).....	8	0	0	do 4.
Robert Greig's (Sheaves and Blocks)	1	1	2	do 5.
Methot, Chinic & Co., (Chain).....	3	12	10	do 6.
Lambert, Audy, Bowden, Goodman, Morrisy, and Durham's wages for Boat service	133	10	10	do 7.
	£	275	0 0	

Thursday, 17th March, 1853.

Captain *Edward Boxer*, R.N., Harbour Master, called in; and examined:—

21. The Committee perceive by the Public Accounts of 1851, that considerable expense has been incurred in the building and equipment of a small Schooner-rigged decked vessel, of some nine tons, for the use of the Custom House in this port, in boarding ships, being considered preferable to row-boats formerly in use for this purpose; do you think a vessel of that kind is better adapted for that service than a row-boat, the strong tides and prevailing winds in the *St. Lawrence* considered?—I do not.

22. Have you seen the Schooner-rigged decked vessel alluded to, in use by the Customs, and if so, do you think she is well suited for boarding ships as they arrive in Port; is her outfit, as she is, requisite and proper for a boat or vessel used for boarding purposes; and was a vessel of that description required or thought necessary for boarding when that service was performed by the Harbour Master or Captain of the Port; and is such, in your opinion, really necessary or not?—I have seen her, and I do not think her a proper craft for boarding vessels on their arrival in this Harbour. This duty was never performed by the Harbour Master. In my opinion this boat is not fit for boarding; the only purpose to which she could be usefully applied would be by anchoring among the ships at the ballast ground, with a row-boat attached,—the advantage of such a boat being the protection of the crew from the weather. She might also be useful in case of wrecks in the River, for superintending the delivery of the cargo, and prevention of smuggling.

23. What are the established limits of the Port of *Quebec*, according to law?—The Port of *Quebec* is defined by 12 Vic. cap. 114, sec. 11, as follows: “All that part of the River *St. Lawrence* between the Basin of *Portneuf*, inclusively, and the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*; that part of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* which is comprised within the limits of this Province, or which borders upon its coasts; and that part of all rivers, waters, creeks, bays, and coves, within the said limits, where the tide ebbs and flows.” And the Harbour of *Quebec* is defined by the 12th Section of the same Act, as follows: “That part of the River *St. Lawrence* between *St. Patrick's Hole*, inclusively, and the *Cap Rouge* River inclusively, and that part of the Rivers *Montmorency*, *St. Charles*, *Etchemin*, *Chaudière*, *Cap Rouge*, and others, where the tide ebbs and flows.”

24. Does it rest with the Collector of the Customs of the Port of *Quebec* to direct where ships or vessels arriving from sea shall bring up or come to anchor in the Port; or does that power rest with some other authority, and whom?—All Emigrant ships, and ships with cargoes, are anchored off the Town; ballast ships are allowed to proceed at once to the ballast ground.

25. Are you of opinion that two row-boats would suffice for the service of the

Collector of Customs in the Port of *Quebec*, independently of the Schooner-rigged decked vessel above mentioned; and do you think she might be dispensed with? If a third boat be really necessary, would not a row-boat answer the purpose quite as well, if not better?—Two boats would be sufficient, provided they had a station house at the ballast ground. In the absence of the station house, three row-boats would be much more serviceable than the Schooner-rigged vessel with two row-boats, for the suppression of smuggling, and the boarding of vessels. But I am of opinion that a station house for a boat and boat's crew should be established at the ballast ground, to facilitate the boarding of vessels on their arrival at that anchorage.

Saturday, 19th March, 1853.

Mr. *Thomas Lambert*, Tide Surveyor in the Customs, *Quebec*, called in; and examined:—

26. You are Tide Surveyor in the Customs of *Quebec*?—I am.

27. What is your particular duty as Tide Surveyor, and how long have you been employed at that duty?—I have been thirteen years Assistant Tide Surveyor, and two years Tide Surveyor: I board the ships on their arrival, take notes of where they are from, and their cargo; and muster the Emigrants for the collection of the tax, and to ascertain that the vessel has not carried more Emigrants than the law allows. I put the Tide Waiters on board on the arrival of ships, certify their time for the number of days they have been on board, and give them an order for their pay. When the ship is reported discharged, I examine her myself to see that the report is correct.

28. In boarding vessels arriving in Port, do you use an open row-boat, or the Schooner-rigged decked vessel belonging to the Customs?—We generally use both every day.

29. How many men are employed in the two boats?—Five men in all; that is, for the decked vessel and the row-boat.

30. Do you find the decked vessel as convenient for boarding ships as the row-boat?—No, except in rough weather; then we find the decked vessel better suited.

31. Before the year 1851, row-boats only were used by the Customs Department; was the duty as well performed then as since the decked boat or vessel has been provided?—I think the service is better performed now. There were complaints then, but we hear of none now.

Thursday, 24th March, 1853.

Captain *Robert Julyan*, R.N., Assistant Harbour Master at the Port of *Quebec*, examined:—

32. Are you in the habit of boarding vessels on their arrival in *Quebec*?—Not now; but I have been in the habit of doing so three or four years ago.

33. What description of boat or vessel is most suitable, in your opinion, for boarding arrivals in this Port of *Quebec*; for instance, an open row-boat well manned and fitted out for the purpose, or a small decked vessel impelled by sails or oars, as occasion may require?—For general purposes, my opinion is that a row-boat well manned and fitted for boarding vessels arriving at this Port is most suitable in moderate weather; but since the last Trinity Bill was enacted, vessels in ballast are permitted to proceed direct to the Ballast Ground without being boarded until they arrive there, and in blowing weather are at times delayed in consequence of the row-boats not being able to proceed thither from heavy sea and wind, for the Customs to grant the regular clearance, the decked boat then becomes useful to facilitate the trade.

34. Have you seen the Schooner-rigged decked vessel, of nine tons or thereabouts, appertaining to the Customs Department at this Port, and can you say whether she is a more convenient and proper conveyance for boarding vessels than an open row-boat; and is or is she not, in your opinion, necessary to that Department?—I have

seen the Schooner-rigged decked vessel appertaining to the Customs Department, and I am of opinion that this craft, combined with the row-boats, would be most effective for the duties of the Custom House and its general work. In another point of view, I should consider her most useful in case of wreck of a general cargo ship below, to send her down, with a responsible Officer of the Customs, for the purpose of saving and forwarding the goods to *Quebec*, and preventing the disgraceful sales of valuable cargoes that has heretofore taken place, when vessels have been stranded below, the underwriters plundered and robbed. and the Province defrauded of the duties thereon, by mock sales, &c.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *La Terrère*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirty-second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of *Brantford*, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Malden* to the *Galt* branch of the Great Western Railway, and they find the Notice to be sufficient so far as regards the County of *Brant*; but no Notice appears to have been published within the other Counties through which it is proposed to pass.

Your Committee have re-considered the Petition of *John Corbitt* and others, praying that the Townships of *Biddulph* and *McGillivray* may be detached from *Huron* and attached to *Middlesex*, (presented during the earlier part of the Session,) and they find that sufficient Notice has now been given so far as regards the County of *Huron*; but it is matter of doubt how far the interests of the County of *Middlesex* may be affected by it, in which no Notice appears to have been published.

The Petition of *George S. Tiffany* and *George J. Grange*, for the establishment of a College at the City of *Hamilton*, is not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

On the Petition of *George K. Smith*, for incorporation of a Mining Company at *Lake Superior*, Your Committee find that no Notice has been given.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Nineteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, and have agreed to report the same with amendments, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House. They have also considered the Bill to incorporate the *Port Whitby* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, and have agreed to several amendments thereto, all of which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Port Whitby* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gamble* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gamble* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*,
Ordered, That *George Okill Stuart*, Esquire, a Member of this House, have leave to appear at the Bar of the Legislative Council, as Law Counsel in support of a Bill pending before that House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Simmons* and others, proprietors of farms situate at *Rivière St. Pierre* and *Lower Lachine*, County of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Military Asylum*.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment ; viz. :—

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amherstburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town :”

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to separate the Township of *Georgina* from the County of *Ontario*, and annex it to the County of *York*.”

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of certain Amendments to the Tariff of Customs and Excise Duties.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Rose* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

A Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Pembroke* Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, the following Amendment was made to the Bill :—

Page 6, line 42. After “ Company” insert “ with the consent of the Governor in “ Council.”

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Malloch* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company, was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to incorporate the *Megantic Junction Railway and Canal Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the "*Megantic Junction Railway and Navigation Company*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Clapham* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province, being read ;

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Marchildon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal so much of the amended Assessment Act of *Canada West*, as requires the County Councils to meet on the first day of May in each year to equalize the Assessments, and fixing the third Monday in June instead thereof, for that purpose, 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 said Committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Dubord* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Dubord* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to separate the County of *Halton* from the County of *Wentworth*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better management of the Lunatic Asylum, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to protect Justices of the Peace in *Upper Canada* from vexatious actions ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ferguson*

reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which Security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices in the event of such Security not being given within a time limited after the grant of such Office, and for other purposes," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dixon* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and extend "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 4° die Aprilis;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, from 31st December, 1852, to 26th March, 1853. For the said Accounts, see Appendix (G.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *George Smith* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*; the Petition of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Mara* and *Rama*; and the Petition of *J. H. Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Brock*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *John Burke* and others, of the Township of *Newton*, County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *Harvey Miller*, Chief Ruler, and *Christopher Fletcher*, Recording Secretary, on behalf of Brock Tent, No. 331, Independent Order of Rechabites of *Brockville*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *George J. Grange* and others.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Corporation of *St. Andrew's Church, Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of Sister *M. R. Coullée*, Superior, and others, Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Honorable *J. S. Macdonald* and others.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of the *Erie and Ontario* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Ridout*,—The Petition of *Henry Taylor*, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the *Toronto and Guelph* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Peter McGill* and others, Bankers and Merchants of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Walter Laidlaw* and others, of the Township of *Esquusing*, County of *Halton*; the Petition of *E. Boudreau* and others, Roman Catholic Parishioners residing in the *Banlieue* of the Town of *Three Rivers*; the Petition of *James Campbell* and others, of the Town of *Goderich*; and the Petition of *David Inglis*, Moderator, and others, the Kirk Session of *St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *J. H. Sirois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Barnabé*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Quebec* to *Montreal* on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, and that the guarantee of the Province may be extended thereto.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; praying that the provisions of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada* may be extended to the Municipalities of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *Etienne Hallé* and others, of *Ste. Claire* and other Parishes; praying for aid to open and construct a Road through the said Parishes.

Of the Municipality of the County of *Dorchester*, Division Number two; praying for aid by the issue of Provincial Debentures, or otherwise, for the construction of Turnpike Roads in the said Municipality.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *J. S. Macdonald* and others, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a lateral Railway and Branch from *Thorold* to *Port Dalhousie*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *C. S. Cherrier*, Esquire and others, Roman Catholic Citizens of *Montreal*, and the Petition of *John Greenshields* and others, Depositors in the *Montreal Provident and Savings Bank*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, copies of the last Annual Report, and of all Reports made during the present or last year, by the Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary or either of them.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Marchildon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, and the Question being put, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration a certain Resolution tending to demonstrate to the Imperial Government, the injustice of the Union of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and praying for the repeal of the Union Act 3 & 4 *Vic. cap. 35*; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Dixon* moved, seconded by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to transmit to this House, copies of all the Correspondence had between *Thomas C. Dixon*, Esquire, and the Provincial Government, relative to the latter's dismissal from the Commission of the Peace, and also a Copy of the Petition, and of the names thereto, of certain individuals praying for such dismissal; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	25. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	33. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

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 Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London and Port Sarnia Railway Company*," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and the Question being put, That this House will, at the rising of the House on every Tuesday, adjourn until the following Wednesday at ten o'clock in the forenoon; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Depositors in the *Montreal Provident and Savings Bank* to appoint Trustees to wind up the Affairs of the said Bank.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Ridout*, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*,

Ordered, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Toronto*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Toronto*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and the Question being put, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended in so far as relates to the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Brantford* to *Malden*; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	18. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Jobin</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	30. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating and granting certain powers to a Company for the purpose of creating and using Water-power on the *Grand River*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and Lake *Champlain*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The *Stanstead, Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

A Bill to repeal so much of the amended Assessment Act of *Canada West*, as requires the County Councils to meet on the first day of May in each year to equalize the Assessments, and fixing the third Monday in June instead thereof, for that purpose, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to repeal so much of the amended Assessment Act of *Upper Canada* as requires the County Councils to meet on the first day of May in each year, to equalize the Assessments, and fixing the third Monday in June instead thereof, for that purpose."

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to divide the Common of *Maskinongé* among the Co-proprietors thereof, being read;

Mr. *Polette* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Dumoulin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "again referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, together with the Petition of *Hercule Bruneau* and others, of the Parish of *Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be again referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, together with the Petition of *Hercule Bruneau* and others, of the Parish of *Maskinongé*, County of *St. Maurice*.

A Bill to incorporate the *Port Whitby* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Port Whitby* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* 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.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Gouin*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 5^o *die Aprilis* ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *George J. Grange*, of *Guelph*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the House of Convocation of the University of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Anne Macdonald* and other Ladies.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. T. Hébert* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Louis*, County of *Kamouraska*,

Mr. *Street*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, reported to the House, That on the sixteenth day of March last past, a Summons was addressed to *Joseph Shuter*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*,

by order of the Committee, directing him to be and appear before the said Committee on the thirtieth day of March last, to give evidence before the same, and that he should then and there produce the Mortgage or Obligation mentioned in the Affidavit accompanying this Report :

That on the thirtieth day of March last, a Summons was addressed to *Henry Mulholland*, Esquire, of the same place, by order of the Committee, directing him to be and appear before the said Committee on the fourth day of April instant, to give evidence before the same, and that he should then and there produce the Mortgage or Obligation also mentioned in the Affidavit accompanying this Report :

That the said Summonses were sent to the said *Joseph Shuter* and *Henry Mulholland*, in the manner described in the said Affidavits :

That both the said *Joseph Shuter* and *Henry Mulholland* have made default to appear before the Committee on the respective days above mentioned, and have severally disobeyed the Summons of the said Committee :

That in consequence thereof, the Petitioners were unable to proceed with the adduction of evidence on their behalf this day :

That the Committee therefore, in conformity with the 91st Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," report the same to the House for the interposition of its authority in the premises.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable certain Devises of *Samuel Ryerse*, late of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the County of *Norfolk*, in *Upper Canada*, to convey a certain portion of their Estate in Fee Simple.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London* and "*Port Sarnia* Railway Company ;" and the same were read, as follow :—

Page 6, line 6. Leave out from "authority" to "at" in line 7.

Page 6, line 8. After "Company" insert "or at any time after the completion of" the said Railway with or without the consent of the said Directors of the *London* and *Port Sarnia* Railway Company."

Page 6, line 9. After "By-Laws" insert "of the said Great Western Railroad Company."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, and the Question being put, That the 64th and 74th Rules of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Cameron,
Cartier,

Gamble,
Gouin,
Lacoste,

Merritt,
Morin,
Poulin,

Sicotte,
Street,
Terrill,

Chauveau, Sol. Gen. LaTerrière,
Christie, (Gaspé.) Laurin,
Drummond, Atty. Gen. Lyon,
Fergusson, Mattice,
Fournier,

Robinson,
Rose,
Sanborn,
Shaw,

White,
Willson,
Wright, (E. R. York.)
 29. *Wright, (W. R. York.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown, *Christie, (Wentworth.) Jobin,* *7. Morrison.*
Chapais, *Dumoulin,* *Marchildon,*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, copies of the last Annual Report, and of all Reports made during the present or last year, by the Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary, or either of them.

For the said Return, see Appendix (I.I.I.)

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Charles C. Small*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire, praying for the payment of certain arrears of Salary due him as Clerk of the Crown and Common Pleas for the Province of *Upper Canada*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Gamble*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Ridout*, 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

Burnham, *MacNab, Sir A. N. Malloch,* *Robinson,*
Dixon, *Marchildon,* *Ridout,* *9. Smith, (Frontenac.)*
Gamble,

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown, *Dumoulin,* *McDonald (Cornwall) Sicotte,*
Cameron, *Fergusson,* *Mongenais,* *Smith, (Durham.)*
Cartier, *Fournier,* *Morin,* *Taché,*
Chabot, *Gouin,* *Patrick,* *Valois,*
Chauveau, Sol. Gen. Hincks, *Richards, Atty. Gen. Willson,*
Christie, (Gaspé.) Lacoste, *Rose,* *Wright, (E. R. York.)*
Christie, (Wentworth.) LaTerrière, *Sanborn,* *Wright, (W. R. York.)*
Clapham, *Laurin,* *Shaw,* *33. Young.*
Drummond, Atty. Gen.

So it passed in the Negative.

A Bill to amend an Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which Security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices in the event of such Security not being given within a time limited after the grant of such Office," and for other purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Chauveau* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Emigrants and Quarantine; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Terrill* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dixon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Dixon* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, and the Question being put, That the amendments be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lawrin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall) Poulin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.) Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>48. Young.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown, *2. Mackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the amendments were read a second time, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of certain Amendments to the Tariff of Customs and Excise Duties; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Rose* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 6^o die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Joseph Plante* and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Laura Terrill*, widow of the late *H. B. Terrill*, Esquire, of the County of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—The Petition of *P. R. Robillard* and others, School Commissioners for the School Municipality of the Village of the Parish of *François du Lac*, County of *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Seymour*,—The Petition of *John Priest* and others, of the Village of *Bath* and vicinity.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *George Smith* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Territorial Divisions Act, by detaching the said Township from the County of *Ontario* and attaching it to the County of *York*, without making it liable for any share of the debts of the said County of *Ontario*.

Of the Municipality of the United Townships of *Mara* and *Rama*; praying for an Act to amend the Territorial Divisions Act, by attaching the Townships of *Mara* and *Rama*, *Thorah*, *Georgina*, and *Brock*, to the County of *York*.

Of *J. H. Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Brock*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Territorial Divisions Act, by attaching the said Township with certain others to the County of *York*.

Of the Honorable *Peter McGill* and others, Bankers and Merchants of the City of *Montreal*; and of *James Campbell* and others, of the Town of *Goderich*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *Harvey Miller*, Chief Ruler, and *Christopher Fletcher*, Recording Secretary, on behalf of *Brock Tent*, No. 331, Independent Order of Rechabites at *Brockville*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, or sacramental purposes.

Of *John Burke* and others, of the Township of *Newton*, County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for certain amendments to the Registry Laws.

Of *George J. Grange* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Guelph, Georgian Bay and Lake Huron Railway Company*."

