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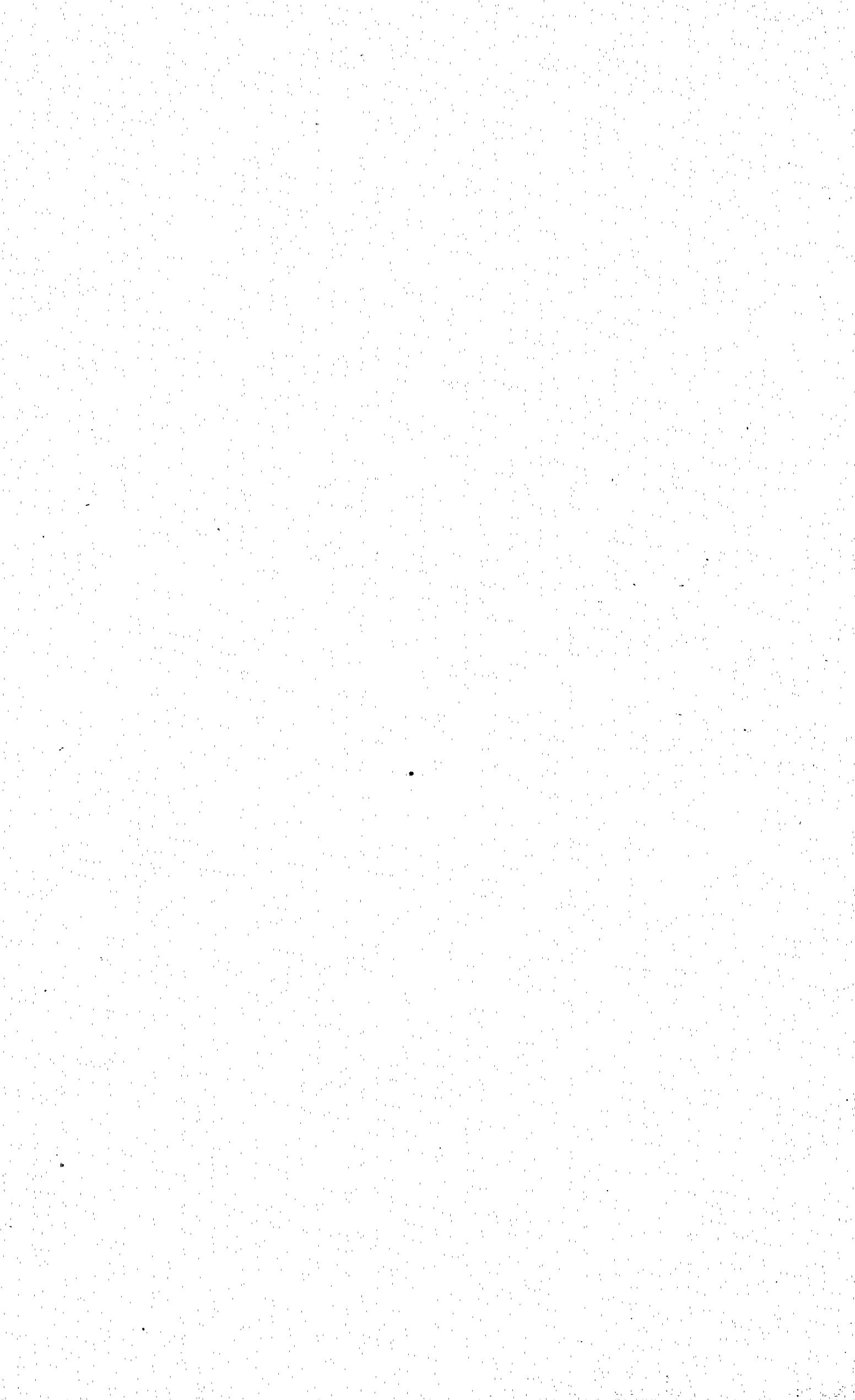
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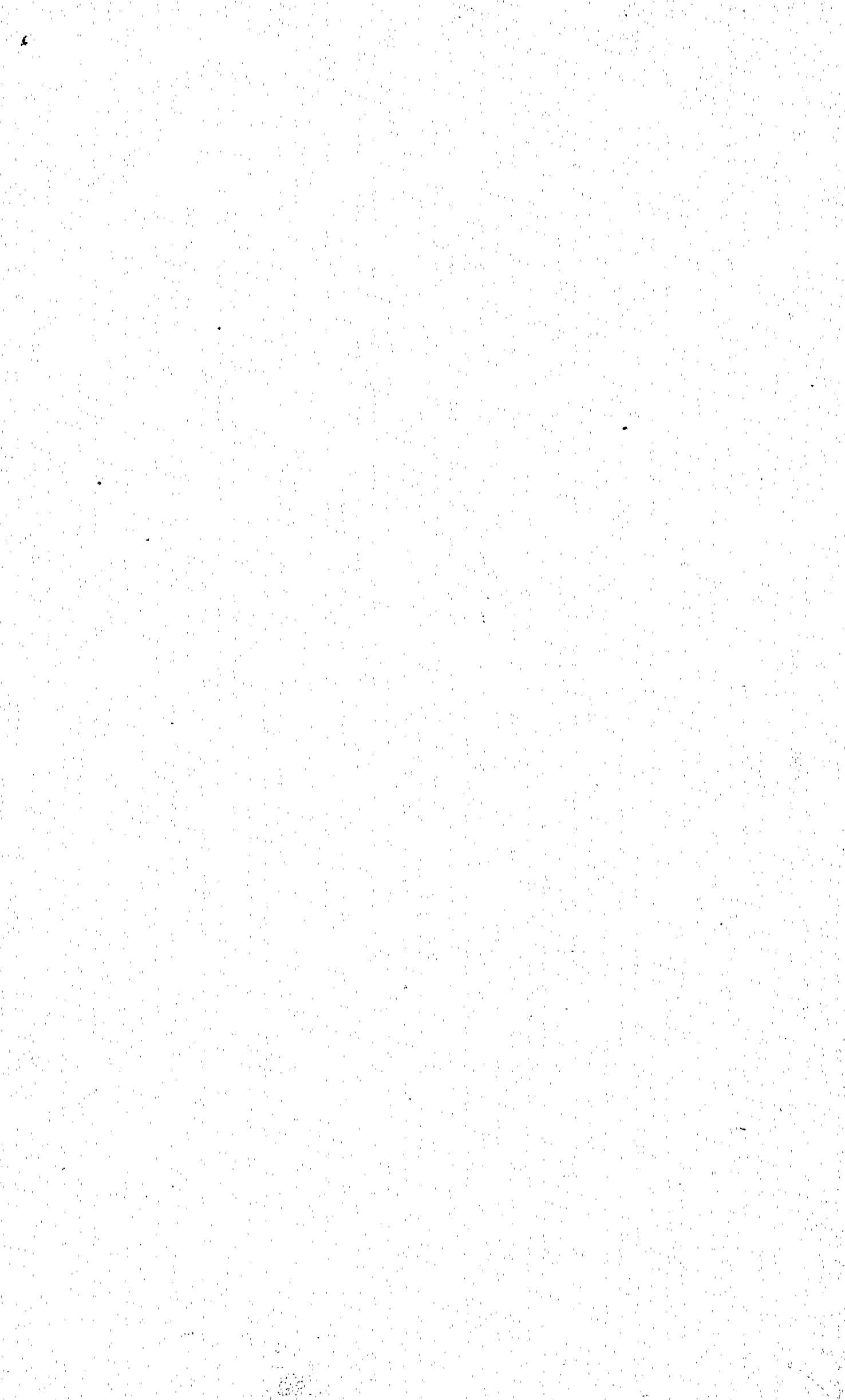
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BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE,

AND IN THE EIGHTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF OUR SOVEREIGN LADY

QUEEN VICTORIA.

BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

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PROCLAMATIONS.

Province of }
Canada. } **C. T. METCALFE.**

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

To our Beloved and Faithful, the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, at our Township of *Kingston*, on the fifteenth day of the month of January instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of December, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the fifteenth day of January instant, at which time, at our Township of *Kingston*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now Know Ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of February, now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, at our Township of *Kingston*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House, at *Kingston*, in our Province of *Canada*, this twelfth

day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the seventh year of our Reign.

C. T. M.

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

Province of }
Canada. } **C. T. METCALFE.**

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

To our beloved and faithful, the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, at our Township of *Kingston*, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of February instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twelfth day of January, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fourth day of February instant, at which time, at our Township of *Kingston*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now Know Ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Thursday, the fourth day of April, now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, at our Township of *Kingston*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet,

Proclamation of the 12th January, continuing the Parliament to the 24th February, next ensuing.

Proclamation of the 23d February, continuing the Parliament to the 4th April, next ensuing.

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House, at Kingston, in our Province of Canada, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the seventh year of our Reign.

C. T. M.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada. } C. T. METCALFE.

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

Proclamation of the 27th March, continuing the Parliament to the 14th May, next ensuing.

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 Township of Kingston, on the fourth day of the month of April, now next ensuing, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-third day of February now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the fourth day of April, now next ensuing, at which time, at our Township of Kingston, you were held and constrained to appear: Now Know Ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of May, now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, at our Township of Kingston, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, One of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.,

at our Government House, at Kingston, in our Province of Canada, this twenty-seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the seventh year of our reign.

C. T. M.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada. } C. T. METCALFE,

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

To our beloved and faithful, the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, at our Township of Kingston, on the fourteenth day of the month of May instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

Proclamation of the 10th May, continuing the Parliament to the 24th June, next ensuing.

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the twenty-seventh day of March, now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the fourteenth day of May instant, at which time, at our Township of Kingston, 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 consistent 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 twenty-fourth day of June, now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament in our city of Montreal, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council,

Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House, at *Kingston*, in our said Province of *Canada*, the tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the seventh year of our Reign.

C. T. M.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER.

C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada.

C. T. METCALFE.

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

To our beloved and faithful, the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, in our City of *Montreal*, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of June instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the tenth day of May now last past, we thought fit to prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fourth day of June instant, at which time, in our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now Know Ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that, on Saturday, the third day of August now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House, at *Kingston*, in our said Province of *Canada*, the fifteenth day of June, in the year of our

Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the seventh year of our Reign.

C. T. M.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada.

C. T. METCALFE.

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

To our beloved and faithful, the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, in our City of *Montreal*, on the third day of the month of August next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the fifteenth day of June now last past, We thought fit to Prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the third day of August next, at which time, in our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now Know Ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Thursday, the twelfth day of September, now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House, at our City of *Montreal*, in our said Province of *Canada*, the thirty-first day of July, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

C. T. M.

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Proclamation of
the 15th June,
continuing the
Parliament to
the 3d August,
next ensuing.

Province of }
Canada. } **C. T. METCALFE.**

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

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the thirty-first day of July now last past, We thought fit to Prorogue our Provincial Parliament to the twelfth day of September instant, at which time, in our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now Know Ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of our loving subjects, we have thought fit, by and with the advice of our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on Tuesday, the twenty-second day of October now next ensuing, you meet us, in our Provincial Parliament, in our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House, at our City of *Montreal*, in our said Province of *Canada*, the sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

C. T. M.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada. } **C. T. METCALFE.**

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

To our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of our Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Legislative Assembly

of our said Province, called and chosen to our present Parliament of our said Province, and to all our loving subjects, to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern—

GREETING :

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 twenty-second day of October, now next ensuing: Now Know Ye, that we do for that end publish: this our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby Dissolve the said Provincial Parliament accordingly; and the Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of the Legislative Assembly, are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the twenty-second day of October, now next ensuing.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, G. C. B., one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward* and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at *Montreal*, this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada. } **C. T. METCALFE.**

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

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 our Provincial Parliament in our said Province, which writs are to bear date on the twenty-fourth day of September instant, and to be returnable on the twelfth day of November next.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, G. C. B., one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain

Proclamation of the 6th September, continuing the Parliament to the 22d October, next ensuing.

Proclamation of the 23d September, issuing Writs for calling a Provincial Parliament. Writs returnable on the 12th November.

Proclamation of the 23d September, dissolving Parliament.

General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at *Montreal*, this twenty third day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada.

C. T. METCALFE.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

KNOW YE that we being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet our people of our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby, by and with the advice of our Executive Council of our said Province, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly, in and for our said Province, to meet at our city of *Montreal*, in our said Province, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of November 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 to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, G. C. B., one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at *Montreal*, this twenty-third day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Province of }
Canada.

C. T. METCALFE.

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

To our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councils of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of our said Province, at our city of *Montreal*, on the twelfth day of the present month of November, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, for divers urgent and arduous affairs, us, the state and defence of our said Province, concerning, we did summon and command you, on the day and at the place aforesaid, to be present, to treat, consent and conclude upon those things which in our said Provincial Parliament should then and there be proposed and deliberated upon: We, for divers causes and considerations, us to this especially moving, have thought fit to prorogue our said Provincial Parliament until the twenty-eighth day of the present month of November, so that you nor any of you, on the said twelfth day of the present month of November, at our said city to appear, shall in no wise be held or constrained, for we do will that you and each of you be as to us in this matter entirely exonerated; commanding and by these presents firmly enjoining you and every of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on the said twenty-eighth day of the present month of November, at our city of *Montreal*, personally you be and appear, for the dispatch of business, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in our said Provincial Parliament by the Common Council of our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at our Government House in the city of *Montreal*, in our said Province, the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our Reign.

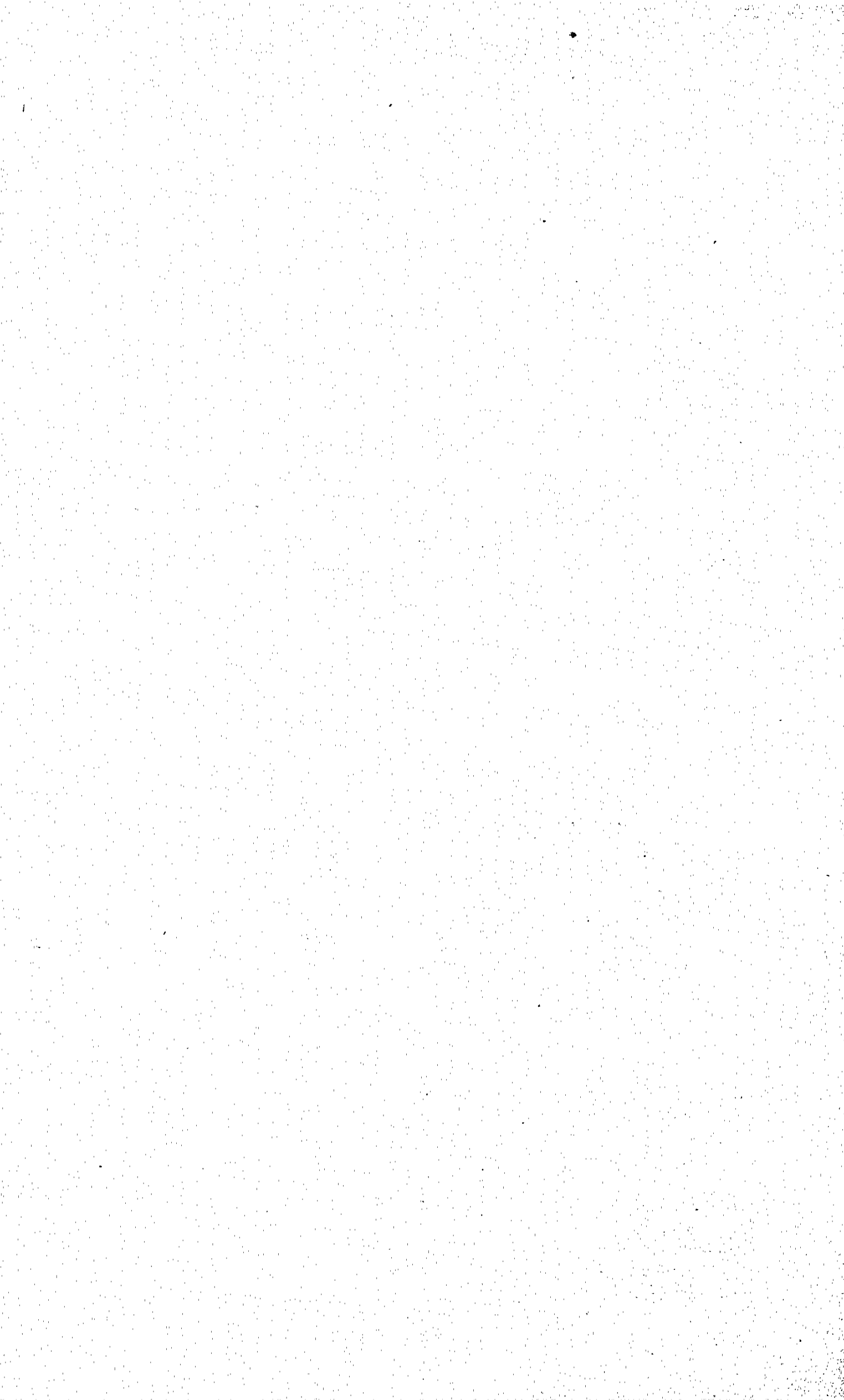
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FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Proclamation of the 7th November, calling Parliament for Dispatch of Business on the 28th November.

Proclamation of the 23d September, continuing Parliament to the 12th Nov.



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY,
Montreal, 28th November, 1844.

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 Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, one of the Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., bearing date the twenty-fourth day of September last past.

CONSTITUENCIES.	RETURNING OFFICERS.	MEMBERS CHOSEN.
Beauharnois	Lawrence G. Brown ...	Eden Colville.
Bellechasse	Octave C. Fortier ...	Honorable Augustin N. Morin.
Berthier	Olivier Drolet	David Morrison Armstrong.
Bonaventure, (C.)	J. G. Lebel	John LeBoutillier.
Brockville	Robert Edmondson ...	George Sherwood.
Bytown	Louis T. Besserer ...	William Stewart.
Carleton	Edward Malloch	James Johnston.
Chambly	Bazile Larocque	Louis Lacoste.
Champlain	Ferdinand Filteau ...	Louis Guillet.
Cornwall	Robert Cline	Rolland Macdonald.
Dorchester	Jean Bte. Bonneville ...	Pierre Elzéar Taschereau.
Drummond	Federick K. Ployart ...	Robert Nugent Watts.
Dundas	James West	George Macdonell.
Durham	Marcus L. Whitehead ...	John Tucker Williams.
Essex	Robert Mercer	John Prince.
Frontenac	Thomas A. Corbett	Henry Smith.
Gaspé, (B.)	John Eden	Robert Christie.
Glengary	John McLellan	John S. Macdonald.
Grenville	William James Scott ...	Hamilton Dibble Jessup.
Haldimand	John Jackson	David Thompson.
Halton, East Riding	James Applebee	George Chalmers.
Halton, West Riding	Alexander D. Fordyce ...	James Webster.
Hamilton	Edward C. Thomas	Sir Allan Napier MacNab.
Hastings	William Ketcheson	Edmund Murney.
Huntingdon, (A.)	Jean Bte. Varin	Benjamin Henry LeMoine.
Huron	John McDonald	William Dunlop.
Kamouraska	Jean Bte. Martin	Amable Berthelot.
Kent	George W. Foot	Honorable Samuel B. Harrison.
Kingston	James Sampson	John Alexander Macdonald.
Lanark	Alexander McMillan	Malcolm Cameron.
Leeds	Adiel Sherwood	Ogle Robert Gowan.
Leinster	Amable Jetté	Jacob DeWitt.
Lenox and Addington	Isaac Fraser	Benjamin Seymour.
Lincoln, North Riding	Elias S. Adams	William Hamilton Merritt.
Lincoln, South Riding	Oliver T. Macklem	James Cummings.
L'Islet	Barthelemi Pouliot	Etienne Paschal Taché.
London, (Town)	William Horton	Lawrence Lawrason.
Lotbinière	Jean Bte. Moreau	Joseph Laurin.
Megantic	Daniel Burray	Honorable Dominick Daly.
Middlesex	John Wilson	Edward Ermatinger.
Missisquoi	Anson Kemp	Honorable James Smith.
Montmorency	William Henry Lemoine ...	Joseph Cauchon.
Montreal, (City)	John Young	Honorable George Moffatt and Charles Clement Sabrevois DeBleury.
Montreal, (County)	Etienne Guy	André Jobin.
Niagara, (Town)	Edward Clarke Campbell ...	Walter Hamilton Dickson.
Nicolet	Joseph Lecompte	Antoine Prospère Methot.
Norfolk	Francis L. Walsh	Israel Wood Powell.
Northumberland, (South Riding)	Henry Ruttan	George Barker Hall.
Northumberland, (North Riding)	Charles Rubidge	Adam Henry Meyers.
Ottawa	James Finlayson Taylor ...	Honorable Denis Benjamin Papineau.
Oxford	William Merrigold	Robert Riddell.

NOTES.

- (A.) The Returning Officer has omitted to return his oath of office.
 (B.) The same.
 (C.) This Writ was received the 19th November, 1844.

CONSTITUENCIES.	RETURNING OFFICERS.	MEMBERS CHOSEN.
Portneuf	M. T. Gamelin Gaucher ...	Lewis T. Drummond.
Prescott	Charles Platt Treadwell...	Neil Stewart.
Prince Edward	Philip Low	John P. Roblin.
Quebec, (City)	Archibald Campbell ...	Honorable Thomas Cushing Aylwin and Jean Chabot.
Quebec, (County)	Antoine A. Parant ...	Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau.
Richelieu	Charles Bazin	Wolfred Nelson.
Rimouski	Pierre Gauvreau	Louis Bertrand.
Rouville	Henri Aubertin	Timothée Franchère.
Russell	Ralph Wilson	Archibald Petric.
Saguenay	Charles P. Huot	Honorable Augustin N. Morin.
Shefford	Alonzo Wood	Stephen Sewell Foster.
Sherbrooke, (Town)	John Felton	Edward Hale.
Sherbrooke, (County)... ..	Edward Short	Samuel Brooks.
Simcoe, (C.)	James Scott	William Benjamin Robinson.
Stanstead	Leonard King Benton ...	John M'Connell.
Stornont	Guy C. Wood	Donald Aeneas Macdonell.
Saint Hyacinthe	Simon T. L'Esperance ...	Thomas Boutillier.
Saint Maurice	Jean Emmanuel Dumoulin	François Desautiers.
Terrebonne	François H. Seguin	Honorable Louis Hypolite LaFontaine.
Three Rivers, (Town)	James Dickson	Edward Greive.
Toronto, (City)	Robert Stanton	Honorable Henry Sherwood and Wil- liam H. Boulton.
Two Mountains	Daniel De Hertel	William Henry Scott.
Vaudreuil	Joseph S. Charlebois ...	Jacques Philippe Lantier.
Verchères	Pierre Ménard	James Leslie.
Wentworth	William Craigie	Harmanus Smith.
Yamaska	William Pitt	Léon Rousseau.
York, (First Riding)	Amos Thorne	James Harvey Price.
York, (Second Riding)	William Thompson	George Duggan.
York, (Third Riding)	Francis Leys	Honorable James Edward Small.
York, (Fourth Riding) (D.)...	Arad Smalley	Honorable Robert Baldwin.

NOTES.

(C.) This Writ was received the 19th November, 1844.

(D.) The same received the 14th November, 1844.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

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

J O U R N A L S
OF THE
L E G I S L A T I V E A S S E M B L Y
OF
C A N A D A.

SESSION, 1844-1845.

Parliamentum Provinciale Canadae, inceptum et tentum apud Civitatem Montrealensem, die Jovis, 28^o die Novembris, anno regni Dominæ Nostræ VICTORIÆ, Dei Gratiâ, Britanniarum Reginae, Fidei Defensoris, octavo; Annoque Domini, 1844.

On which day, being the first day of the Meeting of this Parliament, for the Despatch of Business,

HIS Excellency the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, Governor General, having by his Proclamation dated the twenty-third day of September last past, Dissolved the last Provincial Parliament, and by his writs of summons, issued under the Great Seal of the Province, bearing *teste* at the Government House, in the City of *Montreal*, the said twenty-third day of September last past, called a new Provincial Parliament; and which said writs of summons were returnable on Tuesday the twelfth day of November instant; and having by a subsequent Proclamation, dated the fourth day of November instant, Prorogued the said Provincial Parliament until this day, for the dispatch of business; *George Barthélemi Faribault*, *John Fenning Taylor*, the elder, *Gustavus William Wicksteed*, and *William Poyntz Patrick*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for administering the oath to the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, came at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon into the room allotted for the sittings of the Assembly, and *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty; and *Félix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having delivered to the said Mr. *Lindsay* a roll containing a list of the names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Provincial Parliament, (copy whereof is herunto 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 *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

GENTLEMEN,

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

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

Honourable 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 Parliament until a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly shall have been chosen according to law; but after such Speaker shall have been chosen, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

And the Members being returned,

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Member representing the county of *Missisquoi*, stood up and addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, in which motion he was seconded by *William Henry Scott*, Esquire, Member representing the county of *Two Mountains*.

Then *John Prince*, Esquire, Member representing the county of *Essex*, stood up, and addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honourable *Augustin Norbert Morin*, in which motion he was seconded by *Robert Christie*, Esquire, Member representing the county of *Gaspé*.

Debates arose.

And the question being called for, "That Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* be Speaker of this House,"

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

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, De Bleury, Dickson, Inggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Grewe, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonald of DUNDAS, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papiéan, Peirie, Riddell, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith, of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, and Williams.—(39.)

Members attend His Excellency.

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Bouillier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desaulnier, De Witt, Drummond, Fran- çère, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lan- tier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLEN- GARRY, MacDonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Nelson, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rosseau, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson.—(36.)

And there being a majority for the affirmative, and the Clerk having declared Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* duly elected, he was conducted to the chair by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* and Mr. *Scott*, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honour 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 Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, addressing himself to Mr. Speaker elect, moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, that the House do adjourn until to-morrow at half-past two in the afternoon.

And the House accordingly adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

Veneris, 29^o die Novembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

Half-past two o'clock, P. M.

THE House being met, and Mr. Speaker having taken the chair,

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

MR. SPEAKER.

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

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

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

In the exercise of their undoubted right and privilege, the Legislative Assembly have proceeded to the election of a Speaker, and I have the honour to state that their choice has fallen on me.

If in the performance of the important duties of my station, I should at any time fall into error, I trust that the fault will be imputed not to the Assembly, whose servant I have the honour to be, but to me, and that they may be properly empowered to discharge their duty to Her Majesty and their country, I do, in *their* name and on *their* behalf, lay claim, by humble petition, to 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 reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Honourable 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 all their constitutional privileges.

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

The House being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported that the Assembly 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 favourable construction: to which His Excellency had been pleased to say that he readily and willingly granted and allowed them all 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 favourable construction.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a bill to provide for the administration of the oath of office to persons appointed to be justices of the peace.

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

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

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

I have assembled you at the earliest period that the completion of the recent General Election would allow, and I have high satisfaction in meeting you, in order that we may devote ourselves to the care of the great interests committed to our charge.

The season of the year being unfavourable for the prosecution of those avocations in which many of you are engaged, you will be enabled I trust with less inconvenience, to attend to the discharge of the important functions which you have to perform.

I have the happiness to announce to you that the birth of a Prince has gladdened the hearts of the subjects of our gracious Queen throughout Her vast dominions in every quarter of the globe, and Her Majesty's continued safety and health demand our gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all Good.

Many subjects in which the welfare of the Province is deeply involved, will be entitled to your earnest consideration. None can be more important than the improvement of the education of the people, which is one of the most urgent duties of the State; and I anxiously hope that in addition to such other amendments of existing Laws on this momentous question as may be required in either section of the Province, your wisdom may be able to devise some arrangement respecting the University of King's College, that may receive the sanction of the Crown, and give general satisfaction in the Colony.

Speaker chosen.

House attend His Excellency.

Speech at opening of Session.

The Municipal Institutions of the Province, the provisions for which, have, in Lower Canada, proved, to a great extent, nugatory, will, no doubt, engage your attention, as well as the state of the Prisons and the want of Lunatic Asylums: The amelioration of the means of communication throughout the Province, on which its prosperity mainly depends,—for production is unavailing if means do not exist of reaching Market,—also deserves consideration. The Eastern Townships of Lower Canada are peculiarly destitute in this particular; and the Town of *Kingston* in Upper Canada, which has unavoidably suffered much by the removal of the Seat of Government, is devoid of a Road through the Inland Territory, towards the Ottawa, which is essential for the prosperity of that neighbourhood.

The Militia Law of Lower Canada having expired, the substitution of another seems to be requisite, and it may be desirable at the same time to revise the existing Militia Law of Upper Canada, and to frame a General Law for both Sections of the Province.

It affords me great pleasure to be able to inform you that the flourishing state of the Revenue forms a fit subject for congratulation. There is reason to believe that it may be further improved by wise Legislation; and that judicious economy may contribute to the same result.

Her Majesty has most graciously received the Address from the Legislative Assembly of the last Parliament on the subject of the Civil List.

Although the only objects sought by the Imperial Legislature in making provision for a Civil List were to give stability and security to the great Civil Institutions of the Province; to provide for the adequate remuneration of able and efficient Officers in the various Public Departments; and to enable Her Majesty to make moderate provision for the declining years of those whose best days had been devoted to a faithful discharge of public duties, or who by eminent services, might have merited the favour of the Crown; Her Majesty is nevertheless fully persuaded of the concurrence of Her faithful subjects in Canada in effecting these objects; and would gladly owe the means of attaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian People. Whenever therefore due and adequate provision shall have been made for them by the Legislature of Canada, Her Majesty will be prepared to recommend to the Imperial Parliament the Repeal of so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject. Until the Imperial Parliament shall have assented to such a recommendation, Her Majesty equally with all Her Subjects, is bound by the provisions of an Enactment to which Her sanction has been given.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

The financial accounts of the Province for 1843 will be immediately laid before you, and those for 1844 as soon as they can be prepared after the completion of the year. The Estimates likewise will be submitted to you at an early period.

Notwithstanding the unavoidable expenses attendant on the removal of the Seat of Government from *Kingston* to *Montreal*, and other claims to be submitted for your consideration, a considerable surplus Revenue will remain, affording the means of making some provision towards the liquidation of the public debt.

I entertain no doubt of your willingness to provide for the exigencies of the Public Service, and you may rely on my exertions to diminish expenditure by all practicable economy. I have availed myself of several opportunities for retrenchment that have presented themselves, and shall continue to pursue the same course whenever reduction may appear to be consistent with efficiency.

Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

You will, I am sure, concur with me in desiring that the welfare of United Canada may be promoted by our joint labours. To that great end I invite your earnest efforts, and you may be assured of my hearty co-operation in every measure that may be calculated to secure peace and prosperity, justice and happiness to this Province.

The charge entrusted to me by our Sovereign I shall continue to administer according to the acknowledged principles of our Provincial Constitution, and with a view to the wants and wishes of the community.

On the occurrence of vacancies in several of the most important offices of administration, I immediately endeavoured to fill them by the appointment of Gentlemen, supposed to possess the confidence of the People. Extraordinary obstacles produced a delay in the accomplishment of that purpose, notwithstanding my incessant exertions to effect it.

Confidently believing that the several branches of the Legislature, in the full exercise of their constitutional powers, will maintain the harmony essential to the well being of the people, for whose benefit alone these powers are conferred, I will not detain you from the important duties which await you, further than to express my humble hope that the Almighty may bless our endeavours, and render them efficacious for the public good.

On motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *De Bleury*,

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

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

By Mr. *Christie*—The Petition of *Charles Cunningham* and others, members of the *Gaspé* Fishery and Coal Mining Company.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*—The Petition of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, *Alexander Anderson*, and *Simeon Merrill*, of the Town of *London*, in the District of *London*; the Petition of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* District; and the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*—The Petition of *Alexis Dorval*, and others, licensed cullers of *Quebec*; the Petition of *John P. Waterson*, and others, licensed deal cullers, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, merchant.

By Mr. *Price*—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Home* District.

By Mr. *Prince*—The Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the County of *Halton*, in the *Gore* District.

By Mr. *Boulton*—The Petition of *Robert Harrison*, and others, electors of the third Riding of *York*.

By Mr. *Gowan*—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Scott*—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Paquin*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*.

By Mr. *Lantier*—The Petition of *Saveuse De Beaujeau*, of *Coteau du Lac*.

By Mr. *Hale*—The Petition of *A. T. Galt*, and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Powell*—The Petition of the Reverend *Francis Evans*, and others, inhabitants of *Simcoe*, District of *Talbot*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*; the Petition of *William M. Wilson*, and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the District of *Talbot*; and the Petition of *Flint L. Keyes*, of *Simcoe*, District of *Talbot*, M.D.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*—The Petition of *John Bonner*, and *William Petry*, of *Quebec*, merchants.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*,

Speech.

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

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *McDonnell*, of *Stormont*,

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Speech be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 2° die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, Member for the County of *Lanark*; *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Simcoe*, and *Robert Nugent Watts*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Drummond*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and separately subscribed, before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, severally took their seats in the House.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Leslie*—The Petition of *J. B. Allard*, and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Matthieu de Beluil*.

By Mr. *Jobin*—The Petition of *M. F. Valois*, and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other Parishes; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Duranson*, and others, inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; and the Petition of the Honourable *Gabriel Roy*, and others, inhabitants of the *Côte St. Laurent*, in the Parish of *St. Laurent*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*—The Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin*, and others, of *La Sainte Famille*, and other Parishes in the Island of *Orléans*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*—The Petition of *Samuel Wood*, and others, electors of the north Riding of the County of *Lincoln*, District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Hale*—The Petition of *John Fule*, junior, Esquire, of the Parish of *Chambly*; the Petition of *C. P. Elkins*, Clerk of the Circuit Court for *Stanstead*, relating to a salary; and the Petition of *C. P. Elkins*, Clerk of the Circuit Court for *Stanstead*, relating to certain disbursements.

By Mr. *Dunlop*—The Petition of the District Council of the District of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Gowan*—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown* (relating to the township of *Escott*.) and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown* (relating to roads.)

By Mr. *Taché*—The Petition of *Magloise Têtu*, of the parish of *Saint Thomas*; and the Petition of *A. La Rue* and others, of the parish of *Cap Saint Ignace*, in the county of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Macdonald* of *Cornwall*—The Petition of *Prince Tobey*, of the town of *Cornwall*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*—The Petition of *Lady Stuart* and other ladies, the committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; the Petition of Mrs. *Percy Primrose* and other ladies, the committee of the *Charles* street Infant School, *Quebec*; the Petition of Mrs. *M. H. Mountain* and other ladies, managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *John Teed*, of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Seymour*—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* District.

By Mr. *Macdonald* of *Kingston*—The Petition of *Henry Smith*, Esquire, Warden and Principal Superintendent of the Provincial Penitentiary of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Chabot*—The Petition of *Charles Hébert*, of the city of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Honourable *William Walker* and others, President, Vice Presidents and Directors of the *Quebec* Library Association; the Petition of the President and Managers of the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic ladies of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Thomas Harnes* and others, batteau-men, in the port of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of the parish of *St. Foye*.

By Mr. *Brooks*—The Petition of the Reverend *James Robertson* and others, of the township of *Ascott* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Prince*—The Petition of *P. H. Morin* and others, inhabitants of the town and township of *Sandwich*.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the following petitions were read: Petitions read.

Of *Charles Cunningham* and others, members of the *Gaspé* Fishery and Coal Mining Company, praying for the passing of an act to confirm an act passed by the Imperial Parliament relating to the said Company.

Of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, *Alexander Anderson* and *Simeon Morrill*, of the town of *London* in the district of *London*, setting forth:

That at the last election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the County of *Middlesex*, in the said *London* District, which came on the fourteenth day of October last, the said *William Notman* one of your petitioners, and *Edward Ermatinger* of *St. Thomas*, in the *London* District, Esquire, were Candidates, and that at the said election *John Wilson* of the town of *London*, in the said District, Esquire, was the Returning Officer of the said County of *Middlesex*. Middlesex contested election.

That at the said election a considerable majority of legal voters voted in favour of the said *William Notman*, but the several Deputy Returning Officers for the several and respective townships comprising the said county of *Middlesex*, appointed by the said *John Wilson*, Esquire, the said Returning Officer admitting a great number of illegal votes to be put on the poll in favor of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, a colourable majority appeared on casting up the poll in favour of the said *Edward Ermatinger*.

That the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Malahide*, in the said County, in adding up the column of votes recorded in favor of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, has made an error of two too many against the said *William Notman* and in favour of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, and that your petitioners believe that similar mistakes have occurred in other Townships prejudicial to the said *William Notman*.

That many persons duly qualified to vote appeared at several of the polling places in the said County, and tendered their votes in favour of the said *William Notman*, which were improperly and contrary to law refused by the Deputy Returning Officers.

That the said Returning Officer, according to the aforesaid colourable majority, declared the said *Edward Ermatinger* duly elected, and by an Indenture returned the said *Edward Ermatinger* as duly elected, whereas the said *William Notman* having the majority of legal votes in his favour ought to have been returned as duly elected, and which said Indenture (with the precept and return) has been lodged in the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery or other proper officer.

Your petitioners further state that there was irregularity and misconduct in many of the proceedings during the said election of which your petitioners complain, and which are set forth in the protest of your petitioners, against the return of the said *Edward Ermatinger*.

The said election for the said county of *Middlesex*, was held in the town of *London*, which is incorporated and not in the County as the law directs: and further that the several Deputy Returning Officers and the Poll Clerks have not been sworn according to law at the respective and proper times and places as directed by the Statute in that behalf, and that the several Poll Books have not been properly sworn to before delivery to the Returning Officer.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the return so made of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, be taken off the file of returns in the office of the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, or such other officer as may have the custody of the same, or that the same may be amended by rasing out the name of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, and inserting the name of the said *William Notman*, one of your petitioners, instead thereof; or that your petitioners may have such further relief as the nature of their case requires and deserves.

Of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* District, setting forth:

That at the last Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the County of *Middlesex*, in the *London* District, which came on the fourteenth day of October last, your petitioner and *Edward Ermatinger* of *St. Thomas*, in the *London* District, Esquire, were Candidates, and that at the said Election, *John Wilson*, of the Town of *London* in the said District, Esquire, was the Returning Officer of the said County of *Middlesex*.

That at the said Election a considerable majority of legal voters, voted in favour of your Petitioner, but the several Deputy Returning Officers for the several and respective Townships, comprising the said County of *Middlesex*, appointed by the said *John Wilson*, Esquire, the said Returning Officer, admitting a great number of illegal votes to be put on the poll in favour of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, a colourable majority appeared on casting up the poll in favour of the said *Edward Ermatinger*.

That the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Malahide*, in the said County, in the adding up of the column of votes recorded in favour of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, has made an error of two too many against your Petitioner, and in favour of the said *Edward Ermatinger*; and that your petitioner believes that similar mistakes have occurred in other Townships prejudicial to your petitioner.

That many persons duly qualified to vote, appeared at several of the polling places in the said County, and tendered their votes in favour of your petitioner, which were improperly and contrary to law refused by the Deputy Returning Officers.

That the said Returning Officer according to the aforesaid colourable majority, declared the said *Edward Ermatinger* duly elected, and by an Indenture returned the said *Edward Ermatinger* as duly elected; whereas your petitioner having the majority of legal votes in his favour ought to have been returned as duly elected, and which said Indenture (with the precept and return) has been lodged in the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery or other proper officer.

Your petitioner further states that there was irregularity and misconduct in many of the proceedings during the said Election, of which your petitioner complains, and which are set forth in the protest of your petitioner against the return of the said *Edward Ermatinger*.

The said Election for the said County of *Middlesex* was held in the Town of *London* which is incorporated, and not in the County as the law directs, and further that the several Deputy Returning Officers and the poll Clerks have not been sworn according to law at the respective and proper times and places, as directed by the Statute in that behalf, and that the several Poll Books have not been properly sworn to before delivery to the Returning Officer.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that the return so made of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, be taken off the file of returns in the office of the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, or such other Officer as may have the custody of the same, or that the same may be amended by rasing out the name of the said *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, and inserting the name of your petitioner instead thereof, or that your petitioner may have such further relief as the nature of his case requires and deserves.

Of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the City of *Montreal*, setting forth:

That at the last election for the County of *Oxford*, *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, of *Zorra*, in the said County, and your petitioner, were the only Candidates, and that *William Merigold*, Esquire, was Returning Officer; that a Poll having been demanded, the polling took place according to law in the several Townships, and the result of such poll as shewn by the Poll Books having been 742 votes for the said *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, and 722 votes for your petitioner, the Returning Officer declared the said *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, duly elected.

That at the said Election the Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of *Norwich*, and also other Deputy Returning Officers, refused to admit the votes of individuals who had come into this Province from the United States of *America* previous to the year 1820, although such persons are, by an act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, entitled to all the *privileges* of British subjects, provided they take the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty, which the said Deputy Returning Officer for *Norwich* as well as other Deputy Returning Officers refused to administer, although required to do so by law.

That other individuals entitled by law to vote, were illegally refused that *privilege* by the Deputy Returning Officer.

That a number of votes were polled and given in favour of the said *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, by persons who had not legal votes.

That by the admission of persons to vote at said election who had no right to do so, and by the disfranchisement of a number of Electors duly qualified according to law, the said *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, obtained a colourable majority of twenty votes, and was therefore returned to serve in your Honourable House for the said County of *Oxford*, although in fact a majority of the *bona fide* electors of the said County voted and tendered to vote in favour of your petitioner.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honourable House will take this petition into your consideration, and declare the return of the said *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, to be illegal and void, and that your petitioner may be declared duly elected and may be substituted in the place of the said *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, to take his seat as Knight to represent the said County in the present Parliament, or that your Honourable House will grant such future relief in the premises as to its wisdom may seem meet.

Of *Alexis Dorval* and others, licensed Cullers of *Quebec*, praying for certain amendments to the Act 7 *Victoria*, cap. 25, to regulate the Inspection and Measurement of Timber.

Of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed Deal Cullers of the City of *Quebec*, praying for a certain amendment to the Act 7 *Victoria*, cap. 25, to regulate the Inspection and Measurement of Timber.

Of *Joseph Donegani* of the City of *Montreal*, Merchant, praying for Legislative confirmation of the

petitioner read.
Provincial Act of *Lower Canada*, 1st *William* 4, cap. 53, respecting *Aliens*, and that the petitioner's title to certain property, as well as that of others similarly situated, may be quieted.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Home* District, praying for certain amendments to the District Council and School Acts.

Of *James Durand*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the County of *Halton*, in the *Gore* District, setting forth,

West Riding of Halton, contested Election.
That at the last Election of a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the west Riding of the County of *Halton*, in *Upper Canada*, held at *Guelph*, in the said west Riding of the County of *Halton*, on Saturday the twenty-sixth day of October, eighteen hundred and forty-four, *Alexander Dingwall Fordyce*, Esquire, was the Returning Officer, and your petitioner and *James Webster*, of *Fergus*, in the said County, Esquire, were the Candidates.

That the said *Alexander Dingwall Fordyce* was at the time of his appointment as such Returning Officer, and still is a partner, in trade and business with the said *James Webster*, and had been and was an active friend and supporter of the said *James Webster*, as well before as after such appointment, and was the first person who polled his vote for the said *James Webster* on the opening of the poll in the Township of *Nichol*.

That upon the said Candidates being duly proposed and seconded, a division taking place, the said Returning Officer pronounced such division to be in favour of the said *James Webster*, whereupon a poll was duly demanded by and on behalf of your petitioner, which the said Returning Officer granted, and thereupon appointed Friday, the first of November then next, as the day for taking such poll, and forthwith by Proclamation gave notice that the polls of such Election would be taken in the several Townships of the said Riding, at the place in each of such Townships respectively, where at the then last Town meetings for the election of Parish and Township Officers for such Townships had been respectively held, and thereupon according to law adjourned the further proceedings in such Election, to Tuesday, the fifth day of November then next.

That for the purpose of taking the polls for such Election, the said Returning Officer appointed the following persons to be Deputy Returning Officers and Poll-Clerks for the different Townships in the said Riding respectively, that is to say:—

First—*Thomas Sandilands*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *Alfred Baker*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Guelph*.

Second—*William Ellis*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *John Herte*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Waterloo*.

Third—*William Puddicombe*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *John Ernest*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Wilmot*.

Fourth—*John Higginson*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *John Hammersly*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Puslinch*.

Fifth—*Charles Allan*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *John Foote*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Woolwich*.

Sixth—*William Buist*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *James M^cQueen*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Nichol*.

Seventh—*Alexander D. Ferrier*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *John Moore*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Eramosa*.

Eighth—*William Mutch*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *Warden W. Shane*, Poll-Clerk for the Township of *Garraraux*, and

Ninth—*David Buchan*, Deputy Returning Officer, and *Donald M^cKeand*, Poll-Clerk, for the Township of *Dumfries*.

That the said Deputy Returning Officers, and Poll-Clerks were all generally known to be opposed to the election of your petitioner, and that some of them canvassed against him your said petitioner, and that the said *Alfred Baker*,

William Puddicombe, *John Higginson*, *John Hammersly*, *William Buist*, *James M^cQueen*, *William Mutch*, and *Warden W. Shane*, subsequently voted for the said *James Webster*.

That neither the said Returning Officer, nor any of the said Deputy Returning Officers, gave any public, printed, or written notice of the time and place of taking such polls, in the different Townships respectively, or any other notice thereof, except that given by the said Returning Officer on the said first day of the said election as hereinbefore stated.

That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers acted partially and unjustly in favour of the said *James Webster*, and many of them illegally and contrary to their duty as Deputy Returning Officers in taking the said polls.

That the said Deputy Returning Officers, in the course and progress of the polls taken by them respectively, did admit a great number of persons to vote at the said election, for the said *James Webster*, who had no legal right whatever to vote at the said election, and did also admit divers persons to vote more than once at the same election for the said *James Webster*, and did refuse to admit the votes of divers persons having a right to vote, and who tendered their votes at the said election for your Petitioner, whereby and by the other unlawful means hereinafter mentioned, the said *James Webster* obtained a small colourable majority of eight votes, as declared by the said Returning Officer, over your Petitioner, upon the aggregate poll taken at the said election: that the said Returning Officer refused to permit your Petitioner to inspect the Poll Books returned to him by the said Deputy Returning Officers, in order to ascertain in what respect such books differed from the check books kept by your Petitioner's own Check Clerks, according to which check books, the said colourable majority for the said *James Webster* appeared to be only four instead of eight, as stated by the said Returning Officer.

That in consequence of such unjust, partial and illegal conduct, divers persons, electors entitled to vote at the said election, did in a written document, or protest, tendered to the said Returning Officer, on the said adjournment day of the said election, before he had pronounced the said *James Webster* to be elected, protested against and objected to the return of the said *James Webster*, notwithstanding which the said Returning Officer, not only proceeded to declare and return the said *James Webster* as duly elected, but wholly refused to receive the said written protest, or to permit the same to be publicly read, asserting that the said Riding had expressed itself.

That among the other unjust, partial and illegal conduct of the said Deputy Returning Officers, your petitioner would here particularly refer to the following particulars, that is to say:

First—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers allowed divers women, in all to the number of seven on the aggregate poll, to vote for the said *James Webster*.

Second—That some one or more of the said Deputy Returning Officers refused to permit divers persons (some of whom had, and some had not any right to vote at such election, and who tendered and polled their votes at such election, for the said *James Webster*,) to be examined respecting the right by which they claimed to vote at the said election, notwithstanding your petitioner and his agents and divers other freeholders of the said Riding having a right to vote at such election, did strenuously object to the votes of such persons, and did request such Deputy Returning Officers to examine into the rights of such persons to vote at the said Election, and not to permit such persons to vote without their first shewing a right so to do.

Third—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers received on the Poll the votes of divers persons without administering to them the oaths prescribed by law, although such Deputy Returning Officers were at the time duly requested so to do by and on behalf of your petitioner, and by divers others freeholders of the said Riding, having a right to vote at such Election, then present.

Fourth—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers refused to receive the votes of divers voters of the said Riding, naturalized subjects of Her Majesty, who tendered and offered to vote for your petitioner, and who produced

Letters Patent for the freeholds in right of which they claimed to vote at the said election, and certificates of their having taken the Oath of Allegiance in due form of law.

Fifth—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers refused to receive the votes of divers voters of the said Riding, naturalized subjects of Her Majesty, who tendered and offered to vote for your Petitioner, on the ground that such voters did not produce certificates of their having taken the Oath of Allegiance pursuant to the naturalization laws of *Upper Canada*, although such voters were ready and willing, and then and there offered to prove by their own oath or affirmation the fact of such naturalization, and to take all and every other the oaths or affirmations prescribed by law to be taken by voters at such Election.

Sixth—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers refused to receive the votes of divers voters of such Riding, naturalized subjects of Her Majesty, who tendered and offered to vote for your Petitioner, and who had been resident in *Upper Canada* previous to the year eighteen hundred and twenty, and still continued to reside in *Upper Canada* at the time of the passing of the naturalization act of the 9th Geo. 4th., Cap. 21, and who were ready and willing, and offered to such Deputy Returning Officers to take the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance before such Deputy Returning Officers, who, notwithstanding, wholly refused to administer such Oath to such voters or to record their votes on the said Poll.

Seventh—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers allowed persons in the interest of the said *James Webster* unnecessarily and vexatiously, to occupy an unreasonable length of time in useless and trifling enquiries, arguments and discussions, obviously for no other purpose than that of consuming as much as possible of the time prescribed by law for taking such Polls, and thus as far as possible prevent the voters of the said Riding entitled to vote at such Polls from having an opportunity of polling their votes thereat, inasmuch that at one of the said Polls only twenty-seven votes were polled the first day, although there were a large number of voters ready to poll their votes thereat, numbers of whom were unable to poll their votes at all in consequence of such unnecessary and vexatious consumption of time as aforesaid.

Eighth—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers evidently for the like purpose, illegally and vexatiously permitted and required divers illegal and unnecessary oaths to be administered to voters in the interest of your Petitioner.

Ninth—That several of the said Deputy Returning Officers refused to permit voters in the interest of the said *James Webster* to be questioned either by themselves, the said Deputy Returning Officers, or by the authorized agents of your petitioner, as to their titles, or as to the conveyances of the freeholds in respect of which they claimed the right to vote at such Election, or whether such conveyances were registered in due time, or whether they had had the same for the time prescribed by law in order to entitle them to vote at such Election, although such Deputy Returning Officers were duly required to have such questions put to such voters.

Tenth—Several of the said Deputy Returning Officers allowed divers persons to vote for the said *James Webster*, although such persons acknowledged to such Deputy Returning Officers that they had no conveyances for the land in right of which they claimed to vote at such Election.

Eleventh—That one of the said Deputy Returning Officers, that is to say, the said *William Ellis*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said township of *Waterloo*, in which Township there are a great number of voters, refused to keep open the Poll a sufficient time on the first day of such Poll to enable the electors entitled to vote at such Poll, a reasonable opportunity of polling their votes at such Election, although requested and urged so to do by your Petitioner, and divers others, electors of the said Riding.

Twelfth—And that another of the said Deputy Returning Officers, that is to say, the said *William Mutch*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Township of *Garrafruca*, allowed divers persons, to the number of six or more, who had no freeholds in the said Riding, to

vote for the said *James Webster*, upon freeholds held or alleged to be held by them in the Township of *Amaranth*, which does not lie within the Electoral bounds or limits of the said West Riding of the County of *Hutton*.