Of the Corporation of *St. Andrew's Church, Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to mortgage or sell the property of the said Church to a certain amount, for the erection of a new and more commodious Church.

Of Sister *M. R. Coutlée*, Superior, and others, Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital in the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to sell or dispose of their property at *Point St. Charles*, near the said City.

Of the *Erie and Ontario Railroad Company*; praying that they may be authorized to take a certain quantity of Land vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and necessary for the purposes of the said Railroad.

Of *Henry Taylor*, of the City of *Toronto*; representing that he has devoted up-

wards of twenty years, and large sums of money, to the development of Science and questions affecting the interests of this Province, and that he is now advanced in years and unable to continue his labors without aid, and praying for aid in the premises.

Of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company; praying for the passing of a Public General Act whereby Railway Companies may be enabled to acquire and hold Lands for certain purposes, under certain uniform restrictions.

Of *Walter Laidlaw* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, County of *Halton*; praying that the Chairs of Law and Medicine in the *Toronto* University may be allowed to remain intact.

Of *E. Boudreau* and others, Roman Catholic Parishioners residing in the *Banlieue* of the Town of *Three Rivers*; praying to be exempted from payment of the Assessment proposed by the Bill now before the House, to be levied on the said Parish for the purposes of the *Fabrique* thereof.

Of *David Inglis*, Moderator, and others, the Kirk Session of *St. Gabriel* Street Church, *Montreal*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to remove doubts as to the validity of Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths, kept by Ministers of the said Church in *Lower Canada*.

Resolved, That the Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*, Patron, and others, the Officers of the Catholic Institute of *St. Roch's* of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Polette*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Stuart*, 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. *Street*, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*,

Ordered, That the 64th and 74th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of the *Erie* and *Ontario* Railroad Company.

A Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine, was, according to Order, 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.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on that part of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for the year 1851, relating to the opening of a Canal between the *St. Lawrence* and *Lake Champlain*, for the purpose of taking into consideration certain Resolutions in relation thereto; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Polette* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That from the proximity of *Lake Champlain* to the Rivers *Hudson* and *St. Lawrence*, the trifling elevation of the summits which divide them, and the natural advantages the great chain of Lakes and Rivers leading into the interior possess, the construction of a Canal to connect the *St. Lawrence* with the River *Richelieu* or *Lake Champlain*, of sufficient dimensions to admit the largest class of Steamers from *Lake Ontario* to *Whitehall*, would materially cheapen the rates of transportation between *Lake Erie* and *New York*, regain the Trade of the West through its natural channel the *St. Lawrence*, and increase the Revenue from Tolls on all our leading Public Works.

2. *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to communicate the preceding Resolution, and to recommend the subject thereof to the attentive consideration of His Excellency.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and

the Question being put, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mcrritt,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Polcote,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>37. Young.</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>6. Sicotte,</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Resolutions were read a second time, and agreed to.

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.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning's Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund in *Upper Canada*," was read the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House, on the first day of March last, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the twenty-seventh day of April instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, 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 amend the Laws concerning the Interest of Money, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the more speedy Distribution of the Statutes, 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 repeal such Clauses of the Common School Acts of *Upper Canada* as authorize the establishment of Sectarian Schools endowed with the public money, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, being read ;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	35. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	12. <i>Young.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Terms of the Circuit Court in the Circuit of *St. Hyacinthe*, in the District of *Montreal*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday the fifteenth instant.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, on Monday the twenty-first day of March last, proposed, That the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors in certain cases, be now read a second time ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Valois*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 7° die Aprilis;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *J. Desfosses* and others, of the Parish of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Joseph Daviau* and others, of the Parish of *Three Rivers*:

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *Alexander Gillespie*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *David Caw* and others, of the Village of *Paris*; and the Petition of the Reverend *D. Fraser* and others, the Kirk Session of the Free Church, *Colé Street*, in the City of *Montreal*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By Mr. *White*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Alexander* and others, of the Village of *Norval*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of *George Hardison*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Gouin*,—The Petition of *Daniel Capistran* and others, of *Sorel* and vicinity, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *James Walkley* of *Bytown*; and the Petition of *Martin Cleary* and others, of *Bytown* and the County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 30th ultimo, for a copy of the Report of Doctors *Nelson* and *MacDonnell*, and *Zéphirin Perrault*, Esquire, Advocate, on the *Quebec Marine Hospital*, and of all documents having reference to the Inquiry held by the said Gentlemen concerning the said Institution.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Y.)

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *George J. Grange*, of *Guelph*, Esquire; praying that the terminus of the proposed line of Railway from the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway to *Owen Sound* and the River *Saugeen*, may be fixed at the Town of *Guelph*.

Of the House of Convocation of the University of *Toronto*; representing that the Bill to amend the Laws relating to the said University, proposes to take from the said House and others associated with the University certain vested rights and interests, and also that the granting to the said University the right and privilege of electing a Representative to Parliament would promote the objects of the said University, and praying that the said Bill may not pass into law.

Of *Anne Macdonald* and other Ladies; praying for the passing of an Act to secure to Married Women certain rights of property in cases now unprovided for by Law.

Of the Reverend *N. T. Hébert* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Louis*, County of *Kamouraska*; praying for aid to reconstruct the Building used for School purposes in the said Municipality by the *Frères de la Doctrine Chrétienne*, and recently destroyed by fire.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George J. Grange*, of *Guelph*, Esquire, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and

Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Twentieth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to incorporate “The *Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly* Railroad Company” referred to them, to which they have made several amendments, and have agreed to report the same for the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate “The *Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly* Railroad Company,” as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *Brown*, from the Select Committee appointed on Thursday last, to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, reported, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly: and the same was read, as followeth:—

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 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, the Commons of the Province of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, respectfully approach Your Excellency for the purpose of representing, that we are humbly of opinion that it would be conducive to public advantage if the Provincial Parliament could meet annually at a uniform season of the year; and that the beginning of the month of February would be the period most convenient for the general interests of the country.

We, therefore, humbly represent that should Your Excellency, in the exercise of the undoubted Prerogative of the Crown, be pleased to summon Parliament for the despatch of business early in the month of February in each year, it would be highly acceptable to this branch of the Legislature.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirty-third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Corporation of *St. Andrew's* Church, *Quebec*, for authority to mortgage or sell their property for the erection of a new Church, and though Notice has not been published in any newspaper, they find that the matter has been for a long time before the Congregation, and a meeting of the Pew-holders was held upon the subject; Your Committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend that the usual Notice be dispensed with.

The Petition of Sister *M. R. Coullée* and others, Sisters of Charity of *Montreal*, for authority to dispose of their property at Point *St. Charles*, is not, in the opinion of Your Committee, of such a nature as to require a Notice.

On the Petitions of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*, for annexation of *Olden* and other Townships to the County of *Lanark*,—and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Champlain*, for the transfer of the County seat to the Parish of *St. François Xavier de Batiscan*, Your Committee find that the requisite Notices have not been given.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Merritt and Mr. Cartier be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

Sir Allan N. MacNab moved, seconded by Mr. Christie of Gaspé, and the Question being put, That the 12th Standing Order of this House be amended for the present Session, so as to enable any item on the Orders of the day to be taken up without notice, whenever a majority then present shall be in favor of so doing, without debate; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Burnham,	Gouin,	Morin,	Stevenson,
Chapais,	Hincks,	Murney,	Terrill,
Christie, (Gaspé.)	Lacoste,	Polette,	Varin,
Crawford,	LeBlanc,	Richards, Atty. Gen.	Viger,
Dizon,	MacNab, Sir A. N.	Ridout,	Willson,
Dumoulin,	Marchildon,	Robinson,	27. Wright, (W. R. York.)
Gamble,	McDougall,	Shaw,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown,	Jobin,	Mongenais,	Smith, (Durham.)
Chabot,	LaTerrière,	Morrison,	Smith, (Frontenac.)
Christie (Wentworth.)	Lyon,	Poulin,	Street,
Clapham,	Mackenzie,	Rose,	Valois,
Dubord,	Malloch,	Seymour,	Wright, (E. R. York.)
Fergusson,	Mattice,	Sicotte,	25. Young.
Hartman,			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday next.

Mr. Smith of Frontenac moved, seconded by Mr. Malloch, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to attach a certain portion of the Township of Kingston, in the County of Frontenac, to the Township of Pittsburgh, for Municipal purposes, be now read; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Badgley,	Hincks,	Morrison,	Smith, (Frontenac.)
Burnham,	Lacoste,	Murney,	Stevenson,
Cartier,	LeBlanc,	Paige,	Street,
Chapais,	Lyon,	Polette,	Terrill,
Christie, (Gaspé.)	Macdonald (Kingston)	Ridout,	Valois,
Clapham,	Mackenzie,	Robinson,	Varin,
Dixon,	Malloch,	Rose,	White,
Dumoulin,	Mattice,	Shaw,	Willson,
Fergusson,	McDougall,	Smith, (Durham.)	Wright, (E. R. York.)
Gouin,	Morin,	Sicotte,	41. Wright, (W. R. York.)
Hartman,			

NAYS.

Messieurs

Brown,	LaTerrière,	Poulin,	Viger,
Chabot,	Mongenais,	Seymour,	9. Young.
Jobin,			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Order being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery*, be now read ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	39. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	15. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Order being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Street* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tessier*, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, be now read ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	48. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	8. <i>Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the said Order being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Morrison* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, be now read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That the words "*Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company" be left out, and the words "*Montreal* Exchange" inserted instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Mongcnais,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	15. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mutice,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>McDonald. (Kingston)</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	37. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, be now read ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That the word "now" be left out, and the word "To-morrow" added at the end thereof: the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow .—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown.</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongcnais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>	13. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Langton,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>

<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	39. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, be now read;

Mr. *Langton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That the words "to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company" be left out, in order to insert the words "for the regulation of Marriages, and to place upon a footing of equality the several Religious Denominations relative to the solemnization or celebration of Matrimony" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>	10. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Christie (Gaspé)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Palette,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	39. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, be now read;

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until "To-morrow" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Palette,</i>	32. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>White,</i>

Fergusson,
Hartman,
LaTerrière,
Laurin,

McDougall,
Patrick,
Poulin,
Sauborn,

Stevenson,
Taché,
Terrill,

Willson,
Wright, (E. R. York.)
22. Wright, (W. R. York.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then on motion of Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé*, seconded by Mr. *Dubord*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 8° die Aprilis ; .

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Ennismore*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees of the Protestant Burying Ground in *St. John's* Street, in the Suburbs of *Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Joseph Plante* and others, Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*.

Of Mrs. *Laura Terrill*, widow of the late *H. B. Terrill*, Esquire, of the County of *Stanstead*; representing that in the month of October last, her said late husband was a Member of this House, and in the discharge of his duties at the Seat of Government, when he died suddenly by reason of the malady then prevailing, whereby she with her family have been left nearly unprovided for, and praying for aid in the premises.

Of *P. R. Robillard* and others, School Commissioners for the School Municipality of the Village of the Parish of *St. François du Lac*, County of *Yamaska*; praying aid from the Jesuits' Estates Fund for the construction of a School House in the said Village.

Of *John Priest* and others, of the Village of *Bath* and vicinity; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 30. Leave out "or" and insert "and."

Page 3, line 48. Leave out "procure" and insert "be furnished by and at the expense of the said Company with."

Page 5, line 10. Leave out "usual," and after "fee" insert "of one shilling and three pence."

Page 5, line 32. After "Office" insert "receiving for the registration of each such debenture a fee of one shilling and three pence and no more."

Page 5, line 21. Leave out from "Company" to "at" and insert "shall."

Page 5, line 37. After "*Bellingham*" insert "*Theodore Hart*."

Page 10, line 34. Leave out from "*Company*" to "*and*" in line 38.

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery of *Montreal*, to dispose of property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate "*The Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly Railroad Company*;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "*An Act to enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec to borrow an additional sum for the construction of the Water Works*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "*An Act enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Quebec to borrow an additional sum for the construction of the Water Works*," was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Stuart*, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Exchange*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of certain Amendments to the Tariff of Customs and Excise Duties; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Rose* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*, and the Question being proposed, That it is expedient to provide for the immediate abolition of the

Feudal and Seigniorial system in *Lower Canada*, with all laws, usages, and customs incidental thereto: That it is expedient to provide for the immediate conversion of all Lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*, into the tenure of *franc aleu roturier*: And that it is expedient to provide forthwith for the indemnity of Seigniors and others, proprietors interested in Seigniories having lands therein connected with the said Tenure of *franc aleu roturier*;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*, That all the words after "expedient" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "that the basis of any measure in regard to the Seigniorial Tenure, should be the extinction of the said Tenure at a fixed period, and the substitution of "a Freehold Tenure in lieu thereof, regard being had to the rights of all parties" instead thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Dixon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until Monday next; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Street,</i>	10. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lemaire,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mattice, a</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	41. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That all the words after "expedient" to the end of the Original Question be left out, in order to add the words "that the basis of any "measure in regard to the Seigniorial Tenure, should be the extinction of the said "Tenure at a fixed period, and the substitution of a Freehold Tenure in lieu "thereof, regard being had to the rights of all parties" instead thereof; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	14. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>

<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen. LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth) Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen. LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dubord, Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	38. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Dumoulin, McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put : the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N. Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Malloch, Viger,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	12. <i>Wright, (W.R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen. LaTerrière,</i>		<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth) Laurin,</i>		<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen. LeBlanc,</i>		<i>Polette,</i>	39. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord, Lemieux,</i>		<i>Poulin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House that His Excellency, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his consent as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Lyon* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Wright* of the West Riding of *York*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 11^o die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Tabular Statement of the Lands claimed in the District of *Gaspé*, under the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 30*, reduced from the Returns presented on the 8th and 25th of October, 1852, in pursuance to an Order of the House of the 15th of the same month.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (N.N.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *Donald McMillan* and others, of the Parish of *Rigaud*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *H. Cartier* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; the Petition of *Hiram Cook* and others; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *William Notman*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; the Petition of the Reverend *William Ormiston* and others, of the Village of *Clarke*; the Petition of *Robert Lindsay* and others, of *Ayr*; the Petition of the Reverend *John Porteous* and others, of *Beverley*; the Petition of *Adam Goldie* and others, of *Caledonia* and vicinity; the Petition of *William S. Scott* and others, of the Village of *Hornby* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *Edward Marshall* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Belleville*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *J. Desfosses* and others, of the Parish of *Three Rivers*; praying for the passing of the Bill to confirm certain proceedings of the Catholic Inhabitants of the said Parish, relative to the property of their *Fabrique*, to impose and levy an assessment upon the said Inhabitants, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Of *Joseph Daviau* and others, of the Parish of *Three Rivers*; representing that they were induced to sign the Petition against the Bill to confirm certain proceedings of the Catholic Inhabitants of the said Parish, relative to the property of their *Fabrique*, to impose and levy an assessment upon the said Inhabitants, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and that they withdraw their said signatures therefrom, and praying for the passing of the said Bill.

Of *Alexander Gillespie*, Esquire, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to work the Mines and Minerals in and under land situate in the Counties of *Sherbrooke*, *Stanstead*, *Shefford*, *Megantic*, and *Drummond*.

Of the Reverend *David Caw* and others, of the Village of *Paris*; and of the Reverend *Joseph Alexander* and others, of the Village of *Norval*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of the Reverend *D. Fraser* and others, the Kirk Session of the Free Church, *Coté Street*, in the City of *Montreal*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the passing of the Bill to authorize Clergymen of the said Church in *Lower Canada* to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials.

Of *George Hardison*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, County of *Welland*; praying for the passing of an Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.

Of *Daniel Cupistran* and others, of *Sorel* and vicinity, in the District of *Montreal*; praying that the Petition of *J. D. Armstrong*, Esquire, and others, in favor of repealing the Act amending and declaring to be in full force and effect the Ordinance relating to Winter Roads, and to prevent the use of *Traines* in *Lower Canada*, may not be granted.

Of *James Walkley*, of *Bytown*; representing that *Christopher Armstrong*, Esquire, Judge of the County Court of the County of *Carleton*, has, from improper feelings towards Petitioner, for certain reasons set forth, refused to give judgment in an action brought by him in the said Court, and praying for an inquiry into the capacity of the said Judge *Armstrong*, with a view to his removal from the said office.

Of *Martin Cleary* and others, of *Bytown* and the County of *Carleton*; complain-

ing of the conduct and decisions of *Christopher Armstrong*, Esquire, Judge of the County Court of the said County, in his capacity, and praying for an inquiry in the premises, with a view to his removal from the said office.

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Ennismore*; praying that the "Act to authorize the formation of Companies for the establishment and management of Cemeteries in *Upper Canada*," may be so amended as to compel such Company to obtain the sanction of the Township Municipality to the site selected therein for such Cemetery.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., Chairman, on behalf of the Trustees of the Protestant Burying Ground in *St. John's Street*, in the Suburbs of *Quebec*; representing that they are liable for a certain amount upon the said ground, and praying that in any Bill forbidding Interments within the said City, provision may be made for suitable compensation to all whose rights may thereby be injuriously affected.

Mr. *Langton* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to extend the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic. cap. 24*, to Companies formed for the purpose of improving the navigation of Rivers and Streams in *Canada*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Power* and others, of the Parish of *L' Ancienne Lorette*, and others; the Petition of *Daniel Capistran* and others, of *Sorel* and vicinity, in the District of *Montreal*; the Petition of *James Walkley*, of *Bytown*; and the Petition of *Martin Cleary* and others, of *Bytown* and the County of *Carleton*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church, Quebec*, to alienate or hypothecate certain property for the purpose of raising funds to build a more convenient Church, Manse, and School.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 28th February last, for copies of any Correspondence between the Government of this Province and the Imperial Government, or between either of them and any person or persons, on the subject of the Seamen's shipping Act.

For the said Return, see Appendix (A.A.A.A.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 30th ultimo, for copies of all Correspondence of record in the Office of the Provincial Secretary, on the subject of the claims of certain Inhabitants of the *Indian Stream* Settlement in the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*, for compensation for injuries received from Citizens of the State of *New Hampshire*, on the occasion of the arrest, in 1835, of two individuals under a Warrant from *Alexander Rea*, Esquire, then a Justice of the Peace, and for other information.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B.B.B.B.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 23rd March, 1853, for copies of the Accounts rendered by the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of *Montreal*, from the date

of their last Returns up to this day ; also, copies of certain Correspondence which has taken place between the said Trustees and the Government.

For the said Return, see Appendix (G.)

Ordered, That the two last preceding Returns be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Stuart*, and the Question being put, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the following Resolutions:—1. That the route between *Quebec* and *Montreal* by the *Richmond* Railroad, and the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad, is not the shortest line between the two Cities, and can never be the natural route between them, inasmuch as it passes at a considerable distance from both banks of the River, and can be of no use to the numerous population by which they are inhabited: 2. That inasmuch as the importance of the two Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal* must be doubled within a very short period, as the River *St. Maurice* must develop a Lumber Trade of incalculable extent, and the North Shore of the River possesses, at almost every point, Water-power and other sources of wealth without number, a Railroad is become a necessity to the future progress and welfare of that portion of the Country: 3. That even if the Provincial guarantee were given to the North Shore Railroad, and the *Trois Pistoles* Railroad were completed to the eastern limits of the Province by the help of the said guarantee, *Upper Canada* would still enjoy a larger amount of guarantee than *Lower Canada*: 4. That it is therefore impossible, without injustice, to refuse to the three hundred thousand inhabitants of the North Shore between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, the Provincial guarantee, and the power of extricating themselves by means thereof from a state of isolation, and placing themselves, like the inhabitants of the other portions of the Province, in communication with the immense network of Railroads which covers the whole of *North America*; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>La Ferrière,</i>	<i>Palette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clepham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Sterenson,</i>	<i>18. Viger.</i>
<i>Dumontin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hicks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lucas,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Charveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé)</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchaldon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>49. Young.</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Jennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz. :—

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend an Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which Security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices in the event of such Security not being given within a time limited after the grant of such Office,” and for other purposes:”

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal so much of the amended Assessment Act of *Upper Canada* as requires the County Councils to meet on the first day of May in each year, to equalize the Assessments, and appointing another day instead thereof for that purpose:”

Bill, intituled, “ An Act to transfer the place of meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Drummond* Number two, to the Village of *St. Christophe d’Arthabaska*, in the said Municipality.”

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, and the Question being put, That on and after Monday next, all Notices of Motions be taken up after the Orders of the day during the remainder of the Session, save and except such Notices as may be specially permitted to be proceeded upon, or the introduction of Bills; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dubord* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the culling and measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned.”

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, and the Question being put, That the Return relative to damages on the *Beauharnois* Canal, which was presented on the 23rd February last, and so much of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works for 1851, as relates thereto, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *McDougall*, and the Mover, 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

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac.)</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Ribout,</i>	<i>Strenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	20. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>

Chauveau, Sol. Gen. *Laurin*,
Christie, (*Wentworth*) *Lemieux*,
Drummond, Atty. Gen. *Marchildon*,
Dumoulin, *Mongeneis*,

Sicotte,
Taché,
Tessier,

White,
Wright, (E. R. York.)
 30. *Young*.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the administration of Justice in the unorganized Tracts of Country in *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Dixon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*, and the Question being put, That the 64th and 67th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of *M. Anderson* and others, of the Counties of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*, praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *London and Port Stanley* Railroad Company;" the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rose* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relative to the solemnization of Marriage in *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the *Erie and Ontario* Railroad Company to acquire certain Lands in the Township of *Niagara*, for the purposes of their Road.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Varin*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying he will be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, the Report of the Supervisor of Cullers for 1851 and 1852.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Fergusson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, and the Question being put, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of *George J. Grange* and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Guelph, Georgian Bay and Lake Huron* Railway Company"; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Resolved, That the Resolution of Thursday last, suspending the 12th Standing Rule of this House, be rescinded.

Mr. *Ridout* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dixon*, and the Question being put, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railway Company; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the regulation of Marriages, and to place upon a footing of equality the several Religious Denominations relative to the solemnization or celebration of Matrimony, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the Commercial Policy of this Country, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*, 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 declare valid the Indentures of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of *Lower Canada*, 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 authorize the Municipality of the County of *Two Mountains* to take Stock in the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa* Grand Junction Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of *Essex* for certain purposes, 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 *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, 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 amend the general Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize a new Survey of the concession Line between the sixth and seventh concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, 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 from the Legislative Council, intituled, " An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, " An Act to make better provision for granting Licenses to Keepers of Taverns and Dealers in " Spirituous Liquors in *Lower Canada*, and for the more effectual repression of " Intemperance," 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 authorize a Survey to define and establish the boundary between the fourth concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the County of *Lanark*, 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 invest in *John Carling* and others, a certain portion of Church Street in the Town of *London*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's* Reading Room, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Bridge Company, 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 indemnify the *Brock* Monument Building Committee, and for other purposes therein mentioned, 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 explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to provide a remedy against absent Defendants," 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 *Cataraqui* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Piers, Wharves, and Harbours, 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 remove doubts touching the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate "The *Stanstead*, *Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company," was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* 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.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Dixon*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 12^o die Aprilis;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the London Savings Bank, on the 28th February, 1853.
For the said Statement, see Appendix (R.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Roaf*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *Richard Helmer* and others, of the Township of *Russell*.

By Mr. *Rose*,—The Petition of *Robert H. Rose* and others, of the Township of *Winchester*.

Mr. *Ridout*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce, McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*, and another Petition, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Inasmuch as the Petitions, referred to Your Committee, emanate from parties engaged in Mercantile pursuits, and Your Honorable House has deputed to another Select Committee the authority of inquiring into and reporting upon the operation of the Law with reference to the collection of taxes on lands of non-residents, and the equalization of County rates, Your Committee have thought it expedient to confine their inquiries to the effect of the Act upon Commercial communities in the Cities of *Upper Canada*.

A careful examination of the Act has convinced Your Committee that the complaints made in the aforesaid Petitions are well founded, and that the Act in question is oppressive in the extreme in some of its provisions, causing (to make use of a Report to the Civic authorities of *Toronto*) “a very large and evidently unjust proportion of the taxes in Cities, to fall on particular classes of the community, and that “the unjust and unequal bearing of the law is mainly to be attributed to the fact, “that merchants and manufacturers holding stocks of goods on hand, are liable, “under its provisions, to taxation on the interest of their average stock in trade, “(which interest is found in many cases to exceed their actual incomes); while “other classes, having fixed or ascertainable yearly incomes, are liable to taxation “only on the interest of such income; and the capitalist, having money invested at “interest, escapes taxation on his income altogether, the effect being to make the “City Tax, in one case, a very trifling import, and in the other, a grievous burden.”

From an investigation of the Petitions, it does not appear that the Petitioners, in the slightest degree, desire to avoid an equitable share of taxation, but simply to be relieved from the present unfair, oppressive, and unequal burden, to which they and others in trade are subjected.

Your Committee, therefore, under a conviction that the evils complained of not only prevail, but should be remedied, and that relief ought to be afforded, would respectively suggest that an alteration in the Act might be made, without prejudice to Municipalities, if the mode of taxing stocks in trade to the value thereof, were altered to an assessment upon personal property, based upon the scale provided by the Assessment Law as originally prepared by the Government.

This scale can, in the opinion of Your Committee, be adopted with advantage, as the general principle of taxation, and would, Your Committee believe, meet with the approbation of the inhabitants of *Upper Canada* affected by the present Act.

The scale referred to is as followeth :—If his nett personal property be assessed at £80,000, or more, he shall be liable to a tax not exceeding £320 0 0, at £60,000, or more, but under £80,000, to a tax not exceeding £240 0 0, at £40,000, or more, but under £60,000, to a tax not exceeding £160 0 0, at £20,000, or more, but under £40,000, to a tax not exceeding £ 80 0 0, at £10,000, or more, but under £20,000, to a tax not exceeding £ 40 0 0, at £ 5,000, or more, but under £10,000, to a tax not exceeding £ 20 0 0, at £ 2,500, or more, but under £ 5,000, to a tax not exceeding £ 10 0 0, at £ 1,000, or more, but under £ 2,500, to a tax not exceeding £ 4 0 0, at £ 500, or more, but under £ 1,000, to a tax not exceeding £ 2 0 0, at £ 250, or more, but under £ 500, to a tax not exceeding £ 1 0 0, at £ 125, or more, but under £ 250, to a tax not exceeding £ 0 10 0.

Your Committee, in recommending this alteration in the Act, beg to state that the difficulties attending a change in the law have not been overlooked; but the manifest injustice of the measure, as it at present exists, demands immediate amendment.

As the proposed amendment will, doubtless, affect the revenue of the several Municipalities, as well as its mode of collection, Your Committee are of opinion, that any measure, for the purpose of effecting the same, should properly be introduced by the Provincial Administration; and Your Committee therefore trust that the Government will see the necessity of laying such a measure before Your Honorable House during the present Session.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend certain Acts for the relief of Religious Societies, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *Street*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Prince Edward*, informed the House, That *David Barker Stevenson*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the said County, having made application that an order should be granted for the nomination and appointment of a Commission for the examination of witnesses and the adduction of evidence on his behalf, the Committee had, in conformity with the provisions of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," granted the same; and had appointed *Daniel Lockwood Fairfield*, Esquire, one of the County Judges in *Upper Canada*, to be the Commissioner for the purposes of the said Commission; and that the day appointed by the Committee for the said Commissioner to commence his proceedings under the said Commission, is the third day of May next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Prince Edward* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until such time as the Speaker of this House shall, by his Warrant to be issued in the manner provided by "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," direct the said Committee to re-assemble, and take the proceedings of the said Commissioner into consideration.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Twenty-first Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into consideration the Bill to amend and extend "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg and Peterborough* Railway Company," and have

made amendments to the same, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also considered the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and have made several amendments thereunto, which they also submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend and extend "An Act to incorporate the "*Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company," as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 30th ultimo, for copies of all Communications between the Government and the present Proprietors of the *St. Maurice* Forges, with reference to the Forges, and to the Lands of the *Fief St. Etienne*; also, of all Instructions given by, and of all Reports made to Government, in relation to the said Forges and Lands of *St. Etienne*, since the Report made on the same subject by *Etienne Parent*, Esquire.

For the said Return, see Appendix (C.C.C.)

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Marchildon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to declare valid the Indentures of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gouin*, the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Dumoulin*, and Mr. *Terrill*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of *Essex* for certain purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Thursday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize a new Survey of the concession Line between the sixth and seventh concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, being read:

Mr. *Burnham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEA8.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais.</i>	<i>Smith. (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Lamrin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Patrick.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Pollette,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>30. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mattier,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Scrimour,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, (Frontenac)</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>18. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to "make better provision for granting Licenses to Keepers of Taverns and Dealers "in Spirituous Liquors in *Lower Canada*, and for the more effectual repression of "Intemperance," 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 authorize a Survey to define and establish the boundary between the fourth concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the County of *Lanark*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Shaw*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *Morrison*, and Mr. *Crawford*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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 Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate “ the *Meyantic Junction Railway and Navigation Company*,” with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to invest in *John Carling* and others, a certain portion of Church Street in the Town of *London*, being read ;
The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's Reading Room* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Morrison* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Morrison* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Bridge Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to indemnify the *Brock Monument Building Committee*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain an Act, intituled, “ An Act to provide a remedy against absent Defendants,” being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Piers, Wharves, and Harbours, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Langton*, and Mr. *McDougall*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts touching the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay Dock and Shipbuilding Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Sisters

of the Grey Nunnery of *Montreal*, to dispose of property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That the Parties having both declared their Evidence closed on the preliminary points, and having been heard on the merits, the Committee beg leave to adjourn until Tuesday next, to facilitate their proceedings and come to a decision on the points submitted to them.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Kamouraska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn till Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Lemieux* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Lemieux* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Military Asylum, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province, at certain seasons of the year, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Gouin*, Mr. *Varin*, and Mr. *Valois*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a Loan of Fifty thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ridout* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Ridout* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of certain Amendments to the Tariff of Customs and Excise Duties ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Rose* 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.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, seconded by Mr. *Malloch*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 13^o die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the *Hamilton Mercantile Library Association*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *François R. Dufresne* and others, Roman Catholics of that part of the Parish of *Three Rivers* called the *Banlieue*.

By Mr. *Paige*,—The Petition of *William Baker* and others, Trustees of the *Dunham High School*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, and others.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *D. B. Galbraith* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Dumoulin*,—The Petition of *J. B. Pepin* and others, Members of the Corporation of the Common of *St. Antoine de la Baie*.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Nelligan* and others, Officers and Members of *St. Patrick's Catholic Institute, Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Donald McMillan* and others, of the Parish of *Rigaud*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*; and of *H. Cartier* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from some point on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway in the said County, to the Town of *Bytown*, or otherwise to construct a Branch Railway, if found preferable, for connecting the said County with *Bytown* and *Lake Huron*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Petition of *Colin C. Ferrie*, Esquire, of the said City, for amending the Act to vest in the Corporation of the said City the "Gore" of *King Street* for public purposes, so as to prevent the erection of any buildings thereon, may not be granted.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying that the said County may receive an equitable share of the proceeds of a certain piece of Land in the Town of *London*, granted for the purpose of Free Fairs.

Of *Hiram Cook* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the International Exploring, Mining and Smelting Company.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; praying that any Bill to extend the limits of the Village of *Thorold* may not pass into Law.

Of *William Notman*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Dundas*; of the Reverend *William Ormiston* and others, of the Village of *Clarke*; of *Robert Lindsay* and others, of *Ayr*; of the Reverend *John Porteous* and others, of *Beverley*; and of *Adam Goldie* and others, of *Caledonia* and vicinity; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal Department of the public service, and on the Provincial Canals.

Of *William S. Scott* and others, of the Village of *Hornby* and its vicinity; praying that the Professorships of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto* may not be abolished.

Of *Edward Marshall* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; praying that the Bill to extend the time for the completion of the Works for the improvement of *River du Chêne* may not pass into Law, and that the proceedings of the Commissioners of the said Works may be stopped.

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Belleville*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Law.

Ordered, That the Petition of *D. B. Galbraith* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to erect a Building in the said City for a Hotel and Stores.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George J. Grange* and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

The Committee have taken into their serious consideration the several Petitions referred to them by the Legislative Assembly, from parties desirous of parliamentary aid and encouragement in the publication or circulation of Literary Works, and herewith submit their recommendations in reference thereto.

Mr. *Ossaye*, of *La Tortue*, Agent for the *Lower Canada* Agricultural Society, petitions for aid to enable him to publish a Work relating to Agriculture, entitled, "*Les Veillées Canadiennes*."

Mr. *Stanislas Drapeau*, of *Quebec*, applies for aid to enable him to publish an elementary treatise on Agriculture, entitled, "The Cultivator," which he designs for the use of Schools in *Lower Canada*.

Mr. *William Ruthven*, of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, requests aid to promote the circulation of a Work, already published by him, on Agricultural Chemistry, adapted to the use of Schools. The Committee do not feel justified in recommending assistance to be given to any of these undertakings. No proof has been adduced of their special merit or value, so as to enable the Committee to decide whether they are deserving of aid from the public funds; and it is not thought advisable to encourage indiscriminate applications of this nature, or to make appropriations on their behalf, unless in the case of works of special excellence or utility. In regard to the Petition of Mr. *Ruthven*, the Committee find, on referring to their Report to the House in 1849, that the same or a similar production to that for which he now solicits the patronage of the House, was recommended to be encouraged by the purchase of copies to the value of Twelve pounds ten shillings, they therefore cannot at present recommend any further grant for a similar purpose.

On investigating into the particulars of an application from Mr. *W. H. Smith*, for aid to indemnify him for expenses incurred in the compilation of his work on the Topography of *Western Canada*, the Committee have ascertained that the sum of Fifty pounds was voted in 1850, to the Publisher thereof, with a view to its encouragement. It would appear, however, that this sum was absorbed in the cost of publication, and that hitherto the Author has received little or no pecuniary benefit from his literary labors. Regarding the Work as one of public interest, and of commendable character, and considering that its circulation in *Europe* might prove beneficial in disseminating accurate and interesting information to intending Emigrants, in reference to the condition and resources of *Upper Canada*, the Committee have agreed to recommend the purchase from Mr. *Smith*, of copies of his Book, to the value of

Fifty pounds, in order that they may be circulated, as aforesaid, under the direction of the Provincial Government.

The attention of the Committee has also been directed to an Essay lately published on the Registry Laws of *Lower Canada*, by *John Bonner*, Esquire, of *Quebec*. This little work they conceive to be highly deserving of encouragement, not only on account of the ability it displays in the discussion of an important question, connected with our Jurisprudence, but also because, from its limited circulation, it is improbable that the Author would derive any adequate return for the labor and research he has expended in his investigations. They therefore recommend the purchase of copies of this Essay to the value of Twenty-five pounds.

In their First Report, the Committee laid before the House papers connected with the mission of *G. B. Faribault*, Esquire, Clerk Assistant of the Legislative Assembly, under the directions of both Houses of the Legislature, at the last Session, for the purchase of Books in *Europe*, for the augmentation of the Library. They, at the same time, took the opportunity to record their entire satisfaction at the manner in which Mr. *Faribault* had discharged the trust confided to him. Up to this time, no special allowance has been made to that gentleman in remuneration of his services, his ordinary expenses, merely, having been defrayed by the Legislature. The Committee, therefore, have determined to recommend that he should be presented with a gratuity of Two hundred and fifty pounds, in acknowledgment of his zeal, economy and fidelity in the performance of the duty he undertook, and of the number and value of the Donations with which, by his successful endeavours, the Library has been enriched. As it appears that a balance somewhat exceeding this amount, still remains unexpended of the Library Grant of last year, the proposed gratuity could be defrayed from this source, in place of being made chargeable upon other funds; the Committee therefore trust that their proposition on behalf of this meritorious officer will meet with the entire concurrence of the House.

Many applications have been made to the Committee, by parties having Books which they desire to dispose of to the Library; but, as a general rule, all such offers have been discouraged, it being considered that, through the regular channels of the Trade, Books necessary or suitable to be added to the collection, can be better obtained, and at more reasonable rates, than by making purchases of private individuals. An exception should be made, however, in reference to copies of the Journals of either branch of the Legislature since the Union of the Provinces, and Your Committee have authorized the Librarians to buy any copies of these Journals they may meet with for sale, on reasonable terms, as well for the ordinary purposes of reference, as in order to make each House, as far as possible, a place of deposit for the Journals and Records of its own proceedings, whether in print or manuscript.

It having been represented to the Committee that the Library apartment, spacious as it is, will speedily become inadequate for the accommodation of our growing and magnificent collection, unless provision can be made for the placing of the series of Parliamentary Papers of the Houses of Lords and Commons, elsewhere, they have directed, with the concurrence of the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council, that the Room now used as a News-Room by their Honors, together with the small apartment opposite, shall be added to the Library, and be set apart as a receptacle for the Papers above mentioned, a purpose to which, from its size and proximity to the main Library, it is admirably adapted. Thanks are especially due to the Honorable Members of the Legislative Council for the readiness with which they have acceded to this arrangement, for the better accommodation of the Joint Library.