That the said *James Webster*, by the aforesaid unlawful means, did obtain an apparent and colourable majority of votes over your Petitioner on the aggregate Poll taken at the said Election for the said West Riding of the said County of *Hutton*, and by the undue and illegal conduct and partiality of the said Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers as aforesaid, at the said Election, did procure himself to be, and was returned to this present Provincial Parliament as a Member to serve therein for the said West Riding of the said County of *Hutton*, whereas your Petitioner alleges and humbly insists, that he had a majority of legal votes at the said Election, and ought to have been returned a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the said Riding, and that it ought now to be declared that your said Petitioner was duly elected and ought to have been returned as such Member.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honourable House will take the premises into consideration, and declare the said Election and return of the said *James Webster* wholly null and void, and that your Petitioner was duly elected and ought to have been returned to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the said West Riding of the said County of *Hutton*, or that your Honourable House will afford your petitioner such other and further remedy in the premises, and take such other measures for vindicating the franchise of the real Electors of the said Riding as to your Honourable House may seem meet.

Of *Robert Harrison* and others, Electors of the Third Riding of York, setting forth:

Contested Election, 3rd Riding of York.

That at the late General Election, the Honourable *James Edward Small*, and *George Munro*, Esquires, were the Candidates for the said Riding.

That no declaration of qualification whatever was made by the said *James Edward Small* at any time, until the day on which the Returning Officer declared the result of the said Election, and that the said *James Edward Small* was declared duly elected to represent the said Riding in your Honourable House.

That while the Poll was being taken in the Township of *Whitby*, one of the Townships of the said Riding, one *John Farguharson*, an Elector duly qualified to vote at said Election, did demand and require the property qualification of the said *James Edward Small*, according to the statute in that behalf, but that the same was not made nor forthcoming, and that thereby the Electors of the said Riding at the time of recording their votes were deprived of the privilege conferred upon them by law, of ascertaining if the individual for whom they voted was legally qualified or not.

That on the day of declaring the said Election, the following declarations were handed in by the said *James Edward Small* to the Returning Officer.

Home District, } CANADA.
TO WIT: }

I, *James Edward Small*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, do declare and testify that I am seized at law or in equity as of freehold for my own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held by me in freehold 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 colourably 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*.

(Signed,) JAMES E. SMALL.

Made and subscribed the
30th day of October, 1844.

(Signed,) FRANCIS LEYS,
Returning Officer.

Home District, }
TO WRIT.

CANADA.

Contested Elec-
tion, 3rd Riding
of York.

I, *James Edward Small*, of the City of *Toronto*, in the said Province, Esquire, do swear that the estate in right of which I claim to be qualified to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, is a freehold in part of Park Lot number Three of the first Concession from the Bay, in the Township of *York*, containing about thirty-five acres, together with the houses and buildings erected thereon.

(Signed,) JAMES E. SMALL.

Sworn before me, this 31st
day of October, 1844.

(Signed,) FRANCIS LEYS,
Returning Officer.

Your Petitioners respectfully submit to your Honourable House, that if it be decided that such declaration was put in, in sufficient time, the said *James Edward Small* does not with sufficient certainty declare that the estate on which he qualifies is an estate of freehold legal or equitable, but only alternatively, and that said declaration is not sufficiently certain to ground an indictment, if untrue in any particular.

That the said *James Edward Small* does not possess the property qualification required by law.

That the estate on which the said *James Edward Small* qualifies, is but a life estate and not of sufficient legal value.

That in the office of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas at *Toronto*, there now appear in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, the following judgments apparently unsatisfied:

Bank of *Upper Canada*, vs. *James Edward Small*.

Francis Boyd, vs. *James Edward Small*.

William Tarret and others, vs. *James Edward Small*.

That on these judgments, executions have been placed in the hands of the Sheriff of the *Home District*, against the lands and tenements of the said *James Edward Small*, and were in said office before and at the time of making the said declarations.

That the executions aforesaid, are to the respective amounts of four hundred and forty-one pounds three shillings and six-pence, two thousand and twenty-six pounds sixteen shillings and three-pence, and forty-seven pounds nineteen shillings or thereabouts, besides interest.

That the said executions appear to be still subsisting and unpaid, although stayed as your Petitioner believe at the request of the said *James Edward Small*.

That the said estate mentioned in the said declaration of the said *James Edward Small*, has been put up for sale under executions against the lands of the said *James Edward Small*, by the said Sheriff, but that a purchaser could not be found for the same.

That your Petitioners believe that the said estate is not in any respect worth the sum of five hundred pounds sterling, over incumbrances, as required by law.

That the said *George Munro* did, before the said *James Edward Small* was declared duly elected, protest against the return of the said *James Edward Small*, as by the protest of the said *George Munro*, handed in to the Returning Officer, will fully appear.

Your Petitioners further represent, that the said *James Edward Small* is not elected by a majority of legal votes in the said Riding to represent the said Riding in Parliament, but that on the contrary the majority of legal votes polled at the said Election in the said third Riding for a Member to represent it in the Provincial Parliament, was polled for the said *George Munro*, and that if a scrutiny takes place, your Petitioners are satisfied the said *George Munro* will be declared to have a majority of legal votes polled at the said Election for the said third Riding.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to investigate the qualifications of the said *James Edward Small*, and the allegations contained in this petition concerning the same, and also cause a scrutiny of the votes polled at the said Election to be made, and that if the said *James Edward Small* be not duly elected, that the said *George Munro* may be declared duly elected, or that a new Election may be directed, or such other order made as to your Honourable House may seem meet.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for certain Amendments in the systems of Education and direct taxation.

Of the Reverend *J. Pugin*, and others, of the parish of *St. Eustache*, praying for an aid towards rebuilding their Church and Convent, destroyed by the Troops in 1837.

Of *Suzanne De Beaujeu* of *Coteau du Lac*, praying that the line separating *Upper* and *Lower Canada* may be definitively settled, and the proceedings of the last Session on the subject continued.

Of *A. T. Galt* and others, praying to be incorporated as a Cotton Factory Company at *Sherbrooke*.

Of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, inhabitants of *Simcoe*, District of *Talbot*, praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Bishop of *Toronto* to dispose of an Episcopal Reserve in that Town, for certain purposes.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*, praying for an Act to define the limits of the Townships of *Walpole*, in the *Niagara* District, and *Woodhouse* and *Townsend*, in the District of *Talbot*.

Of *William M. Wilson* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the District of *Talbot*, praying for an extension of the provisions of the Provincial Act passed on the 27th August, 1841, to secure to Aliens the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects.

Of *Flint L. Keys*, of *Simcoe*, District of *Talbot*, M. D., praying for an extension of the time in which Aliens may have the benefit of naturalization by taking the oaths required by the Provincial Act.

Of *John Bonner* and *William Petry*, of *Quebec*, Merchants, praying that the the proceedings taken on their Petition in 1842, may be resumed, and that they may be permitted to furnish the necessary evidence in support of their allegations.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Cunningham* and others, Members of the *Gaspé* Fishing and Coal Mining Company, be referred to a Special Committee of five 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.

Petitions referred.
Gaspé Fishing and Mining Company.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Bertrand*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Dewitt*, and the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Meyers*,

Ordered, That so much of the Amendments as appears, by the printed Journals of this House, to be made by the Honourable the Legislative Council in the last Session of Parliament, to the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable Religious Societies of all denominations of Christians in that part of the Province, called *Upper Canada*, to hold Lands for certain purposes therein mentioned," as purports to recite a certain Act of Parliament, of that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the

Fourth, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the "Religious Societies therein mentioned," be now read.

The said Amendments were read accordingly.

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five Members be appointed to investigate and ascertain by whom, and in what way, the following words—to wit: *Tinkers, Barkers, Shavers, Southcotites, Shahers, and Gypsies* were introduced into the Journals of this House, in the amendments made by the Honourable the Legislative Council, in the last Session of Parliament, to the Bill intituled, "An Act to enable Religious Societies "of all denominations of Christians in that part "of the Province called *Upper Canada*, to hold "Lands for certain purposes therein mentioned," to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Price*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, and Mr. *Hale*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the *Gaspé* District.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the District of *Gaspé* from the operation of an Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada* intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for "the better internal Government of this Pro- "vince by the establishment of local or Municipal "authorities 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 thirteenth instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to throw open to public competition the printing of the Laws, with a view to render the printing thereof more expeditious and less expensive than heretofore.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such 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. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the Fund, formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund," to fix the Fees hereafter to be taken on Marriage Licenses, and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the Public Treasury.

He accordingly presented the said 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 taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency, the Governor General,

delivered to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, at the opening of the present Session, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the first order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 3^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House a Report, received from the Librarian, of the present state of the Library of the House, pursuant to a standing order of the 19th June, 1841.

(For the said Report, see Appendix C.)

Also, a statement of the affairs of the "*Champlain and Saint Lawrence Railroad*," as required by the 49th section of the Act 2d *William IV*, chapter 58, of the late Province of *Lower Canada*.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix D.)

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

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M. D., and others, Lecturers and Students in and of the Medical School in the city of *Montreal*, called the College of Medicine and Surgery.

By Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Municipal Council Act); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the office of the County Registrar); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to arrears of assessed taxes); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to a more equal assessment of real estate.)

By Mr. *Nelson*, the Petition of *E. L. Hayden* and others, inhabitants of *Sorel* and *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Phillips* of the Township of *Etobicoke*, in the *Home* District.

By Mr. *Tuché*, the Petition of *Pierre Deguise*, of the parish of *St. Thomas*; and the Petition of *John Macpherson* and others, inhabitants of *Crane Island*, and of the parishes of *St. Thomas*, *Cap St. Ignace* and other places.

By Mr. *Boutillier*, the Petition of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the city of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Saint Hyacinthe*, (relating to the Municipal Council Act.)

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *Abraham Cloutier*, of *Montreal*, late Messenger in the *Crown Land Office*; and the Petition of *Honoré Tanguay*, of *Quebec*, writer.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of the Moderator and Presbytery of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of the Religious, the *Ursuline Ladies of Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of the Reverend *Paul Archambault* and others, of the parish of *Saint Michel de Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the city of *Quebec*.

Committee on amendments to Religious Society's Land Bill.

Land Holders, Gaspé.

Municipal Councils, Gaspé.

Printing of Laws.

Claims upon Executive Government.

Marriage Fee Fund.

Speech.

Champlain and Saint Lawrence Railroad.

Petitions brought up.

Petitions
referred.
S. De Beaujeu.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Saxeuse De Beaujeu*, of *Coteau du Lac*, praying that the line separating *Upper* and *Lower Canada* may be definitively settled, and the proceedings of the last Session on the subject continued, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, 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. *Lantier*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Lafontaine*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, and Mr. *Robinson*, do compose the said Committee.

Gaspé Fishery
and Coal Mining
Company.

Mr. *Christie* from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Charles Cunningham* and others, members of the *Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to approve of and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain*, to incorporate the *Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company*: which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Registration of
Titles.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill still further to facilitate the Registration of Titles to Real Property or Incumbrances thereon, 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 twenty-third instant.

New Townships,
Midland
District.

Ordered, that Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, have leave to bring a Bill to set apart certain parts of the Townships of *Loughborough*, *Pittsburgh* and *Kingston*, in the *Midland District*, and form the same into a new Township.

He accordingly presented the said 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 seventeenth instant.

Public Lands.

Ordered, That Mr. *MacDonell* of *Stormont*, have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the 13th section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the disposal of "Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands prior to the fourth of April, 1839, to perfect their titles 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 Tuesday, the seventeenth instant.

Municipal Coun-
cil Johnstown.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for certain amendments in the systems of Education and direct Taxation, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 4^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By the Honourable Mr. *Balwin*, the Petition of *William Buell*, of the Town of *Brockville*, in the County of *Leeds*, in the District of *Johnstown*, Esquire, Candidate at the last Election for the said County.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *William Harris* and others, Freeholders of the County of *Grenville*, in the District of *Johnstown*; and the Petition of *George Stevenson* and others, inhabitants of the Northern Townships of the County of *Kent*, in the Western District.

By Mr. *Bertrand*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipal District of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of the very Reverend *Angus MacDonell*, of *Kingston*, formerly of *Sandwich*, in the Western District.

By Mr. *MacDonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Pierpoint E. Adams*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District, Baker.

By Mr. *Seymour*, the Petition of *Richard Ham* and others, Elders and Deacons of the Lutheran Churches of *Frederichsburgh* and *Ernest Town*, in the *Midland District*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of Mrs. *Mehettable Shaw Woolrich*, of *Laprairie de la Madeleine*, widow of the late *Thomas Hall Woolrich*.

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

Of *J. B. Allard* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Matthieu de Beloeil*; praying that the duty on Cattle imported from the *United States* may be raised.

Petitions read.

Of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other Parishes, praying for the establishment of a Turnpike road from *Lachine*, through the village of *Pointe Claire* to *Ste. Anne*.

Of the Reverend *Antoine Duransaux* and others, inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity, praying for the completion of the macadamized Road from *Montreal* to *Lachine*, by way of the *Lachine Rapids*.

Of the Honourable *Gabriel Roy* and others inhabitants of the *Cote St. Laurent*, in the Parish of *St. Laurent*, praying that a certain Road in the said Parish may be placed under the controul of the Road Trustees, named in virtue of the Ordinance third *Victoria*, chapter thirty-one.

Of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of *La Sainte Famille* and other Parishes, in the Island of *Orleans*, praying that a separate Registry Office be established for the Island of *Orleans*, or that the Registry Office for the County of *Montmorency* may be held in the Parish of *La Sainte Famille* on the said Island.

Of *Samuel Wood* and others, Electors of the North Riding of the County of *Lincoln*, District of *Niagara*, setting forth:

County of
Lincoln Election.

That your petitioners are, and at the last Election for the return of one Member to represent the North Riding of the County of *Lincoln* in the Provincial Parliament of *Canada* were, Electors, and claim to have had a right to vote at the said Election.

North Riding of
Lincoln, contested
Election.

That the nomination of Candidates took place on the twenty-second day of October last, at *St. Catharines*, and upon the day fixed for commencing the polling of votes,

North Riding
Lincoln con-
tested Election.

that is to say on the twenty-ninth day of the said month of October, and prior to the recording of any vote, a demand was made by one of your Petitioners, an Elector of the said Riding, *Coplin Stinson*, in the presence and hearing of the Deputy Returning Officer, *Charles Rolls*, Esquire, at the Poll held for the Township of *Grantham*, at *St. Catharines*, to know whether or not the Candidates, *William Hamilton Merritt* and *George Rykert*, Esquires, had severally made the declaration of qualification required by law, and if not, he required that the same should be made, and the said *Coplin Stinson* being such Elector, then and there required the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, to make the necessary declaration of qualification pursuant to the Statute; whereupon the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, protested against the demand so made, stating that the same should have been made on the day of nomination; that it was then too late, and that he would not comply with the requisition; and although some paper writing was produced by one *Lorenzo Dulmage Raymond*, Esquire, acting agent of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, the same was not delivered to the Returning Officer or any other proper person, nor shewn to nor seen by your Petitioners or any of them, and whatever the said paper writing may have been, the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, forbade its production or delivery in compliance with the request or demand above referred to.

Your Petitioners further state that the proper declaration of the other Candidate, *George Rykert*, Esquire, was then and there produced in the hands of the said Returning Officer, *Elias Smith Adams*, Esquire, as received by him.

That your Petitioners, or some of them, then objected to the Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Catharines* aforesaid, in particular, recording or being allowed to record votes in favour of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as he was not by law capable of being elected, not having complied with the Statutes in such case provided, and insisted that *George Rykert*, Esquire, who had fully complied with what was required of him by law, was the only Candidate capable of being elected.

Your Petitioners further state to your Honourable House, that it was also on the occasion last referred to, objected against the reception of votes in favour of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, (and which was considered an insurmountable objection) that a Commission of Bankruptcy had issued against him the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, and which Commission was exhibited at *St. Catharines* aforesaid, to the said Returning Officer and to his Deputy Returning Officer, *Charles Rolls*, Esquire.

Notwithstanding these objections so raised and urged as above mentioned, the said Deputy Returning Officer at *St. Catharines*, under the immediate observation of the Returning Officer and all the other Deputy Returning Officers throughout the Riding, did record the votes of a large number of the Electors in favour of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, with his knowledge and approbation, contrary to the duty of the said Returning Officer and of the said several Deputy Returning Officers, as your Petitioners are advised and verily believe, in consequence of which proceeding your Petitioners and the other Electors who polled their votes in favour of the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, have been deprived of having returned as their Representative in Parliament for the said Riding, the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, the only Candidate who at the said Election proved himself qualified to be elected.

In proof of the foregoing part of this Petition, your Petitioners beg to refer your Honourable House to the Poll Books taken at the said Election in the various Townships of the said Riding, and to the one in particular for the Township of *Grantham*, containing the Records of the objections urged, and further state to your Honourable House, that they are prepared, if necessary, to give additional proof when, where, and in such manner as may be required of them upon the matters hereinbefore contained.

Your Petitioners further state for the information of your Honourable House, that the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, is an officer of or employed by the Board

of Works of the Province of *Canada*, and was such officer at the time of the said Election for the North Riding of the County of *Lincoln*, as he himself fully admitted, and therefore the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, was then and still is disqualified from being elected a Member of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, and his said pretended Election is by law null and void, all which objections and disqualifications were known by the said Returning Officer.

Your Petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House will enquire into the matters above complained of, and cause the return, of *Elias Smith Adams*, Esquire, the Returning Officer aforesaid to the Writ of Election, to be amended, the name of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, erased, and the name of the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, to be inserted, so that the individual truly entitled to the seat in your Honourable House as the Representative of the North Riding of the said County of *Lincoln*, may be enabled to take it, and the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, restrained from assuming it; and that your Honourable House will further or otherwise deal with the parties respectively, as may seem just and right according to the Laws of this Province.

Your Petitioners further state to your Honourable House that upon the first day of November last, being the day to which the said Election was adjourned by the Returning Officer aforesaid, to proceed to sum up and ascertain the state of the General Poll of such Election and to declare the same, some of them again objected that up to that period the Declaration of Qualification of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, required by law, was not made, and on that ground, amongst others, formally protested in writing, delivered to the Returning Officer aforesaid, against his returning the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as the Representative of the said Riding.

That during the said Election, at the several Polls, the fictitious votes of some aliens and of individuals who had come into the Province since the year 1828, and who had not been naturalized, were received and recorded in favour of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, and without being required to take the Oath of Allegiance or Naturalization before any officer whatever, and of other aliens to whom the said Returning Officer, without authority of law for such his act, gave certificates of their having taken the Oath of Allegiance before him, the said last mentioned aliens not coming within the provisions of the Statute 4 and 5 *Victoria*, Chapter 7, nor of any other Statute or Law in force in this Province, and being a description of persons who had hitherto omitted to avail themselves of the provisions of any of the Statutes of this Province had they been inclined to become naturalized subjects.

That some of the Poll Clerks at the said Election, and during the continuance thereof, and of their officers, exercised undue influence in favour of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, and against the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, as your Petitioners are informed and verily believe, and that in particular one *William O. Eastman*, Esquire, Poll Clerk for the Township of *Gainsborough*, canvassed for the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, and dissuaded and attempted to dissuade Electors who had expressed a determination to vote for the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, from doing so.

That at some of the Polling places, Ministers or Preachers of the Gospel tendered their votes in favour of the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, at the said Election, which were received and recorded in his favour by the Deputy Returning Officers, contrary to the Statute in such case provided.

That riotous conduct and frequent violations of good order and insults and violence, tending to deter the quiet and peaceable minded Electors from coming forward to record their votes in favour of the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, occurred at the Polling place at *St. Catharines*, for the Township of *Grantham*, immediately within the view and the hearing of *Elias Smith Adams*, Esquire, the Returning Officer; and although infractions of the law, were frequently complained of by Electors to him, no effort was made to repress them, and by his extraordinary inanimate deportment, encouragement was extended to a continuance.

That the whole matters of the above Petition, together with some minor points, were contained in a Protest signed by several Electors, which they beg your Honourable House to refer to, and delivered to the said Returning Officer on the first day of November last, and before the completion of his return to the Writ of Election hereinabove mentioned, in the hope that the said Returning Officer, more deliberately considering their importance, would give effect thereto, by declaring elected the said *George Rykert*, Esquire, and thereby avoid the necessity of a complaint on the part of your Petitioners to your Honourable House; but the said Returning Officer had no regard for the same, and as your Petitioners are assured, in violation of the Laws of this Province, persisted in declaring the said *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, duly elected, and in returning him as the Representative in your Honourable Assembly for the North Riding of the said County of *Lincoln*.

Your Petitioners are prepared to give proof also of the matters contained in the second branch of this Petition should it be deemed necessary or expedient, humbly submitting themselves to the directions of your Honourable House, but strenuously asking the vindication of their rights, and that the freedom and purity of Elections be protected by the Laws of the Province and the rules and customs of your Honourable House.

Of *John Yule, Junior*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Chambly*, praying to be authorized to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the vicinity of the village of *Chambly*.

Of *C. P. Elkins*, Clerk of the Circuit Court for *Stanstead*, praying for a Salary.

Of *C. P. Elkins*, Clerk of the Circuit Court for *Stanstead*, praying to have certain expenses refunded to him.

Of the District Council of the District of *Huron*, praying for certain Amendments to the Municipal Council Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for the passing of an Act to set apart, and declare that part of the Township of *Yonge*, formerly known as the Township of *Escott*, to be a distinct Township, under the style and title of the Township of *Escott*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for the completion and extension of the road from *Brockville* to *St. Francis*, and that the same may be placed under the controul of the Board of Works.

Of *Mayloire Tétu*, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, praying remuneration for his services as Treasurer of the Municipal District of *St. Thomas*.

Of *A. La Rue* and others, of the Parish of *Coy St. Ignace*, in the County of *L'Islet*, complaining of encroachments and trespass committed on their properties by the Agent for Crown Lands, and praying such relief as the House may see fit to afford them.

Of *Prince Tobey*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, praying to be naturalized as a subject of Her Majesty.

Of *Lady Stuart* and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School, praying for a grant in aid of the said School.

Of *Mrs. Percy Primrose* and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Charles Street* Infant School, *Quebec*, praying for a grant in aid of the said School.

Of *Mrs. M. H. Mountain* and other Ladies, Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*, praying for a Legislative grant in aid of the said Asylum.

Of *John Teed*, of the City of *Quebec*, complaining that he was illegally imprisoned during the rebellion, and praying relief.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Mitland* District, praying that the macadamized road from the Town of *Kingston* to the village of *Napinee*, may be placed under the controul of the Board of Works, and that the inhabitants of the *Mitland* District may be relieved from all liabilities for the cost of the said road.

Of *Henry Smith*, Esquire, Warden and principal Superintendent of the Provincial Penitentiary of *Canada*, praying for an increase of Salary.

Of *Charles Hébert*, of the City of *Quebec*, complaining that he has received no compensation for his services as Messenger and Office Keeper to the Council of the Municipal District of *Quebec*, and praying such relief as the House may see fit to grant him.

Of the Honourable *William Walker* and others, President, Vice President, and Directors of the *Quebec* Library Association, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the President and Managers of the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*, praying for a grant in aid of the said Association.

Of *Thomas Hurnez* and others, Batteauxmen in the Port of *Quebec*, praying that the Tax which it is contemplated to impose upon them by the *Quebec* Trinity House Bill, may not be sanctioned.

Of the Reverend *P. Huot* and others of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, praying an aid to macadamize, or pave with plank, two roads in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *James Robertson* and others, of the Township of *Ascott* and vicinity, praying that the Charter of *McGill* College at *Montreal* may be amended, and that a Law be passed to place the management of *King's* College at *Toronto*, on a satisfactory basis.

Of *P. H. Morin* and others, inhabitants of the Town and Township of *Sandwich*, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained by them during the rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Resolved, That the Petition of the District Council of the District of *Huron*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petitions referred.
Huron District Council.

Ordered, That *Mr. Dunlop*, *Mr. Prince*, *Mr. Lavcrason*, *Mr. Cameron*, and *Mr. Johnston*, do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for the passing of an Act to set apart and declare that part of the Township of *Yonge*, formerly known as the Township of *Escott*, to be a distinct Township, under the style and title of the Township of *Escott*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Municipal Council of District of Johnstown.

Ordered, That *Mr. Gowan*, *Mr. Jessup*, *Mr. Powell*, *Mr. Roblin*, and *Mr. Sherwood* of *Brockville*, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Cameron moved to resolve, seconded by *Mr. Roblin*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to cause to be laid

Appointments since the prorogation of the last Parliament.

before this House, a return of the names of all persons who have been appointed to any office of emolument in the Province, since the prorogation of the last Parliament, up to this date, with the dates of their respective appointments, whether temporary or permanent, the amount of salary in each case, stating the names of such office, the statutes, or other authorities, under which such persons have been so appointed.

Mr. *Riddell* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Grieve*, That the following words be added to the said motion: "And also like information from the tenth February, 1841, to the ninth December, 1843."

The question being put on the motion of Amendment, it was agreed to unanimously.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was also agreed to, and

Resolved accordingly.

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

Political rights.

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth Clause of an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects."

He accordingly presented the said 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 eighteenth instant.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

Gaspé Fisheries.

Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, to take into consideration the expediency of affording encouragement to the *Gaspé* and Gulf Fisheries, carried on from this Province, by exempting Salt, and other articles indispensable to the fisheries, from duties.

Consideration of Speech.

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

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

Address in Answer.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Colville*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne, and to assure His Excellency that this House is gratified that an early period, since the completion of the recent General Election, has been selected by His Excellency, the Governor General, for meeting the Parliament, at a season so convenient to the Members personally for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon them.

That this House in common with the other subjects of our Gracious Queen, throughout her vast dominions in every quarter of the Globe, rejoice at the auspicious birth of another member of the Royal Family, and humbly express their gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all Good, for the continued safety and health of our beloved Sovereign.

That the earnest consideration of this House will be devoted to all subjects before them, concerning the welfare of the Province. They recognize the improvement of the education of the People as one of their most urgent duties, and it will be a matter of the most profound gratification to them if such arrangements can be devised respecting the University of *King's College*, as will receive the sanction of the Crown, and give general satisfaction in the Colony.

That the attention of this House will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province, as well as to the state of the Prisons, and the want of Lunatic Asylums in *Lower Canada*, and also to the amelioration of the means of communication throughout this Province, so essential to its prosperity. That this House regrets the peculiar destitution of the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada* in this particular; and that the Town of *Kingston*, in *Upper Canada*, which, by means of the removal of the Seat of Government, has unavoidably suffered much, should be devoid of a Road through the Inland Territory, towards the *Ottawa*, essentially necessary to its prosperity; and these subjects will receive that attention which their importance demands.

That this House will avail itself of the earliest opportunity of taking into consideration the state of the Militia Law in both sections of the Province, with a view to the framing of such a measure as may give efficiency to that arm of public defence in both sections of the Province.

That this House is gratified to learn that the state of the Revenue affords a fit subject of congratulation, and they will be happy to co-operate in any measure of legislation and economy calculated to promote its further improvement.

That this House learn with the most profound satisfaction that Her Majesty has graciously received the address of the last Parliament on the subject of the Civil List. That, sensible of the only objects which could have induced the Imperial Parliament to make provision for a Civil List in this Province, and of the peculiar exigency which required such a course, this House nevertheless rejoices in the assurance of Her Majesty's confidence, in the concurrence of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in *Canada* for effecting the same purposes, and gratefully acknowledges Her Majesty's desire, to owe the means of obtaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people. That this House will therefore devote its earnest attention to the exercise of that most undoubted and important of its constitutional rights and duties; the granting to the Crown of a Civil List;—and they have the fullest confidence that the recommendation of Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament founded upon such a grant, to repeal so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject, will meet with that ready attention which its constitutional importance demands.

That the financial accounts and estimates for the Public service, will receive due attention, when laid before this House; and they are happy to learn, notwithstanding the unavoidable expense attendant on the removal of the Seat of Government from *Kingston* to *Montreal*, and the claims to be submitted for their consideration, a considerable surplus revenue will remain for future disposition.

That this House will make proper provision for the exigencies of the Public service, and are gratified at His Excellency's assurance that he will use his exertions to diminish expenditure by all practicable economy. It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to learn that His Excellency has availed himself of such opportunities for retrenchment as have presented themselves, and they thankfully acknowledge the assurance that His Excellency will continue to pursue the same course, whenever reduction appears to be consistent with efficiency.

That this House concurs with His Excellency in desiring, that the welfare of *United Canada* may be promoted by the joint labour of all the branches of the Legislature. That the earnest efforts of this House will be devoted to such measures as may in their judgment be calculated to secure peace and prosperity, justice and happiness to this Province.

That this House fully confides in the declaration of His Excellency that he will continue to administer the charge entrusted to him, by Our Most Gracious Sovereign, ac-

According to the acknowledged principles of Our Provincial Constitution, and with a view to the wants and wishes of the community. And this House learns with exceeding satisfaction, that on the occurrence of vacancies in several of the most important offices of the administration, immediate efforts were made by His Excellency to fill them by gentlemen supposed to possess the confidence of the people. While they rejoice at the assurance of His Excellency's incessant exertions to supply these vacancies, they nevertheless regret to learn that obstacles should have intervened to delay the accomplishment of this constitutional purpose.

That this House, in the full exercise of its constitutional powers, will earnestly endeavour to maintain the harmony with the other branches of the Legislature essential to the well-being of the people, for whose benefit alone these powers are conferred, and in devoting themselves to the discharge of their important duties, unite with His Excellency in a humble hope, that the Almighty will bless their endeavours, and render them efficacious for the public good.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, That that part of the original motion beginning with the word "this House is gratified that an early period has been selected," and ending with the words "important functions devolving upon them," be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"An humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to return His Excellency the thanks of this House for His most gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament.

"To assure His Excellency that while we rejoice that he has assembled Parliament at an early period after the completion of the recent General Election, and at a convenient season for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon us, and warmly participate in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency at the opportunity thus afforded of devoting ourselves to the care of the great interests committed to our charge, we should be wanting in due attention to the sacred trust reposed in us by our country, as well as in duty to our Most Gracious and Beloved Sovereign, were we to refrain on this occasion from expressing frankly to His Excellency our deep regret that he should, under the circumstances in which the Province was placed, have been advised to remain so long without resorting to the counsels of Parliament."

And a debate arising thereupon,

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 5° die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

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

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of Mrs. *Effy MacCuaig* and others, tenants of the Seigniorship of *New Longueuil*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*, the Petition of *J. G. Tourangeau* and others, inhabitants of the City of *Quebec* and its vicinity.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *George Pozer*, Esquire, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *Alexander MacLean* and others, freeholders of the County of *Storromont*.

By Mr. *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, the Petition of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carthage*, and of the Very Reverend *Angus MacDonell*, on behalf of the Corporation of the College of *Regiopolis*.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of the *Canada Baptist Union*, (relating to the Registration of Births and Deaths); and the Petition of the *Canada Baptist Union*, (relating to the University of *King's College*.)

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *Charles Berezy* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Austin E. Cadwell*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern District*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brookville*, the Petition of *H. W. Blanchard* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Johnstown*; and the Petition of *Wellington Landon* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Colville*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Merlin*, V. D. M., of the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *R. Burritt* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*.

By Mr. *Meyers*, the Petition of *William Sweetman*, keeper of the lighthouse at *Presqui Isle Point*, *Lake Ontario*; and the Petition of the President and Board of Police of the town of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *McConnell*, the Petition of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of the Reverend *J. Anderson* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Melbourne* and *Durham*, in the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Drummond*.

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

Of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M. D., and others, Lecturers and Students in and of the Medical School in the city of *Montreal*, called the College of Medicine and Surgery, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the said College. Petitions read.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Council and Assessment Acts.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that the Office of the County Registrar, may be removed to the town of *Barrie*.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that certain doubts respecting the sale of lands for taxes in certain districts, may be removed by Act of Parliament.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying for a more equal assessment of real estate.

Of *E. L. Hayden* and others, inhabitants of *Sorel* and *Yamaska*, praying for the passing of an Act for the protection and preservation of wild game.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Phillips*, of the township of *Etobicoke*, in the *Home* district, praying that the salary that he formerly received as Chaplain to the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, may be continued to him during the remainder of his life.

Of *Pierre Deguise*, of the parish of *Saint Thomas*, complaining that the salary voted him by the Municipal Council of the district of *Saint Thomas*, as their clerk, has not been paid him, and praying relief.

Of *John McPherson* and others, inhabitants of *Crane Island*, and of the parishes of *Saint Thomas*, *Cap Saint Ignace* and other places, praying that a law may be passed for the better preservation of certain species of game frequenting the said places.

Of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the city of *Montreal*, praying to be continued as Assistant French Translator.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Saint Hyacinthe*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Council Ordinance.

Of *Abraham Cloutier*, of *Montreal*, late messenger in the Crown Land Office, praying that certain alleged arrears of salary may be paid him for his services as such messenger.

Of *Honoré Tanguay*, of *Quebec*, writer, praying to be appointed Assistant French Translator to the House of Assembly.

Of the Moderator and Presbytery of *Montreal*, praying that an Act may be passed to relieve those Ministers of the Gospel who may have voted at the late General Election, from the penalties of the law relating thereto.

Of the Religious, the *Ursuline Ladies of Three Rivers*, praying for an Act to enable them to acquire and hold additional immovable and other property, yielding an annual rent of fifteen hundred pounds, sterling.

Of the Reverend *Paul Archambault* and others, of the parish of *Saint Michel de Vaudreuil*, praying for a grant of two hundred and fifty pounds, to complete a school-house therein.

Of the Mayor and Corporation of the city of *Quebec*, praying that they may be authorized to erect one or more toll-bridges over the River *Saint Charles*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the city of *Montreal*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, 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. *Boutillier*, Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Lafontaine*, and Mr. *Christie* do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Honoré Tanguay*, of *Quebec*, writer, be referred to the said committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of *A. T. Galt* and others, praying to be incorporated as a Cotton Factory Company at *Sherbrooke*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, 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. *Hale*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Brooks*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* and Mr. *Watts*, do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M. D. and others, Lecturers and Students in and of the Medical School in the City of *Montreal*, called the College of Medi-

cine and Surgery, be referred to a Special Committee of five 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. *Scott*, Mr. *Nelson*, Mr. *Taché*, the Honourable Mr. *Lafontaine* and Mr. *Boutillier*, do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed Deal Cullers of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Greive*, Mr. *Leslie* and Mr. *Bertrand*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, inhabitants of *Simcoe*, District of *Talbot*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Hale*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Williams* and Mr. *Thompson*, 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Register Office of that District), be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Duggan*, the Honourable Mr. *Small*, and Mr. *Boulton*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Yule*, Junior, Esquire, of the parish of *Chambly*, be referred to a Committee of five Members, 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. *Hale*, Mr. *Boutillier*, Mr. *Franchère*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Nelson*, do compose the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes, viz:—

1—ON PRIVILEGE AND ELECTIONS.

2—ON EXPIRING LAWS.

3—ON PRIVATE BILLS.

4—ON STANDING ORDERS.

5—ON PRINTING.

6—ON CONTINGENCIES.

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.

Mr. *Christie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*, That after the word "Contingencies," in the said motion, the following words be added "and of Public Accounts."

Petitions referred.

John P. Waterson and others.

Rev. F. Evans and others.

Municipal Council, Simcoe.

John Yule, Esq.

Standing Committees.

Petitions referred.
W. B. Lindsay.

H. Tanguay.

A. T. Galt and others.

F. C. T. Arnoldi, M. D., and others.

The question having been put on the motion of Amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Christie, De Witt, Johnston and Scott.—(4.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colville, Daly, De Bleury, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Franchère, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laurason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Nelson, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(67.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to unanimously, and

Resolved accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* have leave to withdraw the Petition of *William Buell* of the town of *Brockville*, in the county of *Leeds*, in the district of *Johnstown*, Esquire, Candidate at the last Election for the said county, for the purpose of correcting an error in the same.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of eleven Members, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Murney*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Leslie*, be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the six Standing Committees ordered by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnston* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the abuses which have arisen from persons being traders, or the agents of traders, being appointed or allowed to act as District Treasurers 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. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

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 the House, copies of all Correspondence, or such part or parts thereof as he shall deem fit, with the Home Government, relating to the Civil List established by the Union Act, including also any Reports of Council on the same subject that may not already have been communicated to the Legislative Assembly.

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

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned debate upon the amendment which was yesterday proposed to be made to the motion, Address in answer to Speech.

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

That this House is gratified that an early period since the completion of the recent General Election has been selected by His Excellency, the Governor General, for meeting the Parliament at a season so convenient to the Members personally, for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon them.

That this House, in common with the other subjects of our Gracious Queen, throughout her vast dominions, in every quarter of the Globe, rejoice at the auspicious birth of another member of the Royal Family, and humbly express their gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all Good, for the continued safety and health of our beloved Sovereign.

That the earnest consideration of this House will be devoted to all subjects before them, concerning the welfare of the Province. They recognize the improvement of the education of the People as one of their most urgent duties, and it will be a matter of the most profound gratification to them if such arrangements can be devised respecting the University of *King's College*, as will receive the sanction of the Crown, and give general satisfaction in the Colony.

That the attention of this House will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province, as well as to the state of the Prisons, and the want of Lunatic Asylums in *Lower Canada*, and also to the amelioration of the means of communication throughout this Province, so essential to its prosperity. That this House regrets the peculiar destitution of the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada* in this particular; and that the Town of *Kingston*, in *Upper Canada*, which, by means of the removal of the Seat of Government, has unavoidably suffered much, should be devoid of a Road through the Inland Territory, towards the *Ottawa*, essentially necessary to its prosperity; and these subjects will receive that attention which their importance demands.

That this House will avail itself of the earliest opportunity of taking into consideration the state of the Militia Law in both sections of the Province, with a view to the framing of such a measure as may give efficiency to that arm of public defence in both sections of the Province.

That this House is gratified to learn that the state of the Revenue affords a fit subject of congratulation, and they will be happy to co-operate in any measure of legislation and economy calculated to promote its further improvement.

That this House learn with the most profound satisfaction that Her Majesty has graciously received the address of the last Parliament on the subject of the Civil List. That, sensible of the only objects which could have induced the Imperial Parliament to make provision for a Civil List in this Province, and of the peculiar exigency which required such a course, this House nevertheless rejoices in the assurance of Her Majesty's confidence in the concurrence of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in *Canada* for effecting the same purposes, and gratefully acknowledges Her Majesty's desire, to owe the means of obtaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people. That this House will therefore devote its earnest attention to the exercise of that most undoubted and important of its constitutional rights and duties; the granting to the Crown of a Civil List;—and they have the fullest confidence that the recommendation of Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament founded upon such a grant, to repeal so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject, will meet with that ready attention which its constitutional importance demands.

Petition of W. Buell, withdrawn.

Standing Committees.

District Treasurers.

Civil List.

That the financial accounts and estimates for the Public service, will receive due attention, when laid before this House; and they are happy to learn, notwithstanding the unavoidable expense attendant on the removal of the Seat of Government from *Kingston* to *Montreal*, and the claims to be submitted for their consideration, a considerable surplus revenue will remain for future disposition.

That this House will make proper provision for the exigencies of the Public service, and are gratified at His Excellency's assurance that he will use his exertions to diminish expenditure by all practicable economy. It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to learn, that His Excellency has availed himself of such opportunities for retrenchment as have presented themselves, and they thankfully acknowledge the assurance that His Excellency will continue to pursue the same course, whenever reduction appears to be consistent with efficiency.

That this House concurs with His Excellency in desiring that the welfare of *United Canada* may be promoted by the joint labour of all the branches of the Legislature. That the earnest efforts of this House will be devoted to such measures as may in their judgment be calculated to secure peace and prosperity, justice and happiness to this Province.

That this House fully confides in the declaration of His Excellency, that he will continue to administer the charge entrusted to him, by Our Most Gracious Sovereign, according to the acknowledged principles of Our Provincial Constitution, and with a view to the wants and wishes of the community. And this House learns with exceeding satisfaction, that on the occurrence of vacancies in several of the most important offices of the administration, immediate efforts were made by His Excellency to fill them by gentlemen supposed to possess the confidence of the people. While they rejoice at the assurance of His Excellency's incessant exertions to supply these vacancies, they nevertheless regret to learn that obstacles should have intervened to delay the accomplishment of this constitutional purpose.

That this House, in the full exercise of its constitutional powers, will earnestly endeavour to maintain the harmony with the other branches of the Legislature essential to the well-being of the people, for whose benefit alone these powers are conferred, and in devoting themselves to the discharge of their important duties, unite with His Excellency in a humble hope, that the Almighty will bless their endeavours, and render them efficacious for the public good.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned until tomorrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Grieve*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris 6° die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

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

By Mr. *Leslie*, The Petition of the Reverend *C. J. Primeaux*, and others, of the parish of *Ste. Anne de Varennes*, and the Petition of *Pierre Papineau* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, Ferry-men, during the late war with the *United States*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, The Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to the survey of Lands); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to Fish);

the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to Temperance Houses); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to macadamized Roads); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to the administration of Justice), and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to a Tax on Dogs).

By Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, The Petition of *S. Y. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, The Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others, his supporters.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, The Petition of *William Buell*, of the town of *Brockville*, in the county of *Leeds*, in the district of *Johnstown*, Esquire, a Candidate at the last Election of the said county.

By Mr. *Riddell*, The Petition of Colonel *A. W. Light*, late Lieutenant-Colonel of Her Majesty's 25th Regiment of Foot.

By Mr. *Gowan*, The Petition of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the county of *Lanark*, at the last Election.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, The Petition of *T. A. Stayner*, Esquire, and others, proprietors of Land in the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*, residing in the city of *Montreal*; the Petition of the Committee of the British and Canadian School Society of *Montreal*; the Petition of the *Montreal* Ladies Benevolent Society, and the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *DeWitt*, The Petition of *John Frothingham* and others, resident in the district of *Montreal*, and the Petition of the Members of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

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

Of *William Harris* and others, Freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, setting forth:—

That your Petitioners protest against the Return made at the late Election for the County of *Grenville*, of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, as the Representative of said County, and against his taking or holding his seat as such Representative in your Honourable House, for the following valid and sufficient reasons, viz.:—

For that the Returning Officer appointed to hold the said late Election for the said County of *Grenville*, caused his precepts of Election to be sent into the Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough*, which form a part of the County of *Carleton*, and Polls to be opened and numerous votes taken in said Townships for the said late Election of a Member for the said County of *Grenville*, and that the votes so taken were included in his estimate of the votes polled in said County when making his return of a Member for said County—notwithstanding the Returning Officer appointed to hold the Election for the said County of *Carleton*, had also issued his precepts into the said Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough*, for the Election of a Representative to serve in the Provincial Parliament for the said County of *Carleton*.

That in consequence of the said Returning Officer for the said County of *Grenville* erroneously deeming the said Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough* to belong to the said County of *Grenville*, the most convenient place for proceeding to the Election of a Member for said County of *Grenville* was not appointed by him, agreeable to the requirements of the Sixth *Victoria*, chapter first, and section ninth—the place appointed by *W. J. Scott*, Esquire, the said Returning Officer, being *Kemptville*, in the extreme

County of Gren-
ville, contested
Election.

rear of the said County of *Grenville*, a place inconvenient and improper for obtaining the true expression of opinion of the Electors of said County of *Grenville*, with reference to the choice of a Representative, and where a true expression of the opinion of the Electors of said County of *Grenville* could not be, and was not obtained touching the Election of a Representative.

That by reason of said Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough* being so considered and held to be a part of said County of *Grenville*, at the said late Election for the same, great injury, wrong and inconvenience, have been suffered by the Electors of the said County of *Grenville*, that a true expression of the opinion of the Electors of the said County was not obtained at the said Election in consequence thereof; and your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the said late Election for the said County of *Grenville* may be declared null and void by your Honourable House; that the said *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, be no longer considered a Representative of said County; that a new Election for a representative for the same be ordered; and that every other matter and thing be done for the preservation of the Elective Franchise in said County, consistent with the Laws and Constitution of *Canada*.

Petitions read.

Of *George Stevenson* and others, inhabitants of the northern townships of the county of *Kent*, in the *Western* District, praying that the said townships may be set apart as a separate district.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipal District of *Rimouski*, praying an aid for the construction of certain Bridges and Wharves within the limits of the said Municipal District.

Of the Very Reverend *Angus Macdonell*, of *Kingston*, formerly of *Sandwich* in the *Western* District, praying to be indemnified for damage done to his property, by the stationing therein of troops, during the late rebellion.

Of *Pierpoint E. Adams*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* District, baker, praying to be naturalized as a subject of Her Majesty.

Of *Richard Ham* and others, Elders and Deacons of the Lutheran Churches of *Fredericksburgh* and *Earnest-Town*, in the *Midland* District, praying for the passing of an Act to naturalize the Reverend *Stephen Wilber Champlin*, as a subject of Her Majesty.

Of Mrs. *Mehettable Shaw Woolrich*, of *Laprairie de la Madeleine*, widow of the late *Thomas Hall Woolrich*, praying for pecuniary aid, in consideration of the services rendered by her late husband, during the late rebellion.

Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory.

Mr. *Hale*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *A. T. Gall* and others, praying to be incorporated as a Cotton Factory Company at *Sherbrooke*, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the matter referred to them, and ascertain, that on account of the large capital which will be required for establishing a Cotton Factory, and the number of Shareholders among whom the said capital will be divided, the Petitioners deem it important that an Act of Incorporation should be granted to them by the Legislature, with the usual privileges conferred upon corporate institutions, and your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted.

On motion of Mr. *Chauveau*, seconded by Mr. *Chubot*,

Resolved, that a humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying

Quebec Turn-
pike Roads.

that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, as soon as possible, detailed accounts of all moneys received and expended by the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*, under the authority of the Ordinance to provide for the improvement of the roads in the neighbourhood of, and leading to, the City of *Quebec*, and to raise a fund for that purpose; and also detailed reports of all the doings of the said Trustees, under the said authority, from and since the date of the reports and accounts on that subject, laid before this House in the last session of the last Parliament.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,

Resolved, That a 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 transactions in the Crown Timber Office in *Bytown*, separately for the years 1843 and 1844, exhibiting the number of rafts passed; owner's name; the amount of duty on each raft; the gross amount of revenue in each year; the names of the Agent, Collector, Clerks and Servants; and the salary to each, and any other expense connected with the office: also, the amount paid to the Government Surveyor, for surveys; the amount paid by Government to the other Surveyors; and the amount paid by each individual Lumberman for such services: and also, the quantity of square timber, and saw logs, cut in other parts of the Province; the quantity cut by each party; and amount of revenue derived therefrom.

Crown Timber
Office, Bytown.

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

Ordered, that the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to throw open to public competition the Printing of the Laws, with a view to render the printing thereof more expeditious and less expensive than heretofore, be postponed until Monday the twenty-third instant.

Printing of the
Laws.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases, be postponed until Monday, the sixteenth instant.

Legal recourse
on Executive
Government.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of certain Landholders, in the *Gaspé* District, be postponed until Monday, the twenty-third instant.

Landholders,
Gaspé.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roblin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*.

Intestate 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 Friday, the twentieth instant.

Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Sherbrooke Cotton Factory.

He accordingly presented the said 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. Hale, seconded by Mr. McConnell,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct inquiry to be made into the cause of the non-delivery of the Provincial Statutes of the last Session of the late Parliament, in the District of Saint Francis.

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

The House, according to order, resumed the adjourned debate upon the amendment, which, upon Wednesday last, was proposed to be made to the motion,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne, and to assure His Excellency that this House is gratified that an early period, since the completion of the recent General Election, has been selected by His Excellency, the Governor General, for meeting the Parliament, at a season so convenient to the Members personally for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon them.

That this House, in common with the other subjects of our Gracious Queen, throughout her vast dominions, in every quarter of the Globe, rejoice at the auspicious birth of another member of the Royal Family, and humbly express their gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all Good, for the continued safety and health of our beloved Sovereign.

That the earnest consideration of this House will be devoted to all subjects before them, concerning the welfare of the Province. They recognize the improvement of the education of the People as one of their most urgent duties, and it will be a matter of the most profound gratification to them if such arrangements can be devised, respecting the University of King's College, as will receive the sanction of the Crown, and give general satisfaction in the Colony.

That the attention of this House will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province, as well as to the state of the Prisons, and the want of Lunatic Asylums in Lower Canada, and also to the amelioration of the means of communication throughout this Province, so essential to its prosperity. That this House regrets the peculiar destitution of the Eastern Townships of Lower Canada in this particular; and that the Town of Kingston, in Upper Canada, which, by means of the removal of the Seat of Government, has unavoidably suffered much, should be devoid of a Road through the Inland Territory, towards the Ottawa, essentially necessary to its prosperity; and these subjects will receive that attention which their importance demands.

That this House will avail itself of the earliest opportunity of taking into consideration the state of the Militia Law in both sections of the Province, with a view to the framing of such a measure as may give efficiency to that arm of public defence in both sections of the Province.

That this House is gratified to learn that the state of the Revenue affords a fit subject of congratulation, and they will be happy to co-operate in any measure of legislation and economy calculated to promote its further improvement.

Address in
Answer to
Speech.

That this House learn with the most profound satisfaction that Her Majesty has graciously received the address of the last Parliament on the subject of the Civil List. That, sensible of the only objects which could have induced the Imperial Parliament to make provision for a Civil List in this Province, and of the peculiar exigency which required such a course, this House nevertheless rejoices in the assurance of Her Majesty's confidence in the concurrence of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in Canada for effecting the same purposes, and gratefully acknowledges Her Majesty's desire, to owe the means of obtaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people. That this House will therefore devote its earnest attention to the exercise of that most undoubted and important of its constitutional rights and duties; the granting to the Crown of a Civil List;—and they have the fullest confidence that the recommendation of Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament founded upon such a grant, to repeal so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject, will meet with that ready attention which its constitutional importance demands.

That the financial accounts and estimates for the Public service, will receive due attention, when laid before this House; and they are happy to learn, notwithstanding the unavoidable expense attendant on the removal of the Seat of Government from Kingston to Montreal, and the claims to be submitted for their consideration, a considerable surplus revenue will remain for future disposition.

That this House will make proper provision for the exigencies of the Public service, and are gratified at His Excellency's assurance that he will use his exertions to diminish expenditure by all practicable economy. It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to learn that His Excellency has availed himself of such opportunities for retrenchment as have presented themselves, and they thankfully acknowledge the assurance that His Excellency will continue to pursue the same course, whenever reduction appears to be consistent with efficiency.

That this House concurs with His Excellency in desiring that the welfare of United Canada may be promoted by the joint labour of all the branches of the Legislature. That the earnest efforts of this House will be devoted to such measures as may in their judgment be calculated to secure peace and prosperity, justice and happiness to this Province.

That this House fully confides in the declaration of His Excellency, that he will continue to administer the charge entrusted to him, by Our Most Gracious Sovereign, according to the acknowledged principles of Our Provincial Constitution, and with a view to the wants and wishes of the community. And this House learns with exceeding satisfaction, that on the occurrence of vacancies in several of the most important offices of the administration, immediate efforts were made by His Excellency to fill them by gentlemen supposed to possess the confidence of the people. While they rejoice at the assurance of His Excellency's incessant exertions to supply these vacancies, they nevertheless regret to learn that obstacles should have intervened to delay the accomplishment of this constitutional purpose.