In conclusion, the Committee would advert to an alteration in the mode of access to the Library, by Strangers, during the sittings of Parliament, which, at their suggestion, has been enforced by the two Speakers. Hitherto, Strangers have

been admitted upon the introduction of a Member of either House, but it has been found that the presence of an indiscriminate number of persons, during Session, occasions great inconvenience to Members, and impairs the usefulness of the Library to those for whose benefit it is primarily and especially intended; they have therefore recommended the adoption of a new Rule, permitting access, during a Session of Parliament, to such persons only as may receive an Order of admission from the Speaker of either House.

Mr. *Jobin* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province, at certain seasons of the year, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Seamen's shipping Act, which was presented on Monday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Megantic* " Junction Railway and Navigation Company;" and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 8, line 12. Leave out "six" and insert "eight."

The said Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clapham* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Mr. *Street* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ridout*, and the Question being put, That the 64th and 66th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of *George Hardison*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, County of *Welland*, praying for the passing of an Act to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Budgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of the Grants by the Company of the *West Indies*, of the Seigniories of *Terrebonne* and *Petite Nation*, in or about the year 1674; also, of the Grant, by the King of *France*, of the augmentation of *Terrebonne*, commonly called *Desplaines*, in or about the year 1731; also, of the Despatch of the *Comte de Maurepas* to Messieurs *Beauharnois* and *Hocquart*, Governor and Intendant of *New France*, respectively, under date of the 6th May, 1732, or thereabouts, confirmatory of the Grant of the Seigniorship of *Argentcuil*; also, of the second Grant, by the King of *France*, of the Seigniorship of *Beauharnois*, in or about the year 1750; also, of the Grant, by Messieurs *DeBeauharnois* and *Dupuy*, Governor and Intendant of *New France*, respectively, in or about the year 1727, of a *Fief* or augmentation of *Fief* in rear of the *Fief St. Jean*, to the Ladies of the Ursuline of *Three Rivers*; also, of the *Brevet* of Ratification, by the King of *France*, in or about the year 1733, of the said last mentioned Grant; also, of the *Brevets* of Ratification, by the King of *France*, in or about the years 1718 and 1735 respectively, of the Grants of the Seigniorship of the Lake of *Two Mountains* and of the augmentation thereof, in favor of the Seminary of *St. Sulpice*; also, of the *Mémoire* of the *Abbé Couturier*, on behalf of the said Seminary, under date of the year 1733 or 1734, in reference to the Grant of the said augmentation of

Two Mountains, and which is referred to on page 25 of the fourth of the volumes lately laid before this House; also, of the *Brevets* of Ratification, by the King of France, of the Grants of the Seigniories of *Mille Isles* and *Rigaud*, the augmentation of *Berthier*, the Seigniorie of *Noyan*, the augmentation of *La Valtrie*, the Seigniories of *Daillebout* and *De Ramsay (du Nord)*, the augmentations of *Monnoir* and *Sorel*, the augmentation of *Lanoraie* and *D'Autre*, and the Seigniories of *St. Hyacinthe*, *Bleury*, and *Sabrevois*, respectively; and also, of all other *Brevets* of Ratification of Grants in *Fief*, by the King of France, bearing date on or since the 6th day of July, 1711, or such of the above documents as may be found in the possession of the Government; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Stevenson*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

The attention of Your Committee has been given to that part of the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies which relates to Printing, Printing Paper, and Folding and Stitching, referred to them by Your Honorable House, on the 8th of November last.

Touching the first mentioned item in the reference, viz.: “Printing,” Your Committee, having a desire from the commencement of their labors to check the Printing of such matter as might be considered unnecessary, have, from time to time, recommended that certain documents laid before the House, should, to that end, be printed under the special direction of Your Committee; and being aware of the great saving that has already been effected in this way, they would now recommend, as a permanent rule, that all documents ordered by the House to be printed, forming portions of the Appendix to the Journals, be, in like manner, prepared for the Press under the especial direction of Your Committee, which, in their opinion, would prevent a mass of worse than useless matter being printed in the Appendices to the Journals, and which only tend to swell the amount of the account, as well as of the volumes, without any possible advantage being derived, save and except by the Compositor or Contractor who executes the work.

In concluding their remarks upon this item in the reference, Your Committee beg to state that in no other way can the Expenses for Printing be reduced, but by curtailing the quantity of matter sent to the Press, as the work is performed under a Contract obtained through public competition, and before being paid for, the several items of these accounts are, under the direction of the Clerk of the House, carefully measured, and the charges compared with the agreements.

With regard to the item, in the reference, of “Printing Paper,” Your Committee would remark that this matter received their attention at the early period of the Session, and that the suggestion of their fellow-Committee, that this material should be supplied by Contract or Public Tender, was adopted and acted upon.

The item “Folding and Stitching” is not of the same character. Your Committee have made inquiry into the authority for these charges, and find that, in the year 1848, an objection was raised by the then Printing Committee, to the same, as being too high: it was then decided that the charge for folding, &c., should be regulated by that of the Queen’s Printer; this was accordingly done, and the charge was reduced to nearly one half, and from that time to the present the same charges have been made and allowed. This is an explanation of the charge, but, in the opinion of Your Committee, by no means proves that it is not at present too high, even under the standard mentioned; they therefore cheerfully adopt the suggestion of their fellow-Committee, and recommend that, in all future Contracts for Printing, the work of “Folding and Stitching” be included in the tender for Press Work, or, in other words, that that portion of the work should be performed without any specific

charge, inasmuch as the Printing, and Folding and Stitching, are works connected so closely, that to separate them would tend materially to delay the execution and delivery of the work to be completed.

In concluding their Report upon this reference, Your Committee would give as their opinion, that that check, and rigid scrutiny, so necessary in this branch of the expenditure of Your Honorable House, cannot be performed so effectually, when, by one Committee the Contracts and conditions are made and entered into, and another is called to audit the charges made under the same; they therefore recommend that it be a part of the duty of Your Committee to examine, report upon, and audit the Accounts for work performed and materials furnished, as mentioned in the reference, viz: Printing, Printing Paper, and Folding and Stitching, together with all charges connected with the distribution of the Journals, Appendices, and other Printed Papers.

Your Committee, considering that the edition or number of such papers as are ordered to be printed by Your Honorable House, and which do not form a part of the Journals or Appendices, (Orders of the Day and Private Bills excepted) is at present too limited, would recommend that, in future, a sufficient number (over and above the present authorized number) of such papers be struck off, when printed, to supply one copy to each Municipality and incorporated Public Institution in the Province, and to be without delay, forwarded by Mail, under the direction of the Clerk of the House, to each of the same.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate the *St. Roch's* Reading Room was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the "*Saint Roch's* Reading Room."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to indemnify the *Brock* Monument Building Committee, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to provide a remedy against absent "Defendants." was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to remove doubts touching the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company, was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a Loan of Fifty thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes, was, according to Order, 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.

A Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable certain Devises of *Samuel Ryerse*, late of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the County of *Norfolk*, in *Upper Canada*, to convey a certain portion of their Estate in Fee Simple, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Marchildon* reported the Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François* ; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. *Rose*, from the Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of certain Amendments to the Tariff of Customs and Excise Duties, reported several Resolutions ; which were read, as follow :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal all Provincial Acts and parts of Acts imposing Duties in *Upper Canada*, on Licenses to sell Spirituous Liquors in any quantity or in any place, or to keep Houses of Public Entertainment, or on Licenses to Hawkers and Pedlars, or on Keepers of Billiard Tables, or on Auctioneers or on the sale of goods by Auction, and generally all Duties commonly called Excise Duties, except only those imposed on Distillers and the Spirituous Liquors distilled by them.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to empower the Councils of the several Municipalities in *Upper Canada*, in their discretion, to impose Duties in the place of those to be repealed as aforesaid, and that all such Duties shall belong to the Municipality in which they are imposed, for Municipal purposes, and shall be collected by such Municipal Officers as shall be thereunto authorized by the said Councils respectively.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that each Municipality in *Upper Canada* shall, within one year from the time when the repeal aforesaid shall take effect, pay over to the Receiver General such sum as may be equal to one year's Income of any Revenue Inspector or Inspectors from the Duties and Licenses which without such repeal would be collected or issued in such Municipality, which sum shall be calculated by the Inspector General on the basis of the Income received by such Revenue Inspector or Inspectors from the same source during the then last twelve months ; and that the amount so received from the several Municipalities shall be divided among and paid to the said several Revenue Inspectors in proportion to the Income which each may have lost by the said repeal, the sum to be paid to each being determined by the Inspector General.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to reduce the specific Duties of Customs on the Articles hereinafter named, from the present rates to those hereinafter mentioned respectively, viz :—

On refined Sugar in loaves, or crushed, or candy, from Fourteen shillings the hundred weight, to Ten shillings the hundred weight.

On bastard Sugar and Sugar of other kinds, from Nine shillings the hundred weight, to Six shillings the hundred weight.

On Molasses, from Three shillings the hundred weight, to Two pence per gallon.

And to repeal the specific and *ad valorem* Duties now imposed on Salt.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to make the Duty on Wine uniform, and that such uniform Duty be Six pence the gallon, and Thirty per centum, *ad valorem*.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the following Articles be admitted at a Duty of Two and one-half per centum, *ad valorem*, viz. :—Caoutchouc, Cordage of all kinds, Sail Cloth, Copper in bars or in sheets, Yellow Metal in bars or in sheets, Iron in scraps, bars, pigs, or sheets and not otherwise manufactured, Bright and Black Varnish, Pine Oil, Marine Cement, Chains and Chain Cables, Tree-nails, Bunting, Felt Sheeting, Printing Presses, Types, Printers' Ink, Printing implements of all kinds, Old Nets and Ropes, Cotton and Flax waste, Rags, Fire-clay, and Russia Hemp-yarn.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that Seeds of all kinds be admitted free of Duty in all cases, the term Seeds not to include Barley, Buckwheat, Bear and Bigg, Oats, Rye, Beans or Peas.

8. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the third Section of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 1, be repealed.

9. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 1, and the other Provincial Acts relating to the matters aforesaid, so as to accord with the foregoing Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, so as to amend the same, that the following Articles required for manufacturing purposes shall be admitted free of Customs Duty:—Caoutchouc, Sail Cloth, Copper in bars or sheets, Yellow Metal in bars or sheets, Iron in scraps, pigs, or sheets and not otherwise manufactured, Bright and Black Varnish, Pine Oil, Marine Cement, Pitch, Tar, Resin, Chain Cables, Tree-nails, Bunting, Felt Sheeting and Oakum, Bark, Bristles, Burr Stones unwrought, Cotton yarn and hemp, Dye Stuffs, Hemp and Tow, Hides, Boiler Plate, Lard, Grease and Scraps, Lead, Ores of Metals, Steel, Tallow, Cocoa Nut, Palm and Cod Oil, Pipe Clay, Type Metal in blocks or pigs, Wool, Russia Hemp-yarn, Clay for Pipes, all kinds of Woods whether in logs, veneers, or otherwise, Soda, Ash and Barrilla" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Rilout,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	18. <i>Wright,</i> (W.R. York.)
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald</i> (Kingston)		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Smith,</i> (Durham.)
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Polett,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>

<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	36. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, so as to amend the same, "that the Duty on Muscovado and Bastard Sugars shall be reduced from Nine "shillings to Four shillings and eight pence per hundred weight" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	11. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jolin,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Lenicux,</i>	<i>Riout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	48. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time ;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the 4th, 5th, and 6th Resolutions, and inserting the following: "That it is expedient to revise the Custom Duties imposed upon goods, "wares and merchandize imported into this Province, in order that the Revenue "derivable therefrom may be raised in such a manner as to foster those branches of "Canadian industry for which this Province possesses natural advantages" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	15. <i>Willson.</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mulloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>38. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommended to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the 4th Resolution, and inserting the following: "That the large amount "of surplus Revenue at the credit of the Consolidated Fund renders it expedient to "revise and reduce the Duties of Customs, so as to permit the introduction of all "raw materials used in any manufacture in this Province, and also of the following "articles: Salt, Caoutchouc, Sail Cloth, Copper in bars or in sheets, Yellow Metal "in bars or sheets, Iron in scraps, bars, pigs, or sheets, and not otherwise manu- "factured, Bright and Black Varnish, Pine Oil, Marine Cement, Pitch, Tar, Resin, "Chain Cables, Tree-nails, Bunting, Felt-sheeting and Oakum, Bark, Bristles, "Burr Stones unwrought, Coals, Cotton yarn and hemp, Dye Stuffs, Flax, "Hemp and Tow, Hides, Boiler Plate, Lard, Lard Oil, Grease and Scraps, "Lead, Ores of Metals, Steel, Tallow, Iron Hoops, Cocoa Nut, Palm and "Cod Oil, Pipe Clay, Type Metal in blocks or pigs, Wool, Russia Hemp- "yarn, Clay for Pipes, all kinds of Wood, whether in logs, veneers, or otherwise, "Soda, Ash, and Barilla, and Silk Plush used in Hat-making, on the payment of a "nominal Duty; and also to repeal the specific Duties on Tea, Coarse Sugars, and "Green Coffee, in order to relieve the agricultural interest from a heavy burthen "to which it is now subjected, as well as to foster and encourage those branches of "manufacturing industry now in operation, and for which this Province possesses "natural facilities" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>6. Stevenson.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murncy,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>

Christie, (Wentworth.) Macdonald (Kingston.) Sicotte,
Craeford, Mattice,

46. *Wright, (W. R. York.)*

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Ridout* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of "amending the same, by leaving out the proposed uniform specific Duty of six "pence per gallon, and thirty per cent *ad valorem*, on Wine, and inserting an *ad valorem* Duty only of fifty per cent on the value thereof" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	19. <i>Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.) Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.) Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N. Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice, Terrill,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais, Tessier,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin, Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen. Lacoste,</i>		<i>Morrison, Varin,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.) La Terrière,</i>		<i>Richards, Atty. Gen. Viger,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.) Laurin,</i>		<i>Shaw, 39. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Craeford, Lemieux,</i>		<i>Sicotte,</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Langton*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose "of amending the same, by the reduction of the Duty on all Articles paying twelve "and a half per cent *ad valorem*, to ten per cent *ad valorem*" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time.

And the said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Laws relating to Duties of Customs.

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.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz.:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton and Port Dover* Railway Company:" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Port Whitby and Lake Huron* Railway Company," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the "Act to allow Notaries to call Meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge," and for other "purposes," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, on Monday the twenty-first day of March last, proposed, That the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale, and importation of intoxicating Liquors in certain cases, be now read a second time;

And the Question being again proposed;—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Mr. *Cartier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Scymour,</i>	<i>32. Viger,</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Paige,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mallo's,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>28. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Burnham*, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 14^o die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *John F. Thornton* and others, of the Township of *Barnston*, County of *Stanstead*; the Petition of *W. G. Cook* and others, of the Township of *Hatley*, County of *Stanstead*; and the Petition of *C. W. Cowles* and others, of *Stanstead*, in the County of *Stanstead*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Bartholomew C. A. Gagy*, Esquire, Seigneur of *Grandpré*, *Grosbois*, and *Dumontier*; and the Petition of *J. Redpath* and others, heretofore acting as Trustees of the *Montreal Provident and Savings Bank*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. T. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Morrison*,—The Petition of the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Company*.

By Mr. *Clapham*,—The Petition of *William McMicking* and others, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Cameron Anderson* and others, of *North Dumfries*; the Petition of *Charles Jarratt* and others, of *Penetanguishene*; the Petition of *James Cockslutt* and others, of *Cayuga*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Fraser* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Fletcher* and others, the Congregations of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Townships of *Mono*, *Mulmer*, *Adjala*, and *Tosoronto*, County of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Street*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *T. B. Fuller*, Rector and Rural Dean, and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Rectory of *Thorold*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *A. Ross*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Frampton* and *Cranbourne*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of the Reverend *John Roaf*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *British American Institute*.

Of *Robert H. Rose* and others, of the Township of *Winchester*; praying for aid to open a Road from a certain part of the said Township, to meet the head line Road between the second and third concessions of the Township of *Russell*.

Of *Richard Helmer* and others, of the Township of *Russell*; praying for aid to open a Road from a certain part of the said Township, to meet a Road running from the *St. Lawrence* through the Township of *Williamsburg* and part of *Winchester*.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirty-fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Hiram Cook* and others, for incorporation of the International Exploring, Mining, and Smelting Company, and find the Notice sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *Donald McMillan* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Vaudreuil* to *Bytown*, or a branch for connecting *Vaudreuil* with *Bytown* and Lake *Huron*, it appears that the Church

door Notices, and those required in a *Bytown* paper, have been duly given, but none appears to have been published in any newspaper within the District of *Montreal*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Port Stanley and London Railway Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Port Whitby and Lake Huron Railway Company*;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 10. Leave out "procure" and insert "be furnished by and at the expense of the said Company with."

Page 3, line 20. After "and" insert "on the first Monday in June."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec and Trois Pistoles Navigation Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the "Act to allow Notaries to call Meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge," and for other purposes;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 21. Leave out from "that" to "the" where it occurs for the first time in line 22, and insert "for and notwithstanding any thing in the said Act."

Page 1, line 31. Leave out from "question" to the end of the Bill.

In the Title of the Bill:

Line 1. Leave out from "explain" to "the."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Poulin* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Joint Committee for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 30th ultimo, for a copy of the Contract entered into for furnishing Tug Boats on the *St. Lawrence* between *Prescott* and *Montreal*, with the name, tonnage, draught of water, and power of each Boat.

For the said Return, see Appendix (C.C.)