That this House, in the full exercise of its constitutional powers, will earnestly endeavour to maintain the harmony with the other branches of the Legislature essential to the well-being of the people, for whose benefit alone these powers are conferred, and in devoting themselves to the discharge of their important duties, unite with His Excellency in a humble hope, that the Almighty will bless their endeavours, and render them efficacious for the public good.

And which amendment was, That that part of the original motion beginning with the words "this House is gratified that an early period has been selected," and ending with the words "important functions devolving upon them," be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"An humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to return His Excellency the thanks of this House for His most gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament."

Non-deliverance
of Provincial
Statute.

Address in
Answer to
Speech.

Proposed amendment to answer to Speech.

"To assure His Excellency that while we rejoice that he has assembled Parliament at an early period after the completion of the recent General Election, and at a convenient season for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon us, and warmly participate in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency at the opportunity thus afforded of devoting ourselves to the cure of the great interests committed to our charge, we should be wanting in due attention to the sacred trust reposed in us by our country, as well as in duty to our Most Gracious and Beloved Sovereign, were we to refrain, on this occasion, from expressing frankly, to His Excellency, our deep regret that he should, under the circumstances in which the Province was placed, have been advised to remain so long without resorting to the counsels of Parliament."

And the question being put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boullier, Cameron, Canchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Désamier, De Witt, Drummond, Frauchère, Jobin, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell, of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson.—(36.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Goman, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Pappineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster and Williams—(42)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* then moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

That that part of the original motion beginning with the words, "That the attention of this House will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province," and ending with the words, "and these subjects will receive that attention which their importance demands," be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"That the attention of this House will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province, as well as to the state of the Prisons, and the want of Lunatic Asylums; that the Petition of the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*, and that of the Inland territory between the town of *Kingston* and the river *Ottawa*, in *Upper Canada*, will not fail to obtain our most serious attention, while we consider the subject of ameliorating the means of communication in the Province at large, so as to promote its general prosperity and advancement."

The question being put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding division.

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* then moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, That that part of the original motion beginning with the words "That this House learn with the most profound satisfaction, that Her Majesty," and ending with the words "will meet with that ready attention which its Constitutional importance demands" be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—

"To assure His Excellency that we are deeply grateful to Her Majesty for Her gracious reception of the Address of the House of Assembly of last Parliament, on the subject of the Civil List; but that while we are willing to receive the assurance of His Excellency, that the only objects of the Imperial Parliament in making provision for a Civil List, which is to be found in the Act of Union, were to give stability and security to the great Civil Institutions of the Province; to provide for the adequate remuneration of able and efficient Officers in the various Public Departments, and to enable Her Majesty to make moderate provision for the declining years of those whose best days had been devoted to a faithful discharge of public duties, or who by eminent services, might have merited the favour of the Crown; this House, irrespective of the supposed exigency which at that peculiar juncture may have led to such intervention of the Supreme Authority of the Empire, must always regard as unconstitutional the appropriation of any moneys levied upon the subject, without the free consent of their Representatives in Provincial Parliament. But that nevertheless, His Excellency may rest assured of the anxious desire of Her Majesty's faithful Canadian Commons, to see this question constitutionally disposed of by Act of the Provincial Parliament, making such an adequate provision, by way of Civil List, charged on the consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, as may at once be agreeable to Her Majesty, and satisfactory to Her faithful Canadian people."

The question being put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding division.

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* then moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald of Glengarry*, That that part of the original motion beginning with the words, "That this House fully confides in the declaration of His Excellency that he will continue," and ending with the words "should have intervened to delay the accomplishment of this Constitutional purpose," be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:

"That this House, understanding in its broadest sense the expressions of His Excellency's intention to administer the charge entrusted to him by our Most Gracious Sovereign, according to the acknowledged principles of our Provincial Constitution, receive with satisfaction this assurance of adherence to Constitutional principle, while they feel bound to declare that the attempt which His Excellency was advised to make to carry on the Government for months together, and that during a prorogation of Parliament, with but one person occupying the high and important position of Head of a Department, was wholly inconsistent with the spirit of the Constitution, and at once injurious to the interests of the Crown, and dangerous to the liberties of the people. And to represent to His Excellency, that while even short delays in filling vacancies in any of the great Provincial Offices of State, the holders of which constitute the Provincial Administration, must ever be looked upon as a subject of deep regret,—the advising the Representative of the Sovereign upon the total dis-

ruption of an Administration in the midst of a Session of Parliament, to proceed to a prorogation, without having completed the necessary arrangements for forming another Ministry, and to continue to exercise the functions of Government, without either the formation of a new Administration or the calling upon Parliament as the great Council of the Province for advice and assistance, was at total variance with the recognized principle of the Constitution, as leading, when acted upon, to what, in the opinion of this House, amounts to a virtual suspension of that Constitution."

The question being put on the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding division.

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster and Williams.—(42.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Désautier, De Witt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson.—(36.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and:

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

That this House is gratified that an early period has been selected by His Excellency, the Governor General, for meeting the Parliament, at a season so convenient to the Members personally, for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon them.

That this House, in common with the other subjects of our Gracious Queen, throughout her vast dominions in every quarter of the Globe, rejoice at the auspicious birth of another member of the Royal Family, and humbly express their gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all Good, for the continued ~~and~~ and health of our beloved Sovereign.

That the earnest consideration of this House will be devoted to all subjects before them, concerning the welfare of the Province. They recognize the improvement of the education of the People as one of their most urgent duties, and it will be a matter of the most profound gratification to them if such arrangements can be devised respecting the University of King's College, as will receive the sanction of the Crown, and give general satisfaction in the Colony.

That the attention of this House will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province, as well as to the state of the Prisons, and the want of Lunatic Asylums in Lower Canada, and also to the amelioration of the means of communication throughout this Province, so essential to

its prosperity. That this House regrets the peculiar destitution of the Eastern Townships of Lower Canada in this particular; and that the town of Kingston, in Upper Canada, which, by means of the removal of the Seat of Government, has unavoidably suffered much, should be devoid of a Road through the Inland Territory, towards the Ottawa, essentially necessary to its prosperity; and these subjects will receive that attention which their importance demands.

That this House will avail itself of the earliest opportunity of taking into consideration the state of the Militia Law in both sections of the Province, with a view to the framing of such a measure as may give efficiency to that arm of public defence in both sections of the Province.

That this House is gratified to learn that the state of the Revenue affords a fit subject of congratulation, and they will be happy to co-operate in any measure of legislation and economy calculated to promote its further improvement.

That this House learn with the most profound satisfaction that Her Majesty has graciously received the address of the last Parliament on the subject of the Civil List. That, sensible of the only objects which could have induced the Imperial Parliament to make provision for a Civil List in this Province, and of the peculiar exigency which required such a course, this House nevertheless rejoices in the assurance of Her Majesty's confidence in the concurrence of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in Canada for effecting the same purposes, and gratefully acknowledges Her Majesty's desire, to owe the means of obtaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people. That this House will therefore devote its earnest attention to the exercise of that most undoubted and important of its constitutional rights and duties; the granting to the Crown of a Civil List;—and they have the fullest confidence that the recommendation of Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament founded upon such a grant, to repeal so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject, will meet with that ready attention which its constitutional importance demands.

That the financial accounts and estimates for the Public Service, will receive due attention, when laid before this House; and they are happy to learn, notwithstanding the unavoidable expense attendant on the removal of the Seat of Government from Kingston to Montreal, and the claims to be submitted for their consideration, a considerable surplus revenue will remain for future disposition.

That this House will make proper provision for the exigencies of the Public Service, and are gratified at His Excellency's assurance that he will use his exertions to diminish expenditure by all practicable economy. It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to learn that His Excellency has availed himself of such opportunities for retrenchment as have presented themselves, and they thankfully acknowledge the assurance that His Excellency will continue to pursue the same course, whenever reduction appears to be consistent with efficiency.

That this House concurs with His Excellency in desiring that the welfare of United Canada may be promoted by the joint labour of all the branches of the Legislature. That the earnest efforts of this House will be devoted to such measures as may in their judgment be calculated to secure peace and prosperity, justice and happiness to this Province.

That this House fully confides in the declaration of His Excellency, that he will continue to administer the charge entrusted to him, by Our Most Gracious Sovereign, according to the acknowledged principles of Our Provincial Constitution, and with a view to the wants and wishes of the community. And this House learns with exceeding satisfaction, that on the occurrence of vacancies in several of the most important offices of the administration, immediate efforts were made by His Excellency to fill them by gentlemen supposed to possess the confidence of the people. While they rejoice at the assurance of His Excellency's incessant exertions to supply these vacancies, they nevertheless regret to learn that obstacles should have intervened to delay the accomplishment of this constitutional purpose.

Address in answer to Speech.

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That this House, in the full exercise of its constitutional powers, will earnestly endeavour to maintain the harmony with the other branches of the Legislature essential to the well-being of the people, for whose benefit alone these powers are conferred, and in devoting themselves to the discharge of their important duties, unite with His Excellency in a humble hope, that the Almighty will bless their endeavours, and render them efficacious for the public good.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Macdonald of Cornwall, Mr. Murney and Mr. Boulton, to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency, the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

Then, on motion of Mr. Gowan, seconded by Mr. Greive,

The House adjourned.

Lunæ, 9° die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

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

By Mr. Robinson, The Petition of Alfred Wilson and others, inhabitants of the townships of West Gwillimbury and Innisfil.

By Mr. Foster, The Petition of Henry Carter and others, of the townships of Shefford and Granby.

By Mr. Scott, The Petition of Alexander Macdonald, of Montreal.

By Mr. Meyers, The Petition of John Russell and others, shoemakers, of the town of Cobourg.

By Mr. Colville, The Petition of the Reverend J. O. Archambault and others of the parishes of St. Timothée and St. Clément; the Petition of Joseph Daigneau and others, proprietors of lands along the line of the Beauharnois canal, in the parish of St. Clément de Beauharnois; and the Petition of Flora Thompson, of the parish of St. Clément de Beauharnois, wife of Joseph Toll.

By Mr. McConnell, The Petition of the Reverend Robert V. Hall and others, of Stanstead; and the Petition of the Reverend L. Doolittle and others, of the district of St. Francis.

By Mr. Leslie, The Petition of the Corporation of the Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum.

By Mr. Roblin, The Petition of George K. Chisholm, Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Assembly.

By Mr. Chauveau, The Petition of R. G. Belleau and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of Québec.

By Mr. Jobin, The Petition of Hyacinthe Brunet and others of Sainte Anne, Pointe Claire, and other parishes; the Petition of the Corporation of the Ladies of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of Montreal; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of the county of Montreal.

By Mr. Drummond, The Petition of John Phelan and others, inhabitants of the county of Two Mountains.

By Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, The Petition of the very Reverend Angus M'Donnell, Vicar-General of the diocese of Kingston.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney-General Smith, The Petition of the Reverend M. Townsend and others, of the southern part of the county of Rouville.

By Mr. Rousseau, The Petition of Francis Cottrell and others, freeholders and censitaires of the seigniorie of St. Antoine de La Baye, in the county of Yamaska.

By Mr. Boutillier, The Petition of the very Reverend Edward Crevier, of the parish of St. Hyacinthe.

By Mr. Chabot, The Petition of the Corporation of the Education Society of the district of Quebec; and the Petition of the Reverend Louis Proulx and others, of the county of Lotbinière.

By Mr. De Witt, The Petition of Eugène Archambeault.

By the Honourable Mr. Morin, The Petition of Léon Charles Clément, of the parish of Des Eboulemens, in the county of Saguenay, Notary; and the Petition of J. B. Duberger and others, electors of the county of Saguenay.

By Mr. Smith of Wentworth, The Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of Gore, (relating to township Superintendents of Education.)

By Mr. Gowan, The Petition of Patrick M'Gowan, late Sergeant in Her Majesty's 99th Regiment of Foot.

By Mr. Price, The Petition of Gilbert M'icking Esquire, of the town of Chippewa.

By the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, the Petition of A. F. Holmes, M. D., and others, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of McGill College; and the Petition of Messieurs Hamilton and Low, and others, saw-millers and dealers in sawed wood.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, The Petition of the Right Reverend Patrick Phelan, Bishop of Carthage, and the Very Reverend Angus Macdonell.

By Mr. Murney, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of Victoria, (relating to bridges.)

By Mr. Brooks, The Petition of William Ritchie, Registrar of the county of Sherbrooke; and the Petition of William Ritchie and William Walker, trustees of the Sherbrooke Academy, in the town of Sherbrooke, in the district of Saint Francis.

By Mr. Greive, the Petition of Edouard Normand, of the parish of Sainte Marie Magdeleine, du Cap de la Magdeleine, carpenter.

By Mr. Sherwood of Brockville, the Petition of John Reil and Robert Sheppard of the city of Montreal.

By the Honourable Mr. Small, the Petition of Julia Bell, of the city of Toronto, widow, (relating to her pension;) and the Petition of Julia Bell, of the city of Toronto, widow, (relating to remuneration for her late husband's having had charge of the Parliament Buildings in Toronto.)

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of Mrs. *Emily Mackie*, and other ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School, (relating to an aid;) the Petition of *T. Trigge* and others, the Committee of Management of the National Schools at *Quebec*; the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D. D., and others, Directors of the *Quebec* High School; the Petition of Miss *Mountain* and other ladies, the Committee conducting the affairs of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*; the Petition of *James Dean* and others, of *Quebec*; merchants; the Petition of *Peter Dumand* and others, electors of the city of *Montreal*; the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Charles Turgeon*, of the city of *Quebec*, lumber-merchant.

Montreal con-
tested Election.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the House that *Pierre Jodoin* and *Norbert Dumas*, had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the city of *Montreal*;

Also,

Oxford con-
tested Election.

That *Francis Hincks*, Esquire, *Charles Wilson*, and *Luther Hamilton Holton*, had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Oxford*.

And also,

Lincoln con-
tested Election.

That *Coplin Stinson*, *John M. Tobin* and *Charles F. Palsgrave*, had entered into the usual recognizances required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the *North Riding* of the county of *Lincoln*.

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

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Of Mrs. *Effy M'Cuaig* and others, tenants of the seigniorship of *New Longueuil*, praying for the adjustment of certain difficulties arising out of a disputed line dividing the said seigniorship in *Lower Canada*, from the township of *Lancaster*, in *Upper Canada*.

Of *J. G. Tourangeau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec* and its vicinity, praying to be authorized to erect a public and free bridge across the river *Saint Charles*, in the place formerly occupied by the *Dorchester* bridge.

Of *George Pozar*, Esquire, of the city of *Quebec*, complaining of a by-law made by the Common Council of the city of *Quebec*, concerning the removal of door steps, and praying relief.

Stormont
Election.

Of *Alexander M'Lean* and others, freeholders of the county of *Stormont*, setting forth:—

That *Alexander M'Lean*, *John Archbold*, and *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, Esquires, were nominated, as Candidates, at the recent Election, for a Member to represent the County of *Stormont*, held in the said County, on the twelfth day of October last past; and, that at the close of the said Election, *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, Esquire, was declared to be, and returned, by the Returning Officer, as the Candidate duly elected to represent the said County;—which Declaration and Return, your Petitioners most respectfully represent to be contrary to law, inasmuch as the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell* was then and still is ineligible to be elected; as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, by an Act passed in the sixth and seventh years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, entitled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province."

That gross Bribery and Corruption were resorted to, by the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, and his authorised Agents, at and before the said Election; and that offers of

great advantage were made to many Freeholders, by the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell* and his authorised Agents, to induce them to vote for the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, and against the said *Alexander M'Lean*. That many Freeholders in consequence of the offers thus made to them by the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, and his authorised Agents, did vote for the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, against the said *Alexander M'Lean*, who would otherwise have voted for the said *Alexander M'Lean*; and that many other acts were done, by the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, and his authorised Agents, that were contrary to law, prejudicial to the interests of the Inhabitant Freeholders of the said County, and destructive of that freedom, which of right ought to govern an Election for a Member to represent the said County in your Honourable House.

For all which reasons your Petitioners humbly pray, that your Honourable House would be pleased to grant a Committee to try the Election and Return of the said *Donald Eneas MacDonell*, and if the above allegations or any of them shall be made to appear valid, that your Honourable House will be pleased to order the Returning Officer for the said County Election, either to amend his Return, or to allow the said *Alexander M'Lean*, as the person next on the Poll, at the said Election, to take his seat in your Honourable House, as the Member legally elected to represent the said County of *Stormont*.

Of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrha*, and of the very Reverend *Angus MacDonell*, on behalf of the Corporation of the College of *Regiopolis*, praying for an Act to enable the said Corporation to acquire and hold real and personal estate, yielding an annual revenue of five thousand pounds, currency.

Of the *Canada* Baptist Union, praying for the passing of an Act to provide for the Registration of Births and Deaths in this Province.

Of the *Canada* Baptist Union, praying that the Charter of the University of *King's College*, may be so amended as to place all religious denominations on the same footing.

Of *Charles Berczy* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Toronto*, praying that the Municipal Council of the said city may be authorized to open and continue *Colborne Street* within the said city.

Of *Austin E. Cadwell*, of the town of *Corruwall*, in the *Eastern District*, praying to be naturalized as a subject of Her Majesty,

Of *H. W. Blanchard* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Johnstown*, praying that the macadamized road from *Brockville* to *St. Francis* may be completed and placed under the controul of the Board of Works.

Of *Wellington Landon* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Johnstown*, praying that the macadamized road from *Brockville* to *St. Francis* may be completed and placed under the controul of the Board of Works.

Of the Reverend *John Merlin*, V. D. M. of the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, representing that he voted at the last election for the said county, in ignorance of the law, and praying to be relieved from the penalties thereof.

Of *R. Burritt* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, setting forth:— Grenville Election.

That your Petitioners humbly complain of the undue Election and Return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, for the said county of *Grenville*, on the following grounds, viz:—

For that the Returning Officer for the said county, *Wm. J. Scott*, Esquire, at the last Election, or pretended Election for the same, caused Polls to be opened and votes to be taken for the said *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, in the

Grenville con- Townships of *North Gower* and *Marlborough*, as if the
tested Election. said Townships belonged to the said County of *Grenville*,
whereas in truth and in fact the said Townships belonged
to and were included in the County of *Carleton*.

Second, For that the most convenient place for proceeding to the said Election, was not appointed by the said Returning Officer, at the said last Election, or pretended Election, in said County of *Grenville*, but, on the contrary, the place appointed for the said purpose, was in the extreme rear of said County where a fair expression of the opinions of the Electors of said County of *Grenville* could not be, and was not, obtained.

Third, That no Poll was opened in and for the Town of *Prescott* in said County of *Grenville* at said last Election, or pretended Election for the same, for polling the votes of the said Town, when in Law, a Poll ought to have been opened for polling the votes, in said Town at said last Election.

For these and many other good and valid reasons, your Petitioners humbly Protest against the Return made by the said Returning Officer of the said *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, as Member for the said County to serve in the present Parliament. And they humbly crave that the said Return may be declared null and void; the seat of the said *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, be declared vacant and vacated; a new Writ be issued and a new Election be called as soon as may be for said County of *Grenville*, that a full and fair expression of opinion of the Freeholders of the same may be obtained for a Representative to sit in your Honourable House.

Petitioners read.

Of *William Sweetman*, keeper of the lighthouse at *Presqu Isle Point*, Lake *Ontario*, praying for an increase of salary, and for the erection of a dwelling-house in connection with the said lighthouse.

Of the President and Board of Police of the town of *Cobourg*, praying for certain amendments to the Act to establish a police in the town of *Cobourg*.

Of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Stanstead*, praying that the number of terms for holding the Circuit Court at *Stanstead* be increased, or otherwise, that a salary be allowed to the Clerk of the said Circuit Court.

Of the Reverend *J. Anderson* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Melbourne* and *Durham*, in the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Drummond*, praying that the charter of *M. Gill College*, at *Montreal*, may be amended; and that the management of *King's College*, at *Toronto*, may be placed on a satisfactory basis.

Of the Reverend *C. J. Primeaux*, and others, of the parish of *St. Anne de Varennes*, praying for the consolidation and amendment of the road laws of *Lower Canada*, especially with regard to the winter roads, and for the continuance of the duty on live stock and other produce imported from the *United States*.

Of *Pierre Papineau*, and others, of the city of *Montreal*, ferrymen during the late war with the *United States*, praying to be provided for in the same manner as those who served in the embodied militia during the said war.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying that the owners of land in the said district may be compelled to make returns of the same to the district Treasurer.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying for the passing of an Act to prevent the taking of fish by means of seines, in a certain part of the *Twenty-mile Pond*, in the said district.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying that an Act may be passed to compel Public Temperance Houses, within this Province, to furnish suitable accommodations for travellers.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying that a certain line of macadamized road, between *Queenston* and *Grimsby*, may be made a provincial work, in order to finish the same, and to relieve the district of *Niagara* from all liabilities resulting therefrom.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying that the expense of the administration of justice may be defrayed out of the Provincial Revenue, or that the moneys received on tavern and other licenses be placed at the disposal of the Municipal Council for that purpose.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying for the passing of an Act to empower the said Council to impose a tax on dogs within the said district.

Of *S. J. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, electors of the town of *Cornwall*, setting forth:—

That they do hereby Protest against and object to the Return of *Rolland Macdonald*, Esquire, as the Representative for the said Town in the Legislative Assembly of the said Province of *Canada*, upon the following grounds:—

Cornwall Election.

First, Because bribery and corruption were practised previous to, and during the Election, which was held on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of October last past, by the said *Rolland Macdonald*, his agents or partizans, whereby a number of voters were induced to vote in favour of the said *Rolland Macdonald*, who would otherwise have voted for *Solomon Youmans Chesley*, the opposing Candidate.

Second, Because large sums of money were paid out and advanced by the said *Rolland Macdonald*, his agents and partizans, to procure title deeds, and for building and removing shanties, (some during the first day of polling,) for persons who were not qualified voters before, and who were by this accommodation induced to vote for the said *Rolland Macdonald*.

Third, That *Alexander Forsyth* did tender his vote, in favour of the said *Solomon Y. Chesley*, several minutes before the hour of five P.M. on the second day of polling, and although it was notorious to every inhabitant of *Cornwall* that the said *Alexander Forsyth* was a legally qualified voter, and although the said *Rolland Macdonald* was aware of this fact, and repeatedly solicited his vote and support, did notwithstanding vexatiously, and with a view to destroy his vote by taking up time, put to the said *Alexander Forsyth* the property qualification oath, and the bribery oath; to both of which the said *J. Forsyth* unhesitatingly acquiesced, but before getting through with the latter oath, the said *Rolland Macdonald* held up his watch and said the time was up, and in consequence the vote was not recorded, which your Petitioners respectfully conceive ought to have been taken down in favour of the said *Solomon Y. Chesley*.

Fourth, Because a number of persons, not entitled to vote, as well as others whose votes were induced by bribery and corruption, did record their votes at the late Election held in and for the Town of *Cornwall*, in favour of the said *Rolland Macdonald*, thereby giving him the said *Rolland Macdonald*, a nominal majority over the said *Solomon Y. Chesley*.

Fifth, Because that the said *Solomon Y. Chesley*, having, at the close of the Poll at said Election, the majority of legally qualified votes, (as your Petitioners verily believe,) ought to have a seat in the present Parliament instead of the said *Rolland Macdonald*, who has been returned.

Wherefore your Petitioners pray your Honourable House, to cause an investigation to be had in the premises, and otherwise to do therein as your Honourable House in its wisdom may deem proper and necessary.

Of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the County of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, setting forth:—

That at the recent Election for the said County the qualification of *Israel W. Powell*, Esquire, one of the Candidates, was demanded by an Elector at the Polling Place in the Township of *Walsingham*; that the said *Israel W. Powell* was not present to make the declaration required by Law, and that no declaration or copy of a declaration was present at the said polling place, and that in consequence thereof the Deputy Returning Officer, (*Titus Williams*, Esquire,) refused to receive any more votes for either of the Candidates, at the said Election, until the said declaration could be obtained, and as it could not be obtained before the time specified by law for the final closing of the Poll, no more votes were taken for the undersigned *David Duncombe*, and a majority of four votes appearing on the gross Poll for *Israel W. Powell*, he was declared Elected.

Your Petitioners beg further to represent that the said *Israel W. Powell* had not, according to the provisions of the Statute 4th and 5th, *Victoria*, cap. 52, delivered to the Returning Officer for the said County any declaration of his qualification, and that the undersigned *David Duncombe* had done so, and that a copy of it was present at each Polling place; and your Petitioners believe that under these circumstances, it was the duty of the Deputy Returning Officer to continue to receive votes for the undersigned *David Duncombe*, your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that the said *David Duncombe* may be declared the sitting Member instead of the said *Israel W. Powell*, or that a new Writ may be ordered to issue for the said County, as to your Honourable House shall seem fit, that justice may be done in the premises.

Of *William Buell*, of the town of *Brockville*, in the county of *Leeds*, in the district of *Johnstown*, Esquire, a Candidate at the last Election of the said County, setting forth:—

That by an Act of the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, entitled, "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 persons shall be capable of being Elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada* who shall not be legally or equitably seized, as of Freehold, for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements, held in Free and Common Soccage, or seized or possessed for his own use and benefit, of Lands or Tenements held in Fief, or in *Roture*, 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 seized 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 seized 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 colourably 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 a Provincial Act passed by the Parliament of *County of Canada* at its session held in the 4th and 5th years of the Reign of the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, entitled, "An Act to compel all Candidates at any future Election for Members of the Legislative Assembly to make and subscribe detailed declarations of the property by them possessed, and under which they qualify," it is, in effect, enacted, "That at any future Election within this Province, of any Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly, each 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 and subscribe under oath or affirmation, (which oath or affirmation the said Returning Officer is hereby authorised and required to administer,) a declaration specifying the Lands and Tenements of which he is duly seized at law, or in equity, as of Freehold for his own use and benefit, and held in Free and Common Soccage, or of which he is duly seized and possessed for his own use and benefit, held in Fief or *Roture*, and upon which he claims to be qualified according to Law, to be elected as aforesaid."

That at the last Election in and for the said County of *Leeds*, of a Member to Represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, *Ogle Robert Gowan*, and your Petitioner, became, and were Candidates at such Election; and the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, before he was elected, was then and there required in effect by an Elector of the said County, to make a declaration of Lands and Tenements upon which he claimed to be qualified, according to law, to be elected as aforesaid:

That although so required, the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* did not then and there make the qualifying declaration, or declarations, required by the said in part recited Acts; on the contrary thereof, he the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* made a pretended declaration of qualification before *Adiel Sherwood*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said Election, which was not according to the requirements and provisions of the said in part recited Acts.

First, Because, although the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* declares and testifies in the said pretended declaration, to the effect that he is 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 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, or payable out of, or affecting the same, yet, contrary to the clearly expressed and plain meaning of the provisions of the Provincial Act, herein before in part recited, he the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* does not, in his said pretended declaration, under oath, or affirmation, specify the Lands or Tenements of which he therein alleges himself to be so duly seized at law or in equity, and upon which he claimed to be qualified according to law, to be elected as aforesaid. Nor does he in his said pretended declaration, declare and testify under oath or affirmation, to the effect that he is seized as required by the last mentioned Act, of or in any of the Lands or Tenements, (if Lands or Tenements are intended), pretended to be specified upon the paper on which the said pretended declaration is written; nor does the said pretended declaration, or any part of it, contain any word, or words, expression, or expressions, referring to such pretended specification of Lands or Tenements, (if Lands or Tenements are meant), or to any specification of Lands or Tenements whatever, as being the Lands or Tenements upon which he claimed or claims to be qualified, according to law, to be elected as aforesaid; whereupon your Petitioner says, that the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* has failed to comply with the provisions and requirements of the Provincial Statute in that behalf, and, in consequence thereof, was disqualified and incapable of being elected or returned, and ought not to have been returned as Member to represent the said County, in the said Legislative Assembly.

Secondly, Because, although contrary to the obvious and plain meaning of the words of the said pretended declarations of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, yet if it should be considered that the said pretended declaration does refer to the said pretended specification of Lands or Tenements, (if Lands or Tenements are meant), written on the paper containing such pretended declaration, your Petitioner begs further to represent, that the said pretended

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specification is vague, uncertain, and wholly insufficient, and is not such a specification as is required by the Provincial Act, above in part recited, to be made by Candidates, to qualify them under the provisions of such Act, to be elected a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, as will appear to your Honourable House from the perusal of such pretended declaration, and the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* was therefore disqualified and incapable of being elected at the said Election, for the said County of *Leeds*, and ought not to have been returned a Member of the said Legislative Assembly.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays your Honourable House, upon being satisfied of the truths of the foregoing allegations, or of so much thereof as shall be deemed sufficient to make void the Election of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, and cause the Return thereof to be amended, so that your Petitioner, as the only legally qualified Candidate for whom votes were polled at the said Election, for the County of *Leeds*, may be returned as the Member to Represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Although your Petitioner is confident that your Honourable House will sustain the objections above alleged by your Petitioner, against the said pretended declaration of qualification of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, yet your Petitioner begs further to represent, that the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* was not, at the time of his said Election; or of making his said pretended declaration of qualification, legally or equitably, seized or possessed of Lands or Tenements sufficient according to law, to qualify or render him capable of being elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; on the contrary, the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, at the time of his said Election, or making his said pretended declaration, was not legally, or equitably seized or possessed according to law, of the Lands or Tenements (if Lands or Tenements are meant), pretended to be specified upon the paper containing his said pretended declaration, and upon which he claimed to be qualified or capable according to law, to be elected a Member as aforesaid.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays your Honourable House that for the cause last assigned, the Election and Return of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* may be declared void or amended, and your Petitioner returned in his place or stead, as the Member to represent the said County, in the said Legislative Assembly.

Your Petitioner further begs leave to represent to your Honourable House, that at the said last Election of a Member to Represent the said County of *Leeds*, in the Legislative Assembly, the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* ought not to have been Elected, or Returned as such Member.

First, Because votes were received and recorded in his favour from persons not possessed of the requisite property qualifications to entitle them to vote.

Second, Because the same persons voted more than once for him at the polling places, in the said County, whereby each of the said persons, gave two or more votes in his favour, contrary to law.

Third, Because the votes of office holders and others disqualified by law, were received and recorded in his favour.

Fourth, Because of persons voting in his favour at polling places not situate within the Township or division of Townships, containing the property qualifications upon which their votes were given.

Fifth, Because there is a majority of the legal votes on the said poll books in favour of your Petitioner.

Sixth, Because some of the Deputy Returning Officers 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 your Petitioner.

Seventh, Because of gross partiality, and illegal and improper conduct, on the part of some of the Deputy Returning Officers, in favour of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, operating injuriously against the Election of your Petitioner; the said Deputy Returning Officers, among other

things, unlawfully rejected many legally qualified voters of the said County, who presented themselves to vote for your Petitioner, whereby others similarly situated were prevented from coming forward to vote for him.

Eighth, Because, Electors of the said County were prevented from voting against the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, through threats of injury to their persons or property, from partizans and supporters of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*.

Wherefore, your Petitioner further prays, that a scrutiny of the votes recorded on the several poll books of the said Election in favour of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan* may be had, and that the illegal votes entered upon the said poll books in his favour, may be erased or struck off; and the votes of such Electors as were legally entitled to vote at the said Election—who came forward to vote for your Petitioner, but were improperly rejected by the Deputy Returning Officers—be placed upon the said poll books; and if thereupon it shall appear to your Honourable House that the majority of legal votes is in favour of your Petitioner, that he may be returned the Member to represent the said County in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, or that your Honourable House will take such other proceedings for rendering void the Election of the said *Ogle Robert Gowan*, and doing justice to your Petitioner and the Electors of the said County, as may seem proper, and according to law and Parliamentary practice.

Of Colonel *A. W. Light*, late Lieutenant Colonel of Her Majesty's 25th Regiment of Foot, complaining that he has been illegally divested of a part of a certain grant of land in the *Western District*, by the decision of the Boundary Line Commissioners, and praying relief.

Of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Lanark*, at the last Election, setting forth:—

That in consequence of no poll having been held in the Townships of *Ross*, *Westmeath*, *Pembroke* and *Stafford*, still a part and portion of the said County, by means of which a numerous class of respectable freeholders have been deprived of their unquestionable rights, as subjects of the Crown of *Great Britain*, in not having an opportunity of exercising their Elective Franchise, and voting for a Candidate according to their judgment, best qualified to represent their interest, wants and wishes, thereby the most important and interesting section of *Canada West*, particularly as regards the mercantile interest of the Colony, is left unrepresented in your Honourable House. That your Memorialist begs respectfully to represent that the tenor and meaning of the Writ, for holding the Election, has not been complied with, inasmuch as no poll having been held in the said Townships, the County cannot be considered as legally represented by Mr. *Cameron*.

That there are now from nine hundred to one thousand freeholders in the said County, who have not voted at the late Election.

Your Memorialist, therefore, most respectfully prays, that your Honourable House will act in the matter as the law requires, under similar circumstances, and direct or authorize that a new Writ for holding an Election for the County of *Lanark*, may be issued by the proper authority, as soon as convenient.

Of *T. A. Stayer*, Esquire, and others, proprietors of land in the *Eastern townships of Lower Canada*, residing in the city of *Montreal*, praying that the Municipal Ordinance may be so amended as to provide that the rates of taxes already imposed and remaining unappropriated, and those which may be hereafter imposed, may be applied to purposes of public utility within the townships respectively, in which the same have been or shall be raised.

Of the Committee of the British and Canadian School Society of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said School.

Of the *Montreal Ladies' Benevolent Society*, praying for Legislative aid in support of the said Society.

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Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying for the permanent establishment of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, with the exclusive management of the Harbour of *Montreal*; for the reduction of the rate of pilotage; and that lights and buoys may be placed on the River *St. Lawrence* between *Montreal* and *Kingston*, under the jurisdiction of the said Trinity House.

Of *John Frothingham* and others, resident in the district of *Montreal*, praying that the provincial duty on leather be increased, and that the Act imposing a duty on raw hides be repealed.

Of the Members of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, praying for an aid in support of the said College.

Resolved, That the Petition of *J. G. Tourangeau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*, and its vicinity, be referred to a Select Committee of five members, composed of *Mr. Chauveau*, the Honourable *Mr. Daly*, the Honourable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Chabot* and *Mr. Cauchon*, 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of Colonel *A. W. Light*, late Lieutenant Colonel of Her Majesty's 25th Regiment of Foot, be referred to a Select Committee of three members, composed of *Mr. Riddell*, *Mr. Meyers*, and *Mr. Roblin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the petition of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*, and of the Very Reverend *Angus Macdonell*, on behalf of the Corporation of the College of *Regiopolis*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Macdonald* of *Kingston*, *Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood*, the Honourable *Mr. De Bleury*, *Mr. Meyers*, and *Mr. Macdonell* of *Stormont*, 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Religious the Ursuline Ladies of *Three Rivers*, be referred to a Committee of five Members, 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. Greive*, *Mr. Guillet*, *Mr. Rousseau*, *Mr. Méthot* and *Mr. Désautier* do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Moderator and Presbytery of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Duulop*, *Mr. Cameron*, *Mr. Colvile*, *Mr. Macdonell* of *Stormont*, and the Hon. *Mr. De Bleury*, 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 the Reverend *John Merlin*, of the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, be referred to the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of *A. Larue* and others, of the parish of *Cap Saint Ignace*, in the county of *L'Islet*, be referred to a Committee of five members 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. Taché*, *Mr. Taschereau*, the Honourable *Mr. Lafontaine*, *Mr. Chabot* and *Mr. Bertrand*, do compose the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Macpherson* and others, inhabitants of *Crane Island*, and of the parishes of *Saint Thomas*, *Cap Saint Ignace* and other places, be referred to a Committee of five 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. Taché*, the Honourable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Chauveau*, *Mr. Christie* and *Mr. Prince* do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Macdonald of *Cornwall*, reported from the Special Committee appointed on Friday last, to draw up an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to thank Your Excellency for your most gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and to assure Your Excellency that we are gratified that an early period since the completion of the recent General Election has been selected by Your Excellency for meeting the Parliament at a season so convenient to the Members personally, for the discharge of the important functions devolving upon them.

We, in common with the other subjects of our Gracious Queen, throughout her vast dominions, in every quarter of the globe, rejoice at the auspicious birth of another member of the Royal Family, and humbly express our gratitude to the Almighty Giver of all Good, for the continued safety and health of our beloved Sovereign.

Our earnest consideration will be devoted to all subjects before us, concerning the welfare of the Province. We recognize the improvement of the education of the People as one of our most urgent duties, and it will be a matter of the most profound gratification to us, if such arrangements can be devised, respecting the University of *King's College*, as will receive the sanction of the Crown, and give general satisfaction in the Colony.

Our attention will be devoted to the Municipal Institutions of the Province, as well as to the state of the Prisons, and the want of Lunatic Asylums in *Lower Canada*, and also to the amelioration of the means of communication throughout this Province, so essential to its prosperity. We regret the peculiar destitution of the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada* in this particular; and that the Town of *Kingston*, in *Upper Canada*, which, by means of the removal of the Seat of Government, has unavoidably suffered much, should be deprived of a Road through the Inland Territory, towards the *Ottawa*, essentially necessary to its prosperity; and these subjects will receive that attention which their importance demands.

We will avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity of taking into consideration the state of the Militia Law in both sections of the Province, with a view to the framing of such a measure as may give efficiency to that arm of public defence throughout the same.

We are gratified to learn that the state of the Revenue affords a fit subject of congratulation, and we will not fail to apply our serious consideration to such measures as may be calculated to promote its further improvement.

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We learn, with the most profound satisfaction, that Her Majesty has graciously received the Address of the Legislative Assembly of the last Parliament, on the subject of the Civil List. And sensible of the only objects which could have induced the Imperial Parliament to make provision for a Civil List in this Province, and of the peculiar exigency which required such a course, we nevertheless rejoice in the assurance of Her Majesty's confidence in the concurrence of Her Majesty's faithful subjects in Canada for effecting the same purposes, and gratefully acknowledge Her Majesty's desire, to owe the means of obtaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people. We will therefore devote our earnest attention to the exercise of that most undoubted and important of our constitutional rights and duties; the granting to the Crown of a Civil List;—and we have the fullest confidence that the recommendation of Her Majesty to the Imperial Parliament, founded upon such a grant, to repeal so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject, will meet with that ready attention which its constitutional importance demands.

The financial accounts and estimates for the Public Service, will receive due attention, when laid before us; and we are happy to learn, notwithstanding the unavoidable expense attendant on the removal of the Seat of Government from Kingston to Montreal, and the claims to be submitted for our consideration, a considerable surplus will remain for future disposition.

We will make proper provision for the exigencies of the Public Service, and are gratified at Your Excellency's assurance that you will use your exertions to diminish expenditure by all practicable economy. It is a source of the greatest satisfaction to learn that Your Excellency has availed yourself of such opportunities for retrenchment as have presented themselves, and we thankfully acknowledge the assurance that Your Excellency will continue to pursue the same course, whenever reduction appears to be consistent with efficiency.

We concur with Your Excellency in desiring that the welfare of United Canada may be promoted by the joint labour of all the branches of the Legislature. And our earnest efforts will be devoted to such measures as may in our judgment be calculated to secure peace and prosperity, justice and happiness to this Province.

We fully confide in Your Excellency's declaration that you will continue to administer the charge entrusted to you, by Our Most Gracious Sovereign, according to the acknowledged principles of Our Provincial Constitution, and with a view to the wants and wishes of the community. And we learn with exceeding satisfaction, that on the occurrence of vacancies in several of the most important offices of the Administration, immediate efforts were made by Your Excellency to fill them by gentlemen supposed to possess the confidence of the people. While we rejoice at the assurance of Your Excellency's incessant exertions to supply these vacancies, we nevertheless regret to learn that obstacles should have intervened to delay the accomplishment of this constitutional purpose.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that in the full exercise of our constitutional powers, we will earnestly endeavour to maintain the harmony with the other branches of the Legislature, essential to the well-being of the people, for whose benefit alone these powers are conferred, and in devoting ourselves to the discharge of our important duties, we unite with Your Excellency in a humble hope, that the Almighty will bless our endeavours, and render them efficacious for the public good.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honourable 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 Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, one of the Members of the 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, to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock, P. M., at the Government House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned; and to make better provision for the relief of parties claiming Lands in *Upper Canada*, for which no patent hath issued, as representing the original nominees of the Crown. Relief of parties claiming Lands 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, the seventeenth instant.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

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 copy of the Lease under which the land known as the "Forges of *St. Maurice*" are now held, if such Lease be in writing, and also for a copy of all such papers and documents as His Excellency may deem proper to communicate to this House, in relation to the future disposal of the said Land, known as "the Forges of *St. Maurice*." Forges of St. Maurice.

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

Mr. *Gowan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Indemnification of Jurors*, for leave to bring in a Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the Laws, relative to Jurors, Juries, and Inquests, in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the indemnification of Jurors, while attending the several Courts in that portion of this Province:

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

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

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, 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 cause to be laid before this House, a statement of the cost of macadamizing and keeping in repair the roads leading from *Montreal* to *La Chapelle's Bridge*, with the amount of Tolls thereon received, and any other information which His Excellency may think proper to communicate on the subject. Montreal Roads.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the instruments or Authority whatever, by virtue whereof the Tract of Country upon the rivers *Saguenay* and *St. Lawrence*, known as the *King's Posts* in the King's Posts, District of Quebec.

district of *Quebec*, is now held by the Honourable the company of Merchant Adventurers of *England*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Riddell*, seconded by Mr. *Meyers*,

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 manner in which the Laws, and other official Public Documents, are printed, together with an account of the expense thereof, and other matters connected therewith.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Lafontaine*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

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 copy of any Correspondence which may have passed between the Executive Government of this Province, and the Imperial Government, from the time of the passing of the Union Act to this day, in relation to the forty-first section of the said Union Act, by which it is enacted that certain Writs, Proclamations, Instruments, Returns, Journals, written or printed Proceedings, and Reports, as specified in the said section, shall be in the English language only.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, 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 memorandum or other Documents submitted to His Excellency by any Member, or Members, of the late Provincial Administration, relative to the state of the Receiver General's Department, and any other information on the same subject which it may be in His Excellency's power to communicate. And also copies of any memorandum or other Document, submitted to His Excellency by any Member, or Members, of the late Provincial Administration, relative to the state of the Post Office Department, and suggesting improvements in that branch of the Public Service.

The question being put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, De Witt, Drummond, Jobin, Lucoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith, of WENTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson—(29.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(35.)

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

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 a tabular form, of all sums of money which have been expended, from the Public Treasuries of the several Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and the Province of *Canada*, for Public Improvements and Education, in each of the several Counties and Ridings, in this Province, since the year 1830, specifying the authority under which such expenditure was made, and the several times of making such expenditure.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to pray that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay upon the table of this House, a copy of the Instrument by virtue of which the Honourable *Denis Benjamin Viger* was called to the Honourable the Executive Council of the Province, and took his seat as a Member thereof; and also that a copy of the Instrument by virtue of which the said Honourable *Denis Benjamin Viger* was appointed to be Chairman, or President, of the said *Council*, or of the Committees thereof, be also laid upon the table of the House, for the information thereof.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill, supplementary to an Act of the last session of the Legislature, relating to the Administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* district, and to extend the provisions of the said Act.

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

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*, That the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnston*; and the Petition of *R. Burritt* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, to represent the said county in Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House on the twenty-third instant, at the hour of four of the clock P.M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the Speaker, to the Petitioners and the Sitting Member, according to the provisions

Laws, &c.,
Printed.

Correspondence on certain proceedings being in the English language only.

Receiver General's Department.

Post Office Department.

Moneys expended for Public Improvements and Education.

Hon. D. B. Viger.

Administration of Justice in Gaspé.

County of Grenville contested Election.

Grenville
Election.

of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King George the Fourth, chapter four.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *M. Connell*,

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

Marriage
License Fee
Fund.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the Fund, formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund," to fix the fees hereafter to be taken on Marriage Licenses, and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the Public Treasury, being read,

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

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill to approve of and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain* to incorporate the *Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company*, being read,

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Greive*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 10^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

Address in
answer to Speech.

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, the Governor General, with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of the Legislature, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly—

I thank you cordially for this Address and for the assurance of support which it conveys, and I confidently rely upon your assistance in my endeavours to administer the Government for the benefit of the people.

Recognizances
for contested
Elections.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the House that *François Cadoret*, and *Donald George Morison*, had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Also,

That *Paul Lepper* and *John Wilson* had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Megantic*.

Also,

That *James Durand*, Esquire, *Theodore Hart* and *John E. Mills*, had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the *West Riding* of the county of *Halton*.

And also,

That *Joseph Hilarion Jobin* and *John Macdonell* had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Yamaska*.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Lacoste*, the Petition of *John Glen* and others, trustees of the *Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road*.

By Mr. *Jobin*, the Petition of *Guillaume D'Eschambault*, of the village of *Laprairie de la Madeleine*.

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *Joseph Elier* and others, inhabitants of *Shefford Mountain*; and the Petition of the Directors of the *Shefford Academy*.

By Mr. *Bertrand*, the Petition of *Joseph Ouellet*, of the parish of *Trois Pistoles*, in the county of *Rimouski*, in the district of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, Electors of the county of *Yamaska*; and the Petition of *Noah C. W. Cannon*, of the city of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of the Honourable Baron *Grant de Longueuil* and others, of the town of *Dorchester*, commonly called *St. Johns*; and the Petition of *Alexander Joseph Wolff*, of the parish of *St. Ambrose*, in the county and district of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Thompson*, the Petition of *Daniel Hower* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *Robert F. Cooke* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *James Applebee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Dickson*, the Petition of *Charles Richardson* and others, inhabitants of the town and district of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of *M. N. Corry*, M. D., and others, inhabitants of the township of *Stamford*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Faculty of Medicine, in connexion with the University of *McGill College*; the Petition of *Henry William Harris*, Captain in Her Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot; and the Petition of the Committee of Management and Trustees of the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*.

By Mr. *Hall*, the Petition of *John Gilchrist*, of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of the Honourable *D. Mondelet*, Resident Judge, and others, inhabitants of the town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of the Reverend *C. Jackson* and others, Members of the Episcopal Clergy in the diocese of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, freeholders and electors of the county of *Megantic*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Worland* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *M. Connell*, the Petition of *Alvan Williams* and others, inhabitants of *West Bolton*, in the county of *Stanstead*; and the Petition of *W. G. Cooke* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*.

By the Honourable Mr. *De Bleury*, the Petition of *Joseph Bouchette*, of the Surveyor General's Department.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of the Reverend *E. J. Sherrill* and others, inhabitants of *Eaton*; the Petition of *Israel Rice*, of the township of *Ham*, in the district of *St. Francis*; and the Petition of *Heman Bangs*, of the township of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *William Duncan* and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*; and the Petition of *A. W. Playfair*, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Gilbert M. Micking*, Esquire, and others, electors of the South Riding of the county of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *Leonard Boivin* and others, electors of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Petitions
referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *E. L. Hayden* and others, inhabitants of *Sorel* and *Yamaska*, be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John M. Pherson* and others, inhabitants of *Crane Island*, and of the parishes of *St. Thomas*, *Cap. St. Ignace*, and other places.

Effy M. Cuaig
and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Effy M. Cuaig* and others, tenants of the seigniorie of *New Longueuil*, be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Sauvase De Beaujeu*, of *Coteau du Lac*.

Municipal
Council of the
Niagara
district.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to the Returns of Lands); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to Fish); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara* (relating to Temperance Houses); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara* (relating to macadamized roads); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara* (relating to the administration of Justice); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara* (relating to a tax on dogs); be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Chalmers*, and Mr. *Thompson*, to examine the contents thereof and to report thereon, from time to time, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

Broken lot O,
in Bytown.

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, any Correspondence between His Excellency and the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in this Province, the Commissioner of the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance residing in *Bytown*, and of any Correspondence from the Commander of the Forces in this Province, in reference to broken lot O, within the limits of the town of *Bytown*, since the ninth day of December, 1843, up to this date.

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

On motion of Mr. *Meyers*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to

River Trent
Navigation

be laid before this House, an account in detail, of all moneys raised by sale of Debentures, under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, entitled "An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money, to be raised by Debenture for the improvement of the navigation of the river *Trent*," passed in the seventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, cap. 66, and a detailed statement of the expenditure thereof.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the county of *Halton*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, be taken into consideration by this House on Thursday, the nineteenth December, instant, at at the hour of four o'clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. *Speaker*, to the Petitioner and the sitting Member, according to the provision of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

Halton con-
tested Election.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, be taken into consideration by this House, on Friday, the twentieth day of December, instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the *Speaker*, to the Petitioner and sitting Member, according to the provision of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

Oxford con-
tested Election.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, that the Petition of *Samuel Woods* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, be taken into consideration by this House, on Thursday, the nineteenth day of December, instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the *Speaker* to the Petitioners and sitting Member, according to the provision of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

Lincoln con-
tested Election.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Ordered, that the Petition of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Middlesex*, in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Thursday, the

County of
Middlesex con-
tested Election.

sixteenth day of January next, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the *Speaker* to the Petitioner and the sitting Member, according to the provision of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

Duties on
Agricultural
Produce.

Ordered, that the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a limited time, the Act for imposing duties on Agricultural Produce, and Live Stock, imported into 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 tomorrow.

Grenville con-
tested Election.

According to Order, the House proceeded to take into consideration the motion which was made yesterday, that the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*; and the Petition of *R. Burritt* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, to represent the said county in Parliament, be taken into consideration by the House, on the twenty-third instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the *Speaker* to the Petitioner, and the sitting Member, according to the provision of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, chapter four.

And the question being put upon the said motion, it was unanimously agreed to by the House, and ordered accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Riddell*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 11^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

Trinity House,
Quebec.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the House the Accounts of the Corporation of the Trinity House, *Quebec*, received in conformity to the 20th section of the Act 4 and 5 *Victoria*, cap. 15.

(For the said Accounts see Appendix E.)

Also,

Bonds and
Securities.

The Registrar's Report of Bonds and Securities registered, in compliance with the Provincial Act 4th and 5th *Victoria*, chapter 91.

(For the said Report see Appendix F.)

Also,

Census
Returns.

Census Returns for *Lower Canada*, prepared in compliance with the provisions of the Act 7 *Victoria*, chapter 24.

(For the said Returns see Appendix G.)

Recognizance.
County of
Lanark con-
tested Election.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the House that *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, the Honourable *Henry Graham*, and *Robert Kerr*, Esquire, had entered into the usual recognizance, required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Lanark*.

Also,

That *William Notman*, *Luther Hamilton Holt*, *County of Middlesex*, and *Lanson Hilliard*, Esquires, had entered into the usual recognizance, required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Middlesex*.

Also,

That *William Harris*, *Lanson Hilliard* and *H. B. County of Smith*, Esquires, had entered into the usual recognizance, required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Grenville*.

Also,

That *William Henry Boulton*, *Melchior Alphonse County of De Salaberry*, and *Jean Baptiste Macon*, Esquires, *York*, had entered into the usual recognizance, required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the third Riding of the county of *York*.

And also,

That *Edward Ermatinger*, *Melchior Alphonse De County of Salaberry* and *Jean Baptiste Macon*, Esquires, *Norfolk*, had entered into the usual recognizance, required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Norfolk*.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Von Rohr*, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the township of *Humberston*, in the district of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Charles White* and others, members of the community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of *Humberston*.

By Mr. *De Witt*, the Petition of the Reverend *François Labelle* and others, of the parish of *L'Assomption*, in the county of *Leinster*; and the Petition of *Marcus Child*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*, the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Pepin* and others, of the county of *Chambly*; the Petition of the Reverend *Pierre M. Mignault*, founder and superior of the College of *Chambly*; and the Petition of Mrs. *M. A. J. Hertel de Rouville*, widow of the late Honourable Lieutenant Colonel *C. M. De Salaberry*, C. B., and now wife of *John Glen*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Jobin*, the Petition of *Joseph Daout* and others, inhabitants of the island of *Montreal*, in the district of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *John Clarke* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of *Cote St. Martin*, *Longue Pointe*, and other places.

By Mr. *McConnell*, the Petition of *Aaron A. Adams* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Barnston* and *Barford*; the Petition of *Albert Knight* and others, Trustees of *Stanstead Seminary*; the Petition of *E. S. Clarke* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Barnston* and *Barford*; the Petition of *Augustus Abbott* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Stanstead*; and the Petition of *Solomon Steele* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Stanstead* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *Jonathan Merry* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*, in the county of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *C. C. Grece* and others, proprietors, whose lands are intersected by the *Grenville canal*; and the Petition of the Revd. *Joseph Duquet*, and others, of *Saint Martin* and other parishes.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Riddell*, the Petition of *John Burwell*, Esquire, of *Port Burwell*, in the district of *London*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of *Pierre Allard* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *Thomas Miles* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *Chambly*; the Petition of the Religious Ladies of the congregation of *Our Lady of Montreal*; the Petition of the Ladies forming the Committee of Management of the *Montreal Lying-in Hospital*; and the Petition of *Thomas White* and others, boot and shoe manufacturers, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

By Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *James Dallas*, Esquire, Warden, and others, freeholders and inhabitants of the district of *Simcoe*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Petition of *Eusebe Cartier* and others, inhabitants of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*; the Petition of *James Blackburn* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Hull* and its vicinity; the Petition of *John Egan* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Ottawa*, and of the south bank of the river *Ottawa*; and the Petition of *Antoine Lozeau* and others, inhabitants of the seigniorship of *La Baie St. Antoine*, commonly called *Baie du Febvre*.

By Mr. *Grive*, the Petition of *Louis Richard Lafleche*, and *Louis Guillet*, Esquires, of the county of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Hall*, the Petition of *William Cottingham*, of the township of *Emily*.

By Mr. *Drummond*, the Petition of the Honourable *J. R. Rolland* and others, inhabitants and proprietors, of the counties of *Chambly*, *Rouville* and other places.

By Mr. *Cauchon*, the Petition of *William Henry Lenoire*, Esquire, Returning Officer of the county of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Colville*, the Petition of *E. Colville* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *St. Anicet*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *S. Derbishire*, Esquire, of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Boutillier*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *St. Hyacinthe*, (relating to the College of *St. Hyacinthe*.)

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *William Gamble* and others, inhabitants of the *Home* district; the Petition of *Charles H. Howard* and others, electors in and for the Fourth Riding of the county of *York*; and the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others, his supporters.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *J. Filteau* and others, inhabitants of the parishes of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, and *St. Jean Les Chaillons* in the county of *Lotbinière*; the Petition of *Benjamin Burland*, gauger, in the Department of the Customs, and others, landing waiters, at the inland Port of *St. Johns*; the Petition of the President and Members of the *Quebec British and Canadian School*; the Petition of *Charles Poston* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Alfred Hawkins*, of the city of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of *A. Wells* and others, inhabitants of *Potton*, *Bolton*, and other townships.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of the Venerable *George O'Hall Stuart* and others, proprietors of lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*, in the county of *Frontenac*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *Michael Aikman*, Esquire, of the township of *Barton*, in the county of *Wentworth*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Lafontaine*, the Petition of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme*, Curé of the parish of *St. Therese de Blainville*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, (relating to an aid); the Petition of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme*, of the parish of *St. Therese de Blainville*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, (relating to an Act of Incorporation); and the Petition of the Reverend *Raphael Neyron*, Curé of *St. Benoit*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions read:—

Of *Alfred Wilson* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *West Gwillimbury* and *Innisfil*, praying that a grant of the Legislature for certain contemplated improvements in the *Penetanguishene* road, fully set forth in their Petition to the Board of Works, may be expended upon the said line of road.

Of *Henry Carter* and others, of the townships of *Shefford* and *Granby*, praying for aid to complete a certain road leading into the village of *Granby*.

Of *Alexander McDonald*, of *Montreal*, praying to be appointed as a Committee Clerk to the Legislative Assembly.

Of *John Russell* and others, shoemakers of the town of *Cobourg*, praying that a duty may be imposed on Leather manufactures imported into this Province.

Of the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, of the parishes of *St. Timothée* and *St. Clément*, complaining of losses and damages sustained by them in consequence of the construction of the *Beauharnois Canal*, and from the labourers employed thereon, and praying indemnification.

Of *Joseph Daigneau* and others, proprietors of Lands along the line of the *Beauharnois Canal*, in the parish of *St. Clément de Beauharnois*, praying that they may be indemnified for certain damages sustained by them, by reason of the construction of the *Beauharnois Canal*.

Of *Flora Thomson*, of the parish of *St. Clément de Beauharnois*, wife of *Joseph Toll*, setting forth that her husband, the said *Joseph Toll*, contracted a second marriage in *Wales*, in the year 1836, and praying relief by a Bill of Divorce.

Of the Reverend *Robert V. Hall* and others, of *Stanstead*, praying that the charter of *St. Gill College* at *Montreal* may be amended; and that the management of *King's College*, at *Toronto*, may be placed on a satisfactory basis.

Of the Reverend *L. Doolittle* and others, of the district of *St. Francis*, praying aid for the support and care of the insane in the said district.

Of the Corporation of *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*, praying for a continuance of Legislative aid, in support of the said Asylum.

Of *George K. Clisholm*, Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Assembly, praying for an addition to his salary for the year 1844.

Petitions read.

Of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants, in the county of *Quebec*, praying for amendments in the Ordinance relating to the turnpike roads in the neighbourhood of *Quebec*.

Of *Hyacinthe Brunet* and others, of *Ste. Anne, Pointe Claire*, and other parishes, praying that a turnpike road may be made from *L'Abord à Plouff* to the *St. Charles* road, above the village of *Ste. Genevève*.

Of the Corporation of the Ladies of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*, praying for an aid towards the support of the said institution.

Of the President and Directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the county of *Montreal*, praying for certain amendments in the laws relating to Mutual Insurance Companies.

Of *John Phelan* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*, praying for aid to erect a bridge over the *North River*, on the line of the Queen's highway.

Of the Very Reverend *Angus Macdonell*, Vicar General of the diocese of *Kingston*, praying for the passing of an Act to secure a sufficient remuneration to the Catholic Chaplain, attending the convicts in the Provincial Penitentiary.

Of the Reverend *M. Townsend* and others, of the southern part of the county of *Rouville*, praying for aid to complete the building of an Academy at *Clarencerville*, and to support the said institution.

Of *Francis Cottrell* and others, freeholders and censitaires of the seigniorie of *St. Antoine de La Baye*, in the county of *Yamaska*, praying for authority to divide the common of the said seigniorie among themselves.

Of the Very Reverend *Ed. Crenier*, of the parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying aid for the support of the Hospital of the *Hôtel Dieu* at *St. Hyacinthe*, and that it may be placed among the number of those entitled to public aid.

Of the Corporation of the Education Society, of the district of *Quebec*, praying for an aid in support of the said Society.

Of the Reverend *Louis Proul* and others, of the county of *Lobinière*, praying for a grant of £400, to enable them to repair certain bridges, and to improve the road leading over certain hills in the said county.

Of *Charles Turgeon*, of the city of *Quebec*, lumber merchant, praying to be paid for the rent of a house, and for the use of certain articles furnished by him to the Municipal Council of the district of *Quebec*.

Of *Eugene Archambault*, praying such remuneration or indemnification for his services as Clerk of the Municipal Council for the district of *Leinster*, as the House may think fit to grant.

Of *Léon Charles Clément*, of the parish *Des Eboulements*, in the county of *Saguenay*, notary, praying for additional remuneration for his services in taking the census of the county of *Saguenay*.

Of *J. B. Duberger* and others, electors of the county of *Saguenay*, praying for an aid towards opening certain roads in the said county.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Gare*, praying that the Common School Act may be amended by abolishing the situation of Township Superintendents.

Of *Patrick M'Gowan*, late Sergeant in Her Majesty's 99th Regiment of Foot, praying for a grant of land, or scrip, in consideration of his past services in the army.

Petitions read.

Of *Gilbert M'icking*, Esquire, of the town of *Chippewa*, praying to be continued in the possession of certain lots of land, already granted to him by licence of occupation.

Of *A. F. Holmes*, M. D. and others, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of *M'Gill College*, praying that the Act of Incorporation petitioned for by certain medical men of *Montreal*, be not granted.

Of Messieurs *Hamilton* and *Low*, and others, saw-millers and dealers in sawed wood, complaining of certain provisions of the Act for the Inspection and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars and Deals, and praying relief.

Of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*, and the Very Reverend *Angus Macdonell*, praying for an aid to complete the erection of the College of *Regiopolis*, in the town of *Kingston*.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, praying for aid to construct certain bridges in the said district.

Of *William Ritchie*, Registrar of the county of *Sherbrooke*, praying for a grant to enable him to make a complete and perfect set of Indices to the Registry Books of the said county.

Of *William Ritchie* and *William Walker*, Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*, in the town of *Sherbrooke*, in the district of *St. Francis*, praying for the usual aid in support of the said Academy.

Of *Edouard Normand*, of the parish of *Ste. Marie Magdeleine du Cap de la Magdeleine*, carpenter, praying an exclusive privilege for a steam ferry at *Three Rivers*, and an aid to construct a bridge over the river *Godfroi* in that district.

Of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying for the payment of the amount yet due them as contractors on the *St. Lawrence* canal during its construction.

Of *Julia Bell*, of the city of *Toronto*, widow, praying that the pension granted to her late husband for his services as Messenger in the House of Assembly of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, may be continued to her.

Of *Julia Bell*, of the city of *Toronto*, widow, praying for remuneration for the services of her late husband as keeper of the Parliament Buildings in *Toronto*, after the removal of the seat of Government.

Of Mrs. *Emily Machie* and other ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec Infant School*, praying for an aid in support of the said School.

Of *T. Trigge* and others, the Committee of Management of the National School at *Quebec*, praying for an aid in support of the said School.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, Directors of the *Quebec High School*, praying for an aid in support of the said School.

Of Miss *Mountain* and other ladies, the Committee conducting the affairs of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*, praying for a continuance of the aid heretofore granted them for the support of the said Asylum.

Of *James Dean* and others, of *Quebec*, merchants, praying to be incorporated as "The *Quebec Forwarding Company*."

Of *Peter Dunn* and others, electors of the city of *Montreal*, setting forth:—

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That at the Election held in the month of October last past, at the said city of *Montreal*, for the purpose of choosing and returning two Members to serve in this present Parliament, for the said city, and to represent the same therein, the Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, and *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, also of the said city, Esquires, became, and were Candidates, and that a poll being demanded, *John Young*, Esquire, the Returning Officer, by himself and his Deputies, proceeded to take, and record the votes of divers of the Electors of the said city, and did otherwise proceed to such Election, and that he, the said *John Young*, at the close thereof, declared and proclaimed the said *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, to be duly elected as Members to serve for the said city of *Montreal*, and to represent the same in this present Parliament.

That the said Honourable *George Moffatt* and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury* have been illegally elected, and unduly returned, and are not lawfully entitled to sit in Parliament as Members to represent the said city of *Montreal*, for various good and sufficient reasons, and amongst others, *Firstly*, Because the streets in which the polling Booths for the various wards into which the city of *Montreal* is divided, for the purpose of the election of Members to represent it in Parliament, were obstructed in an illegal manner, and that high and strong plank partitions were erected therein, whereby access to the polling Booths to all the Electors indiscriminately was prevented, and before recording their votes, and before access was given to the Electors to the polling Booths, and the Returning and Deputy Returning Officers, the Electors in the interest of the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury* were forced and compelled to approach the said polling Booth on one side of the said partition, and the Electors in the interest of the said *Pierre Beaubien* and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, were forced and compelled to approach by the other side of such partition, — by means whereof, and of the taking of the votes alternately from each side of the said partition, the majority of the Electors for the three most prominent Wards of the said city, to wit: the *Queen's Ward*, the *St. Lawrence Ward*, and the *St. Mary's Ward*, who were in the interest of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, were placed upon the same footing as the minority who were in the opposite interest, and a large number of votes in the interest of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, which otherwise would have been recorded in favour of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, remained unpolled. *Secondly*, Because the system of alternate voting, three by three, for the Candidates on each side was carried out and persisted in, during the whole time occupied in polling the votes, at all the Wards of the said city, contrary to Law, without the consent, and against the will of the above named *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, to the manifest advantage of the Candidates so illegally elected, and unduly returned as aforesaid, and with the view of virtually disfranchising the three most populous Wards of the said city, to wit: the *Queen's Ward*, the *St. Lawrence Ward*, and the *St. Mary's Ward* aforesaid. *Thirdly*, Because free access to the polls was denied to the Electors in all the various Wards of the said city, during the days fixed for polling. *Fourthly*, Because, in five out of six Wards of the said city, to wit: the *Queen's Ward*, the *St. Lawrence Ward*, the *East Ward*, the *West Ward*, and the *Centre Ward*, the Deputy Returning Officers refused, although required by the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, their Agents and various Electors to continue to poll votes after the hour of five of the clock in the afternoon of the first day fixed for the polling of votes in the said city. *Fifthly*, Because, in the sixth, the *St. Mary's Ward*, the Deputy Returning Officer, *Jean Lewis Beaudry*, Esquire, was deprived of all power and authority to keep the peace and maintain order; the Military Magistrates and Constables having refused to obey his orders; and because the said Deputy Returning Officer for the said *St. Mary's Ward*, was on the first day for polling votes; interrupted in taking votes for the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*; and driven from the polling Booth, together with the said *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, and a large num-

ber of the Electors who were in the act of tendering their votes in favour of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, by the violent interference of a body of Her Majesty's troops, armed with muskets and bayonets, acting under the orders of *Henry Corse*, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, in and for the district of *Montreal*, aforesaid, an active and violent partizan of the said *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*. *Sixthly*, Because on the morning of the second day fixed for polling votes, the polling Booth in the *St. Mary's Ward* was in possession of a party of Soldiers, and an Officer of the Eighty-ninth Regiment of Foot, by whom the said Deputy Returning Officer for the said *St. Mary's Ward*, the said *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, and several Electors of the said *St. Mary's Ward*, then seeking to record their votes in favour of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, were prevented from approaching the said polling Booth. *Seventhly*, Because during the said two days of polling, the persons of the Electors who approached, or attempted to approach the various polling Booths in the said city, were exposed to danger from the attack of bands of fighting men, hired by the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, or by their authorized Agents in this city, also by other bands of fighting men, also hired and brought from the city of *Quebec*, the township of *Rawdon*, and other parts of the Province, and paid, fed, and armed with bludgeons, bowie knives, and pistols, and other murderous weapons, for the purpose of intimidating the liberal Electors, and preventing their free access to the polls, and because the said Electors while assembling together, awaiting peaceably an opportunity to record their votes in favour of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, were, in various instances, dispersed and driven from the neighbourhood of the polls, not only by the bands of the fighting men so hired, as aforesaid, but also by troops of Cavalry, and parties of Infantry, acting under the orders of Magistrates, known to be active and violent partizans of the said Hon. *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, and refusing to obey the orders of others. *Eighthly*, Because during the two days of polling, the polling Booths were surrounded by troops of Cavalry, and parties of Infantry, being troops in Her Majesty's service; and because field pieces were placed on several of the public squares, with the sanction of His Excellency Sir *Richard Downs Jackson*, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in this Province, who also voted at the said Election for the said Hon. *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, and because the city, which bore throughout the appearance of being in a state of siege, was, on the second day, generally understood, and publicly proclaimed by an Officer, high in command, to be under Military controul. *Ninthly*, Because illegal oaths were administered to various Electors, and various corrupt and illegal devices were resorted to by the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, and by one or more of the Deputy Returning Officers, for the purpose of delaying and protracting the enregistrement of votes; whereby, and by reason of the various other matters herein complained of, upwards of fifteen hundred Electors, entitled and desirous to vote for the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*, were deprived of the opportunity of doing so, and have been thus virtually disfranchised. *Tenthly*, Because bribery and corruption were resorted to by the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, or their authorized Agents, with a view to induce persons to vote for them the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*. *Eleventhly*, Because the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, or their authorized Agents, before, during and since the said polling days, kept open houses, and furnished food and strong drinks to various Electors, and other persons, with the view of influencing their suffrages, and of exciting them to violence, and furnished Calèches, Cabs, and other vehicles, to convey Electors to the polls. *Twelfthly*, Because many of the votes of persons, having by law no right to vote at the said Election, have been recorded in favour of the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*. *Thirteenthly*, Because previous to the said days of polling, the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, or their

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authorized Agents, did organize, or cause to be organized, various secret societies, for the purpose of intimidating the Electors of the said *Pierre Beaubien*, and *Lewis Thomas Drummond*—the Members of which secret societies, and others acting with them, appeared at, and in the neighbourhood of the polling Booths, armed with bludgeons, pistols, bowie knives, and other weapons, communicating with each other by means of secret signs and watchwords, and carrying badges, distinctive of their party. *Fourteenthly*, Because no legal return of the votes recorded at the *St. Mary's Ward* of the said city, during the said election, was made by *Jean Louis Beaudry*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said *St. Mary's Ward*, having declared that the Electors of the said *St. Mary's Ward*, were, by the interference above alluded to, and by other causes, deprived of the right of recording their votes according to law. *Fifteenthly*, Because all, and every the proceedings had during the said Election, in regard of the said Election, have been vitiated by artifice, intrigue, corruption, partiality, and violence, and were, and are, wholly, and altogether, unconstitutional, illegal, null and void. That your Petitioners are ready, and willing to prove all, each, and every, the allegations in this their petition contained.

Wherefore, your Petitioners humbly pray the consideration of your Honourable House in the premises; and that your Honourable House will set aside the Election of the said Honourable *George Moffatt*, and *Charles Clément N. Brevois De Bleury*, as Members to represent the said city of *Montreal* in Parliament; that your Honourable House will further declare the said election and return to be absolutely null and void, and will order a new writ to issue for the election of two Members to represent the said city in Parliament, according to law, and that your Honourable House will further grant such relief to your Petitioners as may be deemed meet in the premises.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of *Quebec*, praying that measures be adopted to enable them to purchase a certain piece of ground, belonging to the estates of the late order of Jesuits, now occupied by the military Government as barracks, for the purpose of improving the city of *Quebec*.

Mr. *Colville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Framtenac*, that the Petition of the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, of the parishes of *St. Timothée* and *St. Clément*, be referred to a Committee of five Members, composed of Mr. *Colville*, the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, and Mr. *De Witt*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, De Bieury, De Witt, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillot, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Laurason, Leslie, Macdonald of COTSWALL, Macdonell of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DESDAS, Macdonell of STONMONT, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BRACKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FROSTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(51.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Drummond, Jobin, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Lantier, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Price, Rousseau, Small, Taché, and Taschereau—(22.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved accordingly.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Honourable *William Walker* and others, President, Vice-Presidents, and Directors of the *Quebec Library Association*, be referred to a Committee of five Members, composed of Mr. *Chabot*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Christie*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, 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.

Hon. Wm. Walker and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor and Corporation of the city of *Quebec* (relating to Bridges) be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *J. G. Tanguenau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*, and its vicinity.

Corporation Quebec.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. F. Holmes*, M.D., and others, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of *McGill College*, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M.D., and others, lecturers and students in and of the Medical School in the city of *Montreal*, called the College of Medicine and Surgery.

McGill College.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* and Mr. *Jessup* be added to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of Messieurs *Hamilton* and *Low* and others, saw-millers and dealers in sawed wood, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed deal cutters of the city of *Quebec*.

Hamilton and Low, and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*, be referred to a Committee of five Members, composed of Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Laurin*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, 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.

R. G. Belleau and others.

Mr. *Williams*, from the Special Committee appointed to investigate and ascertain by whom and in what way the following words, to wit: *Tinkers, Barkers, Shavers, Southwites, Shakers, and Gipsies*, were introduced into the Journals of this House in the amendments made by the Honourable the Legislative Council, in the last session of Parliament, to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Religious Societies of all Denominations of Christians in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, to hold Lands for certain purposes therein mentioned," presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Interpolation in Journals of Assembly.

Your Committee have ascertained by the voluntary admission of Mr. *G. M. Muir*, Clerk of the English Journals of this House, that the words forming the matter of reference for the investigation of your Committee were interpolated by him, in a rough copy of the Journals, intended for the Printer; that the same was done, according to his statement, in a moment of thoughtless levity, with a view merely of startling his brother Clerks of the Establishment, and not with the slightest idea of its being possible that they could ever become part of the printed Journals, as the proof sheet would, as he had reason to expect, in its ordinary course, be compared with the original, and the interpolation be thus corrected. It would, however, appear that at the time that such comparison ought to have been made, no access could be had to the original in question, with which to compare the said proof sheet, in consequence of the records of the Legislative Council being packed up preparatory to their transmission to *Montreal*, and the interpolations in consequence appeared in the printed Journals.

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Your Committee append to this report the statement submitted to them of the matter under examination by Mr. *Muir*; and while they exonerate this individual from any intention of falsifying the Journals of the House, they deem it an imperative duty to express their conviction that he took an unwarrantable liberty in the discharge of the solemn trust reposed in him, and has been guilty of a most serious indiscretion, subjecting him to the grave displeasure of your Honourable House.

Your Committee, however, at the same time, take permission to allude to the extenuating circumstances connected with this case, viz., that the admission of the indiscretion is the voluntary act of the offender, while no proof would appear to exist against him, and with a view to prevent the possibility even of suspicion resting upon an innocent person; and they are further pleased to add, that during a long period he has invariably borne the character of a faithful and efficient servant of your Honourable House.

Mr. Muir's Statement.

I am the Clerk of the English Journals of the Legislative Assembly, and in that capacity it is my duty to prepare copies for the printer of the various documents to be inserted on the Journals. After the close of the last session I accordingly prepared copies of such documents, and examined them with Mr. *Lindsay*, except those which related to amendments made by the Legislative Council to Bills sent up from the Assembly; as to which amendments it was understood by us that it would be unnecessary to examine them, because the proof sheets of the Journal would be compared with the original before they were signed as correct—this being considered the safer mode to avoid all chance of error.

The copy was therefore made roughly for the printer, and not examined. In making the copy of the amendments of the Council to the Bill introduced by Mr. *Williams*, I was struck by the novelty of the names of some of the religious denominations, and I thoughtlessly added some nonsensical words, with no other intention than that of startling my brother officers when they should correct the proof, and without the slightest idea of its being possible that the words I added could ever get into the printed Journals, certain as I felt myself that the proof was to be corrected from the original. Unfortunately this was not done, and, although the singularity of the expressions struck the printer and the officer who corrected the press, neither the original nor the Act of *Upper Canada*, from which the passage purported to be cited, appears to have been referred to. No application was made to me, and I was not aware of what had occurred until the error had been made public, and corrected by the insertion of a new leaf in the Journals. I now find that the matter is viewed in a much more serious light than I had expected, and as I can neither allow others to be blamed for what was my fault, or consent to prevaricate or say what is untrue to screen myself, I think it right to make this statement. I am aware that by so doing I expose myself to the censure of the House and such punishment as they may think it just to inflict; but I trust that my thus coming forward to acknowledge my error, and bear the penalty it may bring upon me, when, by reason of the destruction of the copy in question, that error could be proved only by my own acknowledgment, will at least convince the Committee that my statement is true, and will ensure my being believed when I say, in doing what I did, I had not the slightest intention to hurt the feelings of any sect or persons whomsoever, or in any way whatever to injure or annoy any one; that I thought it impossible that the words I had inserted could ever pass the corrector of the press, or appear on the Journals, and that I am deeply grieved that by a thoughtless (and I confess a foolish) act I have given pain, offence, or trouble, to any one. I am, moreover, perfectly ready to attest this statement on oath, if the Committee think proper to require it.

G. M. MUIR.

Montreal, 6th December, 1844.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
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Special Committee on the annexed order of reference met.

PRESENT.

Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Meyers*, Hon. Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Hale*.

Mr. *Williams* in the Chair.

Read the order of Reference.

Mr. Chairman read to the Committee a Statement that had been handed to him by Mr. *Muir*, the Clerk of the English Journals.

EVIDENCE.

Mr. *Patrick*, Chief Office Clerk, called, states—That Mr. *Vaux*, Second Office Clerk, mentioned to him at the time he examined the proof, of those objectionable words appearing in it; he requested him to refer in the first place to the printer's copy, and then to the original documents. Mr. *V.* did refer to the copy, and found those words legibly written in it, but when endeavouring to examine the original, which was in the possession of the Honourable the Legislative Council, it was either gone to *Montreal*, or packed up ready for that removal; he then said to Mr. *V.* that the press must not be kept waiting, that if it should turn out to be wrong, the sheet can be reprinted before the distribution; that in his anxiety to comply with the urgent demands of the Members for the Journals, he hurried their completion and the distribution of one copy to each, and in consequence of which, he confessed that he had forgotten the matter, until discovered and made known to him by Mr. *Lindsay* in October last; he further states that when the circumstance was mentioned to him, though the words appeared ridiculous, he had no apprehension of the manner they were introduced, not having seen them, but barely supposed the possibility that they might have occurred in said amendments.

Mr. *Vaux*, Second Office Clerk, called, states—That he revised all the proofs of the Journal of the third session of the last Parliament, and proved the latter part of the same; has no doubt he proved and revised the sheet in which the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill respecting Religious Societies were inserted; he remembers distinctly that he inquired of the printer whether certain words in said amendments were in the copy, and that the said words were written in the same hand and form as the rest of the copy; that before the sheet was struck off he informed Mr. *Patrick*, then acting as Deputy Clerk, in the absence of the Clerk of the House, of the insertion in the Journal sheet of the said words; that Mr. *Patrick* directed him to discover if such words were in the original document, which document was an engrossed Bill in possession of the Legislative Council, and which was then packed up with the records of the said House for removal to *Montreal*.

Mr. *Muir*, called, states—That he is Clerk of the English Journals, and in that capacity it is his duty to prepare copies for the printer of the various documents to be inserted on the Journals; after the close of the last session, he prepared such documents, and examined them with Mr. *Lindsay*, except the amendments made by the Legislative Council to Bills sent up from the Assembly, it being understood by Mr. *Lindsay* and himself that it was unnecessary to collate those documents at the time, because they would be compared in the proof sheet with the originals of the Council; this being the safer mode to avoid all chance of error; he believes it is the usual practice to correct all documents of importance in the proof sheet with the originals; in the particular instance of the amendments of the Council of the last session, they were not collated by Mr. *Lindsay* and himself, expressly to ensure the certainty of the correction of the proof sheet from the originals of the Council; when he inserted the objectionable words in the copy, he was impressed with the absolute conviction that they must be discovered, and omitted, by the corrector of the press, and that they could not appear on the Journals, otherwise he would assuredly not have written them.

A. PATRICK,
Clerk of Committee.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Report on Petition of Ursuline Ladies of Three Rivers.

Mr. Greive, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Religious the Ursuline Ladies of *Three Rivers*, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

That Your Committee have examined the Petition referred to them, and are of opinion that the powers prayed for by the Petitioners should be granted them; they therefore beg leave to recommend that an Act be passed to enable the Ursuline Nuns of *Three Rivers* to acquire and hold additional, immovable, and other property, yielding an annual revenue of £1500 currency.

Standing Committees.

The Honourable Mr. Papineau, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the six Standing Committees ordered by this House, on Thursday last, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee, in obedience to the order of reference, proceeded to the preparation of Lists of Members who are to compose the Standing Committees, and beg to submit the same to your Honourable House, viz:—

1ST—ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Privileges and Elections.

The Honourable Mr. Baldwin,
Mr. Cameron,
Mr. Christie,
Mr. Leslie,
The Honourable Mr. Moffatt.
The Honourable Mr. Papineau, and
The Honourable Mr. Sol. Gen. Sherwood.

2ND—EXPIRING LAWS.

Expiring Laws

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin,
Mr. Cauchon,
Mr. Chauveau,
Mr. Robinson, and
Mr. Sherwood, (*Brocheville*.)

3RD—ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Private Bills.

Mr. Boutillier,
Mr. Chabot,
Mr. Duggan,
Mr. Hale,
The Honourable Mr. Morin,
Mr. Murney, and
Mr. Price.

4TH—ON STANDING ORDERS.

Standing Orders.

Mr. Berthelot,
Mr. Chauveau,
Mr. Macdonald, (*Kingston*.)
Mr. Meyers, and
The Honourable Mr. Small.

5TH—ON PRINTING AND BINDING.

Printing and Binding.

Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. Dickson,
Mr. Gowan,
Mr. Jobin,
Mr. LeMoine, and
Mr. Powell.

6TH—ON CONTINGENCIES.

Contingencies.

Mr. Roblin,
Mr. DeWitt,
Mr. Lafontaine,
Mr. McConnell,
Mr. Riddell,
Mr. Stewart, (*Bytown*.) and
Mr. Williams.

On motion of Mr. Gowan, seconded by Mr. Greive,

Ordered, That the Petition of Alexander Fraser, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of Lanark at the last election; the Petition of William Duncan and others, freeholders of the county of Lanark; and the Petition of A. W. Playfair, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of Lanark, severally complaining of the undue election and return of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, to represent the county of Lanark; be taken into consideration, by this House, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth instant, at the hour of four of the clock, P. M.; and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given, by the Speaker, to the Petitioners, and the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada, during the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King George the Fourth, chapter four.

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas, have leave to bring in a Bill to diminish the costs on certain suits at law in Upper Canada, by increasing the jurisdiction of the district courts.

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

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the Petition of A. F. Holmes, M. D., and others, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of McGill College; and the Petition of Francis C. T. Arnoldi, M. D., and others, lecturers and students in and of the Medical School in the city of Montreal, commonly called the College of Medicine and Surgery, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Christie have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize, to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of official salaries, towards payment of the incumbent's debts.

He accordingly presented the said 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-third instant.

Ordered, That Mr. Christie have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a tribunal for the trial of impeachments, by 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, the twenty-third instant.

Ordered, That Mr. Greive have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at *Three Rivers*, to acquire and hold additional real and moveable property to a certain amount.

He accordingly presented the said 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. Webster have leave to bring in a Bill to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands in the district of Wellington.

He accordingly presented the said 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 seventeenth instant.

On motion of Mr. *Webster*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Militia Scrip.

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 copy of the authority given to the Crown Land Department, for issuing certain Militia Scrip, as advertized in the Official Gazette; whether such authority is founded upon any Proclamation or order in Council, and if the latter, the date of such order, with such other information as His Excellency may be pleased to afford. Also, a statement of the probable amount of such Militia claims, and whether such Scrip is intended to be applied in the payment of public lands in the Province of *Canada* generally, or merely to the purchase of lands in *Lower Canada*. Also, the nominal value at which it is fixed, whether reference is had to the price of such lands in the Province of *Canada*, or to their value in *Lower Canada* only. Also, the number of clerks employed examining Militia claims, and making out Scrip for the liquidation of the same; the salaries paid to such clerks, and whether the same are paid out of special funds; if so, the nature of such funds—or if borne on the general expense account of the Crown Land Department. Also, the amount of said Scrip already issued, with the dates of such issues. Also, if it is the intention of Government to insist on the immediate settlement of lands purchased in *Upper Canada*, and paid for with said Scrip.

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

Gaspé and Gulf Fisheries.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to take into consideration the expedience of affording encouragement to the *Gaspé* and Gulf Fisheries, carried on from this Province, by exempting salt and other articles indispensable to the Fisheries, from duties, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Robinson* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday, the tenth of January next.

Traders and District Treasurers.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the abuses which have arisen from persons being traders, or the agents of traders, being appointed or allowed to act as District Treasurers in *Upper Canada*, being read,

Mr. *Johnston* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, That the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until Monday the twenty-third instant.

Mr. *Roblin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, That the words "Monday the twenty-third instant" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted, "this day three months."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put upon the main motion, it was agreed to unanimously, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to continue for a limited time the Act for imposing duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock, imported into this Province, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Greive*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 12° die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

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

By Mr. *Armstrong*, the Petition of *John M. Conville*, teacher of the *Berthier* Academy.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of the Reverend *Urbain Orfroy* and others, inhabitants and freeholders of *St. Charles de Beaumont* and other parishes.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *W. G. Blanchard* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*; and the Petition of *Daniel de Hertel*, warden, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of Captain *Alouzo Wood* and others, inhabitants of the Eastern Townships, in *Canada East*; the Petition of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*, master of a Grammar School in the county of *Shefford*; and the Petition of *Hervey Lawrence* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Shefford*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of the city of *Toronto* and Lake *Huron* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of *Loop Odell* and *Antoine Merizzi*, of *Napierville*, in the county of *Lacadie*, (relating to court house and gaol), and the Petition of *Loop Odell*, and others, of the county of *Huntingdon* (relating to losses sustained during the late rebellion).

By the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Richer*, senior, and others, inhabitants of the parish of *St. Benoît*, in the district of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*, the Petition of the Rev. *Louis M. Brassard*, Curé, of the parish of *Ste. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*; and the Petition of the Honourable Baron *Grant de Longueuil* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Ste. Hyacinthe*, *Richelieu* and *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*.

By Mr. *M. Connell*, the Petition of the District Council of the district of *Sherbrooke* (relating to school and municipal acts.)

By the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Petition of the Reverend *Jean C. Leonard*, of the parish of *Ste. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*.

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brought up.

By Mr. *De Witt*, the Petition of Mrs. *Mary Anne Snell*, widow of the late *James Williams*, formerly Post Master of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of the Right Reverend *Michael Power*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*; and of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*; and the Petition of *A. Chapman* and others, landholders, residing on the shores of the river *Richelieu*, *South river*, and other places, in the district of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Petition of *William Molson* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of real estate in the village of *Hochelaga*, and in the parish of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *John McBean* of *Launcester*, in the *Eastern* district.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *E. L. Hayden*, of *William Henry*; the Petition of the Sisters of Charity of the General Hospital of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Eden Coleile* of *Beauharnois*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of *Hollis Smith* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Stamstead* and other places; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Sherbrooke* (relating to a railroad.)

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of Mrs. *Jane Pigott*, widow of the late *John Pigott*, of the city of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of the Ministers, Elders and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church*, in the city of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *William Bethell*, of *Quebec*, and *Thomas Brown*, of *Valcartier*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of Mrs. *Marie F. Bilodeau*, widow of the late *Jacques Langlois*, of the city of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Pierre J. O. Chauveau*, Esquire, of the city of *Quebec*, President of the *Société Canadienne d'Etudes Scientifiques et Littéraires*; and the Petition of *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Bolduc*, of the city of *Quebec*, heretofore Messengers of the Honourable the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of *Samuel Price* and others, inhabitants of the Second Riding of *York*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of *N. B. Doucet*, of the city of *Montreal*.

I. E. Dufresne. Mr. *Dickson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Colville*, That the Petition of *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, of the parish of *Ancienne Lorette*, in the county of *Portneuf*, in the district of *Quebec*, Esquire, advocate, be now brought up and laid on the table.

The question having been put upon the said motion, the House divided thereon,

Yeas 24.

Nays 47.

So it passed in the negative.

Duties on
Agricultural
Produce.

An engrossed Bill to continue for a limited time, the Act for imposing duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock imported into this Province, was read for the third time.

Resolved, that the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions read:

Of *John Glen* and others, Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road, praying for certain amendments to the Ordinance 4 *Victoria*, chap. 16, and to be authorized to borrow a further sum of £5000.

Of *Guillaume D'Eschambault*, of the village of *Laprairie de la Magdeleine*, praying compensation for his services as a Commissioner concerning the contested election of *O. Berthelet*, Esquire, in 1833.

Of *Joseph Elier* and others, inhabitants of *Shefford* mountain, praying for a survey of the said mountain, and that the conditions upon which the lauds thereon are to be disposed of, may be specified.

Of the Directors of the *Shefford* Academy, praying for aid in support of the said Academy.

Of *Joseph Ouellet*, of the parish of *Trois Pistoles*, in the county of *Rimouski*, in the district of *Quebec*, praying for the payment of an account for services rendered in taking the Census of the said County, in the year 1835.

Of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, setting forth:—

That it appears by the Return of *William Pitt*, Esquire, to whom, as the duly commissioned Returning Officer, the Writ of Election for the said County of *Yamaska* was addressed, to be proceeded upon according to law, that *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, Physician, was well and duly elected in the last General Election of this Province, to represent the Electors of the said County of *Yamaska* in your Honourable House, but your Petitioners most respectfully submit to your Honourable House that the return of the said Returning Officer ought to be rejected, annulled, and made void, and the election of the said *Léon Rousseau* declared illegal, unconstitutional, null, and of no effect, for the following reasons:—

That the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, as your Petitioners humbly represent, in order to be elected as aforesaid, did, before and during the election for the said County, employ every means of corruption, intimidation, and violence, to procure the suffrages of the Electors in his favour, as well by himself as by his agents, friends, and partisans, and that a great many Electors were in fact induced to vote in favour of the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, by means of the corruption, intimidation, and violence, used by the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, his agents, friends, and partisans, as aforesaid: that for the same causes a large number of other Electors voted several times at the said Election, for the said County of *Yamaska*, and that persons, who were strangers to the County, and who were not Electors, also voted at the said Election for the said County of *Yamaska*, and that a greater number still were prevented from exercising their elective franchise at the said last Election for the said County of *Yamaska*, and were prevented from voting so as to avoid the threats of prosecution, and the means of corruption, intimidation, and violence, made use of and displayed by the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, his agents, friends, and partisans.

That your Petitioners respectfully represent that the Candidate at the last Election for the County of *Yamaska*, who lawfully and legally polled the votes in his favour, is *Joseph Guillaume Barthe*, of the City of *Montreal*, Advocate, who, your Petitioners humbly submit to your Honourable House, ought to be declared duly elected as lawfully representing the Electors of the said County of *Yamaska*.

Wherefore, your Petitioners respectfully beg that your Honourable House will afford them an opportunity of proving their allegations, when and in such manner as your Honourable House shall order, persuaded that your Honourable House, as the guardian of the public rights and of the Elective Franchise, and the special tribunal from which your Petitioners presume to seek redress, perfectly confident that they will regain their constitutional right of freedom of vote, that noble prerogative which is the glory and the

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political security of the British subject, and which has been audaciously violated by the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, his agents, friends and partisans, at the last Election for the said County, in your wisdom, will adjudge and declare the Election of the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, as aforesaid, illegal, unconstitutional, null and of no effect, as being tainted with every illegality by which an Election is vitiated and annulled; and that the return of the said Returning Officer, which declares the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, elected by the qualified Electors of the said County of *Yamaska*, to represent them in your Honourable House, ought to be set aside and annulled, and the said Election of the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, made void for the reasons above alleged; the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, expelled from your Honourable House, and *Joseph Guillaume Barthe* admitted into your Honourable House, as lawfully, constitutionally and legally, representing the Electors of the said county of *Yamaska* in your Honourable House.

Petitioners read.

Of *Noah C. W. Cannon*, of the city of *Toronto*, praying to be naturalized as a subject of Her Majesty.

Of the Honourable Baron *Grant de Longueuil* and others, of the town of *Dorchester*, commonly called *St. Johns*, praying for certain amendments to the Judicature Act.

Of *Alexander Joseph Wolff*, of the parish of *St. Ambrose*, in the county and district of *Quebec*, praying for the payment of an amount due him as superintendent of works in opening the *Metis* or *Kempt* road.

Of *Daniel Hoover* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; of *Robert F. Cooke* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, and of *James A. Applebee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, praying that the said county may be set apart as a separate District.

Of *Charles Richardson* and others, inhabitants of the town and district of *Niagara*, praying to be incorporated under the name of "the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek*, Plank Road Company."

Of *M. N. Corvy*, M. D. and others, inhabitants of the township of *Stamford*, praying that the existing Law for the recovery of Small Debts may be amended.

Of the Faculty of Medicine in connexion with the University of *M^cGill College*, praying for aid in support of the Medical School, in connexion with the said College.

Of *Henry William Harris*, Captain in Her Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot, praying for the passing of an Act of Divorce.

Of the Committee of Management and Trustees of the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, praying for an Act to Incorporate the said Society.

Of *John Gilchrist*, of *Peterborough*, praying for compensation for injuries caused by the operations of the Board of Works.

Of the Honourable *D. Mondelet*, resident judge, and others, inhabitants of the town of *Three Rivers*, praying for a certain grant already voted, but not received; and for the continuation of the usual annual allowance in support of a school in the said town.

Of the Reverend *C. Jackson* and others, members of the Episcopal Clergy in the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying for relief under the operation of the Law which deprives Clergymen of the exercise of their elective franchise.

Of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, freeholders County of
and Electors of the county of *Megantic*, setting *Megantic con-
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forth:—

That on Wednesday, the sixteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, at the Court House in the township of *Leeds*, the Election of a fit and proper person to represent the County of *Megantic*, in the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of this Province, was convened by *Daniel Burray*, of *Leeds*, Returning Officer for the said County.

That three Candidates were then and there duly nominated and seconded, to wit: the Honourable *Dominick Daly*, *John Graves Clapham*, Esquire, and *Thomas William Lloyd*, Esquire.

That on the twenty-second and twenty-third days of October, then next following, polls were opened in the townships of *Leeds*, *Inverness*, *Ireland*, *Wolfstown*, *Halifax*, *Somerset*, *Tring*, *Lambton* and *Forsyth*, by, and under authority to that effect from the said *Daniel Burray*, for the Election of a Representative of the said County.

That although the said *Thomas William Lloyd* was afterwards elected by a majority of legal votes, yet an apparent and colourable majority in favour of the said *Dominick Daly*, to the exclusion of the said *Thomas William Lloyd*, was obtained by various illegal, corrupt, criminal and unwarrantable means and practices, destructive of the right of Election in the persons legally qualified to be Electors, and subversive of the Constitutional franchise, rights and privileges of your Petitioners, and of the whole body of Electors.

That your Petitioners, as well in consideration of the justice due to the said *Thomas William Lloyd*, as from regard to their own rights, grossly violated at the said Election, deem it their duty to resist and oppose the illegal Election and Return of the said *Dominick Daly*; and well assured that your Honourable House, always anxious to preserve the sacred right of Election pure and inviolate, will investigate the matters of complaint herein contained against the Election and Return of the said *Dominick Daly*, pray leave succinctly to represent the principal facts and grounds on which the said Election and Return is to be considered an undue Election and Return, and as being null and void in law.

First, That the said *Dominick Daly*, previous to, and at the time of the said Election, was not qualified according to law to be elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Second, That the said *Dominick Daly*, immediately after he was nominated as a Candidate, when duly requested so to do, did not make, and subscribe under oath, before the Returning Officer, a written declaration, specifying the Lands and Tenements upon which he claimed to be qualified according to law, to be elected.

Third, That the said *Daniel Burray*, unmindful of his duty as Returning Officer for the said County, acted contrary to law, by appointing, and causing separate polls to be held, and votes to be taken, in certain Townships, to wit: the Townships of *Lambton*, *Forsyth*, and *Wolfstown*, which two first mentioned Townships, to the knowledge of the said *Daniel Burray*, did not contain one legally qualified voter, and neither of the three said several Townships, the requisite number of inhabitants, to entitle them by law to separate polls; and moreover, in nominating and appointing certain persons, to wit: *William Hargraves*, *James M^cCallum*, *Thomas Sheridan*, and *John M^cInally*, as Deputy Returning Officers, although the said *Daniel Burray* well knew that they were not severally and respectively qualified according to law, to act in that capacity.

Fourth, That the conduct of the said *Daniel Burray*, and several of his said Deputies, to wit, the said *William Hargraves*, *James M^cCallum*, *Thomas Sheridan*, and *John M^cInally*, was unjust, illegal, and partial, evincing more of the spirit of partizans of the said *Dominick Daly*, than of impartial public officers.

Fifth, That many votes were given for the said *Dominick Daly* by persons possessed of no qualification

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whatever, and many whose want of qualification was apparent on their own statement; that many persons were induced to vote and take the oaths to entitle them to do so, by criminal solicitations; that in divers instances several persons were admitted to vote for the said *Dominick Daly* on one and the same alleged qualification; in others, persons under oath declared themselves proprietors of lands to which they have no right or title; in others, votes which were tendered for the said *Thomas William Lloyd*, one of the Candidates, were recorded in the Poll Books for the said *Dominick Daly*.

Sixth, That the said *Dominick Daly*, directly by himself, and indirectly by means of others in his interest or favour, and acting as his authorised Agents, did both before and during the said Election, employ divers means of corruption at such Election, with intent to corrupt and bribe certain Electors to vote in his favour, by giving and promising to give or procure sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities, rewards, conveyances, and title deeds, or patents for lands, pensions and presents; and did open and support, or cause to be opened and supported, at his costs and charges, houses of public entertainment, for the accommodation of the Electors within the said county of *Megantic*.

Seventh, That during the whole course of the Election, a number of persons, not residents within the county, and having no right to vote at the said Election, were collected and kept together for the purpose of overawing and intimidating Electors desirous of voting for the said *Thomas William Lloyd*, and most effectually violated and destroyed all freedom of Election.

That by reason of the premises, it is manifest the Election and Return of the said *Dominick Daly* has been obtained by the most illegal and criminal means; and not doubting that your Honourable House will feel an anxious desire to do justice upon this representation, your Petitioners humbly pray your Honourable House to take the same into your serious consideration, and in granting relief to your Petitioners, that your Honourable House will be pleased to declare the said Election of the said *Dominick Daly* null and void, and to order the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to attend the bar of your Honourable House to amend the Return for the said County, by erasing the name of the said *Dominick Daly*, and inserting that of the said *Thomas William Lloyd* in lieu thereof, and make such and further order in the premises as in the wisdom of your Honourable House shall appear fit.

Petitioners read.

Of the Reverend *John Borland* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the charter of *McGill College*, at *Montreal*, may be amended, and that the management of *King's College*, at *Toronto*, be placed upon a satisfactory basis.

Of *Alvan Williams* and others, inhabitants of *West Bolton*, in the county of *Stanstead*, praying that a certain part of the said township may be attached to the county of *Shefford*.

Of *W. G. Cooke* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*, praying for an aid in support of the said institution.

Of *Joseph Bouchette*, of the Surveyor General's Department, praying that the Legislature may encourage him in the publication of his Map of the Province, by subscribing for a number of copies thereof.

Of the Reverend *E. J. Sherrill* and others, inhabitants of *Eaton*, praying that the charter of *McGill College*, at *Montreal*, may be amended, and that the management of *King's College*, at *Toronto*, may be placed upon a satisfactory basis.

Of *Israel Rice*, of the township of *Ham*, in the district of *St. Francis*, representing that he has endured great privations and hardships, as the only settler in the said township, which he has fully set forth in three Petitions to the Head of the Executive, and praying relief.

Of *Heman Bangs*, of the township of *Stanstead*, praying for aid in consideration of the services rendered by him during the late war with the *United States*.

Of *William Duncan* and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*, setting forth:—

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That your Memorialists deeply appreciating the value of their political privileges, cannot refrain from complaining when these are in any degree infringed.

Your Memorialists respectfully beg to represent that at the late Election for the County of *Lanark*, the Freeholders in several Townships were not enabled to record their votes, because there were no Magistrates near them to swear in the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, and they have thereby become actually unrepresented in your Honourable House.

Your Memorialists are of opinion that the present Member, returned for the said County, does not represent the majority of the Freeholders in their wants and wishes.

Your Memorialists deeply sympathize with their fellow Electors who have been virtually disfranchised, and will not hesitate to undergo the trouble contingent on a new Election for the said County for the purpose of affording them relief, and in this they are actuated solely by a sense of justice; they moreover wish that an opportunity may be afforded every one to record his vote, so that the real sentiments entertained by a majority of the Electors of the said County may be disclosed, for as it is at present, with nearly nine hundred persons unpolled, there is nothing but strife and argument amongst them as to the probable result if all had voted; and your Memorialists are fearful that in this state of things animosities will be engendered amongst neighbours that the present generation will not see the end of.

Your Memorialists, believing that the Election for the said County has been protested against, and, in all probability, will be followed up by *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, the unsuccessful Candidate, pray you seriously to investigate the allegations he sets forth, and if you find the fact to be correct, that a large number of our fellow-subjects in the County have not been permitted to vote, for the reasons hereinbefore stated, and that such being repugnant both to the principles of the Constitution and the Statute Law, the present Member is disqualified for holding a seat in your Honourable House, that you will order a new Election to be held, in order that justice may be done.

Of *A. W. Playfair*, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*, setting forth:—

That your Petitioners, deeming it to be necessary for the welfare of the County in which they reside, as well as conducive to the peace and well being of its inhabitants, that there should be in your Honourable House, a duly and properly elected Representative, not only of the majority of their wants, but also of their political rights, now most respectfully beg to represent, for the consideration of your Honourable Body,

That *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, returned as Member for the said County, has not been elected in conformity with the Constitution, nor in conformity to the Statute Law.

That in this County, the Freeholders in eight Townships have had no voice whatsoever, either for or against him politically, in recording their votes, by reasons of their having been no Magistrates in, or near these places, to administer the requisite oaths to the Deputy Returning Officers and poll Clerks.

That this circumstance, while it deprives these Freeholders of their Constitutional privileges, gives a tone and a character to the means by which the Member now claiming a Seat, that is derogatory to the feelings of the majority of the Freeholders of the County, because all that they do wish is a fair representation of the interests of that majority; and besides it creates much discussion and altercation among your Memorialists, which it is highly desirable should be allayed.

That although it will put your Memorialists to some expense and inconvenience, still they would rather submit than that any number of their fellow settlers should be deprived of their elective franchise.

Your Memorialists have learned that the Election for the said County is likely to be contested; they therefore do respectfully pray that your Honourable House will fully investigate the matter, and if you deem the Election illegal, that you will order the issue of a new Writ.

South Riding
Lincoln con-
tested Election.

Of *Gilbert M'Miching*, Esquire, and others, electors of the South Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, setting forth:—

That at the last election for a Member to represent the South Riding of the County of *Lincoln*, in Parliament, the notice of an Election taking place was not sufficient, the same being in writing, and not a sufficient number of them, whereby many Electors were not aware that an Election was to take place, until the morning of the same or the day after.