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from

those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the Endowments thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the following words in the Preamble : “Whereas the enactments hereinafter repealed have failed to effect the end proposed by the Legislature in “passing them” instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of restoring the Studies of Law and Medicine as branches of the Educational system of University College, reducing or abolishing the Salaries of the Professors, and rendering them in a great measure, or entirely, dependent on fees to be paid by the Students” instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to provide for the dismissal of all the present Professors, Teachers, and other Officers of the University of *Toronto* and of *Upper Canada* College, on the 1st January, 1854, in the same manner and under the same conditions as the Professors of Law and Medicine are proposed to be dismissed by the Bill ; also, to fix the Salaries of all Professorships and other Offices in University College and *Upper Canada* College, and to provide for filling up the said Professorships and other Offices with persons who are not unfitted for striving cordially and energetically to advance the Institution by conscientious scruples as to the “Godless” character which has been unjustly attempted to be fixed on the said Schools” instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

*Brown,**2. Fergusson.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

*Badgley,**Gamble,**MacNab, Sir A. N.**Sicotte,**Burnham,**Gouin,**Marchildon,**Stevenson,**Cartier,**Hurtman,**Mattice,**Street,**Chabot,**Hincks,**Morin,**Stuart,**Chapais,**Lacoste,**Morrison,**Taché,**Christie, (Gaspé.)**Langton,**Richards, Atty. Gen.**Terrill,**Christie, (Wentworth.)**La Terrière,**Ridout,**Turcotte,**Clapham,**Laurin,**Robinson,**Varin,**Crawford,**LeBlanc,**Rose,**Viger,**Dumoulin,**Lemicux,**Seymour,**White,**Fortier,**McDonald (Cornwall.)**Shaw,**46. Willson.**Fournier,**Mackenzie.*

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of divesting the Professors of University College of the power given them by the Bill to regulate the fees, manage the property and business, and determine the Professorships, Lectureships and Tutorships of the said College" instead thereof; And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>6. White.</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Saiborn,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Sugar,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	<i>45. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of declaring by express provision what shall be the Professorships, Masterships, and other Offices in University College and Upper College College respectively, and what Salary shall be attached to each Office" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>7. White.</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Saiborn,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>44. Willson.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of providing that public advertizement shall be made of any vacancy in any Professorship of the said Colleges, and the reception and consideration of applications by Candidates ere the said vacancy be filled up" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	13. <i>White.</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	40. <i>Willson,</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to provide that when the surplus annual revenue of the University Income Fund for two successive years, shall exceed the sum of Three thousand pounds, a College precisely similar to University College, with the same powers, and under the same management, shall be commenced in some other part of the Province, and for the support of which the said surplus Fund, and the surplus in future years thereafter, shall be applied; also, to provide that so soon as the said additional College shall have been fully established, and the surplus Funds shall exceed the demands upon it by the said College and University College, any further surplus shall be applied towards the erection and support of a third College in a different section of the Country, similar in all respects to University College" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>		2. <i>Fergusson.</i>
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NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>

<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall.)</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston.)</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	51. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Langton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the seventeenth and eighteenth Clauses, so that the Senate, whilst preserving the power to determine the subjects of examination of Candidates for Degrees, shall not be empowered to control the course of instruction to be pursued in the affiliated Colleges" instead thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put :

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the property thereof, and that of "Upper Canada College;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie(Wentworth.)</i>	<i>McDonald(Cornwall)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Macdonald(Kingston)</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rose,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	57. <i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Cauchon,</i>	3. <i>Fergusson.</i>
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of *Essex* for certain purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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 Bill, intituled, “An Act supplementary to the Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the “District of *Kamouraska*,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the “Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, to borrow a certain sum “of money and to erect therewith Water Works for the use of the said City, and to “extend and amend the provisions of any Act relating thereto,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Mayor, “Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, to borrow a certain sum of money “and to erect therewith Water Works for the use of the said City, and to extend “and amend the provisions of any Act relating thereto,” was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time To-morrow.

A Bill to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, one of Her Majesty’s Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1852.

For the said Tables, see Appendix (A.)

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, The Public Accounts for the year 1852.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (B.)

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Valois*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 15° die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of Sir *James D. Hamilton Hay*, Baronet, and others, of the Township of *Osprey*, County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Philippe Panet* and others, Catholics, of the City of *Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the *Hamilton Mercantile Library Association*; praying for aid.

Of *François R. Dufresne* and others, Roman Catholics of that part of the Parish of *Three Rivers* called the *Banlieue*; representing that they were induced to sign the Petition against the Bill relating to the property of the *Fabrique* of the said Parish, and that they withdraw their signatures, and praying that no consideration may be given to the said Petition.

Of *William Baker* and others, Trustees of the *Dunham High School*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Canada Loan Company*.

Of *J. B. Pepin* and others, Members of the Corporation of the Common of *St. Antoine de la Baie*; praying for a certain amendment to the Act of this Session to establish and ascertain the rights of the Co-proprietors of the said Common.

Of the Reverend *J. Nelligan* and others, Officers and Members of the *St. Patrick's Catholic Institute, Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to declare in distinct terms that the Roman Catholics of *Canada West* shall have all the rights as to separate Schools enjoyed by the Protestant minority of *Lower Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twenty-third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, without amendment:—

Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery* :

Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company* :

Bill to incorporate the *Canada Military Asylum* :

Bill to authorize the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery of *Montreal*, to dispose of property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to attach a certain portion of the Township of *Kingston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, for Municipal purposes; and feeling satisfied, from the evidence before them, that it is desirable to attach that portion of the Township of *Kingston* referred to in the Bill, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, not only for Municipal but for all other purposes, they have amended the Bill accordingly, and submit the amendments for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Langton*, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the operation of the Assessment Laws, especially with reference to the collection of Taxes on Lands of non-residents, and the equalization of County Rates amongst the several Municipalities, and another reference; presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Upon careful examination of that portion of the Assessment Laws, which relates to the collection of the tax upon the lands of non-residents, Your Committee are of opinion, that the present system is very defective, and occasions great inconvenience and loss, both to the Land-owners, and the Municipalities. These difficulties principally arise from the unnecessary frequency of the sales, and the divided responsibility between the Township and County Officers in the collection of the rates. Your Committee would therefore recommend, that the Assessment Laws be amended without delay, so as to leave the whole management and responsibility of the collection of such arrears with the Treasurers of the several Counties, and that no lands be sold, upon which some portion of the tax has not been at least five years unpaid. But as the delay in collecting the rates resulting from such a change might be detrimental to some Townships, in which a considerable portion of the revenue is derived from the tax on non-resident lands, Your Committee submit to Your Honorable House a scheme, by which the County authorities may issue Debentures on the credit of the non-resident land tax, to meet the immediate wants of the several Municipalities.

Your Committee are also of opinion, that in Towns and Villages the rental, upon which the Assessment is based, is in most cases much more than six per cent. upon the value of the property; from whence considerable injustice arises, when, in ascertaining the proportion of any County rate to be borne by a Town or Village, the whole capital is estimated by counting the annual value at six per cent. thereon.

Your Committee being aware that Your Honorable House had already referred to another Committee the consideration of the valuation of Merchants' Stocks, did not enquire into that branch of the subject; but they could not avoid perceiving, that the whole question of personal property is open to great difficulties, and they are strongly of opinion that there is no system so equitable, and so practicable, as to tax all such property uniformly according to its value, upon a scale similar to that proposed by Government upon the original introduction of the Assessment Law of 1850.

The proposed extension of the franchise, based as it is upon the Municipal Assessments, will require more stringent enactments to secure the correctness and impartiality of the Assessment Rolls, and Your Committee beg leave to suggest some further provisions, to ensure the due performance of their duties by Assessors.

Your Committee, during these investigations, have also noticed some minor imperfections in the Assessment Laws, for the remedy of which, as well as for carrying out the recommendations already mentioned, they respectfully submit a series of Resolutions.

In the expectation that a general Assessment Law will be introduced, embodying the changes recommended, Your Committee desire to call the attention of Your Honorable House to a Bill now before Parliament, intituled, "An Act to amend the Municipal Act of *Upper Canada*," several of the provisions of which appear more particularly to belong to the subject of Assessment; and they respectfully recommend that the subjects embraced in the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th Sections thereof, may be embodied in the proposed Assessment Act.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

NON-RESIDENT LAND TAX.

1. That for the future all the Books and Accounts, respecting the arrears of taxes on land of non-residents, shall be kept by the Treasurers of the several Counties.
2. That it shall not be lawful for the Treasurer of any Township, Town or Village, to receive any taxes on lands of non-residents, except from the Collector or County Treasurer.

3. That it shall be the duty of the Clerk of each Municipality, on or before such day as may be determined upon by the Council thereof, which day shall not be later than the first day of October in every year, to furnish the Treasurer of the County with a copy of the Collector's Roll, as far as relates to the lands of non-residents, distinguishing in a separate column the several rates with which they may be chargeable, and if any such rates only affect lands in a certain locality, with a description of such locality, together with any other information, which it may be requisite for the County Treasurer to possess, in order to enable him to ascertain the just tax chargeable upon any land in such Municipality for that year.

4. That the Collector of every Municipality shall make a final settlement of his Roll with the Treasurer thereof, on or before the fourteenth day of December, or such other day as may be determined by the Council of each Municipality, which day shall not be later than the first day of March; and after such settlement, it shall not be lawful for him to collect or receive any taxes on lands then returned as in arrear.

5. That within fourteen days from the time determined for the final settlement of the Collector's Roll, the Treasurer of every Municipality shall return to the County Treasurer a certified copy of the Collector's Roll, as far as relates to the rates on lands inserted thereon, and distinguishing which of such rates have been paid.

6. That the County Treasurer shall open Books, in which he shall keep an account of the taxes due, and the sums received upon each separate parcel of the lands of non-residents in every Municipality in his County, and he shall receive when tendered to him, and give a receipt for, the amount of taxes which may appear by his books to be due upon such lands.

7. That the County Treasurer shall not receive any part of the tax charged against any parcel of land, unless the whole arrear then due be paid, or satisfactory proof be produced of the previous payment, or erroneous charge, if any portion thereof; but if satisfactory proof is adduced to him, that any parcel of land on which taxes are due, has been subdivided, he may receive the proportionate amount of the tax chargeable upon any of the subdivisions, and leave the other subdivisions chargeable with the remainder.

8. That the County Treasurer, within one month from the return to him of the Collector's Roll of the lands of non-residents, as provided by the 3rd Resolution, shall ascertain and enter in his Books the amount chargeable on all such lands up to that date; and he shall, on the first day of May in every year, complete and balance his land Books, by entering against each parcel of land the payments which have been made to him or to the Collector of the Municipality, and shall ascertain, and enter therein, the arrear (if any) chargeable upon the land at that date.

9. That if it shall appear to the Treasurer, at the settlement to be made on the first day of May, as aforesaid, that any parcel of land liable to assessment has not been assessed, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to report the same to the Clerk of the Municipality, and it shall be lawful for the Clerk of such Municipality to enter such parcel of land on the Collector's Roll of the following year, as well for the arrear omitted, as for the tax of that year; and if it shall appear to the Treasurer, that any parcel of land assessed has not been included in the Collector's Roll, or having been included amongst lands of residents, the tax thereon has not been paid, he shall be authorized to insert such parcel of land, and the just tax thereon, in his Books; or if it shall appear, that any parcel of land has been placed on the non-resident Roll, which is not liable to assessment, or which has also been placed upon the resident Roll, and the tax thereon has been paid, he shall be authorized to erase such tax from his Books, and may otherwise correct any palpable error, or any error, which may from time to time be certified to him by the Clerks of the several Municipalities. But if any person shall produce to him in satisfaction of a tax any paper purporting to be a receipt of any Collector, School Trustee, or other Town, Village or Township Officer, he shall not accept such proof, until he shall have received a report upon the same from the Clerk of the Municipality interested.

10. That it shall not be necessary for the Treasurer to give written notice to non-residents of the amount of tax due upon their lands, unless the same be demanded, when he shall do it without charge.

11. That at the balance to be made on the first day of May in every year, if it shall appear, that any portion of the amount remaining due on any parcel of land is in arrear from the same date in the previous year, the Treasurer shall add to the whole amount then due, ten per cent. thereon.

12. That it shall be lawful for the County Treasurer, whenever he shall be satisfied, that there is distress upon any such land, to issue a warrant under his hand and seal to the Sheriff of the County, who shall thereby be authorized to levy the amount due upon any goods and chattels found upon the land.

13. That whenever, at the balance to be made on the first of May in every year, it shall appear, that some portion of the tax on any land has been due for five years, such lands may be advertized for sale by the County Treasurer for the space of six months in the "Official Gazette," and in some one newspaper published in the County in which the lands are situate, or if there be no such newspaper, in some newspaper published in an adjoining County; but the County Council may direct the lands so in arrear not to be advertized or sold until some later period, at its discretion, or may direct that such lands only be advertized for sale, as are in arrear for taxes beyond a given sum; and the Treasurer shall add to each arrear so advertized its proportionate share of the cost of advertizement.

14. That at the expiration of six months from the date of the first advertizement, the Treasurer may issue a warrant to the Sheriff to levy the arrears and costs, as now by law provided; and after the issue of the warrant the Treasurer shall receive no payment on account of the sums contained in the warrant. And the Sheriff shall forthwith give notice of the day when he will sell the lands, which day shall be within three months from the issuing of the warrant, or at such later date as may be named in the warrant; and on the day named in the notice, he shall proceed to sell, in the manner now by law provided, all the lands on which the arrears and costs have not been previously collected. And the Sheriff shall make a detailed return to the Treasurer of each separate parcel of land included in the warrant, within one month from the day of sale.

15. That any sales which, by the Acts now in force, should have taken place at a certain time, but did not then take place, shall not be rendered illegal by such delay, but the land may be sold for the arrears of taxes at any time hereafter, which the Municipal Council of the County may direct.

16. That the Sheriff shall be entitled to receive five per cent. commission upon all sums collected by him under a warrant of the Treasurer; and whenever distress of goods and chattels is made by the Sheriff on account of arrears of land tax, he may proceed to sell the same after eight days' notice, and may charge ten shillings for each distress and sale; and whenever any land is sold by the Sheriff, he may receive five shillings for the sale of each separate parcel, and he may further charge five shillings for the deed of every parcel of land conveyed by him, which deed shall contain a full description by metes and bounds of the land conveyed; and the Sheriff may add the commission and fees, which he is hereby authorized to receive for the services above mentioned, to the amount of arrears included in the warrant on those lands, in respect of which such services were severally performed; and for such services he shall be entitled to no other fees or emoluments whatever.

17. That the owner of any land sold may redeem it any time within one year from the date of the sale, by paying the amount for which the land was sold, and ten per cent. thereon; but after the expiration of the year, the sale shall be considered complete, and the Sheriff shall forthwith convey the land to the purchaser, in the manner now provided by law.

18. That the Sheriff shall enter in a Book, to be furnished by the County, a full description by metes and bounds, of each parcel of land conveyed by him to pur-

chasers for arrears of taxes, with an index thereto, which Book shall be returned to the Treasurer after the aforesaid entries are made, and shall by him be kept, together with all copies of Assessors' and Collectors' Rolls, and other documents relating to non-resident lands, amongst the records of the County.

19. That all the monies, which may at any time be received by the County Treasurer on account of taxes on non-resident lands in any Municipality in his County, whether the same be paid to him directly or be levied by the Sheriff, shall be and constitute a distinct and separate Fund, which shall be called the "Non-resident Land Fund of such County," and the Treasurer shall open an account for each Municipality with the said Fund.

20. That the Treasurer of the County shall not be required to keep a separate account of the several distinct rates, which may be charged on lands; but all arrears, from whatever rates arising, shall be taken together, and form one charge on the land; and each subordinate Municipality shall supply out of the general funds of the Municipality, the deficiency in its share of the Lunatic Asylum Tax, or of any County rate, or in any School or local rate, arising from the non-payment of any tax on land; and all sums which may at any time be paid to any subordinate Municipality out of the Non-resident Land Fund of the County, shall form part of the general funds of such Municipality.

21. That it shall be lawful for the Municipal Council of the County, from time to time, by By-Law, to authorize the Warden to issue debentures upon the credit of the said Non-resident Land Fund, for sums not less than £25 each, so that the whole of the debentures, at any time issued and unpaid, shall not exceed two-thirds of all the arrears then due and accruing upon the lands in the County, together with such other sums as may be in the Treasurer's hands, or otherwise invested to the credit of the said Fund; and such debentures shall be negotiated by the Warden and Treasurer of the County, and the proceeds shall be paid into the said Fund, and the interest thereon, and the principal, as they fall due, shall be payable out of the said Fund; and such debentures shall in no case be at a longer date than ten years.

22. That if at any time it shall occur that there shall not be in the Non-resident Land Fund monies sufficient to pay the interest upon any debenture, or to redeem the same when due, such interest or debenture shall, nevertheless, be payable out of the general County Funds, and the payment thereof may be enforced in the same manner as is by law provided in the case of other County debentures.

23. That it shall be lawful for the Municipal Council of the County, from time to time, to pass By-Laws apportioning the surplus monies in the Non-resident Land Fund amongst the several Municipalities, rateably according to the monies received, and arrears due, on account of the lands in each Municipality; but such apportionment shall always be so limited, that the debentures unpaid shall never exceed two-thirds of the arrears, monies, or other assets of the Fund.

24. That the Treasurer shall not be entitled to charge to, or receive from, the person paying taxes, any per centage thereon, but may receive from the Fund such per centage upon all monies in his hands, or such fixed salary in lieu thereof, as the County Council may by By-Law direct.

25. That it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer to prepare and submit to the County Council, at its first Session in January every year, a Report, certified by the Auditors, of the state of the Non-resident Land Fund, which Report shall contain an account of all the monies received and expended during the year ending on the 31st of December next preceding, distinguishing the sums received on account of and paid to the several Municipalities, and received and paid on account of debentures negotiated or redeemed, and the sums invested, and balance in hand; a List of all debentures then unpaid, with the dates at which they will become due; and a Statement of all the arrears then due, distinguishing those due in each Municipality and the amount which is then advertized for sale, and which By-Law may be advertized during the ensuing year. And it shall be the duty of the Warden to

cause a copy of such Report to be transmitted to the Provincial Secretary, for the information of the Governor General.

STATUTE LABOR.

26. That if the owner of any parcel of non-residents' land be unknown, the commutation in lieu of Statute Labor, due thereon according to its assessed value, shall be charged against each separate parcel of land, and such charge shall be collected in the same manner as any other tax; but if, at any time before the first day of May, any owner of non-residents' land shall have given in writing to the Assessor, or Clerk of the Municipality, a list of the lands owned by him in the Municipality, he shall be liable to Statute Labor only upon the aggregate value of all the lands owned by him, and the Clerk of the Municipality may enter the sum chargeable in commutation of the whole Statute Labor against any parcel or parcels of the lands of such non-resident, at his discretion, and such sum shall be a lawful charge against such land, in the same manner as any other tax. And the same rate of commutation for Statute Labor shall apply to residents and non-residents.

27. That the tax chargeable in lieu of Statute Labor upon persons not assessed in Cities, Towns and Villages shall be five shillings instead of ten shillings.

RENTAL IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

28. That instead of columns 5 and 6 in Schedule marked B, appended to the *Upper Canada* Assessment Act of 1850, there shall be three columns in the Assessment Rolls of incorporated Towns and Villages:—

Column A.—Rental of each separate lot or parcel of real property.

Column B.—Total value of each separate parcel of real property not rented.

Column C.—Annual value of same.

29. That whenever any parcel of real property in any incorporated Town or Village is held upon rent, the Assessors shall in all cases enter such rental in column A, of the Assessment Roll, unless they shall have reason to believe that the occupier has made a fraudulent return of the rent.

30. That whenever the Municipal Council of the County shall impose any County rate, in order to ascertain the just share thereof to be borne by any Town or Village, the sum total of the rentals in column A, shall be calculated to be ten per cent. upon the capital represented, which capital, added to the sum total of column B, and the sum total of the personal property assessed, shall be held to be the aggregate value of all the property in such Town or Village.

ASSESSORS.

31. That the following words be added to the Assessor's oath in the 26th Section of the *Upper Canada* Assessment Act of 1850: "and I further certify, that I have entered therein the names of all the resident householders and freeholders, with the true amount of property occupied or owned by each, and that I have not entered the name of any person whom I do not truly believe to be a householder or freeholder, and the *bonâ fide* occupier or owner of the property set down opposite his name."

32. That after the word "any" in the first line of the 62nd Section of the said Act, the word "Clerk" be inserted; and after the word "collection" in the second line of the same Section, the following words be added: "or copy of any Assessor's or Collector's Roll, or shall wilfully and fraudulently insert the name of any person who should not have been entered in such Roll, or omit the name of any person who should have been entered in such Roll, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act."

MISCELLANEOUS.

33. That if any person shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the Court of Re-

vision upon any disputed question of assessment, there may be an appeal made to the Judge of the County Court, either in Chambers, or at the next Court to be held in the division within which such Municipality is situate, but such appeal shall not extend to the matters of fact, but only to questions of the interpretation of the law; and the decision of the Court shall be final, and the Court may direct the costs of the appeal to be paid by the Municipality, or by the party appealing.

34. That the Annual Meeting of the Municipal Council of the County to equalize the Assessment Rolls, according to the provisions of the 5th Section of the *Upper Canada Assessment Law Amendment Act of 1851*, shall be held on the third Monday in June, or on such other day as the said Council may by By-Law determine, which day shall not be later than the fifteenth day of July.

35. That the Registrar of every County shall register any Sheriff's deed of land sold for taxes before the first day of January 1851, according to the provisions of the Act 6 Geo. 4, cap. 7, notwithstanding the repeal of that Act by the Act 13 & 14 Vic. cap. 66.

36. That the provisions of the 12th Section of the *Upper Canada Assessment Act of 1850*, respecting the surplus or deficit in the amount of taxes raised for any particular purpose, be so amended, as to introduce the same system in Counties and Townships, as in Cities, Towns and Villages; and that any such surplus or deficit, unless otherwise specially provided for, may form part of, or be paid out of, the general funds of the Municipality.

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

37. That the whole personal property of every person assessed, shall be valued according to the following scale:—

At £	50,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	125.
£	125,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	250.
£	250,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	500.
£	500,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	1,000.
£	1,000,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	2,500.
£	2,500,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	5,000.
£	5,000,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	10,000.
£	10,000,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	20,000.
£	20,000,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	40,000.
£	40,000,	if amounting to that sum, but not to £	60,000.

The limits henceforth increasing by sums of £20,000.

38. That real and personal property shall be taxed at equal rates, according to the valuation of each.

Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday the twenty-fifth day of April instant, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce, McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*, and another reference, be committed to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery*, be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, be read the third time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act supplementary to the Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 10. Leave out from "therefore" to "enacted."

Page 1, line 17. Leave out from "hereby" to "enacted" in line 18.

Page 1, line 19. Leave out "have" and insert "having."

Page 1, line 20. Leave out from "been" to "by."

Page 1, line 21. Leave out from "Session" to "detached."

Page 1, line 25. After "aforesaid" insert "shall be subject," and after "and" insert "the same are hereby."

Page 1, line 28. Leave out from "Courts" to the end of the Bill, and insert "in the said Act mentioned."

In the Preamble of the Bill :

Page 1, line 1, Leave out from "Whereas" to "by."

Page 1, line 5. After "are" insert "detached and withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Courts in and for the County and District of *Gaspé*, and made to form, for Judicial purposes, part of the District of *Kamouraska*, and they were intended to be," and leave out from "also" to "placed" in line 6.

Page 1, line 6. After "placed" insert "but were not thereby placed."

Page 1, line 9. Leave out from "and" to "it," and leave out "remove" and insert "supply the omissions of the said Act in that behalf."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Gaspé* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Marine Hospital of *Quebec*, which was presented on Friday last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to attach a certain portion of the Township of *Kingston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, for Municipal purposes, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Military Asylum, be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery of *Montreal* to dispose of property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*, be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish the boundary lines of lots in certain ranges in the Township of *Grenville*.

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. *Fergusson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Guelph*, *Georgian Bay* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to be called the *Paris* Hydraulic Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Intemperance, and to prohibit the retailing of intoxicating Liquors.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Mongenais*, seconded by Mr. *Dumoulin*,

Resolved, That the 64th Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* and *Bytown* Railway Company.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mongenais* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* and *Bytown* Railway Company.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fournier* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Commissioners' Courts 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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Savings' Banks.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday the twenty-ninth day of April instant.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act relating to Land Surveyors.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of "the City of *Montreal*, to borrow a certain sum of money and to erect therewith "Water Works for the use of the said City, and to extend and amend the provisions of any Act relating thereto," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Lower Canada* Judicature Act 12 Vic. cap 38, and to provide for the service of Circuit Court Writs, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 18^o die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table :—

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *P. Low* and others.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *William Dickson* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *Simon Fraser*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of Messieurs *McKean*, *McLarty* and Company, and others, Merchants and Shipowners of *Liverpool*, *London*, *Glasgow*, and *Montreal*, interested in the Trade of the *British North American Colonies*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of *John F. Thornton* and others, of the Township of *Barnston*, County of *Stanstead*; of *W. G. Cook* and others, of the Township of *Hatley*, County of *Stanstead*; and of *C. W. Cowles* and others, of *Stanstead*, in the County of *Stanstead*; praying for the passing of the Bill to incorporate the *Stanstead County Bank*.

Of *Bartholemew C. A. Guy*, Esquire, Seigneur of *Grandpré*, *Grosbois* and *Dumontier*; taking notice of the Bill to allow the recusation of Judges who are Seigniors in cases in which Seigniorial Rights are in question; and praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House against the Bill as it now stands.

Of *J. Redpath* and others, heretofore acting as Trustees of the *Montreal Provident and Savings' Bank*; praying that the Bill to authorize the Depositors in the said Bank to appoint Trustees to wind up the affairs of the said Bank, may not pass into Law.

Of the Reverend *N. T. Hébert* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*; praying for aid to rebuild the School House recently destroyed by fire in the said Parish, and which was occupied by the Brothers of the Christian Doctrine.

Of the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railroad Company*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *William McMicking* and others, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*; praying for the adoption of certain measures to promote Emigration to this Province.

Of *Cameron Anderson* and others, of *North Dumfries*; of *Charles Jarratt* and others, of *Penetanguishene*; of *James Cockshutt* and others, of *Cayuga*; and of the Reverend *J. Fraser* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Church of *St. Thomas*, County of *Elgin*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal and other Public Departments.

Of the Reverend *John Fletcher* and others, the Congregations of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in the Townships of *Mono*, *Mulmer*, *Adjala*, and *Tossoronto*, County of *Simcoe*; and of the Very Reverend *T. B. Fuller*, Rector and Rural Dean, and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland* in

the Rectory of *Thorold*; praying that the Bill to amend the Law with respect to the solemnization and registration of Matrimony may not pass into Law.

Of *A. Ross*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Frampton* and *Cranbourne*; praying for aid to open and construct a Road through the western side of *Frampton* to *Cranbourne* aforesaid.

Of Sir *James D. Hamilton Hay*, Baronet, and others, of the Township of *Osprey*, County of *Grey*; representing that they were induced, by reason of Circulars issued by the Government of this Province in the years 1848 and 1849, to settle upon lands in the said Township, and that the conditions of the said Circulars are about to be violated by the Government Land Agent there, to the great loss of the Petitioners, and praying for relief in the premises.

Of the Honorable *Philippe Panet* and others, Catholics, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the Catholics of *Upper Canada* may be granted the privileges with reference to separate Schools, for which they have petitioned during the present Session.

Mr. *Shaw*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, relative to Weights and Measures, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to establish a standard weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Paige* do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Provincial Penitentiary, which was presented on the fifth of April instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Burnham*,

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request their Honors will permit the Honorable *George S. Boulton*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee to which is referred the Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, acting Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall* Esquire, of *Chippawa*, on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William McMicking* and others, of the Township of *Stamford*, County of *Welland*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Lyon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Langton*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all applications made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, or to the Executive Government at *Quebec*, during the last and present year, for Licences to cut Timber off the waste Lands of the Crown on the *Gatineau* River, or for Timber berths on the said River; also, copies of the Reports made thereon, respective-

ly, by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to the Executive; also, of the Reports made thereon, respectively, by any Clerk, Surveyor, or Agent of the Department, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands; also, of any Committee of Council thereon, respectively, to His Excellency; and also copies of any Orders in Council made thereon, respectively, and the number of square miles ordered to be licensed or granted on every said application and under every said Order in Council; also, a Copy of the the Report of *Aimé Lafontaine*, *Asa Cooke* and *J. Sculthrop*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed on or about the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, to inquire into the management of the Crown Timber Office at *Bytown*, or of any one or more of them; and also, a copy of all Evidence taken under said Commissioners, and of all Documents filed or received by the said Commissioners and returned with the said Report; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lyon* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the punishment of Land Surveyors who have signed or given, or may sign or give false certificates relative to the survey, occupation, or cutting of Timber on the waste or ungranted Lands of the Crown.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 30th March, ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, copies of any late Reports from the Governor General of *Canada*, and from the Lieutenant Governors of the other British Provinces, on the state of the Colonies under their Government, which may have been laid before the Imperial Parliament.

For the said Return, see Appendix (C.C.C.C.)

Ordered, That that part of the said Return which relates to this Province, and to the Provinces of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, *Prince Edward Island*, *Newfoundland*, *New South Wales*, *Victoria*, and *Van Dieman's Land*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Resolved, That the Rules of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of building an Hotel in the City of *Hamilton*.

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of building an Hotel in the City of *Hamilton*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Ordinance therein mentioned, intituled, "An Ordinance for regulating the Markets in the " Towns of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, in the Province of *Quebec*."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Clapham*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, all documents and information respecting the erection of a Custom House in the City of *Quebec*, and the measures adopted by the Executive Government to obtain a proper site for the

same, with copies of any offers of individuals to sell to the Provincial Government land, as a site for such Custom House; with copies of any plans and estimates of the proposed Building, and generally all papers and information on the subject, which His Excellency may see fit to communicate to this House; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 92*, relating to the illegal detention of Real Property in *Lower Canada*. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Smith of Durham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright of the East Riding of York*, and the Question being put, That for the remainder of the Session, this House do meet on Wednesdays at ten o'clock in the forenoon:—It passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Toronto and Owen Sound and Saugueen Railway Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Resolved, That the 70th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery*,

Mr. *Stuart* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, a Contract bearing date on or about the twentieth day of October last, between Messieurs *Jackson, Peto, Brassey and Betts*, Contractors, and the *Quebec and Richmond Railway Company*; also, a Protest made on or about the second day of April instant, by the said Company, against the said Contractors, for alleged deviation from the said Contract; and defects in the construction of the said Railway; also, any documents in the possession of the Executive Government or the Railway Commissioners, connected with any dispute between the said Contractors and the said Company; also, any maps, plans or account, which, by any Railway Law now in force in this Province, are, or are required to be, laid before the Government by the said Company; and lastly, all correspondence or other documents in the possession of the Government connected with the amalgamation of the said Company with the main Trunk or other Line of Railway; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>10. Viger.</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Samborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Richards, Aity.Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>

Craicford,
Drummond, Atty.Gen.
Dumoulin,

Laurin,
Lemieux,

Ridout,
Rolph,

Wright, (E. R. York.)
 37. *Wright,* (W. R. York.)

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday next.

A Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act "incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery Company*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Street* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Canada Military Asylum*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the Sisters of the Grey Nunnery of *Montreal* to dispose of property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the Grey Nuns of " *Montreal* to dispose of certain property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of " *Montreal*;" the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Morrison*, The House adjourned.

Martis, 19^o die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Brown*.—The Petition of *Michael D. Garder* and others, of the Township of *Willoughby*; the Petition of *Alexander Adams* and others, of *Caledon* and *Erin*; the Petition of *Daniel Allan* and others, of *North Easthope*; and the Petition of *Francis Earls* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*.

Mr. *Hartman*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirty-fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Reverend *John Roof*, for incorporation of the *British American Institute* for the education of persons of colour, and are of opinion that it does not come under the provisions of the 64th Rule.

They have also examined the Petitions of *J. B. Pepin* and others, for amendment of the Act of this Session establishing the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de la Baie*,—and of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron Railroad Company*, for an Act to explain and amend their Charter, and they do not consider the amendments sought to be obtained of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

The Petition of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, and others, for an Act of incorporation as the *Canada Loan Company*, is one, to which, strictly speaking, the 64th Rule is applicable; but as no existing guaranteed rights are affected by the powers proposed to be given, Your Committee beg to recommend that the usual Notice be dispensed with.

On the Petition of *Thomas Maley* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Perth* to the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway at *Kemptville*, it appears that Notices were published in the month of February last, in the *Ottawa Citizen*, *Bathurst Courier*, and *British Standard*, but that owing to a misconception of the terms of the 64th Rule by the applicants, they received but three or four insertions; Your Committee therefore report the fact to Your Honorable House, deeming it right to add at the same time, that the Petition is signed by persons residing on various parts of the proposed line, including the Reeves of several Townships through which the Railway is intended to pass, which may be taken as presumptive evidence of the publicity of the present application.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canadian Loan Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. Redpath* and others, heretofore acting as Trustees of the *Montreal Provident and Savings Bank*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Durham*, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the Agreement between the Government and the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*, for the sale of the *Rice Lake* and *Lake Ontario* Road; also, of that for the sale of the Debt due to the Government on the *Cobourg* Harbour, as well as a debtor and credit account of the various Loans made to the said Harbour, under the Provincial Statutes 2 *Will.* 4, cap. 22, and 5 *Will.* 4, cap. 43, with interest due thereon, to the 31st January last, for which Loans security was required to be taken, together with a copy of any such securities.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Paige* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the *Erie and Ontario* Railroad Company to acquire certain Lands in the Township of *Niagara*, for the purposes of their Road, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Port Stanley and London* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish the boundary lines of lots in certain ranges in the Township of *Grenville*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Stanstead* County Bank, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to reduce the width of certain Streets in the new survey of the Town of *London*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Taché*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Fournier*, Mr. *Fortier*, and the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada* relating to Mutual Insurance Companies, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Morrison*, Mr. *White*, Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, and Mr. *Hartman*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Toronto*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Laws relating to Duties of Customs, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Street* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Street* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Clause thereto: "And be it enacted, that no officer or servant employed in the said Department, or in any situation connected therewith, shall have his income increased, except by Special Legislative enactment; as also, that all or any Acts now in force under color of which the salaries or incomes of Collectors, or other officers or servants are increased, without special reference to the sense of the Legislature, shall be and are hereby repealed in so far as they would interfere with the operation of this Clause," instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Brown,
Gamble,

Mackenzie,

Marchildon,

Willson.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Burnham,
Cameron,
Cusichon,
Clabot,

Fournier,
Hincks,
Lacoste,
LaTerrière,
Laurin,

Merritt,
Morin,
Morrison,
Patrick,
Polette,

Shaw,
Sicotte,
Stevenson,
Street,
Stuart,

<i>Chauveau</i> , Sol. Gen.	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i>) <i>Poulin</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>Macdonald</i> (<i>Kingston</i>) <i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Tessier</i> ,
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Ridout</i> ,
<i>Dixon</i> ,	<i>Malloch</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Drummond</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Rolph</i> ,
<i>Dumoulin</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> ,	<i>Sanborn</i> ,
		43. <i>White</i> .

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fearnings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment ; viz :—

Bill, intituled, “An Act to remove certain doubts existing as to the true meaning and effect of the sixth Section of the Act passed during the present Session, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act passed in the Session held in the fourteenth and fifteenth years of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Niagara* Harbour and Dock Company :”

Bill, intituled, “An Act relating to the Fisheries on the *Labrador* and North Shore of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* :” And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House : And also,

The Legislative Council give leave to the Honorable *George S. Boulton*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly to which is referred the Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, acting Executor to the Estate of the late *Robert Randall*, Esquire, of *Chippawa*, on Wednesday next, at eleven o’clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Turcotte*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 20° die Aprilis ;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *A. Stinson* and others, of the Township of *Compton*, County of *Sherbrooke*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *Simcoe*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Townsend*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *B. F. Davy* and *G. N. N. Relyed*, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of *Belleville*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; and the Petition of *Robert Gibbons*, Esquire, and others, of the *Huron* Tract and its vicinity.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read :—

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*; praying for an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad from *Owen Sound* to *Guelph*, and that it may form part of the Grand Trunk Line.

Of *P. Low* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from some point on the Grand Trunk Railway, running through the County of *Prince Edward*, to such place within the said County as they may desire.

Of *William Dickson* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Waterloo* and *Saugeen* Railroad Company.

Of *Simon Fraser*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *L'Islet*; praying for aid to improve the Harbour in the said County called *Havre des Trois Saumons*.

Of Messieurs *McKean*, *McLarty* and Company, and others, Merchants and Shipowners of *Liverpool*, *London*, *Glasgow*, and *Montreal*, interested in the Trade of the *British North American Colonies*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of "The *Canadian Steam Navigation Company*."

Ordered, That the Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, reported to the House, That their Address of the 7th April instant, representing that should His Excellency the Governor General, in the exercise of the undoubted prerogative of the Crown, be pleased to summon Parliament for the despatch of business early in the month of February in each year, it would be highly acceptable to this branch of the Legislature, had been presented to His Excellency; and that His Excellency had commanded him to acquaint this House, that in the exercise of the undoubted prerogative of the Crown in the summoning of Parliament, he will not fail to give due weight to the opinion expressed by this House as to the period most convenient.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* also reported to the House, That their Address of the 6th April instant, communicating to His Excellency the Governor General a Resolution of this House relative to the construction of a Canal to connect the *St. Lawrence* with the River *Richelieu* or Lake *Champlain*, and recommending the subject thereof to the attentive consideration of His Excellency, had been presented to His Excellency; and that His Excellency had commanded him to acquaint this House, that the subject of the said Address will obtain His Excellency's special attention.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company;" and the same were read, as follow :—

Page 2, line 16. Leave out from "to" to "with" in line 17, and insert "be furnished by and at the expense of the said Company with Books."