Secondly, That the conduct of the Returning Officer at *Port Robinson*, on the day of taking the Poll, was unprecedented, if not illegal, in not opening the Poll by Proclamation; and at the time that *William Woodruff*, Esquire, a freeholder, and Seconder of Mr. *M'Miching*, was making a Speech, he was interrupted by a mob at the same time, and applied to the Returning Officer for protection, who stated he could not afford any protection as he had adjourned the Poll, and that without Proclamation, thereby the said Returning Officer virtually encouraging the disorderly and outrageous conduct of the mob, who at the same time were making threats and holding up their fists in a menacing manner; and further Mr. *M'Miching* had reserved some remarks to make, but was prevented from doing so by the above outrageous conduct of the mob.

Thirdly, That *James Cummings*, Esquire, the Candidate returned for the South Riding of *Lincoln*, at the time the Poll was taking at *Port Robinson*, was then a Collector of Tolls at *Chippewa*, as did appear by a clearance given by the said *James Cummings*, on the thirteenth day of October last, under the Board of Works, and a Protest was entered against the nomination of the said *James Cummings*, at the time, and consequently is ineligible of being elected or returned as a Member to serve in the Legislative Assembly according to the Statute of the 7 *Victoria*, chapter 65.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Honourable House to cause an investigation of the allegations herein set forth to be made, and that if due cause shall appear, that the return of the sitting Member be declared void and a new Election ordered.

Petitions
referred.

Canada Baptist
Missionary
Society.

P. M'Gowan.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Committee of Management and Trustees of the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society* be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Patrick M'Gowan*, late Sergeant in Her Majesty's 99th Regiment of Foot, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Drummond*, and Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, 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. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

Civil List.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to inform the House whether any answer has been received to that part of the Address of last Session, to Her Majesty, from this House, relating to the Civil List, which refers to the Office of Chief or Civil Secretary, representing the same as an unnecessary and burdensome charge on the Civil List of the Province, that ought, in the opinion

of Her Majesty's faithful Commons, to be forthwith abolished, and the duties thereof transferred to the Provincial Secretary; and that His Excellency, if any such communication on the subject have been received, will be pleased to lay the same, or such part thereof as he shall deem himself at liberty to impart, before this House.

Civil List.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonald* of *Cornwall*, have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the several Courts of *Queen's Bench* in *Upper and Lower Canada*, to issue Writs of *Subpoena ad Testificandum*, as therein mentioned.

Courts of
Queen's Bench.

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

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengarry*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*,

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 number of suits brought in the Court of Chancery since the 19th July, 1841, showing the number of suits actually adjudicated upon, the amount of costs taxed and allowed on each suit, and the amount of fees paid on each suit to the Registrar; together with a detailed statement exhibiting the aggregate sum received by that officer, by way of fees and charges on the said suits.

Courts of
Chancery.

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

On motion of Mr. *Jobin*, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*,

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, within the shortest delay possible, detailed accounts of all sums of money received and expended by the trustees of the Toll-bar roads at *Montreal*, by virtue of the Ordinance to provide for the improvement of certain roads in the vicinity of the city of *Montreal*, and leading thereto; and also, detailed statements of all transactions of the said trustees by virtue of the same authority, since the date of the statements and accounts submitted to this House, at the last Session of the last Parliament.

Trustees of
Toll-bar Roads,
Montreal.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengarry*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expedience of repealing certain parts of the first and second sections of an Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, chapter four, intituled, "An Act to afford relief during a limited time to insolvent Debtors."

Insolvent
Debtors.

Insolvent
Debtors.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Wednesday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 13^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

THE Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

That the entry in the Journals of this House of yesterday's date, in relation to the reception of the Petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, be corrected and amended, by inserting "that the consideration of the said Petition was ordered to be postponed to this day."

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lautier, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson—(31.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gouau, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, and Williams—(34.)

So it passed in the negative.

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

By Mr. *Colville*, the Petition of *Patrick Buchanan* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Dundee*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *James W. Brown* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Thompson*, the Petition of *Joseph Gee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *John De Cou*, senior, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Richard Brown* and others, inhabitants of *Cayuga*.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *Joseph Rogers* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*; and the Petition of *Zozine Maçon* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the *Home District*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of the members of the *Toronto Board of Trade*; and the Petition of *Leonard Wilcox*, of the city of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Reverend *Mark Willoughby*, Superintendent of the *Newfoundland and British North American School Society*.

By Mr. *Méthot*, the Petition of *Jean Ble. Bellefeuille* and two others, ferrymen, residing on the south shore of the *St. Lawrence*, opposite the town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of *Pierre Vezina*, Esquire, on behalf of the inhabitants of the town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *Alexander Smith* and others, cordwainers, of the town of *Kingston*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of the council of the *Quebec Board of Trade*; and the Petition of *William Bethell*, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of *N. H. Baird*, Civil Engineer.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *Archibald McBean* and others, proprietors of saw mills, and manufacturers of lumber in *Canada*.

By Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *William Laughton*, proprietor of the Royal Mail Steam Packet *Beaver*, on *Lake Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *James Hervey Price*, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

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

Of *Leonard Boivin* and others, electors of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*; setting forth:—

That an Election, having for its object the choice of a man qualified to represent the County of *St. Hyacinthe* in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, was held in the said County, on the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth days of the month of October last, by virtue of a writ to that effect issued.

That the Candidates, at the said Election, were *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, and *Louis Antoine Dessaulles*, Esquire, both of *St. Hyacinthe*.

That during and before the said Election, the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, by himself, or by agents by him authorised, in divers parts of the County, caused threats to be made use of towards a great number of Electors who were disposed to vote in favour of the said *Louis Antoine Dessaulles*, Esquire, and that by such illegal acts a great number of the said Electors were, in fact, prevented from voting; that the said threats consisted in giving the said Electors to understand, and even in threatening directly, that they would immediately be forced to pay what they might owe to the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, or his authorised agents in different parts of the County, if they gave their votes in favour of the said *L. A. Dessaulles*, Esquire; that in consequence of such conduct, the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, wherein the majority of the Electors would have voted in favour of the said *L. A. Dessaulles*, Esquire, if they had not been prevented from doing so by threats and other illegal acts, is not now represented in your Honourable House by a man possessing the confidence of the majority of the Electors.

That the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, by himself, and even by one of his Clerks, gave out, in several parts of

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the County, that during the whole of the said Election, all his voters would find, at his own house, tables furnished with every thing necessary, and that in fact during the whole of the twenty-first day of October, on which day the nomination of the Candidates for the said County took place, and also during the whole of the said Election, on the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth days of October last, the partisans of the said *Thomas Boutillier* constantly found an open table at his house, several of them even profiting by the opportunity thus offered them of drinking strong liquors, drank immoderately, and became intoxicated, to the great scandal of the respectable and peaceable inhabitants of *St. Hyacinthe*, and in direct contravention to the law; that besides keeping open table at his house, the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, kept open for his partisans houses of public entertainment, and gave valuable considerations to the proprietors of the said Houses to indemnify them for the expenses they incurred.

That the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, by himself, or by agents authorised by him, furnished money and valuable considerations to a great many persons, with a view to engage the Electors to be present at the different Polls, and in direct contravention to the provisions of the law.

That the Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Cesaire*, in the said County of *St. Hyacinthe*, before the said Election, but after he had received his commission, strongly endeavoured to ensure the success of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, his brother, and that in the afternoon of the second day of the said Election, he closed the Poll several minutes before five, the hour prescribed by law, so that on that day the Poll was not kept open during eight whole hours, intending thereby to prevent *Donald George Morison*, Esquire, representing the said *Louis J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, from voting and entering in the Poll-book his Protest against certain irregularities therein contained, and for other reasons, as was his intention, but which the Deputy Returning Officer would not allow him to do; that, moreover, the said Deputy Returning Officer furnished valuable considerations to some of the Electors to induce them to vote in favour of his brother the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire.

That the Deputy Returning Officer of the Parish of *Ste. Rosalie*, in the said County of *St. Hyacinthe*, showed a decided partiality in favour of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, by causing the oaths administered to the voters to be written at full length in the Poll-book for the said Parish, intending thereby to delay the polling of the votes, notwithstanding the opposition and the formal objections made by the representative of the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire; that this extraordinary, unusual, and unheard of practice, had the effect of virtually disfranchising a great number of Electors, as by proceeding in such a manner, only one vote could be polled every forty minutes, and that in fact during the afternoon of the twenty-eighth of October, between two and five o'clock, only five votes were taken in the Parish of *Ste. Rosalie*; that a great number of voters, who had come for the purpose of voting for the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, seeing how matters stood, and that it would be impossible for them to give in their votes, went away, and would not return on the next day, the twenty-ninth of October, saying that the whole day would be taken up in polling fifteen or sixteen votes; that at about one o'clock in the afternoon of the twenty-eighth of October last, during the said Election, an Elector having come forward to give his vote at the *Ste. Rosalie* Poll-house, the Deputy Returning Officer's Clerk, who was acquainted with him, and who knew that he intended to vote for the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, withdrew before receiving his vote with the agents and representatives of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, and remained in consultation with them during about fifteen minutes, and when they returned this Elector was required to take several oaths, and it was then that the Deputy Returning Officer allowed the Poll Clerk of the said Parish to write down the oaths in the Poll-book; before this consultation between the said Poll Clerk and the said Agents and representatives of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, no oath had been required; and your Petitioners aver, that not one of the persons present had the slightest doubt that a collusion existed between the said Poll Clerk and the said agents of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire; they were moreover confirmed in this

opinion by the conduct of the said Poll Clerk who, after having received his commission, had on the twenty-seventh, the day before the said Election, delivered a violent address in favour of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, and against the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, at the door of the church of *Ste. Rosalie*, and who, even during the Election, was present at the meetings of the Electors which took place in the house and in the presence of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire.

That in the Parish of *St. Dominique*, in the said County of *St. Hyacinthe*, the Deputy Returning Officer, notwithstanding the opposition of the representatives of *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, and the objections made by the Electors, obliged a great number to take the oath (No. 5) before consenting to take their votes, in direct contravention to the law which declares that this oath shall be given by the Electors of Cities and Towns only; besides it is evident by the wording of the oath, that it cannot be administered to proprietors from the country generally; that your Petitioners firmly believe that this illegal and odious mode of proceeding had been recommended and prescribed by the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, to his representative who is his clerk; because the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esq., had stated to a person who was in favour of the Election of the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, that he would act in that manner, and that Mr. *Dessaulles*' party could act accordingly. That this illegal and vexatious mode of proceeding had the effect of depriving the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, of a large number of votes; because, a great many Electors who had come for the purpose of voting in his favour, seeing themselves unprotected by every one, even by the Deputy Returning Officer of the said Parish, whose duty it was to protect them, and who refused to listen to their objections, withdrew without voting; fearing lest they should profane the sacredness of their oath by unnecessarily swearing what they knew to be untrue.

That in the Parish of *St. Damas*, in the said County of *St. Hyacinthe*, the Deputy Returning Officer appointed for that Parish, and his Poll Clerk, did not take the oath by law required, as appears by the Poll-book of the said Parish, wherein no such oath is to be found; that the said Poll-book is irregular, as it does not mention at what hour the Poll of the said Parish was opened, nor at what hour it was closed, and that after the pretended Poll-book of the said Parish was closed, three votes were polled.

That in the Parish of *St. Simon*, in the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, the Deputy Returning Officer of the said Parish showed an offensive and decided partiality in favour of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, after he had received his appointment as Deputy Returning Officer, by delivering to the Electors public addresses, in which he attacked the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, in a violent manner, and that moreover he entered his own vote, and that of his Poll Clerk in favour of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, at the end of the Poll-book of the said Parish of *St. Simon*; and that, for that purpose, the said Deputy Returning Officer and his said Poll Clerk, administered to each other the qualification oath, thereby acting entirely contrary not only to the meaning but even to the letter of the law.

That without these active and constant intrigues of several of the Deputy Returning Officers, and without the threats which were made use of in different Parishes towards the Electors of the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, he would unavoidably have had a majority in his favour; and your Petitioners have not the slightest doubt that he would have been elected by a large majority, and that even without the said illegal practices, the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, would have been elected had there been four days of polling, in which case the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, and those who were favourable to him, would have had time to counteract the pernicious effect of the said illegal acts, and cause several hundred Electors to vote for the said *L. J. Dessaulles*, Esquire, who had not yet been able to vote on account of the said illegal acts.

That in consequence of the reasons above mentioned, your Petitioners are perfectly confident that your Honourable House will take their humble Petition into serious consideration, and will declare the seat of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, to be vacant; he having only obtained a majority by means contrary to law and to public morality.

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tested Election.

Petitions read.

Of the Reverend *Henry Von Rohr*, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the township of *Humberstone*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying to be naturalized as a subject of Her Majesty.

Of *Charles White* and others, members of the community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of *Humberstone*, praying for an Act to naturalize their minister, the Reverend *Henry Von Rohr*, free of expense.

Of the Reverend *François Labelle* and others, of the parish of *L'Assomption*, in the county of *Leinster*, praying an aid to enable them to complete a building they have commenced for a girls' school on an extended scale.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Pepin* and others, of the county of *Chambly*, praying the repeal of the Ordinances concerning winter carriages, and that the inhabitants be bound to keep up the road to the width of eight feet.

Of the Reverend *Pierre M. Mignault*, founder and superior of the College of *Chambly*, praying for aid in support of the said College.

Of Mrs. *M. A. J. Hertel De Rouville*, widow of the late Honourable Lieutenant Colonel *C. M. De Salaberry*, C.B., and now wife of *John Glen*, Esquire, praying that the limits of the privilege asked for by *John Yule*, junior, Esquire, by his Petition for leave to construct a toll bridge over the river *Richelieu*, may be restricted to a certain distance below the isle *Ste. Thérèse*.

Of *Joseph Duout* and others, inhabitants of the island of *Montreal*, in the district of *Montreal*, praying the repeal of the Ordinance 3 and 4 *Victoria*, cap. 25, concerning winter carriages, and that the inhabitants be bound to keep up the roads eight feet in width.

Of *John Clarke* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of *Côte St. Martin*, *Longue Pointe*, and other places, complaining of certain illegal and unjust acts on the part of the trustees of the turnpike roads in the vicinity of and leading to the city of *Montreal*, and praying relief.

Of *Aaron A. Adams* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Barnton* and *Barford*, praying for an Act to incorporate the *Barnton Academy*, and for an aid in support of the said institution.

Of *Albert Knight* and others, trustees of *Stanstead Seminary*, praying for a grant in support of the said institution.

Of *E. S. Clarke* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Barnton* and *Barford*, praying for the grant of a certain sum to aid them in opening a new road through the said townships.

Of *Augustus Abbott* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Stanstead*, praying for an aid to complete and repair a certain road, leading through the eastern townships to the city of *Montreal*.

Of *Solomon Steele* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Stanstead* and its vicinity, praying for an aid to rebuild a bridge over the river on the mail route to the *United States*.

Of *C. C. Grece* and others, proprietors whose lands are intersected by the *Grenville canal*, praying to be indemnified for certain injuries, and relieved from certain inconveniences, resulting from the said canal.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Duquet* and others of *St. Martin*, and other parishes in the county of *Terrebonne*, praying that the Registry Office of the said

county may be removed from *Terrebonne* to *Ste. Thérèse*. Petitions read.

Of *John Burwell*, Esquire, of *Port Burwell*, in the district of *London*, praying that certain measures may be adopted, and an aid granted to improve the harbour of *Port Burwell*.

Of *Pierre Allard* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*, praying that a duty of twenty-five per cent. may be imposed on American biscuit imported into this Province.

Of *Thomas Miles* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *Chambly*, praying to be incorporated under the name of "The *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*."

Of the Ladies forming the Committee of Management of the *Montreal Lying-in Hospital*, praying for an aid in support of the said institution.

Of *Thomas White* and others, hoot and shoe manufacturers of *Montreal*, praying that a certain duty may be imposed on Boots and Shoes imported into this Province from the *United States*.

Of *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, praying indemnity for loss of fees, or for an increase of salary.

Of *James Dallas*, Esquire, Warden, and others, freeholders and inhabitants of the district of *Simeon*, praying for the survey and improvement of the eastern branch of the *Holland River*.

Of *Eusèbe Cartier* and others, inhabitants of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying an aid or endowment for the College or Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Of *James Blackburn* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Hull* and its vicinity, praying for a grant to make a plank road from the *Union Suspension Bridge* to the wharf at *Aylmer*.

Of *John Egan* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Ottawa*, and of the south bank of the river *Ottawa*, praying that the county of *Ottawa* may be erected and declared an inferior district.

Of *Antoine Lozeau* and others, inhabitants of the seigniory of *La Baie St. Antoine*, commonly called *Baie du Fèbre*, praying that the Act of *Lower Canada*, 2 *George Fourth*, chapter 10, concerning the Common of the said seigniory, may be further continued and amended.

Of *Louis Richer Lasfèche* and *Louis Guillet*, Esquires, of the county of *Champlain*, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by them as Commissioners named to superintend the erection of a bridge over the River *Ste. Anne*, in the said county of *Champlain*.

Of *William Cottingham*, of the township of *Emily*, praying for compensation for injury to his property, by the erection of a dam at *Buckhorn rapids*, by the Board of Works.

Of the Honourable *J. R. Rolland* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of the counties of *Chambly*, *Rouville*, and other places, praying for an aid to continue the planked road from its termination at *Chambly* to the village of *Granby*.

Of *William Henry Lemoine*, Esquire, returning officer of the county of *Montmorency*, praying for the payment of certain expenses incurred by him during the last election for the said county.

Of *E. Colvile* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *St. Anicet*, praying that the township of *Godmanchester* may be divided into two townships, and that an aid may be granted for making certain roads in the same.

Petitions read.

Of *S. Derbishira*, Esquire, of the city of Montreal, praying an aid to enable *Theophile Hamel*, a young Canadian Painter, to complete his studies at *Rome*, where he now is.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipal district of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying that an aid or endowment may be granted to the College of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Of *William Gamble* and others, inhabitants of the *Honne* District, praying to be incorporated as "The *Humber*, Harbour and Road Company."

Fourth Riding
York contested
Election.

Of *Charles H. Howard* and others, electors in and for the Fourth Riding of the county of *York*, setting forth:—

That at the late Election, holden in and for the Fourth Riding, to elect one Member to represent the said Fourth Riding in Parliament, no legal Poll was holden in and for the Township of *Brock*, in the said Riding; that the Returning Officer appointed to hold the Election in and for the said Fourth Riding, did, as required by law, appoint, by warrant under his hand and seal, a Deputy Returning Officer and Poll Clerk in and for the said Township of *Brock*; that the said Deputy Returning Officer for the said Township of *Brock* did, without any authority from the said Returning Officer, or otherwise, appoint another Poll Clerk to hold the said Election, and that the Poll, in and for the said Township of *Brock*, was illegally holden, and in consequence thereof a great number of Electors did not proceed to the said Poll because they could not legally record their votes, and, consequently, that the Honourable *Robert Baldwin* returned by the Returning Officer as duly returned to represent the said Riding in Parliament, is illegally returned.

Further, that a large number of illegal votes were received and polled for the said *Robert Baldwin*, exceeding in number the majority of the said *Robert Baldwin* on the general Poll of the said Riding.

Further, that great corruption was used to induce Electors to vote for the said *Robert Baldwin* by the said *Robert Baldwin* and his agents.

Your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will cause a new Election to be held in and for the said Fourth Riding, or declare *William Edwin Thompson Corbell*, Esquire, a Candidate at the said Election, to be the sitting Member, if it shall appear that he has a majority of legal votes tendered for him.

Of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others, his supporters, setting forth:—

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Norfolk con-
tested Election.

That at the recent Election for the said County the qualification of *Israel W. Powell*, Esquire, one of the Candidates, was demanded by an Elector, at the Polling Place in the Township of *Walsingham*; that the said *Israel W. Powell* was not present to make the declaration required by law, and that no declaration or copy of a declaration was present at the said Polling Place, and that in consequence thereof the Deputy Returning Officer (*Titus Williams*, Esquire,) refused to receive any more votes for either of the Candidates at the said Election until the said declaration could be obtained; and as it could not be obtained before the time specified by law for the final closing of the Poll, no more votes were taken for the undersigned *David Duncombe*, and a majority of four votes appearing on the gross Poll for *Israel W. Powell*, he was declared elected.

Your Petitioners beg further to represent that the said *Israel W. Powell* had not, according to the provisions of the Statute 4th and 5th Vic. cap. 52, delivered to the Returning Officer for the said County any declaration of his qualification, and that the undersigned *David Duncombe* had done so, and that a copy of it was present at each Polling Place; and your Petitioners believe that under these circumstances it was the duty of the Deputy Returning Officer to continue to receive votes for the undersigned *David Duncombe*, your Petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the said *David Duncombe* may be declared the sitting Member instead of the said *Israel W. Powell*, or that a new Writ may

be ordered to issue for the said County, as to your Honourable House shall seem fit, that justice may be done in the premises.

Of *Michel Houle* and others of the city of *Montreal*, carters, praying that certain parts of the Ordinance, 4 *Victoria*, chapter 33, concerning winter roads, may be revived and enforced.

Of *J. Filteau* and others, inhabitants of the parishes of *St. Louis de Lotbinière* and *St. Jean les Chaillons*, in the county of *Lotbinière*, praying an aid for the construction of a bridge over the *Rivière du Chêne* in the said county.

Of *Benjamin Burland*, gauger in the department of the Customs, and others, landing-waiters at the inland port of *St. Johns*, praying for an increase of their present salaries.

Of the President and Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School, praying for the usual grant in support of the said school.

Of *Charles Poston* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the Quarantine Station may be removed from *Grosse Isle* to its former place off the river *St. Charles*.

Of *Alfred Hawkins*, of the city of *Quebec*, praying the patronage of the Legislature, for an engraved plan of the naval and military operations before *Quebec* in the year 1759.

Of *A. Wells* and others, inhabitants of *Potton*, *Bolton*, and other townships, praying for a grant to make, repair, and alter, certain parts of the road leading from *Memphremagog* to *Mount Johnson*.

Of the venerable *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, proprietors of lot number 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*, in the county of *Frontenac*, praying that the said lot may not be included in the limits of the Corporation of the town of *Kingston*.

Of *Michael Aikman*, Esquire, of the township of *Barton*, in the county of *Wentworth*, setting forth:—

County of
Wentworth
contested Elec-
tion.

That your Petitioner was a Candidate at the late Election for a Member to represent the said County of *Wentworth* in your Honourable House, that he has reason to believe that he lost his Election upon the following grounds set forth in his protest delivered to the Returning Officer at the return day of said Election, of which the following is a copy—

Firstly, Because many Electors were not allowed to vote at said Election upon freeholds situated in the town of *Hamilton* and not voted upon for a Member to represent the said town, notwithstanding such freeholds are subject to county assessments, whereby a large number of Electors were deterred from voting for *Michael Aikman*.

Secondly, Because a great number of persons were allowed to vote for the said *Harmannus Smith*, Esquire, who were not legally qualified to vote at said Election.

Thirdly, Because several of the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks gave their votes for the said *Harmannus Smith*, Esquire, they not being legally qualified to vote in consequence of the official capacity in which they were acting.

Fourthly, Because threats were held out to several persons employed by the friends of the said *Harmannus Smith*, Esquire, that if they voted for *Michael Aikman*, Esquire, they would be discharged from such employment, thereby deterring them from exercising the elective franchise.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honourable House will cause the grounds of his said protest to be enquired into, and if found sufficient, that the said Election be declared void, and a writ issued for a new Election, or that your Honourable House would cause justice to be done in the premises in such other way as your Honourable House in its wisdom may devise.

Petitions read.

Of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme*, Curé of the parish of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, praying that an aid be granted towards the support of the College of *Ste. Thérèse*, founded by him.

Of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme*, of the parish of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, praying that the College of *Ste. Thérèse*, founded by him, may be incorporated by an Act of the Legislature.

Of the Reverend *Raphael Neyron*, Curé of *St. Benoit*, praying that a compensation be granted to the inhabitants of that parish, for the burning of their Church by the Volunteers in 1837.

Of *Jonathan Merry* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*, in the county of *Stanstead*, praying that certain portions of the said townships may be set apart as a separate township, under the name of *Rockport*, to belong to the district of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *Marcus Child*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Stanstead*, praying for an aid to construct a road through certain parts of the townships of *Hatley*, *Burnston*, and *Barford*, in the said county.

Of the Religious Ladies of the Congregation of *Our Lady of Montreal*, praying to be empowered to hold property, real and personal, to the amount of five thousand pounds yearly; and to be allowed to dispose of the same, and acquire other property to a like amount.

Hon. Mr. Morin to serve for Bellechasse.

The Honourable *Augustin Norbert Morin*, being chosen a Knight to serve in this Provincial Parliament, for the county of *Saguenay*, and also for the county of *Bellechasse*, made his election to serve for the county of *Bellechasse*.

New Writ for Saguenay.

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 Provincial Parliament, for the county of *Saguenay*, in the room of the said Honourable *Augustin Norbert Morin*.

Petitions referred.

Rev. A. Gosselin and others

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of *La Ste. Famille* and other parishes in the island of *Orleans*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, 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. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Chabat*, Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, do compose the said Committee.

Julia Bell.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Julia Bell*, of the city of *Toronto*, widow, (relating to services performed by her late husband, to the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*), be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

M. N. Corry, M. D., and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *M. N. Corry*, M. D. and others, inhabitants of the township of *Stamford*, be referred to the Select Committee to which were referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brookville*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*.

S. Y. Chesley, Esquire, and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *S. Y. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the town of *Cornwall*, complaining of the undue election and

return of *Rolland Macdonald*, Esquire, be taken into consideration by this House, on Monday, the twenty-third day of December, instant, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the *Speaker* to the Petitioners and the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, *George the Fourth*, chapter four.

S. Y. Chesley, Esquire, and others.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, Electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, be taken into consideration by this House, on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of December, instant, at the hour of four o'clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by the *Speaker* to the Petitioners and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George the Fourth*, chapter four.

Third Riding York contested Election.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others, his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Norfolk*, be taken into consideration by this House, on Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of December, instant, at the hour of four of the clock, P. M., and that notice to that effect in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. *Speaker*, to the Petitioners and to the sitting Member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, during the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George the Fourth*, chapter four.

County of Norfolk contested Election.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Richardson* and others, inhabitants of the town and district of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Chalmers*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, 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.

C. Richardson and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Guillaume D'Eschambault*, of the village of *Laprairie de la Magdelaine*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Guillaume D'Eschambault.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Alfred Hawkins*, of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee of five Members, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Chabot*, and Mr. *Charveau*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

A. Hawkins.

Resolved, That the Petition of *George Poyer*, Esquire, of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Drummond*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, to examine the

George Poyer, Esquire.

contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

J. Donegan.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Joseph Donegan*, of the city of *Montreal*, merchant, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Ayloin*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Jobin*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, and Mr. *Johnston*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Rev. Henry Van Rohr.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Van Rohr*, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the township of *Humberston*, in the district of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Charles White* and others, Members of the Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of *Humberston*, be referred to the Select Committee to which were referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, and other references.

Simcoe Church Lands Bill.

Mr. *Powell*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, inhabitants of *Simcoe*, district of *Talbot*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to enable the Trustees holding a certain Lot in the town of *Simcoe*, for the use of a church, to sell or convey the same or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use: which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

District Court Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws, now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts in the several districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*.

He accordingly presented the said 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 first day of February next.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Small Debts Bill.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of small debts, and "to make other provision therefor."

He accordingly presented the said 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 first day of February next.

On motion of Mr. *Lantier*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,

Wells' Report on Province Line between Upper and Lower Canada.

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 copy of the Report made by *Alphonso Wells* on the line of division between the two sections of this Province which formerly constituted the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, with such information and documents as His Excellency may think proper to communicate with regard to the said line.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, 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:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in reply to their Address with reference to the 41st Section of the Union Act, that no correspondence on the subject thereof, since the passing of that Act, can be traced, except a confidential Despatch from the Governor General to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, and a confidential Despatch from his Lordship in reply thereto, which documents the Governor General does not consider himself at liberty to lay before the House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 11th December, 1844.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 27th October, 1843, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a tabular Statement of the fines, forfeitures and recognizances, inflicted, incurred and estreated, at the several courts held in this Province during the year 1842; and also the fines imposed by Justices of the Peace and payable to the Receiver General, for the uses of this Province, during the same period, the amount received in each case, and the steps taken to recover the sums remaining unpaid.

(For the said Return, see Appendix II.)

Also,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 17th of October, 1843, praying that he would be graciously pleased to direct that the correspondence which has passed between the Home and Provincial Governments respecting the Post Office Department in this Province, or of *British North America*, and also of the *United States of America*; relative thereto, or any other information upon the same subject which His Excellency may deem necessary, and please to communicate, may be laid before the House, and also quarterly statements, shewing the gross amount of receipts and expenditures of the said Department in this Province from the 5th January, 1841, to the 5th January, 1843; the amounts of receipts derived from letter postage, and also the amount of newspaper and pamphlet postage, stated separately, with the amount of perquisites arising from the latter description of postage, during the same period; to the Deputy Post Master General of this Province, or to his deputies, separately stated, and also the amount of postage charged to and paid out of the Provincial Funds of this Province, stating the amount paid by each department separately, during the same period; also any information relative to the Commission of Post Office Enquiry referred to from the Throne in the opening Speech of the first session of the present Parliament, and further a statement of salaried officers in the said Post Office Department of this Province, the amount thereof separately, and from what part of the funds thereof paid—whether from the aggregate of letter or newspaper and pamphlet postage, naming the

officers in each office, and the amount actually paid to each, or any other allowance to each for office rent, stationery or otherwise; and further, if any thing has been done to alter, augment, or reduce the present rate of postage, and if so, what the nature of such alterations is, and the grounds or authority by which the same has been done.

By Command,

D. DALY,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office.
Montreal, 27th Nov. 1844.

(For the Documents accompanying this said Return, see Appendix I.)

Also,

Consolidated Revenue Fund. Accounts and Statements respecting the Public Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of Canada for the year 1843.

(For the said Account and Statement, see Appendix A.)

And Also,

Government Debentures. Schedule of Government Debentures redeemed and outstanding up to the 3rd December, 1844, issued under the authority of Acts of the Provincial Legislature of the Province of Canada, heretofore Upper Canada, and Schedule of Bills of Exchange drawn upon the Treasury, on account of the guaranteed loan of £1,500,000.

(For the said Schedule, see Appendix J.)

On motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Macdonnell of Stormont,

Disbursements of Returning Officers. Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the account and charges presented by the several Returning Officers, in this Province, for their disbursements, expenses, and remuneration, &c., during the late Elections, with a statement of the amount which has been allowed, and what charges, if any, have been disallowed.

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

Mr. Smith of Frontenac moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonnell of Stormont,

Adjournment of the House during Holy-days. That when the House doth adjourn, on the 20th instant, it will stand adjourned until the first day of February next, and that in any Sessional allowance which may be made to members, the time intervening during the Recess be deducted therefrom.

Mr. Cowan moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Meyers, That all the words after "That" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "from and after the 20th instant, this House stand adjourned until the seventh day of January next."

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, it passed in the negative.

Mr. Cameron then moved, in amendment to the main motion, seconded by Mr. Cowan, That all the words after "That" be struck out and the following substituted, "when this House doth adjourn on the 24th instant, it stand adjourned until the third day of January, 1845."

The House divided on the motion of amendment, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cameron, Cauchon, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Greive, Hale, Johnston, Lacoste, Lantier, Laurason, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonnell of Dundas, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Rousseau, Sherwood of Brockville, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of Prescott, Taschereau, and Webster—(32.)

NAYS.

Aylein, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, DeBleury, DeWitt, Dunlop, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Lafontaine, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STURMONT, Marin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Small, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WESTMORRIS, Taché, Thompson, Watts, and Williams—(35.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Christie then moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the previous question, viz:—

Shall the question be now put on the main motion, as amended.

Upon which the House divided.

Tellers, { For the Yeas, Hon. Mr. Baldwin.....34
 { For the Nays, Mr. Cameron.....35

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. Aylein moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Chabot, that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of Richard Charles Porter and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable Dominick Daly, as a Member to serve for the county of Megantic, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable Dominick Daly. Megantic contested Election.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Boulton,

Ordered. That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. Aylein moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Chabot, that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of Peter Dunn and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable George Moffatt, and the Honourable Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury, as Members to serve for the city of Montreal, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable George Moffatt and Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury. Montreal contested Election.

On motion of Mr. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Boulton,

Ordered. That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt the district of Gaspe from the operation of an Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council, of the late Province of Lower Canada, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better Internal Government of this Province by the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities therein," being read, Municipal authorities of Gaspe.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday the tenth day of January next.

Sherbrooke Cotton Factory.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory* being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Gaspé Fishing and Mining Company.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to approve and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain to incorporate the *Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Interpolation in Journals.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate and report by whom and in what way the following words, to wit, *Tinkers, Barkers, Shavers, Southcoites, Shuhers, and Gipsies*, were introduced into the Journals of this House in the amendments made by the Honourable the Legislative Council in the last session of Parliament, to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Religious Societies of all Denominations of Christians in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, to hold Lands for certain purposes therein mentioned," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Duggan* took the chair of the Committee, and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Duggan* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That inasmuch as it appears that *G. M. Muir*, Clerk of the English Journals of this House, as established solely by his own voluntary confession, has inserted certain words in the rough copy of the Journals of the last session of the last Parliament without any authority, yet without any culpable intent; the said *G. M. Muir* has subjected himself to the just censure of this House, and they therefore recommend that Mr. *Speaker* do censure the said *G. M. Muir*, at such time and in such manner as he shall see fit.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*; seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the laws now in force in this Province, relating to duties on Stills.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Roblin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Roblin* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the issuing of Licenses for a less period than a year, on payment of a due proportion of the duties and charges now imposed, by authority of any law or laws in force in any part of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the laws, now in force, imposing a duty upon Distilleries, in any part of the Province 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.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 16^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statements of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Supervisor of Cullers during the season of 1844, together with an abstract of all Lumber culled under his Superintendence, and the section of the Province from whence the same was procured, prepared in compliance with the 16th section of the Act, 7 *Victoria*, chapter 25.

Receipts and Disbursements of Supervisor of Cullers.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix K.)

Also,

Report of the Commissioners for the relief of Insane persons, Invalids, and Foundlings, for the district of *Quebec*, to 31st October, 1844.

Relief of Insane, &c., in Quebec.

(For the said Report, see Appendix L.)

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Laurin*, the Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire and others, inhabitants of the *St. John's* and *St. Roch's* Suburbs, of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Williams* and others, Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Cornwall* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of *Eduard Gluckmeyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *Henry Laurence* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Brompton*, *Ely*, and *Stucely*.

By Mr. *Lawrason*, the Petition of *Richard W. Branan* and others, inhabitants of the Northwestern part of the township of *Esprit*, and the Southern part of the township of *Adelaide*, in the *London* district; and the Petition of *Charles Monserrat* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town and neighbourhood of *London*, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Berthelot*, the Petition of *D. L. Marquis*, *M. D.* and others, inhabitants of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière* and of the township of *Ixworth*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of the Honourable *Simeon Washburn* of the town of *Pictou*.

Duties on Stills.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Thompson*, the Petition of *John Donaldson* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *James Foster* and others, manufacturers of boots and shoes, in the city of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade (relating to the existing Tariff); the Petition of *George B. Faribault*, Esquire, President of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, Members of the *Quebec* Charitable Fire-wood Society.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of *Gaspard Dauth*, of the parish of *Ste. Anne Lapérade*, in the county of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Dickson*, the Petition of *Patrick Trim* and others, masters and journeymen cordwainers, of the town of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, the Petition of *Samuel Young* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Williamsburgh* and *Winchester*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *John McCourville*, teacher of the *Berthier* Academy, praying for an aid in support of the said Academy.

Of the Reverend *Urbain Orfroy* and others, inhabitants and freeholders of *St. Charles de Beaumont*, and other parishes, praying that the Registry Office of the county of *Bellechasse* may be removed from *St. Gervais* to *St. Michel*.

Of *W. G. Blanchard* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*, praying that the Court of the district of *Two Mountains* may be removed from the village of *St. Benoit* to *St. Andrews*, the place where it was formerly established.

Of *Daniel de Hertel*, Warden, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*, praying for a repeal of the Act passed 1841, amending the Ordinance providing for the improvement of the winter roads.

Of Captain *Alonzo Wood* and others, inhabitants of the *Eastern* townships in *Canada East*, praying for an Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company, and for an aid, by way of loan, for the constructing of a railroad leading to the city of *Montreal*.

Of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*, master of a grammar school in the county of *Shefford*, praying for a continuance of the usual aid in support of the said school.

Of *Hervey Laurence* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Shefford*, praying for an aid in support of a high school in the said county.

Of the City of *Toronto* and Lake *Huron* Railroad Company, praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Loop Odell* and *Antoine Merrizzi* of *Napierville*, in the county of *L'Acadie*, praying for a grant to satisfy the unpaid claim of the contractor for the Court House and Gaol of the said county.

Of *Loop Odell* and others, of the county of *Hantsington*, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained during the late rebellion.

Of *Jean Baptiste Richer*, senior, and others, inhabitants of the parish of *St. Benoit*, in the district of *Montreal*, praying an aid to enable them to re-construct their church and other buildings, destroyed by the Volunteers in 1837.

Of the Reverend *Louis M. Brassard*, Curé of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*, praying an Act of incorporation in favour of certain religious ladies conducting an institution for the education of young females in that parish.

Of the Honourable Baron *Grant de Longueuil* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *St. Hyacinthe*, *Richelieu*, and *Chambly*, praying that such encouragement as the House may deem expedient be given to the making of the Railroad from *Boston* to *Montreal*.

Of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*, praying for a grant to assist him in the publication of a work on Agriculture.

Of the District Council of the district of *Sherbrooke*, praying that the municipal and school laws may be amended.

Of the Reverend *Jean C. Léonard*, of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*, praying that a certain ecclesiastical community, of which he is a member, may be incorporated with certain corporate powers.

Of Mrs. *Mary Anne Suell*, widow of the late *James Williams*, formerly Post Master of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid in consideration of the services and death of her late husband, resulting from the damp, unwholesome premises in which he was obliged to keep his office.

Of the Right Reverend *Michael Power*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*; and of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*, &c., praying that the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto* and *Kingston* may, with their respective coadjutors and Vicars General, be severally endowed with corporate powers, to enable them to acquire and hold real estate, for religious purposes.

Of *A. Chapman* and others, landholders, residing on the shores of the rivers *Richelieu*, *South River*, and other places, in the district of *Montreal*, praying that the channels of the rapids of the said rivers may be deepened, and the cel wears and other obstructions removed, so as to prevent the overflowing of the banks at certain places.

Of *William Molson* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of real estate in the village of *Hochelaga*, and in the parish of *Montreal*, praying that the Northern boundary of the city of *Montreal*, in the direction of *Quebec*, may be extended at least one mile beyond its present limits.

Of *John McBean*, of *Lancaster*, in the *Eastern* district, praying remuneration for a lock constructed by him at *French's Reef*, at *Coteau du Lac*, in the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *E. L. Hayden*, of *William Henry*, praying the Legislature will cause to be stereotyped, at the public expense, a concise grammar of the English language compiled by him; and that he may be remunerated for his labour in preparing the same, and for his copy-right thereof.

Of the Sisters of Charity, of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, praying aid to discharge their present debts, and to provide for the support of the institution for the future.

Of *Eden Colvile*, of *Beauharnois*, Esquire, praying for the passing of an Act to empower the North American Colonial Association, of *Ireland*, to employ and invest a portion of their capital in the loan of moneys on real securities within this Province.

Petitions read.

Petitions read. Of *Hollis Smith* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Stamstead*, and other places, praying that a charter and Legislative encouragement may be granted to a proposed company to establish a railroad communication between *Montreal* and either of the cities of *Boston* or *Portland*.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Sherbrooke*, praying that an Act petitioned for to incorporate a Joint Stock Company to construct a railway from the *St. Lawrence* to the boundary line, may be passed.

Of Mrs. *Jane Pigott*, widow of the late *John Pigott*, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the grant voted by the Parliament of *Lower Canada* to her late husband, for his invention of an improved paddle wheel for propelling steamboats, may be renewed in her favour.

Of the Minister, Elder, and Trustees of *St. Andrew's* Church, in the city of *Quebec*, praying for an aid in support of a School, in connection with the said Church.

Of Mrs. *Marie F. Bilodeau*, widow of the late *Jacques Langlois*, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that a pension be granted her in consideration of the services of her late husband, during twenty years, as a Messenger of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Pierre J. O. Chauveau*, Esquire, of the city of *Quebec*, President of the "*Société Canadienne d'études Scientifiques et Littéraires*," praying that an aid be granted to the said Society.

Of *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Bolduc*, of the city of *Quebec*, heretofore Messengers of the Honourable the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, praying to be allowed an Annual Pension in consideration of their past services.

Of *Samuel Price* and others, inhabitants of the Second Riding of *York*, praying to be authorized to build a Toll Bridge.

Of *N. B. Doucet*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying for aid and encouragement in the publication of an Elementary work, on the Laws of *Canada*.

Of *Patrick Buchanan* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Dundee*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, praying to be exempted from the usual rates of tariff on Grain, Wool, and Lumber, manufactured in American mills, imported for domestic uses only.

Of *James W. Brown* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Kingston*, praying for a certain amendment to the Act relating to the *Kingston* and *Napunee* macadamized road.

Of *Joseph Gee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, praying that the said county may be set apart as a separate district.

Of *John De Cow*, Senior, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, praying that the said county may be set apart as a separate district.

Of *Richard Brown* and others, inhabitants of *Caguya*, praying for an extension of the charter granted to them in the year 1835, to enable them to carry on a Glass Factory.

Of *Joseph Rogers* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*, praying that the Ordinances 3 and 4 *Victoria*, chapter 26, and 4 *Victoria*, chapter 33, concerning winter roads, be re-established in full force, and subsequent amendments repealed.

Petitions read. Of *Zozime Maçon* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*, praying that a Turnpike Road may be made from *St. Eustache* to *Montreal*, and also a Bridge over the river *Jesus*.

Of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the *Home* district; praying for the appointment of a Commission to investigate alleged injustice suffered by him at the hands of the Executive Government of *Canada West*.

Of the Members of the *Toronto* Board of Trade, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Leonard Wilcox*, of the city of *Toronto*, complaining of certain grievances and loss of property, illegally seized by the Collector of Customs, in the year 1815, and praying relief.

Of the Reverend *Mark Willoughby*, Superintendent of the *Newfoundland* and *British North American* School Society, praying for an aid in support of the said Society.

Of *Jean Baptiste Bellefeuille* and two others, ferrymen, residing on the South shore of the *St. Lawrence*, opposite the town of *Three Rivers*, praying that the exclusive privilege of having a Steam Ferry at *Three Rivers* asked for by *Edouard Normand*, may not be granted; but that the Petitioners may be authorized to establish such steam ferry.

Of *P. Vezina*, Esquire, in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of *Three Rivers*, praying that the Lunatic Asylum, referred to in the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, at the opening of the present Session of Parliament, may be erected in the said town.

Of *Alexander Smith* and others, cordwainers of the town of *Kingston*, praying that a certain duty may be imposed upon boots and shoes imported into this Province from the *United States*.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying for certain amendments to the Act regulating the measurement and inspection of timber.

Of *William Bethell* of *Quebec*, praying that a certain sum be granted to the Commissioners appointed for the construction of a bridge over the river *Jacques Cartier*, to enable them to pay the balance still due to Petitioner for the erection of the same.

Of *N. H. Baird*, Civil Engineer, praying remuneration for attending to give evidence before certain Committees of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*.

Of *Archibald McBean* and others, proprietors of Saw Mills and manufacturers of Lumber in *Canada*, praying that a certain duty may be imposed upon Lumber imported from the *United States*.

Of *William Laughton*, proprietor of the Royal Mail Steam Packet *Beaver*, on *Lake Simcoe*, praying that the navigation of the channel through the narrows of *Lake Simcoe*, may be improved.

Of *James Hervey Price*, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire, praying that the confiscated Estate of *John Montgomery* may be vested in certain parties in trust, to pay the amount of a certain judgment and mortgage of debt against the said Estate.

A message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Agricultural
produce.

Mr. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the Act for imposing duties on Agricultural Produce, and Live Stock, imported into this Province," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Petitions
referred.

Charles Berczy
and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Berczy* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Price*, the Honourable Mr. *Small*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, and Mr. *Duggan*, 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.

Eden Colville,
Esquire.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Eden Colville*, of *Beauharvais*, Esquire, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Gamble* and others, inhabitants of the *Home* district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Boulton*, the Honourable Mr. *Small*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Duggan*, 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.

Daniel Hoover
and others, of
Haldimand.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Daniel Hoover* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *James A. Applebee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Robert F. Cooke* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, be referred to a Select Committee of five Members, composed of Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Prince* and Mr. *Cameron*, 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.

Toronto and
Lake Huron
Railroad Com-
pany.

Resolved, That the Petition of the city of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Hale*, the Honourable Mr. *Small*, and Mr. *Boulton*, to examine the contents thereof; and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Toronto Board
of Trade.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Members of the *Toronto* Board of Trade, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Boulton*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Duggan* and Mr. *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, 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.

Quebec Board
of Trade.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed deal cullers, of the city of *Quebec*, and other references.

John Teed.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Teed*, of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Chauveau* and Mr. *Cauchon*, to examine the contents thereof,

and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of the President and Directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the county of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Berthelot* and Mr. *Drummond*, 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.

Fire Assurance
Company of
Montreal.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Samuel Price* and others, inhabitants of the Second Riding of *York*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Etanjan*, Mr. *Chalmers*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Boulton* and Mr. *Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Samuel Price,
and others.

Resolved, That so much of the Petition of *Hollis Smith* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Stanstead* and other places, as prays for a charter being granted to a Company to establish a railroad from the Province line to the city of *Montreal*, be referred to a Special Committee 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.

Hollis Smith
and others.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brooks*, Mr. *Boutillier*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Drummond*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. *Hale*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Yule*, junior, Esquire, of the parish of *Chambly*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Petition of
John Yule,
Esquire, of
Chambly.

The Petitioner, Mr. *John Yule*, prays for authority to construct a Bridge over the River *Richelieu*, and to collect Tolls thereon.

Your Committee are of opinion that the proposed Bridge will be a work of great public utility, and as they have reason to believe that the requirements of the Law, and the Rules of your Honourable House, have been fully complied with, they therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hale* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a toll bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*, to fix the rates of tolls for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same.

Richelieu Toll
Bridge.

He accordingly presented the said 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 three hundred copies in English, and two hundred in French, of the Statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the Supervisor of Cullers during the season of 1844, together with the Abstract of all Lumber culled under his Superintendence, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable *James Edward Small*, be taken

Petition of R.
Harrison and
others.

into consideration on Friday, the twentieth instant, at four o'clock, P. M., in lieu of Wednesday, the eighteenth instant, as before appointed by this House.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Small*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

Rouge Hills.

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, with as little delay as possible, a Return of any Surveys that may have been made by authority of the Board of Works, of a route for a road over the *Rouge Hills*, and of a site for a bridge over the river *Rouge* in the township of *Pickering*, on the main road from *Toronto* to *Kingston*, with the costs of such Surveys, and the estimated expense for the construction of such a road and bridge over the same, as will make them passable without endangering the lives of Her Majesty's subjects.

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

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,

Union Bridge, Ottawa.

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 a Statement of all Contracts entered into for the erection of the *Union Bridge* across the river *Ottawa* at *Bytown*, and the amount of each; shewing also, the salaries and amount received by each engineer or superintendent employed on the said work, and at what date the respective contracts for the masonry, wood, wire, and iron work, were fulfilled; also, a detailed account of the whole of the expenses of the slides on the *Ottawa* and its tributary streams, with the names and salaries of the clerks employed, and the amount of travelling expenses incurred.

Slides on Ottawa, &c.

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

Mr. *Gowan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, that a vacation shall not, this year, exceed seven days, to wit, the 23d, 24th, 26th, 27th, 30th, and 31st of December, and the 2d and 3d days of January, and that upon the aforesaid seven days this House shall not meet.

Adjournment during Holy-days.

Mr. *Johnston* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, that this House do adjourn on the 20th instant for the term of ten days.

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Christie* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, the previous question, viz. :—

Shall the question be now put on the main motion.

Upon which the House divided.

Tellers, { For the Yeas, Hon. Mr. *Aylwin*..... 45
{ For the Nays, Mr. *Roblin*..... 30

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth :—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of CORSWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taschereau, Walls and Williams.—(43.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cameron Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Hall, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lawrason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Thompson and Webster.—(33.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*,

Resolved, That there be a call of this House at four o'clock, P.M., on Thursday, the ninth day of January next; and that the Clerk do, forthwith, notify all the Members thereof. Call of House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the city of *Toronto*, to purchase an Industrial Farm, in the neighbourhood thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto. Industrial Farm.

He accordingly presented the said 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 sixth of January next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to re-invest, in *John Montgomery*, the property forfeited to the Crown by his attainer. Lands of John Montgomery to be re-invested.

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

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, 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 this House may do therein as they shall think fit.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to afford relief, in certain cases, to sellers of real estate, in *Canada West*. Real Estate Canada West.

He accordingly presented the said 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 January next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, have leave to bring in a Bill to remove certain difficulties with regard to the conveyance of lands in *Upper Canada*, of which the grantor may not have possession, or of which a third party may be in adverse possession. Conveyance of Lands 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 thirteenth of January next.

John M. Pherson and others.

Ordered. That Mr. Nelson be added to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of John M. Pherson and others, inhabitants of Crane Island, and of the parishes of St. Thomas, Cap St. Ignace, and other places, and another reference.

On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. De Witt,

Quarterly account of Revenue.

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, or officers, to publish, as in Great Britain, for public information, a Quarterly Abstract of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, shewing also the Receipts at the several ports or places of collection.

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

St. Hyacinthe contested Election.

Mr. Scott moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Macdonell of Dundas, that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of Leonard Boivin and others, electors of the county of St. Hyacinthe, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of Thomas Boutillier, Esquire, as a Member to serve for the county of St. Hyacinthe in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Thomas Boutillier, Esquire.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Baldwin,

Ordered. That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Aylwin,

Registration of Titles in Lower Canada.

Ordered. That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill still further to facilitate the registration of titles to real property, or incumbrances thereon, in Lower Canada, which was fixed for the twenty-third instant, be postponed until Friday, the tenth day of January next.

Marriage License Fee Fund.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the fund formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund," to fix the fees hereafter to be taken on marriage licenses, and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the public Treasury, being read,

Ordered. That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday, the tenth day of January next.

Nuns of Ursuline Convent.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent, at Three Rivers, to acquire and hold additional real and moveable property, to a certain amount, being read,

Ordered. That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. Gowan, seconded by Mr. Foster,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 17^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIE REGINÆ, 1844.

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

By Mr. Taché, the Petition of L. G. DeLorimier and others, clerks of the circuit courts in Canada.

By Mr. Cameron, the petition of James Miller and others, late school commissioners for the township of Sarnia; the Petition of John R. Gemmill, of the town of Lanark, in the district of Bathurst; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of Bathurst (relating to common schools.)

By Mr. Foster, the Petition of Ariel Stiles and others, inhabitants of Granby.

By Mr. Colville, the Petition of David Gibbs and others, inhabitants of Russelltown and vicinity.

By Mr. Robinson, the Petition of the Reverend John McIntyre and others, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the township of Orillia, and vicinity, in the diocese of Toronto.

By Mr. Gowan, the Petition of Ephraim Webster and others, inhabitants of Gananoque, Leeds and Lansdowne.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, the Petition of M. T. O'Beirne and others, Catholics, of the city of Toronto.

By Mr. Rousseau, the Petition of P. E. Mignault and others, inhabitants of the county of Yamaska.

By Mr. Boutillier, the Petition of the Corporation of the College of St. Hyacinthe.

By Mr. Jessup, the Petition of Henry Burrill and others, inhabitants of the district of Johustown.

By the Honourable Mr. DeBleury, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the city of Montreal, (relating to the ordinances incorporating the said City.)

Ordered. That the Petition of George K. Chisholm, Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies. Petitions referred. G.R. Chisholm

Resolved. That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Quebec, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Chabot, Mr. Chauveau, Mr. Berthelot and Mr. Cauchon, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Quebec Corporation.

Ordered. That the Petition of the Religious Ladies of the Congregation of Our Lady of Montreal, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills. Religious Ladies of Montreal.

Resolved. That the Petition of the Reverend Louis M. Brassard, Curé of the parish of St. Antoine de Longueuil, in the county of Chambly, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Lacoste, the Honourable Mr. Papineau, Mr. Berthelot, Mr. Boutillier and Mr. Jobin, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Rev. L. M. Brassard.

Ordered. That the Petition of the Honourable Baron Grant de Longueuil and others, inhabitants of the counties of St. Hyacinthe, Richelieu and Chambly, be referred to the Special Committee Baron Grant and others.

to which was referred so much of the Petition of *Hollis Smith* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Stanstead*, and other places, as prays for a charter being granted to a company to establish a railroad from the Province line to the city of *Montreal*.

A. McDonald
of Montreal.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexander McDonald*, of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

James Dean
and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Dean* and others, *Quebec* Merchants, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Christie*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, 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.

First Report on
Contingencies.

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have proceeded in part with the examination of the details of the yearly account of disbursements, by the Clerk of your Honourable House, which that officer has laid before them, and before pursuing that examination further, have decided to recommend to your Honourable House, an advance of the sum of four thousand pounds, on account, to enable the Clerk to pay some of the most pressing demands of the various tradesmen that have been employed in the fitting up and furnishing the present Chamber and Offices of your Honourable House, the examination into the expenditure of which sum, in connection with their other duties, will form the subject of a further Report.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on tomorrow.

Petition of
Mayor, Aldermen
and
Citizens of
Montreal.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city,) be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

Communica-
tion between
Pictou and
Quebec by
Steamer
Unicorn.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, representing to His Excellency that considerable anxiety exists in this Province from a prevailing report, generally credited, that the Home Government intend to discontinue the communication kept up of late years between *Quebec* and *Pictou*, en route to *Halifax*, by means of Her Majesty's hired Steam Packet "*Unicorn*," an advantage conferred on the Province by the liberality of the Home Government, which this House and the Province duly appreciate, as affording not only an expeditious, convenient, and safe conveyance and communication over waters included within the British *North American* territory, between the Seat of Her Majesty's Canadian Government and the lower parts in this Province, and those in the neighbouring Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, bordering on the Gulf *St. Lawrence*; but also, in case of accident, to national or mercantile shipping resorting to the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*, the means of immediate relief, the withdrawal whereof will be felt as a serious public privation, which the Province is as yet of itself unable to supply, owing as well to the want of capital, for an undertaking of that magnitude and expense, as of sufficient employ to encourage

the construction and equipment of sea-going steamers fit to ply in the Gulf. And praying His Excellency will be pleased to use his influence with Her Majesty's Government to keep up the communication alluded to, as one of utility and importance in a national sense, as well as to Her Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province; and as this House also believes, to Her Majesty's faithful subjects in British *North America* generally, and who, if the continuance thereof be not inconsistent with the views of Her Majesty's Home Government, will appreciate it accordingly.

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

Resolved, That the Accounts and Statements respecting the Public Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1843, be referred to a Special Committee of nine Members, to examine the same and report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records, Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *LeMoine*, Mr. *Robinson*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *De Witt*, and Mr. *Hale*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House the Report drawn up by the Commissioners appointed by the late Lord *Sydenham* to enquire into the system in which the Post Office in British *North America* is conducted, and to which reference is made in the Despatch No. 74 of the Right Honourable the Lord *Stanley*, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, dated *Downing Street*, 3d August, 1843, communicated to this House by His Excellency; and also to pray the Governor General to direct the same officer to lay before this House copy of any correspondence, and of all documents, which in His Excellency's judgment may be fit and proper to be communicated to this House, in relation to the Post Office in British *North America*, Post Office Department.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of the instrument under which *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, acted as Receiver General, from the time of the resignation of that office by the Honourable *John Henry Dunn*, until the appointment of the Honourable *William Morris*, as Receiver General of this Province; and of the bond or bonds given by the said *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, for the due discharge and performance of his duty, B. Turquand, Esquire, acting as Receiver General.

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

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Greive*,

Ordered, That the Resolution which was agreed to by the House yesterday, respecting the adjournment over the Christmas holidays, be now read.

The said Resolution was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be rescinded.

Mr. *Gowan* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Greive*, That this House will, at the rising of the House on Friday next, adjourn until Tuesday the seventh day of January, 1845, and that the first Rule of this House be rescinded as far as relates to this motion.

Mr. *Cameron* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, That all the words after "That" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "when this House doth adjourn, on the 24th instant, it will stand adjourned until Friday, the third day of January next."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cameron, Christie, Desauter, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurason, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, and Webster—(31.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Jessup, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, and Williams—(41.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, and Williams—(40.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cameron, Christie, Desauter, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurason, Leslie, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, and Webster—(33.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

That the time for entering into recognizance by *Solomon J. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, electors of the town of *Cornwall*, against the election and return of *Rolland Macdonald*, Esquire, to represent the said town of *Cornwall*, which will expire on Friday next, be enlarged until the ninth day of January next, and that the consideration of the Petition of the said *Solomon J. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, electors of the town of *Cornwall*, be also postponed until the said ninth day of January next, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Gowan, Jessup, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Nelson, Powell, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Small, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Webster, and Williams—(47.)

NAYS.

Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Hale, Johnston, Laurason, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Prince, Stewart of PRESCOTT, and Watts—(11.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased to exercise the Royal prerogative, by granting to Her Majesty's misguided subjects a free pardon, indemnity, and oblivion of all crimes, offences, and misdemeanors, connected with the unhappy troubles referred to in a humble Address of this House, of the 30th day of August, 1841, on the same subject, and of all attainders and outlawries during the period therein mentioned;—most humbly assuring Her most Gracious Majesty, that whenever it may please Her Majesty, through her Representative, and out of her own free will, pleasure, and mere motion, to transmit a Bill to that effect to the Provincial Assembly, the same will be received with humble gratitude, and will tend still more to confirm Her Majesty's faithful subjects, in this Province, in their affection to their Sovereign, and to strengthen the connexion which happily exists between this Province and the Parent State.

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 respecting the extension of the Royal clemency to Her Majesty's misguided subjects for all offences connected with the late unhappy troubles, and humbly praying His Excellency to transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and also to recommend the prayer thereof to Her most gracious Majesty.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be engrossed.

Resolved, 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 Honourable 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Jonathan Merry* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*, in the county of *Stanstead*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *McConnell*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Brooks*, Mr. *Watts* and Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, 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 *Alvan Williams* and others, inhabitants of *West Bolton*, in the county of *Stanstead*, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*, That the time for entering into recognizance by *R. Burrill* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, against the election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, to represent the said county of *Grenville*, which will expire on Monday the twenty-third instant, be enlarged until the tenth day of January next: and that the consideration of the said Petition, and also of the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, relative to the same subject, be likewise postponed until the said tenth day of January next, at four of the clock in the afternoon.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boullillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desjardins, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché and Thompson—(35.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Greive, Hale, Johnston, Lawson, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster and Williams—(36.)

So it passed in negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to set apart certain parts of the townships of *Loughborough*, *Pittsburg* and *Kingston*, in the *Midland* district, and form the same into a new township, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intitled, "An Act for the Disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands prior to the fourth April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Roblin* and the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and make better provision for the relief of parties claiming lands in *Upper Canada*, for which no patent hath issued, as representing the original nominees of the Crown, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands, in the district of *Wellington*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws now in force imposing a duty upon Distilleries in any part of the Province of *Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *DeWitt* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair.

And Mr. *DeWitt* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on Friday last, "That it be resolved, that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Dominick Daly*, as a Member to serve for the county of *Megantic*, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable *Dominick Daly*," 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 re-invest in *John Montgomery* the property forfeited to the Crown by his attainder, being read,

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*.

The House adjourned.

Petitions referred.

Jonathan Merry and others.

A. Williams and others.

Grenville contested Election.

Megantic contested Election.

Loughborough and Pittsburg Bill.

Bill to reinvest in John Montgomery certain forfeited lands.

Mercurii, 18^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

Leeds-contested
Election.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House that *William Buell, Theodor Hart, and Dirigt P. James*, Esquires, have entered into the usual recognizance, required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Leeds*.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *William Buell*, of the town of *Brockville* in the county of *Leeds*, in the district of *Johnstown*, Esquire, a Candidate at the last election of the said county, be discharged, the said petitioner not having entered into the recognizance required by law, within fourteen days after the presentation thereof.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*. That all the words after "That" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "the Petitioner *William Buell* have delay until Friday next, to enter into recognizance as required by law, to prosecute his Petition against the return and election of the sitting Member for the county of *Leeds*."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Bou-tillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, De Witt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché and Thompson—(33.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Coleville, Cummings, Daly, DeBligny, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Mc Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWS, Stewart of PASCOTT, and Webster—(39.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Coleville, Cummings, Daly, DeBligny, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Mc Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWS, Stewart of PASCOTT, and Webster—(37.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Bou-tillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, De Witt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, and Thompson—(35.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

County of
Stormont con-
tested Election.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House that *Alexander McLean, James Bell Forsyth, and F. Star Jarvis*, Esquires, had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the county of *Stormont*.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of Messrs. *James G. Heath & Co.* and other merchants, of the cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipal district of *Missisquoi* (relating to roads); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipal district of *Missisquoi*, (relating to the district courts.)

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBligny*, the Petition of the Honourable *Vallière de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *John Archibald* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Osnabruck*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Patton* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Kemptville*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *Eduard Foster* and others, freeholders, of the townships of *Walsingham*, county of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *Jessup* the Petition of *Daniel Grant* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Eduardsburgh*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, landholders, residing in the vicinity of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of *Charles H. Lassiseraye*, of the town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Abbott*, Master of Arts; and the Petition of *W. Dunlop*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of *Williams* and other townships, in the *Huron* tract, *Canada West*.

An engrossed Bill to amend the laws now in force imposing a duty upon Distilleries, in any part of the Province of *Canada*, was read for the third time.

Still Duty

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the *St. John* and *St. Roch* Suburbs of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the said Suburbs may be represented in the City Council of *Quebec* in proportion to their population.

Of *Henry Lawrence* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Brompton*, *Ely*, and *Stokely*, praying for a grant to enable them to construct a road through the said townships.

Of *Richard W. Branam* and others, inhabitants of the north-western part of the township of *Ekfrid* and the southern part of the township of *Adelaide*, in the *London* district, praying that those parts of the said townships may be set apart as a distinct township.

Of *Charles Monsarrat* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town and neighbourhood of *London*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the Church of *England* such proportion of the Clergy

Petitioners read. Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same, and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *D. I. Marquis*, M. D., and others, inhabitants of *Ste. Anne de la Pacatière*, and of the township of *Leworth*, praying a grant of money to continue a road opened by Government in the said township of *Leworth*.

Of the Honourable *Simon Washburn*, of the town of *Pictou*, praying to be remunerated for losses sustained by him during the late war with the *United States*.

Of *John Donaldson* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, praying that the said county may be erected into a separate district.

Of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to assign to, and vest in the Church of England such share of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with, and be equal to, her share of the funds arising from the said Lands.

Of *James Foster* and others, manufacturers of boots and shoes in the city of *Toronto*, praying that the duty imposed on the said articles, imported from the *United States*, may be increased.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying for certain alterations in the existing rates of the Tariff of the duties of this Province.

Of *G. B. Foribault*, Esquire, President of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, praying for a grant to enable the said Society to procure, from Europe, certain documents relating to the early history of *Canada*.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, members of the *Quebec* Charitable Firewood Society, praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of *Gaspard Dauth*, of the parish of *Ste. Anne Lapérade*, in the county of *Champlain*, praying that he may be paid certain arrears still due him for the construction of a bridge over the river *Ste. Anne*.

Of *Patrick Trim* and others, Masters and Journeymen Cordwainers, of the town of *Niagara*, praying that a certain duty may be imposed on boots and shoes imported from the *United States*.

Of *Samuel Young* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Williamsburgh* and *Winchester*, praying for an aid to enable them to open and complete a certain road through the said townships.

Of the Reverend *Alexander Williams* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Cornwall* and its vicinity, praying for an Address to Her Majesty recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the Church of England such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same, and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto* to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *Edward Glackeneyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*, praying that certain amendments be made to the Ordinances 3 and 4 *Victoria*, cap. 35, and 4 *Victoria*, cap. 31, incorporating the city of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Petition, and of the amendments proposed by the Corporation of the city of *Quebec* to the Act incorporating the same, be printed in each of the

English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That *George Macdonell*, Esquire, have leave to attach his name to the sheet on which is written the Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Williams* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Cornwall*, and its vicinity.

Petition of Rev. Alexander Williams and others.

Resolved, that the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Laclaire* and other parishes, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Colville*, Mr. *Leslie*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, 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.

Petitions referred.

M. F. Valois and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Duransaux* and others, inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; the Petition of the Honourable *Gabriel Roy* and others, inhabitants of the *Côte St. Laurent*, in the parish of *St. Laurent*; and the Petition of *Hyacinthe Brunet* and others, of *Sainte Anne, Pointe Claire*, and other parishes, be referred to the said Committee.

Rev. Antoine Duransaux and others.

G. Roy and others.

H. Brunette and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *E. Colville* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *Ste. Anicet*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Jonathan Merry* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*, in the county of *Stanstead*, and another reference.

E. Colville and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Honourable Mr. *Mossutt*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Macdonald* of *Cornwall*, 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.

Church Society, Toronto.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Williams* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Cornwall* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *Charles Montsarrat* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town and neighbourhood of *London*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the said Committee.

Rev. A. Williams and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brookville*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stornont*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, Mr. *Murney*, and Mr. *Meyers*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Reid and Shepherd.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Gee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *John DeCoe*, senior, and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Daniel Hoover* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, and other references.

J. Gee and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *François Cottrell* and others, freeholders and censitaires of the Seigniorship of *St. Antoine*, of *La Baye*, in the county of *Yamaska*, be referred to a Select

F. Cottrell and others.

Committee, composed of Mr. *Rousseau*, Mr. *Lacoste*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Watts*, and Mr. *Méthot*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of J. Laurin, Esq., and others

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the *St. John* and *St. Roch* Suburbs, of the city of *Quebec*, be printed in each of the English and French languages for the use of the Members of this House.

J. W. Brown, and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James W. Brown* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Kingston*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Duggan*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Seymour*, the Honourable Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed: with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Province line Railroad.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Mr. *Gowan*, and Mr. *McConnell*, be added to the Special Committee to which was referred so much of the Petition of *Hollis Smith* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Stanstead* and other places, as prays for a charter being granted to a Company to establish a Railroad from the Province Line to the city of *Montreal*.

Lord Bishop of Montreal.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, members of the *Quebec* Charitable Firewood Society, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Berthelot*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, 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.

Acting Mayor of Quebec.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Edward Gluckemeyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Chabot*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Laurin*, Mr. *Christie*, and Mr. *Berthelot*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House the following letter, addressed to the Clerk of this House:

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Saturday, 14th December, 1844.

DEAR SIR,

Letter from Law Clerk and English Translator.

I think the sitting of the Committee for filling the vacancy in the French Translator's Office, and determining on the assistance to be given to that Officer, may perhaps afford me a fair opportunity of suggesting whether it would not be advantageous that some young man, properly qualified, should be set apart as my especial assistant in my double office of Law Clerk and English Translator. He should be qualified to write either language, but more particularly to translate accurately out of French into English. At first I could hardly expect much assistance from him in the Law Clerk Department, but even from the first I could make him of some use, and if he were either a young lawyer or a student I could soon make him of a great deal of use. It is in the translations, however, that I shall most need him, as the quantity of work in that department will probably be heavy, more especially the evidence before Election Committees and others; and assistance of some kind I must then get, or the House might be kept waiting

or the Journals retarded. You will remember that in *Lower Canada* there were, a Law Clerk and an Assistant Law Clerk, an English Translator and an Assistant English Translator. The duties of all these four offices I have performed alone since the Union, with the exception of about £40 worth of assistance last Session; but I have rather overworked myself, and cannot always expect to be able to do as much. As yet during the fifteen years I have been an Officer of the House, I have never lost a day, but I may not always be able to do so much, and should like to train up some one to help me hereafter. He should be willing to give his whole attention to it earnestly, and to help me in Session and out of Session as long as any thing remains to be done. I leave the matter in your hands, and am, dear Sir,

Very truly and respectfully yours,

G. W. WICKSTEED.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the city of *Montreal*, and other references.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, as a Member to serve for the county of *Yamaska*, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire. Yamaska contested Election.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Friday next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Resolved, That the rules of this House which determine the period for the reception of Private Bills, and for Committees to report thereupon, be respectively enlarged three weeks, from the day on which the delay would have terminated, in each case. Private Bills.

On motion of Mr. *Caléil*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *DeBléury*,

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 the valuation of damages sustained by the inhabitants of *St. Clement*, and *St. Timothée de Beauharnois*, in the neighbourhood of the *Beauharnois* canal, as estimated by Captain *Wetherall* and *C. Manuel*, Esquire; together with such other information on the subject as His Excellency may deem fit to communicate to this House. Valuation of damages sustained by inhabitants of St. Clement, &c.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, assuring Her that this House rejoices at the auspicious Birth of another Member of the Royal Family, and offering the expression of its humble congratulation on Her Majesty's continued safety and health; and that it be resolved that an Address of Congratulation be also presented to His Royal Highness, Prince *Albert*. Congratulations on the Birth of a Prince.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* and the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, be appointed for preparing an humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty, offering to Her Majesty the cordial congratulations of this House on the Birth of another Prince, and a similar Address to be presented to His Royal Highness Prince *Albert*.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Meyers*,

Ordered, That that part of the printed Journals of this House of the last session of Parliament, as relates to that portion of the amendment purported to be made by the Honourable the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled "An Act to enable Religious Societies of all Denominations of Christians, in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, to hold Lands for certain purposes therein mentioned," and which amendment erroneously recites an Act of the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned," be now read.

The said entry was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the words "*Tinkers, Barkers, Shakers, Shavers, Southcotites and Gipsies*," which have been interpolated in the aforesaid amendment, without authority from this House, be expunged.

Resolved, That the foregoing Orders and the Report of the Select Committee appointed to investigate and report on the said subject, be communicated by Message to the Honourable the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That Mr. *Williams* do carry the said Message to the Honourable the Legislative Council.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House a statement of the amount of loss suffered by the parish of *St. Eustache* in the loss of their convent and church, during the troubles of 1837.

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

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Jolustoven*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Friday, the tenth day of January next, at four o'clock, P. M., in lieu of Monday, the twenty-third instant, as before appointed by this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill the better to facilitate commutation of the tenure *en roture*, in the seigniories and fiefs, in *Lower Canada*, into that of free and common soccage.

He accordingly presented the said 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 January next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *Peter Dunn* and others, electors of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourables *George Moffatt* and *Charles C. S. DeBleury*, to represent the said city, be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, freeholders and electors of the county of *Megantic*, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Dominick Daly* to represent the said county, be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be then the second Order of the Day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to declare illegal the existing monopoly of streams, mill-sites and water powers, claimed and exercised in the seigniories, in *Lower Canada*, by the respective seigniors and 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 Wednesday, the eighth day of January next.

On motion of Mr. *Lacoste*, seconded by Mr. *Berthelot*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the expediency of amending an Act of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, passed in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, *George* the Third, chapter 6, intituled, "An Act for the division of the Province of *Lower Canada*, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain Laws therein mentioned," in so far as relates to counsel and opinion of relations and friends, touching the appointment of tutors, curators, to absentees or vacant estates, and other matters requiring such counsel and opinion.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend an Act of the Province heretofore called *Lower Canada*, passed in the 34th year of His late Majesty *George* the Third, chapter 6, intituled, "An Act for the division of the Province of *Lower Canada*, for amending the Judicature thereof, and for repealing certain laws therein mentioned" in as far as that Act relates to the counsel and advice of relations and friends on the appointment of guardians or tutors, curators to absentees,

Interpolated Journals.

Loss sustained by the Parish of St. Eustache.

Grenville contested Election.

Commutation of Tenure.

or to vacant estates, and other matters which require such counsel and advice.

(Copy.)

No. 118.

DOWNING STREET,
17th November, 1843.

SIR,

I have laid before the Queen the Addresses to Her Majesty on the Birth of Her Royal Highness the Princess ^{Birth of the} *Alice*, adopted by the House of Assembly of *Canada*, in their present Session, and enclosed in your Despatch, No. 95, of the 16th October. ^{Princess Alice.}

I have received Her Majesty's Commands to instruct you to assure the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty has received with much gratification this renewed expression of the attachment of that House to Her Majesty's Person, and of their sympathy with Her Majesty's feelings.

I have transmitted to Prince *Albert* the Address to His Royal Highness, which was also enclosed in your Despatch, No. 95, of the 16th October.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Governor,

The Right Honourable
Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 130.

DOWNING STREET,
29th November, 1843.

SIR,

With reference to my Despatches, Nos. 118 and 119, of the 17th instant, I enclose herewith the replies of Prince *Albert* to the Addresses to His Royal Highness, from the Legislative Council and House of Assembly of *Canada*, on the occasion of the Birth of Her Royal Highness the Princess *Alice*; and I have to request that you will cause them to be delivered to the respective *Speakers* of those Houses.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable

Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Bart.,
G. C. B., &c., &c., &c.

Notaries en-
abled to call
meetings of
relations, &c.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relatives and friends, in certain cases, without being thereunto specially appointed or authorized by a J. P.

He accordingly presented the said 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 January next.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker*, three Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in reply to an Address of the 12th instant, respecting the Office of Chief or Civil Secretary, that in reference to the representation regarding that office, contained in the Address of the Legislative Assembly to the Queen, relating to the Civil List, Her Majesty's Secretary of State has observed that the altered footing on which the office of Civil Secretary had been placed, previously to the receipt of the Address by His Lordship, precluded the necessity of any reply upon that subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

SCHEDULE of DESPATCHES accompanying the Governor General's Message to the House of Assembly, of the 16th December, 1844.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1843.	
118	17 Nov.	In reply to the Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly on the Birth of Princess Alice.
130	29 "	With Prince Albert's Replies to the Addresses on the Birth of Princess Alice.
132	2 Dec.	In reply to the joint Address on the Seat of Government.
143	21 "	In reply to the Address to the Queen on the Duties charged on Foreign Publications.
	1844	
Ex-27	27 Mar.	Communicating the decision of Her Majesty's Government on the Reserved Bill, regarding the admission of Land Surveyors in <i>Upper Canada</i> ; the Bill relating to the Market Block in the Town of <i>Niagara</i> ; and that regulating the navigation of the river <i>St. Lawrence</i> .
201	18 Apr.	Respecting the Reserve Bill for securing the Independence of the Legislative Council.
Ex-27	27 Mar.	Respecting the Reserved Bill for securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly.
Ex-27	"	Reserved Bill for the discouragement of Secret Societies, —decision on reported.

(Copy.)

No. 132.

DOWNING STREET,
2nd December, 1843.

SIR,

I have laid before the Queen, the joint Address of the ^{Seat of Gov-} Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, enclosed in your Despatch of the 10th November, 1843, No. 123, in which the Houses of the Provincial Parliament submit to the Queen their opinion, that it is expedient that the Seat of Her Majesty's Provincial Government for *Canada* should be at the City of *Montreal*, and assure Her Majesty that upon Her Majesty, in the gracious exercise of Her Royal Prerogative, giving directions for the location of it at that place, the Houses pledge themselves to provide the necessary supply for the expenditure which may be expected to attend the Establishment of the Seat of Government at that City.

The Queen having taken this Address into Her consideration, and adverting to the terms of the Act of the Imperial Parliament for re-uniting the Provinces of *Upper* and

Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada, has been pleased to command me to instruct you, to acquaint the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Canada, that, in compliance with their expressed wish and opinion, it is Her Majesty's pleasure that the City of Montreal be henceforward the place of the habitual residence of yourself and your successors in the Government of Canada; and that it is Her Majesty's further pleasure, that the future Sessions of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province, be holden at Montreal, subject of course to the strict observance of the provisions of the Statute already mentioned, respecting the selection of the proper place or places for that purpose.

The Queen is further pleased to direct you to acquaint the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, that Her Majesty accepts their offer of providing the necessary supplies for the expenditure which may be attendant on this measure, and will give the necessary orders for ensuring the effective and economical application of any such funds, in executing the service for which they may be so appropriated.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Baronet,
G. C. B., &c., &c., &c.

(Copy.)

No. 143.

DOWNING STREET,
21st December, 1843.

SIR,

I have laid before the Queen the Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Assembly of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, dated the 10th November, 1843, praying that "Her Majesty will be pleased to adopt such measures as may, in Her wisdom, be deemed expedient to remove the discouragement arising from the duties imposed by the Imperial Act, on Works of the class above mentioned, and calculated to promote the dissemination of important knowledge."

The Queen's solicitude for the general welfare of Her Majesty's Canadian Subjects, and especially for the diffusion of useful knowledge among all classes of the inhabitants of the Province, would have recommended this subject to the Queen's most careful attention, even had it not been brought under Her notice with all the authority derived from the opinion and wishes of the House of Assembly. But Her Majesty finds that the Imperial import duty leviable in Canada on foreign Books originally printed and published in Foreign countries is the same as on all other manufactures of paper,—that is, 7 per cent. ad-valorem—a duty imposed in the 5th and 6th year of Her Majesty's Reign, in substitution for a previous duty of 30 per cent. ad-valorem. If any evidence has been collected by the Assembly to shew that this low rate of duty materially impedes the introduction into the Province of original French Works from France, the Queen, on being placed in possession of that evidence, will lose no time in considering how the evil may be best corrected. But in absence of any such information, Her Majesty being unapprized of the extent or of the sources of the mischief, is not able to judge by what means it may be most effectually remedied.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Governor,

The Right Honourable
Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Baronet,
&c. &c. &c.

Extract of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Honourable Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B.; Governor General, dated 27th March, 1844.

"The Bill regarding the admission of Land Surveyors in Upper Canada, and the Bill respecting the Market Block in the town of Niagara, are both reserved, because each

"of them pre-supposes the enactment of a Law which has not in fact been enacted. Her Majesty's decision on these Acts will be suspended until it shall be ascertained whether significance and effect may have been imparted to them by any other Laws to be passed in the ensuing Session.

"Her Majesty's decision on the Bill relating to the navigation of the St. Lawrence, will also be postponed until it shall appear whether it will be superseded in the ensuing Session by the more general measure which you anticipated."

(Copy.)

No. 201.

DOWNING STREET,
18th April, 1844.

SIR,

I have received from Her Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, a Report, dated the 9th instant, on the Bill passed by the Council and Assembly of Canada, on the 9th December, 1843, and reserved by you for the consideration of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, intitled, "An Act for the better securing the Independence of the Legislative Council of this Province."

In that Report it is stated that, the proposed Bill appears very materially to interfere with the power vested in Her Majesty by the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the third and fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 25, in reference to the appointment of the Members of the Legislative Council.

It is consequently not competent to the Queen, in point of law, to assent to this Bill. In the absence of any other reason, this, of course, would be a conclusive and insuperable objection to the ratification and final enactment of it by Her Majesty.

That ratification will consequently be withheld, and the Bill will not take effect as Law in the Province of Canada.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Governor,

The Right Honourable
Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Baronet,
&c. &c. &c.

Extract of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Honourable Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B.; Governor General, dated 27th March, 1844.

"The Bill for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly, will be confirmed and finally enacted by the Queen in Council. On a subject so peculiarly affecting the Rights and Privileges of the House of Assembly, Her Majesty defers to the judgment and recommendation of the two Houses of local Legislature, as the surest guide by which Her decision could be directed. It has not, however, been without some distrust of the wisdom of some of the provisions of this Law, that Her Majesty has so decided.

"I argue that the exclusion from the Assembly, of all Records of Cities, of all Sheriffs, of the Adjutant-General of Militia, and of the Master of the Trinity House, Quebec, is justified by some reason which does not exist in the case of holders of the corresponding offices in England. But what those reasons may be is not explained.

"I cannot concur in the opinion, that the prohibition of Ministers of Religion, of whatever Faith or form of Worship, from holding Seats in the Assembly, and from voting for Members of that House, will really remove them from political and party strife. Nor, if I could anticipate that result, should I regard it as an advantage sufficient to countervail the great inconvenience of so detaching the whole Body of the Religious Teachers of the Province from their fellow Countrymen on questions in which all educated men must feel a lively interest, and in regard to which the great majority of such men have duties to perform from which no such regulation can debar them."

Market Block in Niagara.

St. Lawrence Navigation.

Independence of Legislative Council.

Independence of Legislative Assembly.

Foreign Prints.

Land Surveyors.

Extract of Despatch from the Right Honourable Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Honourable Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart., G. C. B., Governor General, dated 27th March, 1844.

(Copy.)

No. 145.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Kingston, 11th December, 1843.

Secret Societies.

" Her Majesty's assent will not be given to the Bill for the discouragement of Secret Societies. The Queen cannot be advised to concur in an enactment placing any class of Her Majesty's Subjects beyond the protection of the Law, and depriving them, without a previous conviction for crime, of the privileges to which all British Subjects have a common title. You have, as I understand, adopted every necessary measure to restrain demonstrations calculated to disturb the public peace: and, much as I regret the existence of the Societies against which this Bill is aimed, it appears to me more safe, more just, and more constitutional, to rely on the Executive Government for the prevention of their possible excesses, and on their leaders' good sense and loyalty acting on the advice, which I am sure you will tender to them, in a friendly spirit, for their ultimate dissolution, than to encounter the evil by Legislation, affording a too ready precedent of severity and violence for imitation in future times and on other occasions."

MY LORD,

I have the honour to submit an Address from the Legislative Assembly of Canada to Her Majesty, relating to the Civil List.

The immediate departure of the Packet prevents my adding such remarks on the subject of this Address, as it will be my duty to submit to you as soon as possible.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honourable
Lord STANLEY, &c.

Extract of Despatch from the Right Hon. Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Hon. Sir CHARLES BAGOT, G. C. B., &c., &c., &c.

dated, DOWNING STREET,
4th April, 1842.

Civil List.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, in reply to their Address of the 5th instant, the accompanying parts of Correspondence that has passed between Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Provincial Government, relating to the Civil List.

The Governor General informs the House of Assembly that there are no Reports of Council upon that subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

" Having now answered all the questions to which your Despatch has given rise; it remains only that I should request you to furnish me, with as little delay as possible, with a Statement of the present fixed charges upon the Civil List, within which it is absolutely necessary that you should bring the whole expense of these Departments of your Government which are charged upon it; and it will also be desirable that you should send me an account of the Contingencies, which, on your accession to office, you found chargeable on the same fund, and pressing unduly on your resources for the current year."

SCHEDULE.

- Sir C. BAGOT, to Lord STANLEY. { No. 129. 7th June, 1842. With Statement of charges on the Civil List for the year 1841.
- Sir C. METCALFE, to do. { No. 145. 11th December, 1844. With Address from the House of Assembly to the Queen, on the Civil List.
- Lord STANLEY to Sir C. BAGOT. { (Extract.) 4th April, 1842. Requiring to be furnished with a Statement of the charges on the Civil List.
- Do. to Sir C. METCALFE. { (Extract.) 1st February, 1844. Conveying the Queen's Answer to the Address of the Legislative Assembly on the Civil List.

Extract of Despatch from the Right Hon. Lord STANLEY, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to the Right Hon. Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Bart., G. C. B., &c. &c.

dated, DOWNING STREET,
1st February, 1844.

" I have received and laid before the Queen, your Despatch of the 11th December, and the Address to Her Majesty therein enclosed, from the Legislative Assembly of Canada, on the subject of the Civil List. The Queen has been pleased to receive that Address very graciously, and has commanded me to acquaint you in reply, that Her Majesty learns with regret that any portion of the enactment by which a free Constitution was restored to a part of Her Dominions, should appear to the Legislative Assembly of the United Province of Canada, to furnish matter of reasonable complaint. Her Majesty is well assured that the only objects sought by Her Parliament in making, by that enactment, provision for a Civil List, were to give stability and security to the great Civil Institutions of the Province; to provide for the adequate remuneration of able and efficient Officers in the various Public Departments; and to enable Her Majesty to make moderate provision for the declining years of those whose best days had been devoted to a faithful discharge of public duties, or who, by eminent services, might have merited the favour of the Crown. Her Majesty is fully persuaded of the concurrence of Her faithful subjects in Canada in effecting these objects. Her Majesty would gladly owe the means of attaining them to the spontaneous liberality of Her Canadian people; and whenever due and adequate provision shall have been made for them by the Legislature of Canada, Her Majesty will be prepared to recommend to Parliament the Repeal of so much of the Act of Union as relates to this subject. Until Parliament shall have assented to such a recommendation, Her Majesty, equally with all Her subjects, is bound by the provisions of an enactment to which Her sanction has been given."

(Copy.)

No. 129.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Kingston, 7th June, 1842.

MY LORD,

In obedience to the instruction contained in the concluding paragraph of Your Lordship's Despatch, of the 4th April last, No 116, I have the honour to transmit to Your Lordship herewith, a Statement of the charges on the Civil List, for the year 1841. Your Lordship will observe that the salaries of the Civil Officers are put down at their annual amount, but the Contingencies are the sums actually paid for the period between the 10th February, the day of the Union, and the close of the year.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) CHARLES BAGOT.

The Right Honourable
Lord STANLEY, &c.

COPY.

STATEMENT of the present fixed Charges on the Civil List, together with the Contingencies which, on the accession to office of His Excellency, Sir Charles Bagot, as Governor General, were found chargeable on that fund.

HEADS OF SERVICE.	Annual fixed Charges.	Contingencies between 10th February and 31st Dec. 1841.	Total for each Department. Sterling.	REMARKS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
SCHEDULE A.				
Salary of the Governor General	7000 0 0	7000 0 0	
UPPER CANADA—				
Salary of the Chief Justice	1500 0 0			
“ four Puisné Judges, each £900	3600 0 0			
“ the Vice Chancellor	1125 0 0	6225 0 0	
LOWER CANADA—				
Salary of the Chief Justice, Quebec	1500 0 0			
“ three Puisné Judges in the District of Quebec, at £900 each	2700 0 0			
“ three Puisné Judges in the District of Montreal, at £900 each	2700 0 0			
“ one Chief Justice of Montreal, £1100	There is no appointment to this Office.
“ one Provincial Judge, resident at Three Rivers	900 0 0			
“ one Provincial Judge in the District of St. Francis	500 0 0			
“ one Provincial Judge in the District of Gaspé	500 0 0			
			8800 0 0	
			22025 0 0	
Pensions to Judges, Salaries of the Attornies and Solicitors General, and Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses of Administration of Justice, including Salaries of Sheriffs, Coroners, Clerks of the Crown, Clerks of the Courts and Petty Officers, &c. &c.				
Pension to L. P. Sherwood, as late Judge of Upper Canada	600 0 0			
“ James Reid, late Chief Justice of Montreal	733 6 8			
Salary of the Attorney General (East)	1500 0 0			
“ ditto (West)	1080 0 0			
“ Solicitor General (East)	1000 0 0			
“ ditto (West)	540 0 0			
Allowance to the Attorney General (East) for contingencies of office	300 0 0			
“ ditto (West) ditto	200 0 0			
“ to Judges for Circuits (East)	562 10 0			
“ ditto (West)	675 0 0			
Salary of the Commissioner of the Court of Requests, District of Quebec, and allowance for Travelling Expenses	£600	This was the annual charge up to 31st December, since when it ceased.
“ ditto ditto Montreal ditto 600	600			
“ ditto ditto Three Rivers ditto 350	350			
“ Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty	200 0 0			
“ Registrar	150 0 0			
“ Marshal	75 0 0			
“ Sheriff of Quebec	100 0 0	2046 8 10		
“ “ Montreal	100 0 0	3695 13 5		
“ “ Three Rivers	75 0 0	657 2 0		
“ “ Saint Francis	50 0 0	180 0 0		
“ “ Gaspé	70 0 0	200 0 0		
Allowance to the Sheriff of Quebec, Montreal and Three Rivers, for a Public Executioner, at £27 each	81 0 0			
“ to the Sheriff of Gaspé for Travelling Expenses	10 0 0			
Salary of the Coroner of Quebec	100 0 0	475 18 7		
“ “ Montreal	100 0 0	276 6 8		
“ “ Three Rivers	50 0 0	135 7 2		
“ “ Saint Francis	45 0 0			
“ “ County of Bonaventure (Gaspé)	25 0 0	20 0 0		
“ “ Gaspé	25 0 0			
“ Clerk of the Provincial Court and Clerk of the Peace (Gaspé)	60 0 0	21 12 8		
“ Clerk of the Crown, District of Quebec	40 0 0	102 5 7		
“ “ “ Montreal	40 0 0	241 7 9		
“ “ “ Three Rivers	20 0 0	14 12 2		
“ Clerk of the Court of Appeals	120 0 0			
Allowance to ditto for Stationery	6 0 0			
Salary of the Under of the ditto	27 0 0			
“ Interpreter to the Courts at Quebec	40 0 0			
“ “ “ Montreal	40 0 0			
“ “ “ Three Rivers	25 0 0			
Carried over	£ 8864 16 8	8066 9 10	22025 0 0	

SCHEDULE A.—(Concluded.)

HEADS OF SERVICE.	Annual fixed Charges.	Contingencies between 10th February and 31st Dec. 1844.	Total for each Department.			REMARKS.
			Sterling.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
<i>Brought over</i> ...	8864 16 8	8066 9 10	22025 0 0			
<i>Pensions to Judges, &c. (Continued)—</i>						
Salary of the High Constable at Quebec ...	36 0 0					
“ “ “ Montreal ...	36 0 0					
“ “ “ Three Rivers ...	27 0 0					
“ Crier of the Courts at Quebec ...	20 0 0					
“ Tipstaff to the ditto ...	18 0 0					
“ Crier of the Courts at Montreal ...	20 0 0					
“ Tipstaff to the ditto ...	18 0 0					
“ Crier and Tipstaff to the Courts at Three Rivers ...	25 0 0					
“ Keeper of the Court House at Quebec ...	54 0 0					
“ “ “ Montreal ...	72 0 0					
“ “ “ Three Rivers ...	36 0 0					
“ Keeper of the Court Hall and Gaol at New Carlisle ...	36 0 0					
“ Keeper of the ditto ditto at Percé ...	36 0 0					
“ “ “ Court Hall at Sherbrooke ...	18 0 0					
“ “ “ Gaol at Quebec ...	125 0 0					
Allowance to the Keeper of the Gaol at Quebec for two Turnkeys ...	110 0 0					
Salary of the Keeper of the Gaol at Montreal ...	125 0 0					
Allowance to the Keeper of the Gaol at Montreal for two Turnkeys ...	72 0 0					
Salary of the Keeper of the Gaol at Three Rivers ...	55 0 0					
Allowance to ditto for two Turnkeys ...	72 0 0					
Salary of the ditto Sherbrooke ...	25 0 0					
“ Physician attending the Gaol at Quebec ...	200 0 0					
“ “ “ Montreal ...	200 0 0					
“ “ “ Three Rivers ...	50 0 0					
“ Usher Court of King's Bench, Toronto ...	18 0 0					
“ Keeper of the ditto ditto ...	18 0 0					
“ Messenger of the Court of Chancery ...	50 0 0					
Allowance for Rent of a House for ditto ...	36 0 0					
			10472 16 8			
Contingencies of Crown Law Officers, late Lower Canada ...		573 4 7				
“ “ “ Upper Canada ...		754 17 6				
“ the Prothonotaries at Quebec ...		246 3 0				
“ “ “ Montreal ...		429 10 0				
“ “ “ Three Rivers ...		104 9 11				
“ “ “ Saint Francis ...		689 19 7				
“ Clerk of the Peace at Quebec ...		1076 14 8				
“ “ “ Montreal ...		255 6 5				
“ “ “ Three Rivers ...		24 8 9				
“ “ “ Saint Francis ...						
For Service of Subpoenas and care of Crown Witnesses at Montreal ...		128 2 0				
Ditto ditto Quebec ...		162 7 2				
Ditto ditto Three Rivers ...		78 3 4				
For Fees, &c. to the Clerk of the Assizes, late Province of Upper Canada ...		341 15 3				
Miscellaneous small items for the Administration of Justice ...		268 8 1	13200 0 1			
Totals ...	£ 32497 16 8	13200 0 1	45697 16 9	Total of Schedule A.		
RECAPITULATION OF SCHEDULE A.						
Governor ...	7000 0 0		7000 0 0			
Salary of Chief Justice, Upper Canada ...	1500 0 0		1500 0 0			
Four Puisné Judges, £900 each, Upper Canada ...	3600 0 0		3600 0 0			
Vice Chancellor, Upper Canada ...	1125 0 0		1125 0 0			
Chief Justice, Quebec, Lower Canada ...	1500 0 0		1500 0 0			
Three Puisné Judges, District of Quebec, £900 each, Lower Canada ...	2700 0 0		2700 0 0			
Ditto District of Montreal, ditto ...	2700 0 0		2700 0 0			
Chief Justice, Montreal, £1100 ...					Not appointed.	
Provincial Judge, resident at Three Rivers ...	900 0 0		900 0 0			
“ Inferior District of St. Francis ...	500 0 0		500 0 0			
“ “ “ Gaspé ...	500 0 0		500 0 0			
Pensions to the Judges, Salaries of Attorneys and Solicitors General, Contingent and Miscellaneous Expenses of Administration of Justice ...	10472 16 8	13200 0 1	23672 16 9			
Totals Sterling ...	£ 32497 16 8	13200 0 1	45697 16 9			

SCHEDULE B.

HEADS OF SERVICE.	Annual fixed Charges.	Contingencies between 10th February and 31st Dec. 1841.	Total for each Department. Sterling.	REMARKS.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
SCHEDULE B.				
CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE—				
Salary of the Chief Secretary	1620 0 0	...	...	Equal to £1500 Army Sterling.
“ First Clerk	250 0 0			
“ Second ditto	200 0 0			
“ Office Keeper	75 0 0			
“ Messenger	50 0 0			
“ Private Secretary to Governor General	324 0 0	...	...	Equal to £300 Army Sterling.
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, (East)—				
Salary of the Provincial Secretary	1000 0 0			
“ First Clerk or Assistant Secretary	400 0 0			
“ Second ditto	200 0 0			
“ Third ditto	157 10 0			
“ Engrossing Clerk	200 0 0			
“ Clerk in charge of the Records at Quebec... ..	200 0 0			
“ Office Keeper	75 0 0			
“ Messenger	50 0 0			
	£2282 10 0			
PROVINCIAL SECRETARY, (West)—				
Salary of the Provincial Secretary	1000 0 0			
“ First Clerk or Assistant Secretary	400 0 0			
“ Second ditto	200 0 0			
“ Third ditto	157 10 0			
“ Engrossing Clerk and allowance for compiling Blue Book	270 0 0			
“ Second Engrossing Clerk	157 10 0			
“ Extra ditto	100 0 0			
“ Messenger	50 0 0			
	£2335 0 0			
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE—				
Salary of the Registrar	500 0 0			
“ First Clerk	175 0 0			
“ Second ditto	175 0 0			
“ Messenger	50 0 0			
	£900 0 0			
Total fixed for Secretaries	£8036 10 0			
Contingent Expenses of Secretaries... ..	...	47 46 16 5	12783 6 5	Total for Secretaries.
RECEIVER GENERAL'S OFFICE—				
Salary of the Receiver General	1200 0 0			
“ First Clerk	400 0 0			
“ Second ditto	180 0 0			
“ Third ditto	157 10 0			
Total fixed amount	£1937 10 0			
Contingent Expenses ... ..	...	225 18 4	2163 8 4	Total for Receiver General.
INSPECTOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT—				
Salary of Inspector General (East)—	500 0 0			
“ First Clerk	150 0 0			
“ Second ditto	100 0 0			
Allowance to the Inspector General for a Messenger	40 0 0			
“ ditto for Stationery	25 0 0			
	£615 0 0			
Expenses of Postage ... ..	...	268 9 0		
Salary of Inspector General (West)—	Fixed. £565 0 0			
“ First Clerk	270 0 0			
“ Second ditto	153 0 0			
	988 0 0			
Contingent Expenses	£1803 0 0			
	...	244 14 10	2316 3 10	Total for Inspector General. Note.—This Department is not yet finally arranged.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL—				
Salary of the President of Committee	1000 0 0			
“ Eight Councillors at £100 each... ..	800 0 0			
“ Registrar and Clerk	400 0 0			
“ First Clerk	270 0 0			
“ Second ditto	200 0 0			
“ Third ditto	180 0 0			
“ Messenger	50 0 0			
“ Door-keeper and Office Servant... ..	50 0 0			
Total fixed annual	£2950 0 0			
Contingent Expenses ... ..	...	441 14 4	3391 14 4	Total for Executive Council.
BOARD OF WORKS—				
Salary of the Chairman	800 0 0			
“ Assistant Engineer	500 0 0			
“ Secretary and Book-keeper	400 0 0			
“ Messenger	50 0 0			
Total fixed annual	£1750 0 0			
Contingencies of the Board ... ..	...	210 0 0	1960 0 0	Total Board of Works.
Carried over	£10477 0 0	...	22615 12 11	

SCHEDULE B.—(Concluded.)

HEADS OF SERVICE.	Annual fixed	Contingencies	Total for each	REMARKS.
	Charges.	between 10th February and 31st Dec. 1841.	Department. Sterling.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
<i>Brought over</i>	16477 0 0	...	22615 12 11	
EMIGRANT AGENT—				
Salary of the Chief Agent for Emigrants at Quebec	400 0 0			
Contingencies of his Department ... ..	...	249 19 7	649 19 7	Total Emigrant Agent.
Amount of fixed charges carried to the end of this Statement	£16877 0 0			
PENSIONS.				
LATE LOWER CANADA—				
Pension to Mrs. Baby	150 0 0			
" Mrs. Elmsley	200 0 0			
" Mrs. Rottot	35 0 0			
" Mrs. DeLouvière	21 12 0			
" Miss Finlay	20 0 0			
" Miss Desbarats	18 0 0			
" two Misses Montizambert's at £10 each	20 0 0			
" three Misses Launière's at £10 each	30 0 0			
" Thomas Amyot	400 0 0			
" Miss A. DeSalaberry	50 0 0			
" Mrs. Jane Livingston	50 0 0			
" A. W. Cochran	200 0 0			
Retired allowance to G. H. Ryland as late Secretary to the Board of Jesuits' Estates	45 0 0			
" F. Vassal DeMonviel as late Adjutant General of Militia	537 10 0			
" Jasper Brewer as late Clerk of the Executive Council	100 0 0			
" Reverend R. R. Burrage as late Master of the Grammar School at Quebec	100 0 0			
Pension to Mrs. C. Giles Pommereau, (Widow Caron)	75 0 0			
" Mrs. Lucy Rolette	75 0 0			
LATE UPPER CANADA—				
Pension to N. Coffin as late Adjutant General of Militia	270 0 0			
" Mrs. Harriet M'Nab	45 0 0			
" Mrs. F. A. Moodie	90 0 0			
" Elizabeth Lawe	18 0 0			
" James Carroll	18 0 0			
" Mrs. Sarah Usher	90 0 0			
" Sheppard M'Comnick	90 0 0			
" John M'Millan	18 0 0			
" Peter Millar	18 0 0			
" Lewis Bright	56 5 0			
" Maria Church	45 0 0			
" Joseph Randall	18 0 0			
" Mrs. Susan Kerry	18 0 0			
" Mrs. Catharine M'Leod	18 0 0			
" Mrs. Charlotte Weir	18 0 0			
Retired allowance to James Nation as late Clerk, Inspector General's Office	112 10 0			
" Edward M'Mohon as late Chief Clerk, Prov. Secretary's Office	210 0 0			
Pension to Colonel Thomas Tulbot	400 0 0			
" William M. Chewett	360 0 0			
" Samuel Ridout, late Agent Land-granting Department	290 0 0			
" Miss Sophia Shaw, (family of Major-General Shaw)	100 0 0			
" Thomas Merritt, late Clerk Land-granting Department	47 0 0			
" William Cloughley, late Office-keeper Civil Secretary's Office	25 0 0			
" Lieut. Daniel M'Dougall	75 12 0			
" Queida Joseph	15 0 0			
	£4303 9 0		4303 9 0	Total Pensions.
CONTINGENCIES OF PUBLIC OFFICES—				
Miscellaneous Items ... ..	...	863 1 3	863 1 3	
Totals Sterling	£21180 9 0	7250 13 9	28431 2 9	
RECAPITULATION OF SCHEDULE B.				
Secretaries	8036 10 0	4746 16 5	12783 6 5	NOTE.—Under both the Schedules the fixed charges are stated at the Annual Amounts. The Contingent Expenses are those actually incurred from the 10th of February, the date of the Union, to the 31st December, 1841.
Receiver General's Office	1937 10 0	225 18 4	2163 8 4	
Inspector General's Office	1803 0 0	513 3 10	2316 3 10	
Executive Council	2950 0 0	441 14 4	3391 14 4	
Board of Works	1750 0 0	210 0 0	1960 0 0	
Emigrant Agent	400 0 0	249 19 7	649 19 7	
Pensions	4303 9 0	...	4303 9 0	
Contingent Expenses of Public Offices ... ..	...	863 1 3	863 1 3	
Totals	£21180 9 0	7250 13 9	28431 2 9	

Total under Schedule A. £45697 16 9
 Total under Schedule B. 28431 2 9

Total £74128 19 6

The Honourable Mr. Daly also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General:—

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, bearing date the 9th instant, praying that His Excellency, the Governor General, will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay upon the table of the House a copy of the instrument by which the Honourable D. B. Viger was called to the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province, and took his Seat as a Member thereof, and also that a copy of the instrument by virtue of which the said Honourable D. B. Viger was appointed to be Chairman or President of the said Council, or of the Committee thereof, be also laid upon the table of the House for the information thereof.

Province of } C. T. METCALFE.
Canada. }

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

To all to whom these Presents shall come, or whom the same may concern, GREETING :

KNOW YE, that being well satisfied of the loyalty, integrity and ability of our trusty and well-beloved Denis Benjamin Viger, of our city of Montreal, Esquire, we have thought fit to admit and appoint, and by these Presents do admit and appoint him, the said Denis Benjamin Viger, to be one of the Members of our Executive Council for the affairs of our said Province of Canada: To have and to hold unto him the said Denis Benjamin Viger, the said office of Member of our said Council of our said Province, with all and singular the rights and privileges thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, for and during our Royal pleasure: And our Royal will and pleasure further is, that he the said Denis Benjamin Viger, after taking and subscribing the oaths by law required to be taken in that behalf, do and shall take his seat at the Board of our said Executive Council accordingly as a member thereof as aforesaid, and do and shall, during the continuance of this our Commission, have rank and precedence within our said Province of Canada next before the Honourable Dominick Daly.