Page 3, line 25. Leave out "nine" and insert "twelve."

Page 3, line 27. Leave out "nine" and insert "twelve."

Page 3, line 28. Leave out from "Railway" to "Act" and insert "Clauses Consolidation."

Page 3, line 37. Leave out from "the" to "private."

Page 3, line 39. Leave out "nine" and insert "twelve."

Page 3, line 48. After "the" insert "said private."

Page 3, line 50. Leave out "nine" and insert "twelve."

Page 4, line 7. Leave out "two" and insert "one."

Page 4, line 8. Leave out "fifty" and insert "twenty-five."

Page 5, line 30. Leave out from "aforesaid" to "and" in line 49.

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry Moyle*, Esquire, of the Township of *Brantford*, County of *Brant*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Tuesday next, in order to allow the Parties to prepare their pleadings and factums.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twenty-fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, without amendment:—

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Exchange:

Bill to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*:

Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to authorize the Municipality of the County of *Two Mountains* to take Stock in the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa* Grand Junction Railway Company, and have agreed to certain amendments empowering the said Municipality to take Stock in any Railway which may pass through their County, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Exchange, be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Municipality of the County of *Two Mountains* to take Stock in the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa* Grand Junction Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*, be read the third time To-morrow.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *William Henry Beresford*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *William Henry Beresford*," was read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, and the Question being put, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the following Resolution: That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, to implore Her Majesty to grant to Messieurs *William Smith O'Brien*, *Francis Thomas Meagher*, *John Martin*, *John Mitchell*, *O'Doherty*, *McManus*, and *O'Donohue*, and their associates, who were convicted of being concerned in the insurrection in *Ireland*, in 1848, Her Majesty's most gracious amnesty and forgiveness, and to restore them to their Country, and to their families, from whom they have been separated during weary years of exile, privation, and severe suffering: That united as our destinies are with those of a powerful and magnanimous Nation, and blessed as the British Empire is with peace and tranquillity both at home and abroad, this House would fain hope that the time has at length come in which an amnesty for past political offences in *Ireland* can be safely granted by the Crown; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Laurin</i> ,	<i>Murney</i> ,	<i>Stuart</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Wentworth</i> .)	<i>LeBlanc</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Tessier</i> ,
<i>Dubord</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i>)	<i>Polette</i> ,	<i>Valois</i> ,
<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Rose</i> ,	<i>Viger</i> ,
<i>Gouin</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Sanborn</i> ,	<i>White</i> ,
<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Sicotte</i> ,	<i>26. Wright</i> , (<i>E. R. York</i>)
<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Merritt</i> ,		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Drummond</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Malloch</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Dumoulin</i> ,	<i>McDougall</i> ,	<i>Rolph</i> ,
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Fergusson</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	<i>Seymour</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Chauveau</i> , Sol. Gen.	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>LaTerrière</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Richards</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Turcotte</i> ,
<i>Dixon</i> ,	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Ridout</i> ,	<i>32. Willson</i> .

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, and the Question being put, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the following Resolutions: 1. That in order to place a check on the creation of new Offices in the Public Departments, to secure a due regard to economy in fixing the emoluments of Public Officers, and to free the Heads of Departments from solicitations by their subordinates for increase of Salary, it is expedient that all permanent Offices in the various Departments of the Public Service, and the Salaries attached to such Offices, be fixed and determined by Legislative enactment: 2. That a Select Committee of seven Members, composed of Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Gamble*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Mover, be appointed to prepare and report to this House, the draught of a Bill to carry into effect the foregoing Resolution; 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

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>14. Willson.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tessier,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>La Terrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>Lawrin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>39. Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *White*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to order the proper Officer to produce, so far as practicable, and to furnish the same to this House as early as possible, in the Session of 1854, the following information, viz. : The aggregate amount of the Provincial, City, Incorporated Town or Village, Township, County, Railroad, Canal, and other Corporation bonds, stocks, or evidences of Debt held in *Europe*, or other Foreign Countries, on the first of December, 1853, specifying separately, so far as the same can be ascertained, the amount of each of the above description of bonds and stocks, and the gross amount of the indebtedness of each Corporation in *Canada*, severally stated.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dumoulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed during the present Session of the Legislature, intituled, "An Act to ascertain " and establish the rights of the Co-proprietors of the Common of *St. Antoine de la Baie*."

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next:

On motion of Mr. *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,

Resolved, That the 64th, 66th and 74th Rules of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of Messieurs *McKean*, *McLarty* and Company, and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of *Liverpool*, *London*, *Glasgow*, and *Montreal*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dixon* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Contractors, Builders, and others, to hold a Lien upon Buildings erected by them.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

The Honorable Mr. *La Terrière* moved, seconded by Mr. *Tessier*, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law relative to the practice of Physic, Surgery and Midwifery in

Lower Canada, be postponed until Monday next, and be then the second Order of the day; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards, and the custody and disposal of their effects, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

A Bill further to amend the Laws relating to Duties of Customs, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Guelph, Georgian Bay, and Lake Huron Railway Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Toronto and Owen Sound and Saugeen Railway Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the proceedings relating to the seizure of Real Property in cases of *Folle Enchère*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Committee of five Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *Stuart*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldgley*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and Mr. *Fournier*, do compose the said Committee.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the Section of the District of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill to declare valid the Indentures of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of *Lower Canada*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Vaudreuil and Bytown Railway Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Council-

“ lons of the City of *Quebec* to borrow an additional sum for the construction of the “ Water Works,” being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish a Board of Notaries for the Districts of *Kamouraska* and *Gaspé*, and further to amend the Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Lacoste*, Mr. *LeBlanc*, Mr. *Jobin*, and Mr. *Taché*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the redemption of Seigniorial Rights in *Lower Canada*, and to convert the Tenure of Lands chargeable therewith into that of *franc aleu roturier*, and to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires*, and prevent abuses, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act amending the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the City of *Montreal*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church, Quebec*, to alienate or hypothecate certain property for the purpose of raising funds to build a more convenient Church, Manse, and School, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to attach a certain portion of the Township of *Kingston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, for Municipal purposes ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Cartier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cartier* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, That the word “ now ” be left out, and the words “ this day six months ” added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment : the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Badgley,
Brown,
Cameron,

Hartman,
Langton,
LaTerrière,

Malloch,
Morin,
Patrick,

Scotte,
Smith, (Durham.)
Stevenson,

<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	31. <i>White.</i>
<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Street,</i>	11. <i>Wright, (E.R. York.)</i>
<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove certain doubts as to the Law for the trial of Controverted Elections, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Mayor and Corporation of the City of *Montreal* to borrow a certain sum of money, and to erect therewith Water Works for the use of the said City, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *White* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *White* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Malloch*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 21° die Aprilis;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *Thomas Pringle* and others, of the Township of *Sullivan*, County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *John Clark* and others, of the neighbourhood and District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Draper*, of *Chambly*, Blacksmith and Contractor.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *George Davies*, a Seaman of and belonging to a Merchant Vessel in the Port of *Quebec*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Michael D. Garder* and others, of the Township of *Willoughby*; praying that the Bill relating to the University of *Toronto* may not pass into Law.

Of *Alexander Adams* and others, of *Caledon* and *Erin*; and of *Daniel Allan* and others, of *North Easthope*; praying for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in connection with the Post Office and other Public Departments.

Of *Francis Earls* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; representing the unjust manner in which the Commissioners for improving the River *du Chêne*, in the said County, were elected, and praying for a new election of Commissioners, in order that all parties interested may be fairly represented therein.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Brown*, from the Select Committee to which were referred the several Petitions on the subject of Sabbath labor in the Post Office Department and on the Canals, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (D.D.D.D.)

Ordered, That two thousand copies in English, and one thousand copies in French, of the said Report, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Brown* then presented to the House a Bill to protect the *Employés* of the Government of this Province in certain Departments of the Public Service from being compelled to labor on the Lord's Day; and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Stevenson* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Piers, Wharves, and Harbours, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act prohibiting the hunting and killing of Deer and other Game within this Province, at certain seasons of the year, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Duties of Excise so far as regards *Upper Canada*, and to vest certain powers in the Municipal Authorities of that part 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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Tabular Statement of the Lands claimed in the District of *Gaspé* under the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 30*, laid before this House on the eleventh instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *British American Institute*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day fixed for Monday next, for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *William Henry Beresford*," be the first Order for that day.

A Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Exchange, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ridout* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to vest the Harbour of *Port Hope*, and adjacent premises, in Commissioners, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to attach a certain portion of the Township of *Kingston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, for Municipal purposes, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to attach a certain portion of the Township of *Kingston*, in the County of *Frontenac*, to the Township of *Pittsburgh*, for Municipal and other purposes."

Ordered, That Mr. *Seymour* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to provide a remedy against absent Defendants:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of *Essex* for certain purposes:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a Loan of Fifty thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts touching the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint Roch's* Reading Room:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association:—" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate

“ the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Malloch* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That it is the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, To-morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon, to assent in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Valois*, seconded by Mr. *Mongenais*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 22^o die Aprilis;

ANNO 16^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Edwin Larwill*, of *Chatham*; and the Petition of *William Fraser* and others, of the County of *Bruce*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Townsend*; and the Petition of *Nathan S. Caho*, of the Township of *Middleton*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *William Brooks* and others, of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *James Caulder* and others, of *Saugeen*; and the Petition of *James Gentle* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *A. Stinson* and others, of the Township of *Compton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; praying aid for the establishment of an Academy at the Village of *Compton Centre*.

Of the Municipality of the Town of *Simcoe*; praying for the passing of an Act to renew the Charter of the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Townsend*; praying for the passing of an Act to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors.

Of *B. F. Davy* and *G. N. N. Relyed*, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of *Belleville*; in favor of the Bill to restrain the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating Liquors in certain cases.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying that the Townships of *Biddulph* and *McGillivray* may not be separated from the County of *Huron*.

Of *Robert Gibbons*, Esquire, and others, of the *Huron* Tract, and its vicinity; representing that the *Canada* Company are not carrying out the objects for which they received their Charter, and that the proceedings of the said Company are in-

jurious to the Settlers on the said Tract, and retard the settlement thereof, and praying for an inquiry, and relief in the premises.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Mr. *Gouin* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to declare valid the Indentures of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of *Lower Canada*,—and on the Bill to amend an Act incorporating the Bar of *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the Section of the District of *Montreal*, That the Committee had gone through both Bills, and made amendments to the Bill to declare valid the Indentures of Law Students enregistered within a certain period after the delay granted by the Act to incorporate the Bar of *Lower Canada*, by incorporating therein the provisions of the other Bill, and otherwise amending the same.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will be pleased to communicate to this House, a copy of the Minutes of the Evidence taken before their Honors in the case of the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the relief of *William Henry Beresford*.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stevenson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Prince Edward Railway Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Shaw* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Perth and Kemptville Railway Company*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate “The *Canadian Steam Navigation Company*.”

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*,

Resolved, That the 74th Rule of this House be suspended as regards such Private Bills as have been referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills to this day, or that may be referred to the said Committee during the remainder of the Session, except Divorce Bills.

Ordered, That Mr. *Malloch* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Survey of Broken Front Concession A, from the *Ottawa*, in the Township of *Nepean*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday the second day of May next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide that Plaintiffs shall in certain cases give Security for Costs.

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. *Crawford* have leave to bring in a Bill to give an Appeal from the several Division Courts in *Upper Canada*, 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 Monday next.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Grey Nuns of *Montreal* to dispose of certain property at Point *St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*.”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to indemnify the *Brock* Monument Building Committee, and for other purposes therein mentioned:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Laws relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the property thereof, and of that of *Upper Canada* College:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Military Asylum:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal* Cemetery Company:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act further to amend the Laws relating to Duties of Customs:” And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate *The Stanstead, Shefford and Chambly* Railroad Company,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the *River St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the employment in the Streets and other Public Places of the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, of persons convicted of certain offences and sentenced to hard labor in punishment thereof,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the Incorporation of the City of *Montreal*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to repeal so much of a certain Ordinance of the Province of *Quebec* therein mentioned, as provides for the annual appointment of Peace Officers in the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to transfer the possession and control of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour from the Trinity House of *Quebec*, to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled; "An Act to authorize the employment in the Streets and other Public Places of the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, of persons convicted of certain offences and sentenced to hard labor in punishment thereof;" was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the Incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," was read for the first time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of a certain Ordinance of the Province of *Quebec* therein mentioned, as provides for the annual appointment of Peace Officers in the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*," was read for the first time.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to transfer the possession and control of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour from the Trinity House of *Quebec*, to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*," was read for the first time.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "The *Stanstead*, *Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 48. After "*Fr chet te*" insert "*L. S. Huntingdon, Francis Judd.*"

Page 4, line 14. Leave out "procure" and insert "be furnished by and at the expense of the said Company with."

Page 5, line 6. After "Railway" insert "without registration."

Page 5, line 8. Leave out "and."

Page 5, line 11. After "Railway" insert "and provided also that the whole amount raised by such Bonds shall not exceed Five hundred thousand pounds."

Page 6, line 24. Leave out from "that" to "and" in line 36, and insert "the said Company may, if they think proper to purchase the Bridge built by *John Yule*, the younger, over the River *Richelieu* in the vicinity of the village of *Chambly*, and if they can agree with him as to the indemnity to be paid therefor, (but not without his consent,) acquire from him the said Bridge and all the rights and privileges whatsoever thereunto relating or therewith connected, and to him belonging; and the same, if so acquired, shall thereafter be vested in the said Company, and may be held and exercised by them as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes as they now are or can be by the said *John Yule*, the younger."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 2, line 21. Leave out "fifty" and insert "twenty-five."

Page 4, line 32. After "River" insert "*Saint.*"

Page 11, line 10. Leave out from "funds" to "and" in line 41, and insert Clauses (A.) and (B.)

Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, at any time after the expiration of twenty-one years from and after the first day of January next after the day on which the certificate mentioned in the second Section of this Act shall be delivered by the Secretary of this Province to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, to purchase the said Railway, with all its hereditaments, stock, and appurtenances, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, upon giving to the said Company three months notice, in writing, of his intention, and upon payment of a sum equal to twenty years purchase of the annual profits divisible upon the subscribed and paid up Capital Stock of the said Railway, estimated on the average of the seven then next preceding years: Provided that the average rate of profits for the said seven years shall not be less than the rate of ten pounds in the hundred; and it shall be lawful for the Company, if they shall be of opinion that the said rate of twenty years purchase of the said average profits is an inadequate rate of purchase of the said Railway, reference being had to the prospective profits thereof, to require that it shall be left to arbitration, in case of difference, to determine what (if any) additional amount of purchase money shall be paid to the said Company: Provided also, that such option of purchase shall not be exercised, except with the consent of the Company, while any Order in Council reducing the tolls fixed and regulated by any By-Law of the said Company shall be in force."

Clause (B.) "And be it enacted, that from and after the commencement of the period of seven years next preceding the period at which the said option of purchase will become available, full and true accounts shall be kept by the Directors of the said Company of all sums of money received and paid on account of the said Railway; and the said Company shall once in every half-year during the said period of seven years, cause a half-yearly account in abstract to be prepared, shewing the total receipt and expenditure on account of the said Railway for the half-year ending on the thirtieth day of June and on the thirty-first day of December respectively, under distinct heads of receipt and expenditure, with a Statement of the balance of such account duly audited and certified under the hands of two or more of the Directors of the said Company, and shall send a copy of such account to the Inspector General on or before the last days of August and February respectively; and it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, if and when he shall think fit, to appoint any proper person or persons to inspect the accounts and books of the said Company during the said period of seven years; and it shall be lawful for any person so authorized, at all reasonable times, upon producing his authority, to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, and other documents of the Company, at the principal office or place of business of the Company, and to take copies or extracts therefrom."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stuart* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Pickering* Harbour and Road Joint Stock Company;" and the same were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 44. After "that" insert "the said," and leave out from "*Dunbar*" to "*Samuel*" in line 45.

Page 1, line 45. Leave out from "*White*" to "together" in line 47.

Page 2, line 21. Leave out from "Company" to "Provided" in line 24.

Page 2, line 27. After "Banking" insert "or to purchase more real estate than is absolutely necessary for the purposes for which they are hereby incorporated."

Page 2, line 39. After "tons" insert "each."

Page 2, line 40. After "over" insert "each."

- Page 3, line 1. After "fresh" insert "per cwt."
 Page 3, line 9. After "Cattle" insert "each."
 Page 3, line 10. After "Calves" insert "each."
 Page 3, line 13. After "unground" insert "per ton."
 Page 3, line 16. After "Turpentine" insert "per barrel."
 Page 3, line 34. After "12" insert "per do."
 Page 3, line 44. After "Barrels" insert "each."
 Page 4, line 23. Leave out from "shall" to "until" in line 24.
 Page 4, line 26. Leave out from "the" to "and" in line 28, and insert "present Directors of the said Company."
 Page 4, line 30. Leave out from "January" to "by," and insert "one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four."
 Page 6, line 48. Leave out from "Officer" to "and" in Page 7, line 1.
 Page 8, line 13. After "Company" insert "Provided always that the whole amount so borrowed or added to the Stock of the said Company, shall not exceed four thousand pounds."

In the Preamble of the Bill.

Page 1, line 1. After "Whereas" insert "*David Clark, William Dunbar, True-man P. White and Samuel Rcesor*, have by their Petition to the Legislature represented that."

Page 1, line 16. Leave out "whereas" and insert "that."

Page 1, line 31. Leave out "whereas" and insert "that."

The said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York* do carry back the Bill to Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Mr. *Smith* of *Durham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, and the Question being put, That for the remainder of the Session, Notices of Motions be not taken up on Mondays and Wednesdays until after the Orders of the day, except those for the introduction of Bills, and such items as may be allowed to be proceeded with; the House divided: and the names being called for; they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>McDonald</i> (<i>Cornwall</i>)	<i>Richards</i> , Atty.Gen.	<i>White,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Drummond</i> , Atty.Gen.	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith</i> , (<i>Durham</i> .)	<i>Wright</i> , (<i>E. R. York</i> .)
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Varin,</i>	18. <i>Wright</i> , (<i>W. R. York</i> .)
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie</i> , (<i>Gaspé</i> .)	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>La Ferrière,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	38. <i>Viger.</i>
<i>Dumoulin,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will be pleased to give leave to the Honorable *Joseph Dionne*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the advantages which would result to navigation, trade, and the cultivation of a great extent of land on the shores of the River *St. Lawrence*, from the formation of an Ice Bridge every winter, on the said River above the *Richelieu* Rapids, and the means by which such a Bridge might be secured.