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 and trusty and well-beloved the Right Honourable Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New-Brunswick and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same: At our Government House, at Kingston, in our said Province, the twelfth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and in the seventh year of our reign.

C. T. M.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 17th December, 1844.

Certified to be a true copy of the Record.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

D. DALY,
Secretary.

Province of } C. T. METCALFE.
Canada. }

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

To all whom these Presents shall come, GREETING :

KNOW YE, that having taken into our Royal consideration the loyalty, integrity and ability of our trusty and well beloved the Honourable Denis Benjamin Viger, we have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint, the said Denis Benjamin Viger to be President of the Committee of the Executive Council of our said Province of Canada, in the place of the Honourable Robert Baldwin Sullivan, resigned: To have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said Office unto him the said Denis Benjamin Viger, for and during our pleasure and his residence within our said Province, together with all and singular the rights, profits, privileges and advantages thereunto belonging and appertaining, in the most full and ample manner: Provided always, that he the said Denis Benjamin Viger do execute the said office in person, except in case of sickness or other incapacity.

In testimony whereof we have caused these Our Letters to be made patent, and the great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness our right trusty and well beloved Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe, Baronet, G.C.B., one of our most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., at Montreal, this seventh day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the eighth year of our reign.

By Command,

JAMES HOPKIRK,
Assistant Secretary.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 17th December, 1844.

Certified to be a true copy of the Record.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

The Honourable Mr. Daly also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General:—

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, bearing date the 9th instant, praying that His Excellency, the Governor General, will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay upon the table of the House the instrument or authority whatever, by virtue whereof the tract of country upon the rivers Saguenay and St. Lawrence, known as "The King's Posts" in the district of Quebec, is now held by the Honourable the Company of Merchant Adventurers of England.

Province of } CHARLES BAGOT.
Canada. }

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

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

WHEREAS the Lease bearing date the twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, made and executed by His Excellency, George Earl of

Hon. D. B. Viger.

Recorded in the Registrar's Office of the Records at Kingston, the 13th day of December, 1844, in the eighteenth Register of Commissions and Letters Patent, folio 172.

R. A. TUCKER, Registrar.

Recorded, 8th October, 1844. R. A. TUCKER, Registrar.

Recorded in the Registrar's Office of the Records, at King-

King's Posts.

ton, the 5th day of July, 1844, in the seventeenth session of our Parliament, by Letters Patent, folio 401 to 404, inclusive.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Dalhousie, then Governor in Chief in and over that part of our said Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, for and in behalf of our Royal Predecessor, King *George* the Fourth, to and in favour of *John Goudie*, of the city of *Quebec*, Ship Builder, of all those Her Majesty's Domain Lands and Posts situate and lying on the north side of the River *St. Lawrence* in our late Province of *Lower Canada*, commonly called and known by the name of *King's Posts*, will expire and end on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two. And whereas it has been judged expedient by our Governor in Chief in and over our said Province of *Canada*, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of and for our said Province, that a grant and lease of the said Tract and Domain Lands and premises for the purposes hereinafter mentioned shall be made and executed to and in favour of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England* trading into *Hudson's Bay*, and their successors, for the term of twenty-one years, to be computed from the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned. Now Know Ye that in consideration of the rent, covenants, provisoes, and agreements hereinafter reserved and contained on the part and behalf of the said Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England* trading into *Hudson's Bay*, and their successors, to be paid, performed, and kept, We have granted, demised, and leased, and by these presents do grant, demise, and lease unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, all that certain tract or parcel of the Domain Lands situate, lying, and being on the north side of the River *St. Lawrence*, in our said Province of *Canada*, commonly called and known by the name of *The King's Posts*, together with all and every the Wharves and Buildings thereon erected and being, and all and every the appurtenances, for the purposes of carrying on an exclusive trade with the Indians at and upon the said Domain Lands hereby demised and leased, and an exclusive Seal Fishery and Seal Fisheries thereat: to have and to hold, enjoy and occupy, the said tract or parcel of land and premises, together with the rights and privileges hereby demised and leased unto the said Governor and Company, and their successors, for the purposes aforesaid, solely for and during the term of twenty-one years from the second day of October next, to be fully complete and ended, but subject, nevertheless, as hereinafter is mentioned. The Governor and Company, and their successors, paying for the same unto us, our heirs, and successors, yearly and every year during the said term, the sum of six hundred pounds, currency of this Province, by equal half-yearly payments to be made on the second day of April and on the second day of October in every year, to the Receiver General in and for our said Province, at his Office, or to such person as our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of our said Province, for the time being, shall appoint to receive the same, at the Office of the Secretary of our said Province, whereof the first payment shall be made on the second day of April, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, the said payments, and each of them, to be free and clear of all manner of taxes, rates, assessments, deductions, or abatements whatsoever now payable, or hereafter to become payable for or in respect of the said premises or any part thereof, and not to be in anywise diminished or abated by reason of the entering upon, or taking possession of, or of the granting or conveyance of any parts or portions of the said tract or parcel of land and premises for the purposes of actual settlement and cultivation, in pursuance of the proviso hereinafter contained: Provided always and the lease herebefore contained is made on this express condition, that the said Governor and Company, and their successors, shall, and do, from the date of these presents, forever acquit, release, exonerate, and discharge us, our heirs, and successors, and whomsoever else it may concern, of and from the payment and reimbursement to them or to their assigns, or to any person claiming by or through them of the sum of one thousand eight hundred pounds, currency of this Province, aforesaid by them paid for the value of certain Indian Debts, under and by reason of certain stipulations contained in the said lease to the said *John Goudie*, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two: Provided also, that if the said yearly rent herebefore reserved or any part thereof,

shall be unpaid for the space of three calendar months next after the same is herebefore made payable, or if the said Governor and Company, or their successors, shall neglect or fail in, or be guilty of any breach, nonperformance, or nonobservance of any of the clauses, conditions, provisoes, or agreements in these presents contained, which on their parts are to be observed and kept, then and thenceforth, in any of the said cases, it shall be lawful for us, our heirs, and successors, into the said demised premises to enter and the same to have again as of our and their former Estate, and as if these presents had not been made or granted: Provided also, that the said Governor and Company, and their successors, for and during the continuance, and until the expiration of the said lease herebefore contained shall, at their own costs and charges, keep and uphold the said tract or parcel of land hereby leased and demised, and all and every the buildings, wharves, fences, enclosures, and other improvements and premises thereunto in anywise appertaining, save and except such parts and portions thereof as from time to time may be entered upon or taken possession of, or be granted or conveyed for the purposes of settlement or cultivation, in pursuance of the proviso hereinafter contained, in good condition and repair, and shall at the expiration of the said Lease by effluxion of time or under and by virtue of any of the conditions, limitations or reservations herebefore contained, deliver up the said tract or parcel of land, buildings, wharves, fences, enclosures, and other improvements in anywise thereunto appertaining to us, our heirs and successors, in good condition and repair, and that the said Governor and Company or their successors shall not by reason of any houses, buildings, erections, or other improvements made, or to be made, on the said tract or parcel of ground and premises, claim or pretend to any equivalent or indemnity, and that the said houses, buildings, erections, and other improvements, shall thenceforth be vested in us, our heirs and successors. Provided, nevertheless, and we do hereby declare our pleasure to be, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the right from time to time and at all times during the said term hereby demised and leased, of us our heirs and successors, to enter into and upon and take possession of, and to grant and convey any part or portion of the said tract or parcel of land hereby demised, as we our heirs and successors may deem expedient, and the benefit of our said Province and of our loving subjects therein may require for the purposes of actual settlement and cultivation thereof, but for no other purpose, or on any other account whatever.

And we do further direct, that a copy of these our Letters be made out, whereupon shall be written and executed, under the seal of the Corporation of the said Governor and Company, their acceptance of the present grant and demise to them made, and their consent and agreement to perform the conditions therein contained, and that the said copy shall be kept by our Secretary of our said Province.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made patent, and the great Seal of our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness our right trusty and well beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Bagot*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same: At our Government House in our city of *Quebec*, in our said Province, this twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and in the sixth year of our reign.

S. B. HARRISON,
Secretary.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 17th December, 1844.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Record.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

King's Posts.

SPECIAL ENTRY.

King's Posts.

Since the Letters Patent, dated 27th June, 1842, for leasing the *King's Posts* to the Honourable the *Hudson's Bay* Company, were recorded in pages 401 to 404 of this volume, the said Letters Patent have been brought back to this Office with the following additional clause inserted therein for registration:—

KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents, that the Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England*, trading into *Hudson's Bay*, by their Attorney *James Keith*, of *Lachine*, in the district of *Montreal*, Esquire, in that behalf duly authorized and empowered by the Letter of Attorney, hereunto annexed, and bearing date under their common seal, the sixteenth day of May, now last past, have accepted and do hereby, for themselves and their successors, accept the Grant and Lease made to them by Our Sovereign Lady the **QUEEN**, in virtue of these Letters Patent, upon and under all and singular the terms, conditions, reservations, and provisoes, therein set forth and contained, and do hereby bind and oblige themselves and their successors to observe, perform, and fulfil, all and every the obligations, matters and things by them to be observed, performed, and fulfilled, according to the tenour and effect of the said Letters Patent.

Done at *Montreal*, in the Province of *Canada*, this sixteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

The Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England*, trading into *Hudson's Bay*.

By their Attorney,

JAMES KEITH.

Signed and Executed in the presence of

(Signed,) **JOHN MONK**,
of *Montreal*, Advocate.
G. C. O. BUCHANAN,
of *Montreal*, Gentleman.

Certified to be a true Copy.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

SPECIAL ENTRY.

To all to whom these Presents shall come: the Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England*, trading into *Hudson's Bay*, send GREETING:

The Governor and Company of Hudson's Bay to James Keith, Esq., Power of Attorney to execute Lease or counterpart of the King's Posts, in Lower Canada.

WHEREAS the said Governor and Company are now seized or possessed of and in certain Domain Lands and Posts situate and lying on the north side of the River *St. Lawrence*, in the Province of *Lower Canada*, commonly called and known by the name of the *King's Posts*, under and by virtue of a certain Indenture of Lease and demise, bearing date the twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, made and executed by His Excellency *George*, Earl of *Dalhousie*, then Governor in Chief in that part of the Province of *Lower Canada*, for and in behalf of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, to and in favour of *John*

(L. S.) Recorded in the Registrar's Office of the Records at Kingston, the 28th day of July, 1843, in the eighteenth Register of Commissions and Letters Patent, folio 192.
R. A. TUCKER, Registrar.

Gouldie, of the city of *Quebec*, Ship Builder, for a term which will expire on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, subject to the yearly rent, and to the several covenants, provisoes, and agreements in the said Indenture of Lease contained. And whereas, it has been judged expedient by the Governor in Chief of the said Province of *Canada*, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Province, that a Grant and Lease of the said tract and Domain Lands and premises, for the purposes therein mentioned, should be made and

executed to, and in favour of the said Governor and Company, and their successors, for the term of twenty-one years, to be computed from the second day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, at the rent, and subject to the several covenants, provisoes, and stipulations in the said Indenture of Lease, to be reserved and contained. And whereas, the said Governor and Company are desirous of appointing a proper person as their Attorney, for the purpose of executing the said Grant and Lease, to be made and executed as aforesaid, or the counter-part thereof on their behalf, and to invest their said Attorney with the powers and authorities for that purpose, hereinafter contained. Now these Presents Witness, that the said Governor and Company, for divers good causes and considerations, them thereunto moving, have made, ordained, nominated, constituted, and appointed, and by these Presents do make, ordain, nominate, constitute, and appoint, and in their place and stead put *James Keith*, of the place called *Lachine*, in the district of *Montreal* and Province of *Lower Canada*, Esquire, their true and lawful Attorney for them the said Governor and Company, and in their name to accept of and enter into, make, seal, deliver, and execute, the act and deed of the said Governor and Company with His Excellency the said Governor in Chief, for the time being, of the said Province of *Canada*, the said further Lease and demise so to be made and granted of the said tract and Domain Lands and premises called *King's Posts*, situate as aforesaid, with all the wharves and buildings thereon erected and being, and all and every the appurtenances for the purpose of carrying on an exclusive trade with the Indians at or upon the said Domain Lands thereby demised and leased, and an exclusive Seal Fishery and Seal Fisheries thereat for the said renewed term so to be granted as aforesaid. And generally, for the said Governor and Company, and in their name, to do, perform, and execute all and every such further and other act and acts, matters and things, as shall be found necessary or expedient to be done or executed in or about, touching or concerning the premises as fully and effectually, to all intents and purposes, as they the said Governor and Company might or could do, they the said Governor and Company hereby allowing, ratifying and confirming, and promising and agreeing to allow, ratify and confirm all and whatsoever he the said *James Keith*, as their said Attorney, shall lawfully do or cause to be done in or about the premises under or by virtue of these Presents.

In Witness whereof the said Governor and Company have caused their common Seal to be hereunto affixed, the sixteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

Scaled under the common Seal of the within-mentioned Governor and Company, and delivered by *William Smith*, their Secretary, pursuant to their order and appointment (being first duly stamped) in the present of

W. G. SMITH.

(L. S.) By order of the Governor and Committee.

W. SMITH,
Secretary.

London, } I, **WILLIAM GREGORY SMITH**, of the To Wit: } *Hudson's Bay* House, in the city of *London*, in the service of the *Hudson's Bay* Company, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the power of Attorney above written was duly sealed with the Corporate Seal of the Governor and Company of Adventurers of *England*, trading into *Hudson's Bay*, and delivered on behalf of the said Company by *William Smith*, the Secretary to the said Company, in my presence, and that the Seal thereto affixed is the proper Corporate Seal of the said Governor and Company, and the name "*William G. Smith*" set and subscribed as the Witness attesting the execution of the said power is the proper handwriting of me this Declarant, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the sixth year of the

King's Post.

reign of His late Majesty, intituled "An Act to repeal an Act of the then present Session of Parliament, intituled, 'An Act for the more effectual abolition of oaths and affirmations taken and made in various departments of the state, and to substitute declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial oaths and affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary oaths.'"

This declaration was made at
the Mansion House, London, } WM. G. SMITH.
this 17th day of May, before me, }

JOHN PIRIE,
Mayor.

To all to whom these Presents shall come :

I, SIR JOHN PIRIE, Baronet, Lord Mayor of the city of London, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament, made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Second, intituled, "An Act for the more easy Recovery of Debts in His Majesty's Plantations and Colonies in America," and also in pursuance of an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to Repeal an Act of the then present Sessions of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual Abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other provision for the Abolition of unnecessary Oaths," do hereby certify that on the day of the date hereof personally came and appeared before me, William Gregory Smith, named in the declaration hereunto annexed, being a person well known and worthy of good credit, and who did before me solemnly and sincerely declare to be true the several matters and things mentioned and contained in the said annexed declaration.

In faith and testimony whereof, I, the said Lord Mayor, have caused the Seal of the office of Mayoralty of the said city of London to be hereunto put and affixed, and the power of Attorney mentioned and referred to in and by the said declaration to be hereunto also annexed, dated in London, the seventeenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-two.

REGINÆ.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 17th December, 1844.

The foregoing power of Attorney, declaration, and certificate, have been carefully and correctly copied from the Records under my charge.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter, by him received, from the Civil Secretary :—

CIVIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 13th December, 1844.

SIR,

I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to deliver to you the enclosed letter, which has been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in reply to the Address presented by the Legislative Assembly to His Royal Highness, Prince Albert, during last Session.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient and
Humble Servant,

J. M. HIGGINSON.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the
Legislative Assembly,
&c. &c. &c.

WINDSOR CASTLE,
November 25, 1843.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Royal Highness Prince ^{Birth of the} Albert, to return thanks to the Members of the Commons ^{Princess.} of Canada, for their congratulatory Address on the happy occasion of the Birth of the Princess.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. E. ANSON.

AUSTIN CUVILLIER, Esq.,
Speaker.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the several Papers and Despatches from Lord Stanley, transmitted, by Message, this day, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Boulton,

Ordered, That the Petition of Alexander McLean, Stormont con-
Esquire, and others, electors of the county of tested Election.
Stormont, complaining of the undue election and return of Donald Eneas Macdonell, Esquire, to represent the said county of Stormont, in this present Parliament, be taken into consideration by this House, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January next, at the hour of four o'clock, P.M., and that notice to that effect, in writing, be forthwith given by Mr. Speaker to the Petitioners and to the sitting member, according to the provisions of the second clause of an Act passed by the Parliament of Upper Canada, during the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, chapter 4.

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Robinson,

Resolved, That the Petition of David Duncombe, Norfolk con-
Esquire, late a candidate for the county of tested Election.
Norfolk, and others, his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of Israel Wood Ponceill, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Friday, the tenth day of January next, at four o'clock, P.M., in lieu of Saturday, the twenty-eighth instant, as before appointed by this House.

On motion of Mr. Lairrie, seconded by Mr. Dunlop,

Resolved, That this House will, on the fifteenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending a certain Act intituled, "An Act for better securing the freedom of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," inasmuch as the said Act deprives the gentlemen of the Clergy from voting at the elections of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province. Freedom of the
Legislative
Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Gowen, seconded by Mr. Dunlop,

Resolved, That the Petition of Alexander Fraser, Lanark con-
Esquire, late a candidate for the county of tested Election.
Lanark, at the last election; the Petition of William Duncan and others, freeholders of the county of Lanark; and the Petition of A. W. Playfair, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of Lanark, severally complaining of the undue election and return of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, to represent the county of Lanark, be taken into consideration on Monday, the

Birth of the
Princess.

thirteenth day of January next, at four of the clock in the afternoon, in lieu of Tuesday, the twenty-fourth instant, as before appointed by this House.

Civil and Political rights of certain persons.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Powell, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, the Honourable Mr. Papineau, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Prince, 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 consider and report to this House the expediency of extending the provisions of the said Bill, so as to provide for the naturalization of aliens, emigrating to this Province, after a residence of seven years.

Simcoe Church Lands.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the trustees holding a certain lot in the town of Simcoe, for the use of a church, to sell or convey the same or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday the thirteenth day of January next.

Contingencies.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the first report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Dunlop took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Dunlop reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the report be received to-morrow.

Heirs and Devisees.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the relief of parties claiming lands in Upper Canada, for which no Patent hath issued, as representing the original nominees of the Crown, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Roblin took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Roblin reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee be now received, and that the rule of this House, so far as relates to the same, be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the said amendments.

And the said amendments being again severally read, and the question of concurrence being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of Taxes on lands in the district of Wellington, being read,

Taxes on Lands in District of Wellington.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the report be received on Friday, the tenth day of January next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to re-invest in John Montgomery the property forfeited to the Crown by his attainder, being read,

Montgomery Estate.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill, to re-invest in John Montgomery the property forfeited to the Crown by his attainder, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to vest in John Montgomery and Thomas Ewart, the property forfeited to the Crown by the attainder of the said John Montgomery."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Baldwin do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain parts of the first and second sections of an Act of the Legislature of Lower Canada, passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, chapter 4, intituled, "An Act to afford relief during a limited time to insolvent Debtors," being read,

Insolvent Debtors.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, the ninth day of January next.

Then, on motion of Mr. Macdonell of Cornwall, seconded by Mr. Laurason,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 19^o die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of James Durand, Esquire, of Dundas, in the county of Halton, in the Gore district, complaining of the undue election and return of James Webster, Esquire, as a member to represent the county of Halton in this present Parliament, being come,

Halton contested Election.

Halton con-
tested Election.

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly,

And being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioner, his counsel or agent, to appear at the bar.

James Durand, Esquire, the Petitioner, appeared at the bar.

Mr. Speaker called upon the sitting member, his counsel or agent, to appear.

Mr. Webster, sitting member for the said county of Halton, appeared in his place, in his own behalf.

Mr. Durand, the Petitioner, presented a list of witnesses in his own case, which was read by the clerk, as follows:—

A LIST OF WITNESSES,

Required on the part of the Petitioner, JAMES DURAND, Esquire, viz.:—

Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, with Writ of Election for the West Riding of Halton, with Poll Books, &c., Montreal.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1 John Detwheeler,	Township of Dumfries.
2 Benjamin Holman, (Yeoman)	do do
3 Samuel Lemington,	do do do
4 Henry Hawley,	do do do
5 Hosea Hoog,	do do do
6 John McKenzie,	do do do
7 Stephen Wells,	do do do
8 Jonathan Thomas	do do do
9 Balden Copeman,	do do do
10 John Halman,	do do do
11 Angus Stewart,	do do do
12 Robert Whylic, (Merchant)	do do do
13 Samuel Heath, (Yeoman)	do do do
14 James Keachie,	do do do
15 Daniel M'Arthur,	do do do
16 James C. Longan,	do do do
17 William Keachie,	do do do
18 Alexander Buchanan,	do do do
19 Michael Charlston,	do do do
20 Hiram Capron,	Esquire, do do
21 Windel B. Bowman,	do do do
22 Walter K. Burn, (Shoemaker)	do do do
23 Adam Ainsley, (Attorney)	do Galt.
24 Andrew Geddes, (Yeoman)	do do do
25 Andrew M'Ilroy, (Blacksmith)	do do do
26 Absalom Shade,	Esquire, do do
27 William Dickson,	do do do
28 Adam Kerr, (Yeoman)	do do do
29 Andrew Elliott,	Esquire, do do
30 Malcolm Stewart, (Yeoman)	do do do
31 Nathan Howell,	do do do
32 John Smith,	Esquire, do do
33 Thos. W. C. Slemman, (Merchant)	do Paris.
34 Thomas Coleman,	Esquire, do do
35 Nathaniel Wilsie, (Yeoman)	do do do
36 David Potter,	do do do
37 George Stanton,	do St. George.
38 John Young, (Innkeeper)	do do do
39 William P. Gibson, (Shoemaker)	do do do
40 J. K. Andrews, (Merchant)	do Galt.
41 David Gibson,	do do do
42 Alex. B. Goodon,	do do do
43 John Smith, (English)	do Dumfries.
44 Thomas Rich,	Gent. do Galt.
45 Thomas G. Chapman,	do do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
46 James B. Ewart, Esquire,	Dundas.
47 Robert Miller, (Surgeon)	Dumfries, Galt.
48 Michael Turnbull, (Yeoman)	do do
49 Stephen Moffatt,	do do
50 Jacob Bechtel,	do do
51 Henry Clemens,	do do
52 John Bricker, jun.,	do do
53 Charles Kitchen,	do do
54 Henry Kitchen,	do do
55 James Kitchen,	do do
56 Isaac Howell,	do do
57 Sampson Howell,	do do
58 John Bray,	do do
59 James Frasier,	do do
60 James Geddes,	do do
61 Walter Gowinback,	do do Galt.
62 David Ellis,	do do
63 Hugh Fenlogun, (Saddler)	do do Paris.
64 James Sharp,	do do
65 Daniel O'Neil,	do do
66 John Hall,	do do
67 Hugh Hunter,	do do
68 John Miller, (Attorney)	do do
69 James Todd, (Blacksmith)	Dawson Bridge.
70 Daniel Anderson, (Yeoman)	Dumfries.
71 Robert Ballingall,	do do
72 Dougald M'Call,	do do
73 Adam Turnbull,	do do
74 David Buchan, (Returning Officer)	do do
75 Jonathan Wait, (Yeoman)	do do
76 Carlton Smith,	do do
77 Donald M'Keond, (Poll Clerk)	do do
78 David Christie, Gent.	do do
79 Charles Anderson, (Yeoman)	do do
80 Daniel Fraser,	do do
81 Daniel M'Pherson,	do do
82 Wm. Ellis, (Returning Officer)	Waterloo.
83 John Herle, (Poll Clerk)	do do
84 James Cowan, Esquire, ...	do do
85 George Clemens, Esquire,	do do
86 Samuel B. Bowman, (Surveyor)	do do
87 Jonathan B. Bowman, (Yeoman)	do do
88 Samuel Brickers, sen.,	do do
89 Jacob Steighstin, (Merchant)	do do
90 Christian Enslin, Esquire,	do do
91 Thomas Sparrow,	do do
92 Jacob S. Shoemaker,	do do
93 Isaac Shinty,	do do
94 Peter Erb, sen.,	do do
95 Elcas Snider, (Miller)	do do
96 David S. Shoemaker, (Merchant)	do Bridge P. Berlin.
97 John S. Roat, (Saddler)	do do
98 Barnabas Devitt, (Yeoman)	do do
99 Benjamin Ely,	do do
100 Henry Snider,	do do
101 Joseph Martin,	do do
102 Joel Good, (Surveyor)	do do
103 Adam Argo, (Merchant)	do do
104 Joseph Shantz, (Yeoman)	do do
105 John U. Syson,	do do
106 Dr. Scott,	do do Berlin.
107 Adam Ferrie, (Merchant)	do do
108 James Phinn, Esquire,	do do
109 William Henry, (Yeoman)	do do
110 Jacob Thomas,	do do
111 George Davidson, (Merchant)	do Berlin.
112 William Jardin,	do do
113 Otto Cloty, (Innkeeper)	do Preston.
114 Charles H. Arent, (Renter)	do do
115 L. Bechtal, (Yeoman)	do do
116 Jacob Shantz,	do do
117 John Guggesbury, (Innkeeper)	do do
118 Henry Bechtal, (Miller)	do do
119 John Bechtal, (Merchant)	do do
120 Jacob Rose, (Prestar)	do do
121 Joseph Cush, (Yeoman)	do do
122 Henry Wessman,	do do
123 John Brubacker,	do do
124 Henry M'Nelly,	do do
125 Christian Shantz,	do do
126 John Rose,	do do
127 Colin C. Ferrie, Esquire,	Hamilton.

Halton con-
tested Election.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Halton con- tested Election.	12 ^o John Wettenhall, (Warden)	Nelson.
	129 Benjamin Overfield,	Dundas.
	130 Barnam Collins,	do
	131 Harmanus Smith, Esq., M.P.P.,	Barton.
	132 William Miller, do.	West Flamboro'.
	133 Jacob Knopp,	(Yeoman) Wilnot.
	134 Peter Wilher,	do do
	135 Adam Taylor,	do do
	136 John Smith,	do do
	137 Jacob Stahber,	do do
	138 Anthony Martin,	do do
	139 George Wise,	do do
	140 George Fry,	do do
	141 John Morgen,	do do
	142 John Lagenbill,	do do
	143 Christian Geoslar,	do do
	144 Christian Bussant,	do do
	145 Adam Slipp,	do do
	146 George Smith,	do do
	147 Joseph Jacob,	do do
	148 George Zielzie,	do do
	149 John Hamaker,	do do
	150 Amos Cressman,	do do
	151 Jacob S. Grayrich,	do do
	152 John Erb,	do do
	153 Christian Erb,	do do
	154 Peter S. Gingrich,	do do
	155 Jacob Widman,	do do
156 Philip Leirhont,	do do	
157 George Gross,	do do	
158 John Mayer,	do do	
159 Peter Bricker,	do do	
160 Balthaser Moya,	do do	
161 J. R. Smith,	do do	
162 Jacob Learhost,	do do	
163 Michael Myers,	do do	
164 Wm. Puddicombe, (R. Officer)	do do	
165 John Ernest, (Poil Clerk)	do do	
166 Titus G. Neville,	do do	
167 William Scott, (Miller)	do do	
168 George Masters,	do do	
169 David Snider,	Waterloo.	
170 John Masters, (Yeoman)	Wilmot.	
171 David Miller,	do do	
172 Samuel Shontz,	Waterloo.	
173 John Sumnerville,	Wilmot.	
174 Isaac Massor,	do do	
175 Joseph Nollziger,	do do	
176 Hugh Jackson,	do do	
177 Caspar Campbell,	do do	
178 Peter Sommer,	do do	
179 Blaze Swantz,	do do	
180 John Bronema,	do do	
181 Jacob Grey Bill,	do do	
182 John Stoulin,	do do	
183 John Hamaker,	do do	
184 Thomas Johnson,	do do	
185 John Johnson,	do do	
186 Charles Allen, (Returning Officer)	Woolwich.	
187 John Foote, (Clerk)	do do	
188 John Mayer,	do do	
189 James Argo,	do do	
190 Elisha Hewett,	do do	
191 Michael Strebil,	do do	
192 Isaac Winyer,	do do	
193 William Reynolds,	do do	
194 George Halinyer,	do do	
195 William Buist (Returning Officer)	Nichol.	
196 James M ^c Queen, (Clerk)	do do	
197 George Baner,	do do	
198 Alexander Watt,	do do	
199 John Martin,	do do	
200 James Moir,	do do	
201 Thomas Gray,	do do	
202 Joseph Wood,	do do	
203 Felix M ^c Gunn,	do do	
204 John Keith,	do do	
205 John Beattie,	do do	
206 William Beattie, jun.	do do	
207 James Middleton,	do do	
208 Alex. D. Fordyce, Esquire,	do do	

	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Halton con- tested Election.	209 Alex. D. Fordyce, jun.	do
	210 Jasper T. Gilkenson,	Hamilton.
	211 Samuel Owen,	Nichol.
	212 Peter M ^c Clorra,	do
	213 William Mutch, (R. Officer)	Garrafraxa.
	214 Warden W. Shane, (Clerk)	do
	215 Areal S. D. Vrooman,	do do
	216 James Vrooman,	do do
	217 John M ^c Kee,	do do
	218 Samuel M ^c Kee,	do do
	219 John Dublin,	do do
	220 — Murden, Lot 18, 2d con.	do do
	221 — Green, " 16, 3d "	do do
	222 R. Mitchell, (Surveyor)	do do
	223 William How,	Erin.
	224 Henry Couso,	Garrafraxa.
	225 John Wilkie,	do do
	226 Thomas Webster,	do do
	227 Andrew Ginie,	do do
	228 George Keys,	do do
	229 William Canon,	do do
	230 Alexander Drysdale,	do do
	231 Alexander Linderman,	Guelph
	232 John Harland,	do do
	233 David Allan,	do do
	234 William Allan,	do do
	235 Robert Alling,	do do
	236 William Thompson,	do do
237 Robert Armstrong,	do do	
238 Thomas Woods, jun.	do do	
239 Hezekiah J. Hall,	do do	
240 William Clark, (Physician)	do do	
241 James Bates,	do do	
242 Charles J. Mickle, Esquire,	do do	
243 Charles Mickle, Gent.	do do	
244 Thomas Hesseran, Merchant,	do do	
245 John C. Wilson,	do do	
246 Henry Orton, (Physician)	do do	
247 — Hoggest, (Ins ^r of Licenses)	do do	
248 William Wilson,	do do	
249 James Wilson,	do do	
250 R. F. Budd, Esquire,	do do	
251 James Oliver, (Brewer)	do do	
252 Jeffry Lynch, (Innkeeper)	do do	
253 Benjamin Thirtell, Esquire,	do do	
254 Thomas Sandiland, (R. Officer)	do do	
255 Alfred Baker, (Clerk)	do do	
256 Andrew Quarry,	do do	
257 George Tunley,	do do	
258 Thomas Saunders,	do do	
259 John Thorp,	do do	
260 George John Gronge, (Sheriff)	do do	
261 Adam J. Ferguson, (Judge)	do do	
262 Alex. D. Ferrier, (R. Officer)	Eramosa.	
263 John Moore, (Clerk)	do do	
264 James Peters,	do do	
265 Thomas Armstrong,	do do	
266 Henry Duffield,	do do	
267 William Armstrong,	do do	
268 Joseph Parkman, Esquire,	do do	
269 James Benham,	do do	
270 Robert Scott,	do do	
271 William Tolton,	do do	
272 Levi Hill,	do do	
273 James Hill,	do do	
274 William Hamilton,	do do	
275 Robert Ramsey,	do do	
276 Walter Blanchfield,	do do	
277 Alex. Stewart,	do do	
278 John Higginson (R. Officer)	Fuslinch.	
279 John Hamnersley, (Clerk)	do do	
280 John M ^c Parlane, (Merchant)	do do	
281 James Starten,	do do	
282 Edward Yeomans,	do do	
283 Conrad Swatzenberg,	do do	
284 John Sarcast,	do do	
285 R. W. Kerr, (Surveyor)	do do	
286 H. W. Paterson, (Registrar)	Guelph.	
287 Deputy Registrar,	do do	
288 Thomas Racey, (Registrar)	Dundas.	
289 Deputy Registrar,	Halton do	

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1 Elizabeth Wood, (Widow)	Nichol.
2 Mrs. Thos. Hinds, do	Waterloo.
3 Mrs. P. Lamb, do	Guelph.
4 Mrs. Hawley Williams, do	do
5 Mrs. E. Worsley, do	do
6 Sarah McWilliams, do	Puslinch.
7 Robert Keys,	Amaranth.
8 Patrick Charlton,	do
9 Nelson Hughson,	do
10 Alexander Hughen,	do
11 Frederick Keys,	do
12 William Cannon,	do

JAMES DURAND.

Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

Mr. Webster handed in a list of the witnesses re-
quired in behalf of himself, as the sitting Member
for the county of *Haltou*, which was also read by the
Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES

In behalf of JAMES WEBSTER, Esquire, Sitting Member
for the West Riding of the County of *Haltou*:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1 James Phin ...	Township of Waterloo.
2 Charles Crossan ...	do do
3 James Ellis ...	do do
4 William Henry ...	do do
5 David J. Miller ...	do do
6 William Tarbox ...	do do
7 Robert Hazeltine ...	do do
8 William Ellis ...	do do
9 Octavius C. Segrin ...	do do
10 Thomas Sparrow ...	do do
11 John Vance ...	do do
12 John Shenington ...	do do
13 George Davidson ...	do do
14 Jacob Bowman ...	do do
15 John Thompson ...	do do
16 William Benton ...	do do
17 David Ellis ...	do do
18 William Jardine ...	do do
19 William Dolman ...	do do
20 Stephen Washburn ...	do do
21 James Mackham ...	do do
22 Christian Hoffman ...	do do
23 Gerhard Wifer ...	do do
24 Archibald Vance ...	do do
25 Patrick Butler ...	do do
26 Robinson Buhner ...	do do
27 John N. Tyson ...	do do
28 James A. Smith ...	do do
29 Richard Ferguson ...	do do
30 Jacob Heplar ...	do do
31 Andrew Ferguson ...	do do
32 Joseph Cook ...	do do
33 Gerhard Wheeler ...	do do
34 Michael Bergey ...	do do
35 Abraham Pennybaker ...	do do
36 William M'Kersey ...	do do
37 Fenner Smith ...	do do
38 Jacob Miller, sen. ...	do do
39 William Ellis, sen. ...	do do
40 Dr. Scott ...	do do
41 William Thompson ...	do do
42 John Combe Wilson ...	Guelph.
43 John Thorpe ...	do do
44 John Harland ...	do do
45 David Allan ...	do do
46 Robert Corbet ...	do do
47 Richard Greet ...	do do
48 William Allan ...	do do
49 William Hewat ...	do do
50 Thomas Rees Brock ...	do do
51 William Armstrong ...	do do
52 Edward Francis Hemming ...	do do
53 Robert Martin ...	do do
54 Richard Jackson ...	do do
55 James Williamson ...	do do
56 Thomas Saunders, ...	do do
57 Alfred Alexander Baker ...	do do
58 James Wright ...	do do
59 William Richardson ...	do do
60 James Halliday ...	do do
61 Bernard M'Tague, sen. ...	do do
62 John Thomas Cunningham ...	do do
63 Alexander Wight Blyth ...	do do
64 Thomas Card ...	do do
65 William Alexander ...	do do
66 William Wilson ...	do do
67 Andrew Quarry ...	do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
68 George John Grange ...	Township of Guelph.
69 William Logan ...	do do
70 William Henry Barker ...	do do
71 James Lynn ...	do do
72 Robert Pattison ...	do do
73 Isaac Newton ...	do do
74 William Porter ...	do do
75 Charles Ambrose, sen. ...	do do
76 Andrew Ritchie ...	do do
77 Robert Muffatt Henderson ...	do do
78 Robert Muffatt Richardson ...	do do
79 Samuel Moore ...	do do
80 John Green ...	do do
81 James Wilson ...	do do
82 Philip Stronzer ...	do do
83 William Jones ...	do do
84 Geffry Lynch ...	do do
85 William Richardson ...	do do
86 Hendry Richardson ...	do do
87 George Frederick Harvey ...	do do
88 Robert Williamson ...	do do
89 Robert Oliver, sen. ...	do do
90 Richard Dales ...	do do
91 James Mayes, sen. ...	do do
92 Thomas Hunsliis George ...	do do
93 Frederick George ...	do do
94 James Keough ...	do do
95 John Walker ...	do do
96 Henry Hurd ...	do do
97 John Clements ...	do do
98 Walter King ...	do do
99 Edward M'Ellistram ...	do do
100 Robert Orr ...	do do
101 John Lynch ...	do do
102 Thomas Jones ...	do do
103 Joseph Cowke ...	do do
104 Alexander M'Intosh ...	do do
105 Edward Thompson ...	do do
106 Samuel Wright ...	do do
107 Thomas Keating ...	do do
108 John Shortreed ...	do do
109 George Shortreed ...	do do
110 Thomas Lindsay ...	do do
111 Jonathan Green ...	do do
112 James Wilson ...	do do
113 William Wilson ...	do do
114 John Hamilton ...	do do
115 Joseph Jackson ...	do do
116 John Manderson ...	do do
117 Samuel Wilson ...	do do
118 John Mitchell ...	do do
119 John Neeve ...	do do
120 James Cain ...	do do
121 Thomas Orr ...	do do
122 William Dyson ...	do do
123 Joseph Dyson ...	do do
124 Alex. M'Donald ...	do do
125 George Davis, jun. ...	do do
126 Robert Smith ...	do do
127 Richard Aholy ...	do do
128 William Crow ...	do do
129 Archibald M'Curkindale ...	do do
130 James Henry Starnard ...	do do
131 Hugh M'Culloch ...	do do
132 George Whiteside ...	do do
133 John Day ...	do do
134 William Day ...	do do
135 George Norris ...	do do
136 Robert Lenox ...	do do
137 William M'Ewan ...	do do
138 Samuel M'Ewan ...	do do
139 John Arnald Sanders ...	do do
140 Henry Watson ...	do do
141 Alexander Brown ...	do do
142 Edward Muston ...	do do
143 John Mitchell ...	do do
144 Richard Jones ...	do do
145 William Clark ...	do do
146 Andrew M'Crea ...	do do
147 James Corbet, senior ...	do do
148 James Gay ...	do do
149 Robert Alling ...	do do
150 John Tevel ...	do do
151 James Tevel ...	do do
152 Robert Day ...	do do
153 Stephen James Muston ...	do do
154 Francis Marriotte ...	do do
155 James Davie ...	do do
156 Robert Hadden ...	do do
157 Stephen Piper ...	do do
158 William Nichols ...	do do
159 Thomas Nicholas ...	do do
160 John Inglis ...	do do
161 Thomas Kelly ...	do do
162 Nathaniel Croft ...	do do
163 William Hiccock ...	do do
164 John Caulfield ...	do do
165 Robert Dunbar ...	do do
166 William Moore Elsworthly ...	do do
167 John Hinds, senior ...	do do

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	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Halton con- tested Election.	168 Thomas Hinds, junior	... Township of Guelph.
	169 John Campbell	... do do
	170 John Oliver	... do do
	171 Henry Haggard Oliver	... do do
	172 William Bridget	... do do
	173 Francis Hinds...	... do do
	174 Henry John Oliver	... do do
	175 Alexander M'Intosh	... do do
	176 Robert Oliver	... do do
	177 John Harold	... do do
	178 Henry Orton	... do do
	179 John Lesslie	... do do
	180 Joseph Hardie	... do do
	181 John M'Intosh	... do do
	182 John Howitt	... do do
	183 James Nevilles	... do do
	184 Jeremiah Hutchesson	... do do
	185 Frederick Murberry	... do do
	186 Gideon Hood	... do do
	187 H. W. Peterson	... do do
	188 James Hodgert	... do do
	189 Thomas Sandilands	... do do
	190 Thomas Raey	Dundas, Gore District.
	191 James Asken	Sandwich, Western District.
	192 William Jones	Chatham, do do
	193 Charles Stuart	Kingston, do do
	194 Allan M'Lean	do do
	195 Nahlan Burwell	Port Burwell.
	196 John Davidson	... do Woolwich.
	197 James Argo	... do do
	198 William Reynolds	... do do
	199 John Thring	... do do
	200 James Davidson	... do do
	201 Robert Smith	... do do
	202 William Mann	... do do
	203 James Airth	... do do
	204 Donald Wallace	... do do
	205 John Miller	... do Wilmot.
	206 Henry Puddicombe	... do do
	207 David Miller	... do do
	208 William Hobson	... do do
	209 Christopher Foster	... do do
	210 William Wallace	... do do
	211 Harrison Stevens	... do do
	212 John Sidney Smith	... do do
	213 Thomas Johnson	... do do
	214 John Johnson	... do do
215 Francis Collis	... do do	
216 John Sommerville	... do do	
217 John Hwieth	... do do	
218 James Browns	... do do	
219 George Smith	... do do	
220 James Reven	... do do	
221 Jacob Greybel	... do do	
222 Thomas Allechin	... do do	
223 William Puddicombe	... do do	
224 John Ernst	... do do	
225 William Scott	... do do	
226 Andrew Geddes	... do Town of Hamilton.	
227 James Geddes	... do do	
228 James Paton Clarke	... do do	
229 George Gray	... do Township of Nichol.	
230 David Allan	... do do	
231 Hugh Black	... do do	
232 James Walker	... do do	
233 William Mowhead	... do do	
234 Thomas M'Quaker	... do do	
235 John Foote	... do do	
236 Jasper J. Gilkison	... do Town of Hamilton.	
237 Peter M'Laren	... do Township of Nichol.	
238 James Mutch	... do do	
239 James M'Queen	... do do	
240 George Hamilton	... do do	
241 Alex. Cowie	... do do	
242 James Hatcher	... do do	
243 Archd. Cummings	... do do	
244 Samuel Broadfoot	... do do	
245 Charles Allan	... do do	
246 Robert Scott	... do do	
247 Joseph Wedderburn	... do do	
248 Thomas W. Valentine	... do do	
249 William Beattie	... do do	
250 Charles Michie	... do do	
251 Felix M'Ginn	... do do	
252 Bartholomew O'Connor	... do do	
253 Francis Maitland	... do do	
254 George Elmslie	... do do	
255 Robert Garvin	... do do	
256 John Valentine	... do do	
257 Robert Scott, jun.	... do do	
258 Andrew Grant	... do do	
259 David Henderson	... do do	
260 Francis Hendley	... do do	
261 Alex. M'Gladdery	... do do	
262 Edward Thomas Day	... do do	
263 Alexander David Ferrier	... do do	
264 James Perry	... do do	

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
265 James Hearle	... Township of Dumfries.	Halton con- tested Election.
266 Thomas Rich	... do do	
267 Thomas G. Chapman	... do do	
268 James Bell Ewart	... do do	
269 William Dickson, jun.	... do do	
270 Abalom Shade	... do do	
271 James K. Andrews	... do do	
272 John Smith	... do do	
273 George Stanton	... do do	
274 Robert Ballingal	... do do	
275 Simon Smith	... do do	
276 David Buchan	... do do	
277 Adam Ainslie	... do do	
278 David Shiel	... do do	
279 Robert Miller	... do do	
280 Robert Wallace	... do do	
281 James Kerr	... do do	
282 Alexander Moore	... do do	
283 James Forster	... do do	
284 John M'Carley	... do do	
285 John Kennedy	... do do	
286 Thomas Armstrong	... do do	
287 George Armstrong	... do do	
288 Alex. M'Queen	... do do	
289 William Oliphant	... do do	
290 David Oliphant	... do do	
291 John Harris	... do do	
292 John Moore	... do do	
293 Henry Strange	... do do	
294 Thomas Barns	... do do	
295 Henry Smith	... do do	
296 Levi Hill	... do do	
297 George Sackett	... do do	
298 David Day	... do do	
299 William Smith, jun.	... do do	
300 John Blakely	... do do	
301 Aaron Abbott	... do do	
302 John M'Kee	... do do	
303 William Mutch	... do do	
304 Warden W. Shand	... do do	
305 John Wilkie	... do do	
306 Francis Esson	... do do	
307 Robert Nichol	... do do	
308 Arent S. D. Vrooman	... do do	
309 Isaac Woolner	... do do	
310 James Rose	... do do	
311 Alexander Drysdale	... do do	
312 Alexander Burr	... do do	
313 Andrew Gerrie	... do do	
314 John Craig	... do do	
315 Jesse Meridith	... do do	
316 John Strachan	... do do	
317 Archibald M'Mullan	... do do	
318 David Black	... do do	
319 James M'Meeking	... do do	
320 R. W. Kerr	... do do	
321 Thomas M'Bride	... do do	
322 Thomas Arkill	... do do	
323 John Gulten	... do do	
324 James Carter	... do do	
325 James Hewar	... do do	
326 Archibald M'Kellar	... do do	
327 Duncan M'Kellar	... do do	
328 Morgan Cussen	... do do	
329 William Graham	... do do	
330 F. W. Stone	... do do	
331 John Hammersly	... do do	
332 James Terry	... do do	
333 William Lesslie	... do do	
334 John Dickson	... do do	
335 John Higginson	... do do	
336 Adam Wear	... do do	

JAMES WEBSTER.

Mr. *Speaker* then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration being read; the attestation of Mr. *Speaker* was taken from off the box, in which, agreeably to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest that this box was, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1844, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly, and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

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tested Election.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest that I did, on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of December, 1844, in presence of the *Speaker* of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly, and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names were then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 <i>Petrie</i> ,	13 <i>Robinson</i> ,
2 <i>Laurason</i> ,	14 <i>Lacoste</i> ,
3 <i>Smith</i> , of <i>FRONTENAC</i> ,	15 <i>Aylwin</i> ,
4 <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>GLENGARRY</i>	16 <i>Murphy</i> ,
5 <i>Johnston</i> ,	17 <i>McConnell</i> ,
6 <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>KINGSTON</i> ,	18 <i>Chabot</i> ,
7 <i>Armstrong</i> ,	19 <i>Price</i> ,
8 <i>Gowan</i> ,	20 <i>Macdonell</i> , of <i>DUNDAS</i> ,
9 <i>Seymour</i> ,	21 <i>Lantier</i> ,
10 <i>Williams</i> ,	22 <i>Cauldon</i> ,
11 <i>Chalmers</i> ,	23 <i>Christie</i> .
12 <i>Thompson</i> ,	

Twelve other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follow:—

Three against whom Petitions are pending.

Nine names were also drawn of members who were absent.

Mr. *Prince* was chosen nominee for the petitioner.

Mr. *Duggan* was chosen nominee for the sitting Member.

At twenty minutes to five o'clock, P. M., the parties, with *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, Clerk of the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At five o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee, delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of nine members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 <i>Petrie</i> ,	6 <i>Lacoste</i> ,
2 <i>Seymour</i> ,	7 <i>McConnell</i> ,
3 <i>Williams</i> ,	8 <i>Chabot</i> ,
4 <i>Chalmers</i> ,	9 <i>Lantier</i> .
5 <i>Robinson</i> ,	

Nominee for the Petitioner, Mr. *Prince*,

Nominee for the Sitting Member, Mr. *Duggan*.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk to the Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the county of *Halton*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room No. 3, of this House, to-morrow, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

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 following Bills, without any amendment:—

An Act to amend the Laws now in force imposing duty upon Distilleries in any part of the Province of *Canada*.

An Act to vest in *John Montgomery* and *Thomas Ewart Montgomery* the property forfeited to the Crown by the attainder of the Estate, said *John Montgomery*.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Thursday, the ninth day of January next, at four o'clock, P. M., in lieu of Thursday the nineteenth instant, as before appointed by this House. Lincoln con-
tested Election.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to the Provincial Act 4 *William IV.*, chapter 37, the Annual Report of the Provincial Penitentiary for 1844. Provincial
Penitentiary.

(For the said Report see Appendix M.)

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

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *Robert Defries*, Post Office Carrier to the Legislative Assembly.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *Antoine C. Taschereau*, Esquire, of the parish of *Deschambault*, in the county of *Portneuf*; and the Petition of *George O'Keefe*, of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of Mrs. *Monique*, *S. Boucher*, and other Ladies, members of the charitable Institution called "*Maison de la Providence*," in the parish of *La Prairie de la Madeleine*.

By Mr. *Powell*, the Petition of the officers and members of the *Talbot* district Agricultural Society.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBligny*, the Petition of *Etienne Guy*, Returning Officer for the last election for the county of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *William O'Brien* and others, tavern-keepers of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Bathurst*, (relating to a road.)

By Mr. *Chauveau*, the Petition of *Augustin Dodier* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *Beauport*, in the county of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Honourable *James Reid* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *David Torrance* and others, Directors of the High School of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *Henry B. Bostwick*, of the village of *Port Stanley*, in the district of *London*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *A. Campbell*, Junior, and others, Law Students of the city of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *H. Esson* and others, clergy and citizens of *Montreal*.

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vice Act.

An engrossed Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the relief of parties claiming lands in *Upper Canada*, for which no patent hath issued, as representing the original nominees of the Crown, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of *L. G. Delorinier* and others, clerks of the Circuit Courts in *Lower Canada*, praying for certain amendments to the Act establishing Circuit Courts, and that Quarter Sessions be held in each Circuit.

Of *James Miller* and others, late School Commissioners for the township of *Sarnia*, praying that a certain amount paid by them for the erection of a School House in the said township, may be reimbursed to them.

Of *John R. Gemmill*, of the town of *Lanark*, in the district of *Bathurst*, representing that his late father received a grant of land as a Presbyterian Minister in 1821, which he was afterwards informed he had forfeited in consequence of his not having located the same, and praying relief.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Bathurst*, praying that provision be made for educating School Teachers, in *King's College* or other Seminary, and that all religious denominations shall equally participate therein without distinction.

Of *Abiel Stiles* and others, inhabitants of *Granby*, praying that the charter of *M. Gill College* at *Montreal* may be amended, and that the management of *King's College* at *Toronto* may be placed upon a satisfactory basis.

Of *David Gibbs* and others, inhabitants of *Russel-town* and vicinity, praying that the charter of *M. Gill College* at *Montreal* may be amended, and that the management of *King's College* at *Toronto*, may be placed upon a satisfactory basis.

Of the Reverend *John McIntyre* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Oryllia* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to assign to the Church of *England*, such share of the Clergy Reserve Lands as will correspond with their share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the management of the said Lands.

Of *Ephraim Webster* and others, inhabitants of *Gananoque*, *Leeds*, and *Lansdown*, praying for the survey and improvement of the *Gananoque* and *Wilsie* waters, so as to render the same navigable.

Of *M. T. O'Beirne* and others, Catholics of the city of *Toronto*, praying that the Common School Act may be amended, so as to allow them a just proportion of the School moneys.

Of *P. E. Mignault* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Yamaska*, praying that the place of the Registry Office for the said county, may be changed, so as to be more central.

Of the Corporation of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying that more ample aid than heretofore may be granted them in consideration of the urgent necessity of their case.

Of *Henry Burritt* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Jolustonen*, praying that an Act may be passed to protect mill owners from vexatious and ruinous law suits, under certain circumstances.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, praying for certain amendments to the Ordinances incorporating the said city.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Raphael Neyron*, Curé of *St. Benoit*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Scott*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Leslie* 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.

Petitions referred.

Reverend R. Neyron.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Richer*, J. B. Richer, Senior, and others, inhabitants of the parish of *St. Benoit*, in the district of *Montreal*, be referred to the said Committee.

senior.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme*, of the parish of *St. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Berthelot*, and Mr. *Jobin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

C. J. Ducharme.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, J. Laurin, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the *St. John* and *St. Roch's* Suburbs, of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Edward Glachemeyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*.

J. Laurin, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Glen* and *J. Glen* and others, trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* turnpike road, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes.

J. Glen and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Prince Tobey*, of the town of *Cornwall*; the Petition of *Pierpoint E. Adams*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* district, baker; and the Petition of *Austin E. Cudwell*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* district, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, *Queen Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province the Civil and Political rights of natural born British subjects."

Prince Tobey, P. E. Adams, A. E. Cudwell.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alexis Dorval* and others, licensed cullers of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed deal cullers of the city of *Quebec*, and other references.

A. Dorval and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Ephraim Webster* and others, inhabitants of *Gananoque*, *Leeds* and *Lansdown*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, Mr. *Macdonald of Kingston*, and Mr. *Jessup*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by address or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

E. Webster and others.

J. Donaldson
and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Donaldson* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, be referred to the Select Committee to which were referred the Petition of *Daniel Hoover* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *James A. Applebee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Robert F. Cooke* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, and other references.

Birth of
Prince.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, from the Select Committee appointed for preparing an humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty, offering to Her Majesty the cordial congratulations of this House on the Birth of another Prince, and a similar Address to be presented to His Royal Highness Prince *Albert*, presented to the House the Addresses prepared by the said Committee, which Addresses were again severally read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are 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 humbly beg leave to tender to Your Majesty our cordial congratulations on the Birth of another Prince; an event in which We sincerely rejoice, not only as conducive to the domestic happiness of Your Majesty and Your August Consort, but as deeply interesting to all parts of Your Majesty's dominions.

To His Royal Highness Prince ALBERT FRANCIS AUGUSTUS CHARLES EMANUEL of SAXE COBURG GOtha, Field-Marshal in Her Majesty's Forces.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to tender to Your Royal Highness our cordial congratulations on the Birth of another Prince; an event in which we sincerely rejoice, not only as conducive to the domestic happiness of Your Royal Highness and our Most Gracious Sovereign, but as deeply interesting to all parts of Her Majesty's dominions.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be engrossed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to inform His Excellency that this House hath voted an humble Address of Congratulation to Her Majesty on the Birth of another Prince; and to pray that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Government in *England*, in order to its being laid at the foot of the Throne.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to inform His Excellency that this House hath voted an humble Address of Congratulation to His Royal Highness, Prince *Albert of Saxe Cobourg, and Gotha*, on the birth of another Prince; and to pray that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Government in *England*, to be presented to His Royal Highness.

Ordered, That the said Addresses be engrossed.

Resolved, 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 Honourable 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.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *James W. Brown* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Kingston*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Petition of J. W. Brown and others.

That it is the opinion of your Committee that the 49th section of the Statute 3 *Victoria*, chapter 53, of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, operates unequally upon persons residing in the vicinity of the several Macadamized Roads, referred to in the said Statute. And your Committee respectfully beg leave to recommend that there should be no commutation of Statute Labour with respect to the said Roads, and that the said section of the before mentioned Statute should be repealed.

Your Committee further beg leave to recommend that effect be given to the former Statute of *Upper Canada*, relating to Statute Labour, which Statute was in part repealed by the Statute first above referred to.

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday the tenth day of January next.

Mr. *Dunlop* from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Moderator and Presbytery of *Montreal*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to indemnify Clergymen who have voted at the last general election, in ignorance of the Law, which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday the ninth day of January next.

Petition of the Moderator and Presbytery of Montreal.

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the district Council of the district of *Huron*, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Petition of the District Council of the District of Huron.

Your Committee find, by the Petition, that the Municipal Council of the District of *Huron*, have passed certain By-laws imposing Rates within the said District, of the validity of which doubts have arisen, but as it appears that the said By-laws, though not, perhaps, strictly in accordance with the letter of the law, did not purpose to raise a larger sum than the said Council are allowed by law to levy, Your Committee conceive that an Act should be passed to declare the said By-laws to be valid and in force; and beg to recommend the same for the consideration of Your Honourable House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes intended to be imposed by certain by-laws of the district Council of the district of *Huron*.

By-laws of the District of Huron.

He accordingly presented the said 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 ninth day of January next.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, members of the *Quebec* Charitable Firewood Society, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate the Right Reverend *George Jehosaphat*, Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, and divers others, as a Charitable Association, for providing fuel to the poor and destitute in the winter season; which was received and read for the first time.

Petition of the Bishop of Montreal and others.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills; and that the fifty-first rule of this House be dispensed with as to the present Bill.

Petition of J. Deau and others, Merchants, of Quebec.
 The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *James Dean* and others, of *Quebec*, Merchants, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Forwarding Company*, which was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, and that the fifty-first rule of this House be dispensed with as to the present Bill.

Private Bills.
 The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the first report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Canada Baptist Missionary Society.
 Your Committee have considered the Petition of the Committee of Management and Trustees of the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, praying for an Act to incorporate the said Society; and having ascertained that the Petitioners have the means of effecting the objects stated in the Petition, and of supporting respectfully the intended establishment, they are, therefore, of opinion that their prayer should be complied with, and a Bill introduced, founded thereupon, which Bill should contain a provision that the powers and advantages to be granted thereby be applied solely for religious and educational purposes.

Religious Ladies of Congregation of Our Lady of Montreal.
 The Petition of the Religious Ladies of the congregation of *Our Lady of Montreal*, praying to be empowered to hold real and personal property, to the amount of £5,000 yearly, has also been considered by your Committee, and they beg leave to recommend that the prayer thereof be complied with.

Quebec Library Association.
 Mr. *Chabot*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *William Walker* and others, President, Vice-Presidents, and Directors of the *Quebec Library Association*; with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate the members of the *Quebec Library Association*; which was received and read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, and that the fifty-first rule of this House be dispensed with as to the present Bill.

Municipal Council of the District of Niagara.
 Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, with power to report from time to time, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the first report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into consideration the Petition of the said District Council, praying that the expenses attending the administration of justice may be defrayed out of the Provincial revenue, and they are of opinion that the prayer thereof should be granted; they therefore recommend the passing of an Act to provide for the payment of the same from the Provincial revenue, and that the assessment now levied in the several Districts of *Canada West* for that purpose be continued, and the proceeds appropriated towards the local improvements of each District, in the discretion of the District Council thereof.

Tax on Dogs.
 The next Petition that came under the notice of the Committee, is one praying for authority to the said Council to levy a tax on dogs within the District of *Niagara*; this power your Committee conceive should be given to each of the Districts, and they would submit the expediency of providing a general measure for the purpose.

Your Committee would likewise recommend a compliance with the Petition respecting *Temperance Houses*, as they conceive it right that every house opened for public accommodation should be required to supply all necessary articles of refreshment for travellers and others.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald of Cornwall*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell of Dundas*,

Resolved, 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 a statement of all fees and emoluments, of what kind or nature soever received, for the years 1843, 1844, by the Clerk of the Crown, in that part of the Province formerly *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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to allow certain fees to Advocates appearing in cases before Commissioners Courts 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 fourteenth day of January next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Resolved, That the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Friday, the tenth day of January next, at half-past three o'clock P. M., in lieu of Friday the twentieth instant, as before appointed by this House.

On motion of Mr. *Lacoste*, seconded by Mr. *Franchère*,

Ordered, That the entries in the Journals of this House of the thirteenth September 1841, containing the report of the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Jacob Glen*, *René Boileau* and others, of *Chambly*, be now read.

The said entries were read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said entries be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Vulois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,

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 a copy of a Petition signed by *Peter Ayles* and others, from the *Ottawa River*, to the Executive Government.

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

Ordered, That the Bill for the relief of certain land-holders in the *Gaspé* district; the Bill to throw open to public competition, the printing of the Laws, with a view to render the printing thereof more expeditious and less expensive than

Administration
of Justice in
Gaspé.

Legal Claims
upon Executive
Government.

Attachment of
Official Salaries.

Trial of Impeachments.

Duties on Colonial-built
Shipping.

Bills to be printed in both
Languages.

District Treasurers.

heretofore: the Bill supplementary to an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the Administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* district, and to extend the provisions of the said Act: and the Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases, be severally read a second time, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January next.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize, to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of official salaries, towards payment of the incumbent's debts; and the Bill to establish a tribunal for the trial of Impeachments, by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, be read a second time, on Thursday, the sixteenth day of January next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, to represent, most humbly, the apprehensions entertained by this House, by reason of the efforts recently made, and now making, in *Great Britain*, to obtain an Act of the Imperial Parliament, to impose duties upon Colonial-built Shipping: and to beseech the protection of Her Most Gracious Majesty in favour of the staple trade, in timber, of her faithful subjects in this Province, which is so deeply menaced by the contemplated duties.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, be appointed to prepare and report a draft of the said Address.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Bertrand*,

Ordered, That all Bills and documents submitted to the consideration of this House, be printed in each of the English and French languages, in equal proportions.

Ordered, That the Bill to prevent the abuses which have arisen from persons being Traders, or the Agents of Traders, being appointed or allowed to act as district Treasurers in *Upper Canada*, be read a second time on Friday, the tenth day of January next.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the thirteenth instant, to wit: "That the grounds and reasons of complaint, set forth in the Petition of *Peter Dunn* and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable *George Moffatt* and the Honourable *Charles Clément Subrevois DeBleury*, as Members to serve for the city of *Montreal* in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourables *George Moffatt* and *Charles Clément Subrevois DeBleury*," being read,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said motion into consideration, and the said motion being again read,

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, that all the words after "That" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted: "The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *Peter Dunn* and others, against the return

of the sitting Members for the city of *Montreal*, the said Petition and all proceedings had thereon be discharged."

Mr. *Macdonald* of *Kingston* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,

That the further consideration of the question be adjourned until Saturday, the eleventh day of January next.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greier, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrason, Macdonald of Kingston, Macdonell of Desduns, McConnell, Meyers, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Webster and Williams—(32.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desnoyer, DeWitt, Franckère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lanier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Prier, Rousseau, Small, Smith of Westmount, Taché, and Thompson—(31.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Richard Porter* and others, freeholders and electors of the county of *Mégantic*, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Donat Duché*, be taken into consideration on Saturday, the eleventh day of January next, in lieu of this day, as before appointed by this House.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* rose in his place and acquainted Mr. *Speaker*, and the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, will receive this House, with its Addresses, to-morrow at half-past three o'clock, P. M., at the Government House.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *Leonard Boivin* and others, electors of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Wednesday the fifteenth day of January next, in lieu of this day, as before appointed by this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly bearing date the 9th instant, to His Excellency, the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency would order the proper officer to lay before the House a Statement of the manner in which the laws and other official public documents are printed, together with an account of the expenses thereof, and other matters connected therewith.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

SIR,

In obedience to the command of His Excellency, the Governor General, referring to this Department the Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 9th instant, requesting a statement of the manner in which the Laws and other

Mégantic Election.

St. Hyacinthe Election.

Laws, &c.,
Printed.

Laws, &c.,
Printed.

Public Documents are printed, with an account of the expenses thereof, &c., I have the honour to transmit a copy of the tariff for printing allowed to the Queen's Printer, approved by a Minute of the Honourable the Executive Council of the 21st and 23rd March, 1843, and a statement of expenses.

I have, &c.

JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

The Honourable D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary.

AN ACCOUNT of the Expenses incurred in printing the Laws of the Province and other official Public Documents, and expenses connected therewith, furnished pursuant to an Address from the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, of the 9th December, 1844.

		Sterling dollars at 4s. 6d.	
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
PRINTING THE LAWS.			
<i>Paid in 1842.</i>			
Printing Acts of 1841	...	3630 5 9	
" Reserved Acts	...	670 5 3	
			4300 11 0
" Reserved Acts of 1842	...	140 10 0	
" Acts of 1842	...	1266 3 3	
			1406 13 3
			£5707 4 3
PRINTING OF OFFICIAL PUBLIC DOCUMENTS.			
<i>Paid in 1842.</i>			
Publication and Proclamations, 1842	...	244 11 3	
Publishing in <i>Canada Gazette</i>	...	332 13 8	
" <i>Quebec Gazette</i>	...	355 12 2	
Proclamations do do	...	143 19 6	
Publishing Union Act do	...	26 17 7	
" Acts, 1842, do	...	121 18 3	
Printing in <i>Upper Canada Gazette</i>	...	294 9 3	
			1520 1 8
<i>Paid in 1843.</i>			
Printing in <i>Canada Gazette</i> , six months, to 31st Dec., 1842	...	269 4 0	
Do do to 30th June, 1843	...	359 9 0	
Publishing in <i>Upper Canada Gazette</i> to 30th June, 1843	...	130 13 9	
Do <i>Quebec</i> do to do	...	85 6 7	
			844 13 4
			£2364 15 0
Other Expenses connected with Printing the Laws and Official Public Documents.			
<i>Paid in 1842.</i>			
Distributing Acts of 1841	...	135 0 0	
On account of Printing Revised Statutes of <i>Upper Canada</i>	...	450 0 0	
Translation of Public Documents	...	50 0 0	
Distributing the Laws	...	192 1 2	
Printing Forums under Census Acts	...	448 15 6	
Distributing the same	...	254 3 7	
Printing French Version of Index Laws of <i>Lower Canada</i>	...	68 12 6	
Translation of Laws	...	350 0 0	
Distributing Acts of 1842, <i>Canada East</i>	...	104 10 0	
Do do do <i>West</i>	...	75 14 6	
100 copies Judicature Bill	...	21 15 5	
			2150 12 8
<i>Paid in 1843.</i>			
Printing Revised Statutes of <i>Canada West</i>	...	675 0 0	
" Tables Revised do <i>Canada East</i>	...	480 0 0	
Translation of Public Documents	...	50 0 0	
Printing Tables, Acts, Ordinances and Revised Statutes of 1842	...	240 0 0	
			1445 0 0
Total Sterling	£3595 12 8
RECAPITULATION.			
		1842.	1843.
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" Official Documents	...	1520 1 8	844 13 4
Other Expenses connected therewith	...	2150 12 8	1445 0 0
Totals Sterling	...	£7971 5 4	3696 6 7

JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

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INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 16th December, 1844.

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Robinson,

Resolved, That the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, electors of the Third Riding of York, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable James Edward Small, be taken into consideration, by consent of parties, to-morrow at one o'clock, P. M., in lieu of this day, as before appointed by this House.

Ordered, That when the House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow at one o'clock, P. M.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorise the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at Three Rivers to acquire and hold additional real and moveable property to a certain amount, be read a second time on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January next.

Mr. Dunlop, from the Committee of the whole House on the first Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

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 favour of William Burns Lindsay, Esquire, Clerk of this House, for the sum of four thousand pounds, currency, towards defraying the current expenses of this House during the late recess and present Session, 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Papineau,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 20^a die Decembris.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1844.

Election, 3rd Riding York.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, electors of the Third Riding of York, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable James Edward Small as a Member to represent the said Third Riding of York in this present Parliament, being come,

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House,

And he went accordingly.

And, being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioners, their counsel or agent, to appear at the Bar.

W. H. Boulton, Esquire, a Petitioner on behalf of himself and the other Petitioners, appeared at the Bar.

Mr. Speaker called upon the Sitting Member, his counsel or agent, to appear.

Mr. Small, Sitting Member for the said Third Riding of York, appeared in his place in his own behalf.

Mr. Boulton, one of the Petitioners, presented a list of witnesses in behalf of himself and the other Petitioners, which was read by the Clerk as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Andrew Mercer, Esquire,	City of Toronto.
Wm. Cawthra, do	do
Christopher Widmer, do	do
William Proudfoot, do	do
Clarke Gamble, do	do
John H. Haggarty, do	do
William B. Jarvis, do	do
Joshua G. Beard ...	...
John Ridout ...	...
Charles C. Small ...	...
Walter McKenzie ...	...
Alexander Dixon ...	...
Robert Beard ...	...

Mr. Small handed in a list of the witnesses required in behalf of himself as the Sitting Member for the Third Riding of York, which was also read by the Clerk, as follows:—

- F. Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.
- Francis Leys, Returning Officer; with the oath of qualification made before him by the Sitting Member.
- John Radenhurst, Esquire, of the City of Toronto.
- Edward Shea, Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Whithy.
- William Botsford Jarvis, Esquire, Sheriff of the Home District.
- Alexander Grant, Esquire, City of Toronto.

Thos. G. Ridout, do	Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada.	Election, 3rd Riding York.
Clarke Gamble, do	City of Toronto.	
Charles C. Small, do	do do.	
John Dempsey, do	Clerk in the Crown Office.	
George Ridout, do	of the City of Toronto.	
George P. Ridout, do	do do	
Edward Goldsmith, do	do do	
John F. Small, do	do do	
Sheldon Ward, do	do do	Gent.
John Harper, do	do do	
Joshua G. Beard, do	do do	
Hy. E. Nicholl, do	Land Agent of the City of Toronto.	
Andrew Mercer, do	City of Toronto.	
Jas. R. Gowan, do	of Barrie, Dist. of Simcoe.	
John Strathy, do	City of Toronto.	
Henry Latham, do	do do	
John Bell, do	do do	
Archibald Clendenning or Glendinning, do	Deputy Returning Officer for the Township of Scarborough.	
Thomas Hilliwell, Esquire, do	City of Toronto.	
John Ewart, do	do do	
Henry John Boulton, do	do do	
Corry Coulson, Gentleman, do	do do	
T. C. McCord, Esquire, do	do do	

And all such other persons as are witnesses to the execution of certain deeds of bargain and sale in fee simple from several grantors of lands in the said deeds mentioned, to the said James Edward Small, the names of which witnesses cannot be ascertained without reference to the several deeds which are now in Toronto.

J. E. SMALL.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the door.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration being read, the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box, in which, agreeably to the Statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk as follows:—

I attest that this box was on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of December, 1844, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intitled, 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intitled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials.'

ALLAN N. MACNAE,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him as follows:—

I attest that I did on Wednesday, the eighteenth day of December, 1844, in the presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present House of Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intitled, 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intitled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials.'

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

Election, 3rd
Riding York.

1 Macdonald, of DUNDAS,	13 Scott,
2 Smith, of FRONTENAC,	14 Hale,
3 Lawrason,	15 Foster,
4 Meyers,	16 Stewart, of BROWN,
5 LaFontaine,	17 Prince,
6 Morin,	18 Berthelot,
7 Taché,	19 Murney,
8 Leslie,	20 Papineau,
9 Cauchon,	21 Attorney General Smith,
10 Laurin,	22 Chauveau,
11 Christie,	23 Gowan.
12 Colville,	

Twenty other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

Five against whom Petitions are pending.

One whose name is attached to the Petition.

Six names were also drawn of Members serving on other elections.

Eight names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, was chosen nominee for the Petitioners.

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin was chosen nominee for the sitting Member.

At half-past two o'clock, P. M., the parties, with Mr. Alfred Todd, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At ten minutes to three o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee, delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 Macdonald, of DUNDAS,	6 Scott,
2 Lawrason,	7 Hale,
3 Meyers,	8 Berthelot,
4 Taché,	9 Attorney General Smith.
5 Laurin,	

Nominee for the Petitioner, Mr. Macdonald of Kingston.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, Honourable Mr. Aylwin.

ALFRED TODD,
Clerk to Committee.

The said nine Members and the nominees were then severally sworn at the table by the Clerk in the usual manner.

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to try the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, electors of the Third Riding of York, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable James Edward Small, do meet in Committee Room No. 6 of this House, this evening at five o'clock, P.M.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Papineau,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the county of Simcoe, in the room of William D. Robinson, Esquire, who, since his last election, hath accepted the office of Inspector General of Accounts.

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

House attends His Excellency.

Mr. SPEAKER,

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

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

And, being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that agreeable to the commands of His Excellency, the Governor General, the House hath attended 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 continue for a limited time the Act for imposing Duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock imported into this Province. Bills assented to.

An Act to amend the laws now in force, imposing a Duty upon Distilleries in any part of the Province of Canada.

An Act to vest in John Montgomery and Thomas Ewart the property forfeited to the Crown by the attainder of the said John Montgomery.

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

And, being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, the Governor General, with their Congratulatory Addresses to the Queen and Prince Albert, on the Birth of another Prince; and the Addresses to His Excellency praying that he will transmit the said Addresses to Her Majesty's Government in England; to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I shall have great pleasure in transmitting to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, for the purpose of being laid before the Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Albert, your Addresses on the Birth of a Prince. Queen and Prince Albert.

Mr. Speaker also reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, the Governor General, with their Address to the Queen on the subject of the political offenders, and the Address to His Excellency praying that he will transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Government in England, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

It will be my duty to forward your Address to Her Majesty, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, and there can be no doubt of Her Majesty's Gracious disposition to meet your wishes on all occasions; but I have great satisfaction in informing you, and it cannot fail to be gratifying to you to learn, that they have in this instance been anticipated with regard to the pardon of all Political Offences by Her Majesty's spontaneous clemency. A general and nearly unlimited amnesty has been in uninterrupted and incessant progress during the whole period of my administration of the Government of this Province. All political offenders have already been pardoned, or their pardon is in the course of being obtained, in whose behalf applications have been made by themselves or their friends. The only exceptions, and those extremely few, have been in those cases in which other crimes of peculiar atrocity against the community or against individuals have been superadded, and which it has been deemed that pardon would be manifest injustice to some of Her Majesty's faithful subjects.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Colville*, the Petition of *C. Laroque* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Verdun*.

By Mr. *Jacoste*, the Petition of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault* and others, of the west side of the *Basin of Chambly* (relating to a road.)

By Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of *Stevens Baker* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Missisquoi* and *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of *Orange Schryer*, of the township of *Bertie*, in the district of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Dichson*, the Petition of *William Dichson* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Gore*, residing on the *Grand River*.

By Mr. *John*, the Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, proprietors and landholders, residing in the neighbourhood of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Quebec* (relating to *Dorchester bridge*.)

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *A. McKinnon* and *William P. Waller*, on behalf of the inhabitants of *Bayham* and the adjoining townships, in the district of *London*.

By Mr. *Greice*, the Petition of *Pierre Verzina*, Esquire, in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of *Charles DeWitt* and others, inhabitants of the seigniory and parish of *St. Joachim de Capouquoy*.

Petitions read.

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

Of Messieurs *James G. Heath & Co.*, and others, merchants of the cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, praying that one half of the duty exacted on certain *Bastard Sugars*, imported by them, may be refunded to them.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipal district of *Missisquoi*, praying for a sum of money to enable the Board of Works to make a plank road from the *Stanbridge* upper mills to *Jones* bridge on the *Richelieu*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipal district of *Missisquoi*, praying that the district of *Missisquoi* may be re-established as it existed before the passing of the Judicature Act of last Session.

Of the Honourable *Vallieres de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*, praying for the repeal of the Act for the establishment of the "Royal Institution for the advancement of learning," and for other objects.

County of Norfolk Election.

Of *Edward Foster* and others, freeholders of the township of *Walsingham*, county of *Norfolk*, setting forth:—

That your Petitioners are freeholders residing in the Township of *Walsingham*, in the County of *Norfolk*, in the *Talbot* District, and are duly qualified to exercise the right of suffrage, according to law.

That during the late Election of a Member for the above named County, to serve in the Legislative Assembly, then being holden in the said Township of *Walsingham*, the Deputy Returning Officer, (*Titus Williams*), at twenty-one minutes past two o'clock, on the second day of the said Election, being Saturday, the twenty-sixth day of October last, refused to allow your Petitioners to vote, we having more than once demanded of him the exercise of this our inestimable privilege.

That the said Deputy Returning Officer alleged the reason of his not allowing us to vote, was, because the Qualification of *Israel W. Powell* was not produced.

That it was the intention of your Petitioners to have voted for the said *Israel W. Powell*.

Furthermore, your Petitioners most earnestly pray that your Honourable Body will render such justice in this case, as you, in the protection of this most important of our rights as British subjects, shall see fit and proper.

Of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, landholders, residing in the vicinity of the city of *Montreal*, praying for amendments to the Act passed last Session relating to the commutation of tenure in the Fields *Nazareth*, *St. Augustin*, and *St. Joseph*.

Petitions read.

Of *Charles H. Lassieraye*, of the town of *Three Rivers*, praying for arrears of salary as chief Teacher of the late Society of Education of the town of *Three Rivers*.

Of the Reverend *Joseph Abbott*, Master of Arts, praying to be compensated for having written and published a work on Emigration.

Of *W. Dunlop*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of *Williams*, and other townships in the *Huron* tract, *Canada West*, praying for the passing of an Act to compel Mr. *Bruster* to provide a free and unmolested passage for fish, at his Mill dam.

Resolved, That the Petition of the President and Board of Police of the town of *Cobourg*, he referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Macdonald* of *Cornwall*, and Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brookville*, 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.

Cobourg Police.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John R. Gemmill*, of the town of *Lanark*, in the district of *Bathurst*, be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intitled "An Act for the disposal of public lands," and to enable persons who located on lands prior to the fourth April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same.

John R. Gemmill.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Stevenson* and others, inhabitants of the northern townships of the county of *Keat*, in the *Western* district, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Daniel Hoover* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; the Petition of *James A. Applebee* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Robert F. Cooke* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Haldimand*, and other references.

George Stevenson and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Miller* and others, late School Commissioners for the townships of *Sarnia*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Mardonell* of *Stornoway*, Mr. *Dichson*, and Mr. *Williams*, 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.

J. Miller and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *J. Paquin* and others, of the parish of *St. Eustache*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Scott*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, Mr. *Lester*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, and Mr. *Colville*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Rev. J. Paquin and others.

A. Lozeau and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Antoine Lozeau* and others, inhabitants of the seigniorie of *La Baie St. Antoine*, commonly called *Baie du Febvre*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Francis Cottrell* and others, freeholders and *consitaires* of the seigniorie of *St. Antoine de La Baye* in the county of *Yamaska*.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* and Mr. *Guillet*, be added to the said Committee.

Henry Burritt and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Henry Burritt* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Johnstown*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Jessup*, Mr. *Sherwood of Brackville*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Macedonell of Dundas*, and Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*, 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.

Richard Han and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Richard Han* and others, Elders and Deacons of the Lutheran Churches of *Fredericksburgh* and *Ernestown*, in the *Milledale* district, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects."

M. Houle and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Colville*, and Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Hon. Vallières de St. René.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Honourable *Vallières de St. René*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Gowan*, 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.

Wm. Molson and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Molson* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of Real Estate in the village of *Hochelaga*, and in the parish of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, and the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Jos. Abbott.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Abbott*, Master of Arts, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Priner*, Mr. *Colville*, and Mr. *Macedonell of Cornwall*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

J. Brewster and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, landholders, residing in the vicinity of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Leslie*, the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, and Mr. *De Witt*, to ex-

amine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *W. Dunlop*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of *Williams* and other townships in the *Huron* tract, *Canada West*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Petrie*, and Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise, on a general or particular Act, as may seem most fit; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

W. Dunlop, Esquire.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* moved, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, that the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city,) be referred to a Special Committee, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that the said Committee be composed of five members.

Montreal Corporation.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, that the word "five" in the said motion be struck out, and the word "seven" substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, Mr. *Hule*, Mr. *De Witt*, and Mr. *Gowan*, do compose the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Members of the *Toronto* Board of Trade, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of the city of *Toronto*, which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday, the seventeenth day of January next.

Toronto Board of Trade.

Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the contested election of the Third Riding of *York*, presented to the House, the first report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Election 3rd Riding York.

Your Committee have met, and it being necessary, in their opinion, that a Commission should issue to the City of *Toronto*, to take the evidence of the witnesses of both parties, they pray that leave be granted to them to adjourn until the first Tuesday of February next, when a Return to such Commission may be expected, if this House be pleased to award such Commission.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try and determine the merits of the contested election for the Third Riding of *York*, have leave to adjourn until the first Tuesday of February next, in order to afford the necessary time for a Commission to issue for the examination of the witnesses of the parties.

Resolved, That this House do nominate and appoint under the hand and seal of Mr. *Speaker*, three Commissioners, for the purpose of examining the witnesses of the parties in the matter of the

Commission.

contested election, for the Third Riding of the county of *York*, contained in the lists of witnesses handed to the Clerk of this House, and that *Robert Easton Burns*, *John Hector*, and *John Shuter Smith*, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquires, be such Commissioners; and that the said Commissioners do sit at the city of *Toronto*, on the tenth day of January next.

Ordered, That lists of objections on the part of the Petitioners against the return of the Honourable *James Edvard Small*, sitting Member for the Third Riding of the county of *York*, and on the part of the sitting Member, be exchanged between the parties on or before the fifth day of January next.

Printing and Binding.

Mr. Gowan, from the Standing Committee on Printing and Binding, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to inform your Honourable House, that they advertised for sealed Tenders for the Sessional Printing of the House, together with the Paper and Press work; which advertisement they caused to be inserted in all the Newspapers published in the City of *Montreal*.

The only parties from whom Tenders were received, were Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire*, and Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson*, both of this City.

The Tender of the former Gentlemen is as follows:—

For Composition, 2s. 1d. per 1000 ems, (English and French.)

For Press-work, 1s. 8d. per Token.

For Paper, £1 10s. per Ream (Double Foolscap.)

The Tender of Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson* is as follows:—
For Composition of each 1000 ems, 1s. 10½d. (English and French.)

For the Marginal Notes of each page, 1s. 3d.

For the Press-work of each Token (258 pulls) 2s. 3d.

For each Ream of Double Foolscap, 19s.

For each Ream of Blue Single Foolscap, 16s. 6d.

For every hundred Sheets folded, 3d.

For every hundred Sheets stitched, 3d.

It appearing to your Committee, that the three chief items of expenditure will consist in the Paper, the Composition and the Press-work, they here submit a brief recapitulation of the difference in the Tenders in those respects.

For the Paper, Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire's* Tender would amount to one pound ten shillings per Ream, while Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson's* would amount to nineteen shillings only, being a saving of eleven shillings on each and every Ream. Messrs. *Debarats* and *Derbshire's* specimen of Paper is, however, of somewhat better quality than that furnished by Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson*.

For the Composition, the Tender of Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire* would amount to two shillings and one penny per thousand ems, while that of Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson* would amount to one shilling and twopenny halfpenny only, being a saving of twopenny halfpenny on every one thousand ems of Composition.

For the Press-work, the Tender of Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire* would amount to three shillings and fourpence per Token, while that of Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson* would amount to two shillings and threepence only, being a saving of one shilling and one penny on every Token printed.

Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion that the Printing of your Honourable House should be given to Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson*, at the price tendered for, provided they justify the expectations of the Committee in the execution of the work in a proper and workmanlike manner, and with the expedition and despatch requisite in the premises.

On motion of *Mr. Williams*, seconded by *Mr. Duggan*,

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, the sitting Member for the West Riding of the county of *Halton*, be adjourned until Thursday, the ninth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in consequence of the Christmas recess. Halton Election.

The Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an Address to the *Queen's Most Excellent Majesty*, to represent most humbly the apprehensions entertained by this House, by reason of the efforts recently made, and now making in *Great Britain* to obtain an Act of the Imperial Parliament, to impose duties on Colonial-built shipping, and to beseech the protection of Her Most Gracious Majesty in favour of the staple trade in timber of Her faithful subjects in this Province, which is so deeply menaced by the contemplated duties, presented to the House the Address prepared by the said Committee, which Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:— Colonial Shipping and Timber Trade.

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 venture to represent the apprehensions which we entertain, by reason of the efforts recently made, and which are now making in *Great Britain*, to obtain a Legislative enactment for the imposition of duties by the Imperial Parliament, upon shipping built in Your Majesty's Colonial possessions.

We beseech the protection of Your Majesty in favour of our Timber, the produce of our forests, which forms one of the staple trades of this Your Majesty's loyal Province, and we rely upon Your Majesty's Royal favour to avert the evils with which we are menaced.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the humble Address of this House to Her Most Gracious Majesty, the *Queen*, in relation to Colonial-built shipping, to be transmitted to Her Majesty, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Addresses to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, the Governor General, be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable *James Edward Small* have leave to absent himself from this House until the first Tuesday of February next, on urgent private business. Leave of absence.

On motion of the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, seconded by *Mr. Chabot*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Friday, the seventeenth day of January next, Yamaska Election.

in lieu of this day, as before appointed by this House.

Leave of absence.

Ordered, That *William H. Boulton*, Esquire, have leave to absent himself from this House until the first Tuesday in February next.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Dugan*,

Greenville Election.

Ordered, That the Order of this House for taking into consideration the Petition of *R. Burrill* and others, freeholders of the county of *Greenville*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, to represent the said county of *Greenville*, be discharged; the Petitioners having failed to enter into recognizance for the prosecution of the said Petition, within fourteen days from the presentation thereof, as required by law.

Jury Law.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the laws relative to Jurors, Juries, and Inquests in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the indemnification of Jurors while attending the several Courts in that portion of this Province, be postponed until Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January next.

Toll Bridge Richelieu.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a Toll Bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*, to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, be postponed until Saturday, the eleventh day of January next.

The Honourable Mr. *Papineau* moved to resolve, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

French Language.

That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, renewing the expression of the faithful attachment of this House to Her Majesty's person and Government:—

Setting forth, that sensible of the advantages we enjoy from Her Majesty's care and protection, and which this House trusts may long be continued to us under Her Majesty's parental sway, it is, at all times, the duty of this House to submit for Her Majesty's most gracious consideration such matters as may have a tendency, with any class of Her Majesty's subjects, to diminish that contentment, which this House is well assured, Her Majesty desires should exist in every portion of Her dominions.

Representing, that the French is the native language of a very large class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province; of this class the great mass indeed speak no other language. In it the largest portion of their laws and the books on their system of jurisprudence are written; their daily intercourse with each other is conducted; it is the language in which alone they can invoke the blessings of Heaven on themselves and all that is dear to them. A language indispensable to so many of Her Majesty's faithful People, cannot, they will believe, be viewed by their Sovereign as foreign, when used by them.

Stating, that Her Majesty's Royal predecessors placed the languages spoken by the two great classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, on the same footing; affording, in this respect, equal justice and equal facility to all.

Pointing out, that this principle was never departed from until the Act re-uniting these Provinces was passed; that this House do not question that the best intentions and designs influenced the minds of those who enacted the provision which declared:—

“That all writs, proclamations, instruments for summoning and calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for proroguing and dissolving the same; and all writs of *Summons* and *Election*, and all writs and public instruments whatever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all returns to such writs and instruments; and all journals and entries, and written and printed proceedings, of what nature soever, of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively; and all written or printed proceedings and reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, shall be in the English language only.”

Stating, that in the very first Session of the Legislature, under that Act, it was indispensable to translate into French every public record and document. That the debates were not and could not, unless a portion of the Representatives of the People were silenced, be carried on without its use; that in Courts and judicial proceedings it was found equally necessary as before the Union, and for every other practical purpose, it is as much used as it ever has been.

Urging, that the only distinction which exists then, is, that the French is not permitted to be the legal language of Parliamentary records; a distinction of little value perhaps in itself,—one which cannot produce any beneficial result on the feelings or habits of the People using it; while it gives rise to a feeling among them injurious to the peace and tranquillity of the Province, namely, that this limited proscription of their language conveys, however undesignedly, an imputation of unfavourable distinction towards themselves.

Representing, that desirous that the hearts of all men in this Province may be joined in unity, in their attachment to and support of Her Majesty's person and Government, this House humbly Petition Her Majesty to endeavour to remove this cause of discontent, and to recommend to Her Imperial Parliament the repeal of that portion of the law which has given rise to it; assuring Her Majesty that such a course will be hailed, by her Majesty's loyal Canadian people, as an additional mark of Her solicitude for their welfare.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed till Saturday, the eleventh day of January next.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said motion be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of addressing His Excellency, the Governor General, as representing the Crown in this Province, to recommend Her Majesty to afford to those persons who were transported to Her Majesty's penal Colonies for political offences committed against Her Majesty's Government in this Province, in the years 1837 and 1838, (and whom Her Majesty was afterwards graciously pleased to pardon,) the means of returning to *England* or some other of the British Isles, that they may be able to reach their respective homes from thence.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Political
Offences.

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, as representing the Crown in this Province, expressing the gratitude of this House to Her Majesty, for having graciously pardoned several of the unfortunate and misguided individuals who were convicted of political offences, committed in this Province, in the years 1837 and 1838, (and for which they were transported to some of Her Majesty's penal Colonies), and humbly praying that His Excellency will be pleased to recommend that Her Majesty may be graciously pleased further to extend Her merciful consideration to such of those individuals as have not the means of returning to their native land, by affording them a passage to *England*, or some of the British Isles, from whence they may be enabled, with the assistance of friends, to reach their homes in *North America*, and be thus restored to the bosom of their friends.

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

Registry Laws.

Ordered. That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *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 thirteenth day of January next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Provincial
Customs.

Resolved. That this House will, on Friday, the tenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts and Ordinances, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs, and to duties of Customs, and other duties imposed by Provincial Acts; and to the licensing of tavern keepers, and venders of spirituous and other liquors; auctioneers, distillers, hawkers and pedlars; and keepers of billiard tables for hire, with a view to the substitution of other enactments for the purposes aforesaid, respectively.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Shipwrecked
and Destitute
Seamen.

Resolved. That this House will, on Friday, the tenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the Act of *Lower Canada*, 6 *William* 4, chapter 35, to provide for the medical treatment of sick mariners, by authorizing the appropriation of a certain portion of the monies collected under that Act, for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Trinity Houses
Quebec and
Montreal.

Resolved. That this House will, on Friday, the tenth day of January next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing the Acts and Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, establishing the Trinity Houses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and regulating pilots and pilotage, with a view to the substitution of further enactments on the said subjects.

Ordered. That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, have leave to bring in a Bill to secure the right of property in British Plantation vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's Reign, *William* the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels, and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels."

Rights of
British Planta-
tion Vessels.

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

Ordered. That all the Orders of the Day, that now stand fixed for those days intervening between Friday, the twentieth day of December, instant, and Tuesday, the seventh day of January next, being the time which this House doth stand adjourned, shall be called on respectively in the order in which they now stand, after this House shall meet on the said seventh day of January.

Orders of the
Day.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate, in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, being read,

Intestate
Estates.

Ordered. That the said Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January next.

Ordered. That the Standing Committee of Contingencies have leave to sit, notwithstanding the adjournment of this House.

Contingencies.

Then on motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 7° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

WILLIAM HAMILTON MERRITT, Esquire, Member for North Riding of *Lincoln*, having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Member for
North Riding
Lincoln.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *John Williams* and others, agriculturists, residing in the county of *Shefford*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of Messieurs *Freeland* and *Taylor* and others, manufacturers of soap and candles, in the city of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *William C. Keele*, of the city of *Toronto*, Attorney at Law.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of *Adam Irvine* and others, of the village and township of *Anchor*, in the district of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *Richard M. Boyle* and others, contractors on the macadamized road, leading from *Queenston* to *Grimshy*, in the district of *Niagara*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Webster*, the Petition of *George J. Grange*, Chairman, and *William Clarke*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of *Wellington*; the Petition of the Honourable *James Crooks* and others, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of *Gore*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Jacob Carr* and others, of the districts of *Wallington* and *Gore*.

By Mr. *Meyers*, the Petition of *Frederick Widder*, one of the Commissioners on behalf of the *Canada Company*; and the Petition of *Asa A. Burnham* and others, of the town of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of *Thomas Syer* and others, of the township of *Cavan*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of *Henry Ort*, of the township of *Willoughby*, in the district of *Niagara*; the Petition of *Alonzo J. Ewers*, of the township of *Crowland*, in the district of *Niagara*; the Petition of *Cornelius B. Griffin*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*; the Petition of the Reverend *William Leeming* and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *Trinity Church*, at *Chippewa*; the Petition of Captain *David Boyd* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Chippewa* and its neighbourhood; and the Petition of the Reverend *George B. Grant* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Grimsey*, in the district of *Niagara*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *William Ogden*, of the township of *Toronto*, in the *Horne* district; and the Petition of *Duncan Wilson*, of *Sparta*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the President and Governors of the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *John Smith*, of *Enniskillen*, in the *Western* district.

By Mr. *Chauveau*, the Petition of *Eduard Lemieux* and others, manufacturers of leather, in the district of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Thomas H. Maxwell* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Osnabruck*, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *Thomas Morgan*, of *Hallowell*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, (relating to a Bridge); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, (relating to the new Municipal Act); the Petition of Mrs. *Sarah Alway*, widow of the late *Robert Alway*, Esquire, Member of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, (relating to tobacco).

By Mr. *Thompson*, the Petition of the Reverend *Theobald Schneider* and others, of the district of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Richard Brown* and others, of the county of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of the Reverend *R. J. MacGeorge* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Toronto* and *Chinguacousy*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *Johnston Neilson*, of *Carleton Place*, district of *Bathurst*; and the Petition of *Edward Webster* and others, of *Leeds* and other townships.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of *Benjamin Pomroy*, and others, of the townships of *Compton* and *Hereford*, in the district of *St. Francis*; and the Petition of *Charles Whitcler*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Nierbrooke*.

By Mr. *Laurason*, the Petition of the President and Members of the *London Mechanics' Institute*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of *John P. Anderson* and others, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *James Piersons* and others, of the township of *Hillier*.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Petition of the President and Members of the *Agricultural Society*, of the district of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Ann Cutlibert Fleming*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Charles Smith*, and *Anthony Anderson*, of the city of *Quebec*, Esquires.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *Sir Allan N. MacNab* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Hamilton*, and its vicinity; the Petition of the Church Missionary and Indians of the Six Nations, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the towns of *Ancaster* and *Dundas*, and neighbourhood; the Petition of the Reverend *George Graham* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Nussagawega*, and neighbourhood; the Petition of *Hiram Smith* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Nelson* and *Trafalgar*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *Andrew Jamieson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Brock*, and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *John Maberly* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Timy* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *F. G. Elliott* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Colchester* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *James Padfield* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at *Smiths' Falls* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *George Mortimer* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at *Thornhill* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *George Tennant* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at *Carleton Place* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Beek Lintzay* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Williamsburgh* and other places in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *Job Deacon* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Fredericksburgh* and *Adolphustown*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *Frederick O'Meara* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the *Mahnetoahning* Islands, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *John Tomlinson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Richmond* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *George Johnstone* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Wilmot* and neighbourhood; the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Patton* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Kempville* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *John White* and others, of *Hamilton*, in the district of *Gore*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Robert Defries*, Post Office Carrier to the Legislative Assembly, praying that he may be put upon a fixed salary.

Of *Antoine C. Taschereau*, Esquire, of the parish of *Deschambault*, in the county of *Portneuf*, praying that the amount awarded him by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, for his services in surveying and locating the lands on the line of the *Kennebec* road, may be paid him in full.

Of *George O'Keefe*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that his name may be placed on the list of candidates for the office of Assistant Translator to the Legislative Assembly.

Of *Mrs. Monique S. Boucher* and other ladies, members of the charitable institution called, "Maison de la Providence," in the parish of *Laprairie de la Madeleine*, praying for an aid in support of the said institution.

Of the officers and members of the *Talbot* district Agricultural Society, praying for the renewal of the Act for the encouragement of such societies.

Of *Eliotte Guy*, Returning Officer for the last election of the county of *Montreal*, praying to be paid the amount of his account, for services performed in his capacity of Returning Officer as above stated.

Of *William O'Brien* and others, tavern keepers of the city of *Montreal*, praying for relief against the taxes imposed on them, as tavern keepers, by the City Council.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Bathurst*, praying for a grant to enable them to construct a road, leading from the *Rideau* canal to the western extremity of the district, on the *Ottawa* river.

Of *Agustin Dodier* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *Beauport*, in the county of *Quebec*, praying that the tolls they pay on the turnpike roads may be diminished, and the rate, at which they may be computed for, fixed by law.

Of the Honourable *James Reid*, and others, inhabitants of the city of *Montreal*, praying for a grant to erect a Lunatic Asylum for *Lower Canada*, on a piece of ground already provided for that purpose.

Of *David Torrance* and others, Directors of the High School of *Montreal*, praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of *Henry B. Bostwick*, of the village of *Port Stanley*, in the district of *London*, praying for the reduction of the rate of tolls exacted at *Port Stanley*.

Of *A. Campbell*, junior, and others, law students of the city of *Quebec*, praying that a professor may be appointed at *Quebec*, to give public lectures in jurisprudence and the practice of the law.

Of the Reverend *H. Esson* and others, clergy and citizens of *Montreal*, praying that the charter of *McGill* College, at *Montreal*, may be amended, and the management of *King's* College, at *Toronto*, may be placed upon a satisfactory basis.

Of *C. Laroque* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Beauharnois*, praying that a certain part of the Ordinance 3d *Victoria*, cap. 25, relating to winter vehicles, may be renewed.

Of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault* and others, of the west side of the basin of *Chambly*, praying for an aid to construct a road.

Of *Stevens Baker* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Missisquoi* and *Rouville*, praying that the stage road between *St. John's* and *Stanstead* may be planked, under the controul of the Board of Works, from a point near the Upper Mills of *Stambridge* to *Jones's* bridge on the *Richelieu*.

Of *William Dickson* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Gore*, residing on the *Grand River*, praying for the passing of a law to prevent persons from driving over the bridges erected by them, faster than a moderate walk.

Of *Orange Schryer*, of the township of *Bertie*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying to be indemnified for loss sustained by an outrage, which he has reason to believe was perpetrated on account of the strict discharge of his duties as Deputy Collector of Customs.

Of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, proprietors and landholders, residing in the neighbourhood of the city of *Montreal*, praying that the regulations respecting the *Montreal* turnpikes, may be rendered more equitable.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the Town Council may be substituted in the right of Her Majesty's Government, to acquire and possess the *Dorchester* bridge.

Of *N. McKinnon* and *William F. Wallace*, on behalf of the inhabitants of *Bayham*, and the adjoining townships, in the district of *London*, praying for an aid to complete the harbour at *Port Burwell*.

Of *Pierre Vezina*, Esquire, in behalf of the inhabitants of the town of *Three Rivers*, praying that the said town may be incorporated, and the common of *Three Rivers* vested in the Corporation.

Of *Charles De Witt* and others, inhabitants of the seigniority and parish of *St. Joachim de Chateauguay*, praying aid to re-construct a certain bridge over the *River Chateauguay*.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Right Reverend *Michael Power*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*, and of the Right Reverend *Patrik Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Prince*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Dunlop*, 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,

Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Carrhae.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault* and others, of the west side of the Basin of *Chambly*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references.

Rev. P. M. Mignault and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William O'Brien* and others, tavern-keepers, of the city of *Montreal*, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city.)

W. O'Brien and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Augustin Dodier* and others, inhabitants of the parish of *Beauport*, in the county of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*.

A. Dodier and others.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Mines and Minerals in the River Gatineau

Resolved, 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, a copy of any lease that may have been granted for working the mines and minerals on the River *Gatineau*, for the purpose of ascertaining if any stipulations were entered into as to when they should commence to be worked.

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

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*,

Election, 3rd Riding York.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, do transmit to the Commissioners at *Toronto*, all documents and other papers connected with the contested election for the Third Riding of the county of *York*.

Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary 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.

Toll-bridge over the River Richelieu.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize *Johan Fule, junior*, to build a Toll Bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*, to fix the Rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the same, be read a second time on Monday next.

Elections in Lower Canada.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to regulate elections in *Lower Canada* 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 Friday the thirty-first instant.

Industrial Farm.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the city of *Toronto*, to purchase an Industrial Farm in the neighbourhood thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Prince* took the chair of the 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 had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Then on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Daly*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 8^o die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. *SPEAKER* acquainted the House that *Solomon Youmans Chesley, Esquire, George Hall* and *Alvin Kezar*, had entered into the usual recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the contested election for the town of *Cornwall*. Election, town of Cornwall.

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

By Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*, the Petition of *Morris C. Lutz*, of the village of *Galt*, in the county of *Haltou*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of the Reverend *A. E. Atkinson* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *St. Catharines*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of *Simon Valois* and others, of that part of the parish of *Montreal*, commonly called *Hochelaga*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *E. Meyers* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at the *Carrying Place*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *William Langril* and others, of *Upper Canada*.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *William G. Edmundson*, of the township of *Whitchurch* in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Riddell*, the Petition of *Thomas W. Marsh* and others, Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Orford*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, the Petition of *William Wood* and others, of the townships of *Cornwall* and *Osnabruck*, in the *Eastern* district.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to the harbour Commissioners;) the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to the *Quebec* Forwarding Company;) and the Petition of the Natural History Society of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *R. W. Branan* and others, of *Caradoc* and other townships, in the *London* district.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *J. McDonald* and others, of the county of *Stormont*, in the *Eastern* district.

An engrossed Bill to authorise the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the city of *Toronto*, to purchase an Industrial Farm in the neighbourhood thereof, and for other purposes relating thereto, was read for the third time. Industrial Farm.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Petition of the officers and members of the *Talbot* Agricultural Society be referred to the Standing Committee on Expiring Laws.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, and the Petition of the Reverend *Henry Von Rohr*, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in the township of *Humberston*, in the district of *Niagara*, Petition of the Rev. H. Von Rohr.

be discharged from the further consideration of the Petition of the said Reverend *Henry Von Rohr*, and that the same be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects."

Petition of R. Defries.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert Defries*, Post Office Carrier to the Legislative Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Standing Committee on Library.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of six Members, composed of Mr. *Dunlop*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Boutillier*, Mr. *Hale*, and Mr. *Taché*, be appointed to assist Mr. *Speaker* in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto.

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

Scholastic Institutions.

Resolved, 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, a tabular Statement of each of the Scholastic Institutions to which an annual grant is made from the funds of the Province, stating the number of pupils in each.

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

Election, 3rd Riding York.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That the list of witnesses put in on the part of the Petitioners against the return of the Honourable *James Edward Small*, Sitting Member for the Third Riding of the county of *York*, be amended by adding thereto the following names:—*Felix Fortier*, *Francis Leys*, *Edward Shue*, *John Fairgutherson*, *Charles Fitzgibbon*, *John Radenhurst*, *Edward Goldsmith*, *William J. Fitzgerald*, *William Chevitt*, and *John Small*; and that leave be also given to the Sitting Member to amend his list of witnesses, if required.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Price*, that all the words after "that" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "after the interchange of lists of witnesses and the reading of such lists by the Clerk of the House, pursuant to the Statute of *Upper Canada* of the eighth *George* Fourth, chapter five, it is not competent to this House to permit either the party petitioning against the return and election of a Member of this House, or the Member whose Seat is petitioned against, to put in an additional or amended list of witnesses, and that both parties are excluded from putting in such amended or additional list."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, *Boutillier*, *Cauchon*, *DeWitt*, *Franchère*, *LeMoine*, *