Ordered, That Mr. *Polette* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Thirty-sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *P. Low* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from some point on the main Trunk Line running through the County of *Prince Edward*, and find the Notice to be sufficient so far as respects the said County, but the Notice published in the County of *Northumberland* falls a few days short of the two months required by the 64th Rule; the Notices being so very nearly complete, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that they be considered sufficient.

On the Petitions of the Municipality of *Thorah*,—and of *G. Smith* and others, for annexation of *Thorah* to the County of *York*,—of *J. H. Thompson* and others, for annexation of *Brock*,—and of the Municipality of *Mara* and *Rama*, for annexation of *Mara*, *Rama*, *Thorah*, *Georgina*, and *Brock*, to the said County, Your Committee find that no Notices have been given.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen, and for other purposes therein mentioned, be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

A Bill to incorporate the *Erie* and *Ontario* Insurance Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Morrison* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of building an Hotel in the City of *Hamilton*, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ridout* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the Municipality of the County of *Two Mountains* to take Stock in the *St. Lawrence* and *Ottawa* Grand Junction Railway Company, being read;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to consider the expediency of extending the provisions of the Bill to the County of *Terrebonne*.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Shaw* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Shaw* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council Chamber:—

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon his Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, 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 incorporate the *Brockville* Gas Light Company.

An Act to amend the Charter of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company.

An Act to separate the Township of *Georgiana* from the County of *Ontario*, and annex it to the County of *York*.

An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Amherstburg* to sell the site of the Old Market in that Town.

An Act to incorporate the *London* and *Port Sarnia* Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company.

An Act to amend an Act passed in the Session of the Provincial Parliament held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to regulate the taking of Securities in all Offices in respect of which Security ought to be given, and for avoiding the grant of all such Offices in the event of such Security not being given within a time limited after the grant of such Office," and for other purposes.

An Act to repeal so much of the amended Assessment Act of *Upper Canada*, as requires the County Councils to meet on the first day of May in each year, to equalize the Assessments, and appointing another day instead thereof for that purpose.

An Act to transfer the place of meeting of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Drummond* Number two, to the Village of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, in the said Municipality.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Laws relative to Emigrants and Quarantine.

An Act to incorporate the *Megantic Junction* Railway and Navigation Company.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Great Western Railroad Company, and to alter the name of the said Company.

An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the *Port Whitby* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company.

An Act to explain the Act to allow Notaries to call Meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereto specially authorized by a Judge, and for other purposes.

An Act relating to the Fisheries on the *Labrador* and North Shore of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*.

An Act supplementary to the Act to detach, for Judicial purposes, the Settlements of *Sainte Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the District of *Gaspé*, and annex the same to the District of *Kamouraska*.

An Act to explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to provide a remedy against absent Defendants."

An Act to constitute a Provisional Municipal Council in the County of *Essex*, for certain purposes.

An Act to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a Loan of Fifty thousand pounds, to consolidate the City Debt, and for other purposes.

An Act to remove doubts touching the Act incorporating the *Burlington Bay* Dock and Shipbuilding Company.

An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. François du Lac* better to regulate the Common of *St. François*.

An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association.

An Act to incorporate the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company.

An Act to indemnify the *Brock* Monument Building Committee, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Military Asylum.

An Act to authorize the Grey Nuns of *Montreal* to dispose of certain property at *Point St. Charles*, near the City of *Montreal*.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to the University of *Toronto*, by separating its functions as a University from those assigned to it as a College, and by making better provision for the management of the property thereof, and that of *Upper Canada* College.

An Act to incorporate the *Saint Roch's* Reading Room.

An Act further to amend the Laws relating to Duties of Customs.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Mount Royal* Cemetery Company.

An Act to authorize the formation of a Company to construct a Railroad on the North Shore of the River *Saint Lawrence*, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Montreal*, or to some convenient point on any Railway leading from *Montreal* to the western Cities of this Province.

An Act to incorporate "The *Stanstead, Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company."

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to define the rights of *Seigniors* and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday next, and be then the second Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Currency, 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mattice* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions in *Upper Canada*, with respect to persons charged with indictable offences; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Burnham* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace out of Sessions in *Upper Canada*, with respect to summary convictions and orders; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Brown* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to protect Justices of the Peace in *Upper Canada* from vexatious actions; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gamble* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill conveying to the City of *Toronto* certain Water Lots, with power to the said City for the construction of an Esplanade, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada* Mining Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of a Company to be called the *Paris* Hydraulic Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to "establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund in *Upper Canada*," 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 said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Richards*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 25° die Aprilis;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that in consequence of the severe indisposition of *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, he had been unable to comply with the Order of this House, of Tuesday last, for taking him into his custody.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Doutre*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Dixon*,—The Petition of *Peter Murtagh* and others, of the Town of *London*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; the Petition of *John F. J. Harris* and others, of the Town of *London*; and the Petition of *Lawrence Lawrason*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Stuart*,—The Petition of *Alexander Davis* and others, Shipmasters frequenting the Port of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Medonté*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *F. F. Legendre*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Milton*, County of *Shefford*.

By Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Robert Ross*, of the City of *Hamilton*, Esquire, a Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Thomas Pringle* and others, of the Township of *Sullivan*, County of *Grey*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Railroad from *Guelph* to *Owen Sound*, either as a continuation of the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railroad, or otherwise.

Of *John Clark* and others, of the neighbourhood and District of *Montreal*; complaining of certain proceedings and mismanagement on the part of the *Montreal* Turnpike Road Trustees, and praying that a Commission may be appointed to investigate the premises, and that the said Roads may be placed under the management of the Municipal Council.

Of *Benjamin Draper*, of *Chambly*, Blacksmith and Contractor; complaining that by reason of the Act abolishing the Board of Works, he has been deprived of the legal recourse under which he contracted for certain Works on the *Lachine* Canal, and also, that the Arbitrators appointed by the Commissioners of Public Works have dealt unjustly towards him, and praying for an inquiry in the premises, and for a repeal of the said Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 37.

Of *George Davies*, a Seaman of and belonging to a Merchant Vessel in the Port of *Quebec*; complaining of the illegal and oppressive conduct of *John Maguire*, Esquire, Inspector and Superintendent of Police for the City of *Quebec*, and of his unfitness for the said office, and praying for an inquiry thereupon.

Of *Edward Larwill*, of *Chatham*; praying for the passing of an Act forbidding the sale of Lands for arrears of Taxes imposed by certain By-Laws in the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*.

Of *William Fraser* and others, of the County of *Bruce*; representing the great want of Roads in the said County, and of Light Houses along the coast thereof, north of *Goderich*, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Townsend*; praying for the passing of an Act to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors.

Of *Nathan S. Coho*, of the Township of *Middleton*, County of *Norfolk*; representing that by reason of a wound received in the Militia Service of this Province during the War of 1812, he is unable to earn a livelihood, and that the pension granted

him in consideration thereof has been discontinued, and praying that the arrears of the said pension may be paid him.

Of *William Brooks* and others, of *Sherbrooke*; praying for the passing of the Bill to incorporate the *Stanstead* County Bank.

Of *James Calder* and others, of *Saugeen*; and of *James Gentle* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; praying for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day, in connection with the Post Office and other Public Departments.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Thomas Ferguson* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, County of *Grenville*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Patrick*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Mattice*, Mr. *Rose*, Mr. *Burnham*, Mr. *McLachlin*, and Mr. *Shaw*, 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Twenty-fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to reduce the width of certain Streets in the new survey of the Town of *London*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and after due consideration they have fixed the width of the Streets proposed to be reduced (which is left blank in the Bill) at ninety feet, with the exception of *East York* and *East Bathurst* Streets, which are reduced to the same width (one chain) as the corresponding Streets in the old Survey, in accordance, as Your Committee believe, with the desire of the inhabitants of the Town.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Toronto*, and the Bill to establish the boundary lines of lots in certain ranges in the Township of *Grenville*, and have agreed to report the said Bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill to reduce the width of certain Streets in the new survey of the Town of *London*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *Sicotte*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, that *Seneca Paige*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Whereupon Mr. *Morrison* read in his place, and handed in to the Clerk, an Affidavit made by Dr. *Ronald McDonald*, stating that Mr. *Paige* has been for some past suffering from chronic inflammation of the stomach, in consequence of which his state of health is so weak that he is unable to attend to any business, and is desirous of being permitted to absent himself from this House for the purpose of proceeding home to be nursed by his family.

Ordered, That Mr. *Paige* be excused from any further attendance on the Committee, and have leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, on account of continued illness.

Ordered, That the Bill to establish the boundary lines of lots in certain ranges in the Township of *Grenville*, be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the City of *Toronto*, be read the third time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Clark* and others, of the neighbourhood and District of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Resolved, That the 64th, 66th, and 74th Rules of this House be suspended, as regards the Petition of *Alexander Gillespie*, Esquire, and others.

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 Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*," without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council communicate to this House, a copy of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Legislative Council in the case of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *William Henry Beresford*."

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of the Indemnity to be awarded to Seigniors, and other expenses to be incurred under the Bill to define the rights of Seigniors and *Censitaires* in *Lower Canada*, and to facilitate the redemption thereof;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

Then the Question being put, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scotte,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Gouin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Stuart,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Gaspé.)</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Christie (Wentworth.)</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Varin,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald (Cornwall)</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston)</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	<i>49. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Fortier,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>
<i>Dizon,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Herritt,</i>	<i>12. Seymour.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dixon* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

Government House,

Quebec, 25th April, 1853.

(Copy.)—No. 21.

Downing Street, 24th March, 1853.

My Lord,—In my Despatch of the 15th of January last, I informed you that Her Majesty's Government had determined on advising Her Majesty to accede to the prayer of the Address to the Queen from the Commons of *Canada*, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves.

2. I enclose a copy of the Bill which has been introduced into the House of Commons by the Under Secretary for this Department, in pursuance of that decision, and which has passed the second reading by a large majority.

3. By the last Section of this Bill, as it was originally introduced, it was proposed to repeal Section 8 of the Act to provide for the sale of these Reserves, passed in 1840, which imposes a guarantee of certain annual sums to the Churches of *England* and *Scotland* respectively, on the Consolidated Fund; a guarantee which has hitherto been inoperative on account of the large excess of the proceeds of the Reserves above the sums in question, and which, for the same reason, would, in all probability remain so if those proceeds continued to be appropriated to the present purposes.

4. At the time when this provision of the Bill was adopted, I was not aware of any peculiar circumstances connected with the introduction of the guarantee Clause into the Act of 1840, which should take that Clause out of the ordinary case of similar enactments. Power being given to the *Canadian* Legislature over the Fund itself, it appeared consistent that the collateral guarantee should cease.

5. It seems, however, on further inquiry, that there was an understanding on the subject of that Clause, in 1840, between Her Majesty's then Ministers on the one hand, and the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, as representing the Church of *England* in *Canada*, on the other. The provision established by it was made a condition, for the concession then required, on the part of the Church of *England*. This being the case, it may be thought that considerations of good faith are involved in its maintenance. I refer you for further explanation to the debate which took place in the House of Commons on the 6th of July, 1840.

6. Under these circumstances, Her Majesty's Government have thought it advisable to propose the withdrawal of the third Section, which was accordingly struck out of the Bill by the House of Commons, in Committee, on the 18th current.

7. The effect of this omission will be that the charge contingently imposed on the Consolidated Fund will remain unaffected by this Act. The contingency is one which cannot arise so long as the Life interests protected by the Bill continue to require the expenditure of £7,700 annually for the Church of *England*, and £1580 for the Church of *Scotland*; unless (which is not to be anticipated) the proceeds of the Reserves should fall below that joint amount. It was against this event, however, that the provision was intended to guard. When the Life interests have so far terminated as to reduce the sum required below that amount, then, if the remain-

ing proceeds of the Reserves shall have been devoted to purposes other than those of the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, it may be contended, even although the Fund may largely exceed the sum mentioned in the Act, that according to a possible construction of the Clause in question the liability may arise.

8. It has been urged in Parliament that the guarantee on the part of the Imperial Treasury ought now to cease, both on grounds of justice and because the reason originally assigned by Lord *John Russell*, in 1840, for placing it on the Consolidated Fund, instead of the Revenue of *Canada*, no longer exists, and it may be further argued that in making this final settlement the sums so guaranteed ought to be reserved out of the general provisions of the Act, and definitely charged on the Reserves.

9. Her Majesty's Government would, however, feel themselves bound to oppose the introduction of any such provision into the present Bill. They would regard it as wholly incompatible with the general principles upon which the measure is based, and with the assurances already given to *Canada*.

10. I cannot, however, avoid expressing a hope that if at some future time the Parliament of *Canada* should think proper to legislate upon the subject of the Clergy Reserves, they will not lose sight of the expectations which this guarantee, whatever may be its force, held out at the time to the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, more especially as it was inserted in the Act of 1840 for the purpose of promoting a settlement of the question which was then regarded as highly beneficial to *Canada*, and which has in the interval greatly mitigated those religious disputes which had before extensively prevailed.

I have &c.,

(Signed,) *Newcastle.*

The Right Honorable

The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c., &c., &c.

(17th February, 1853.)—16 *Vic.*

A Bill to authorize the Legislature of the Province of *Canada* to make provision concerning the Clergy Reserves in that Province, and the proceeds thereof.

WHEREAS the Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, Chapter seventy-eight, provides for the Sale of the Lands called Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof; and it is expedient that the Legislature of the said Province should be enabled to make further provisions in relation to such Reserves and proceeds: Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

I. It shall be lawful for the Legislature of the Province of *Canada*, from time to time, by any Act or Acts to be for that purpose made and enacted in the manner and subject to the conditions required by the Act of the said Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, Chapter thirty-five, Sections thirty-seven and thirty-eight, in respect of Acts made and enacted by such Legislature, to vary or repeal all or any of the provisions of the said first mentioned Act of Parliament for or concerning the sale, alienation and disposal of the said Clergy Reserves, and for or concerning the investment of the proceeds of all sales then made or thereafter to be made of such Reserves, and for or concerning the appropriation and application of such proceeds and investments, the interests and dividends thereof, the interest accruing on sales on credit of such Reserves, the rent of such Reserves for the time being unsold, and all other the profits of or accruing from such Reserves, and (notwithstanding the said first mentioned Act of Parliament) to

make such other provisions for or concerning the sale, alienation or disposal of the said Clergy Reserves and such investments as aforesaid, and for or concerning the appropriation and application of such Clergy Reserves, proceeds, investments, interest, dividends, rents and profits, as to the said Legislature may seem meet.

II. Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the said Legislature, by any Act or Acts thereof, as aforesaid, to annul, suspend, or reduce any of the annual stipends or allowances which have been already assigned and given to the Clergy of the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, or to any other Religions Bodies or Denominations of Christians in *Canada*, (and to which the faith of the Crown is pledged,) during the natural lives or incumbencies of the Parties now receiving the same, or to appropriate or apply to any other purposes such part of the said proceeds, investments, interest, dividends, rents and profits, as may be required to provide for the payment of such stipends and allowances during such lives and incumbencies.

III. So much of the said Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, Chapter seventy-eight, as charges the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland* with, or authorizes any payment thereout of, the sums needed to supply such deficiency as in the said Act mentioned, shall from and after the passing of this Act be repealed.

Ordered, That the said Message, and accompanying Documents, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBlanc*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House for its information, copies of all Correspondence that may have passed between Her Majesty's Government or any Member thereof, and the Executive Government of *Canada*, since the first of January, 1851, concerning the Commercial Policy of this Province; differential Duties; proposed measures of retaliation against the *United States* for their restrictions on our Trade; a reciprocal Trade between this Country and the said States, or any other foreign nation; or concerning the free navigation of the *St. Lawrence* by the ships of foreign powers; the Tariff or Fisheries of *Canada*; or the establishment of a line of Steamers between *Liverpool* and some Port in this Province; except such Documents or Correspondence as have already been communicated to the Legislature;—And it passed in the Negative.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Twenty-second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Bill to amend the general Railway Clauses Consolidation Act,—the Bill to incorporate the *Cataraqui* and *Peterborough* Railway Company,—the Bill to incorporate the *Port Stanley* and *London* Railway Company,—and the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Bridge Company; to each of which they have made several amendments, which they report for the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* Bridge Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Port Stanley* and *London* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the general Railway Clauses Consolidation

Act, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Tessier*, seconded by Mr. *Wright* of the East Riding of *York*, Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of a certain Ordinance of the Province of *Quebec* therein mentioned, as provides for the annual appointment of Peace Officers in the Cities of "*Quebec* and *Montreal*," be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to transfer the possession and control of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour from the Trinity House of *Quebec*, to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*," be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Catarqui* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

A Bill to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of building an Hotel in the City of *Hamilton*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of erecting a Hotel in the City of *Hamilton*."

Ordered, That Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *William Henry Beresford*," being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Badgley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burnham,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, (Durham.)</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>LaTerrière,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Kingston.)</i>	<i>Richards, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Christie, (Wentworth)</i>	<i>Muckenzie,</i>	<i>Ridout,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Clapham,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Malloch,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	<i>Wright, (E. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dixon,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>	<i>35. Wright, (W. R. York.)</i>
<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>McLachlin,</i>	<i>Seymour,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>LeBlanc,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Laurin,</i>	<i>S. Morin.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be referred to a Committee of seven Members for the preliminary investigation thereof, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*, Mr. *Sicotte*, Mr. *Street*, Mr. *Christie* of *Wentworth*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Murney*, and the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Committee do hear Counsel and examine Witnesses for the said Bill; and also, that they hear Counsel and examine Witnesses against the Bill, if the Parties concerned think fit to be heard by Counsel or to produce Witnesses.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence on the subject of the said Bill, communicated to the House, this day, by the Honorable the Legislative Council, be referred to the said Committee.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend certain Acts for the relief of Religious Societies; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Stuart* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Stuart* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the operation of the Assessment Laws, especially with reference to the collection of Taxes on Lands of non-residents, and the equalization of County Rates amongst the several Municipalities,—and on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Messieurs *Bryce, McMurrich* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Toronto*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday next; and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 26° die Aprilis;

ANNO 16° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1853.

THE House met; and it appearing that a Quorum was not present, yet it being after three of the clock, Mr. Speaker took the Chair; and the names of the Members present were taken down, as follow:—

Mr. Speaker.

Messieurs *Badgley, Brown, Cartier, Chapais, Fournier, Gouin, Hartman, Jobin, Macdonald of Kingston, Malloch, Mongenais, Morrison, Ridout, Robinson, Smith of Durham, Terrill, Viger, and Willson.*

And at twenty minutes past three of the clock in the afternoon, the House was adjourned by Mr. Speaker, without a Question first put, till To-morrow.

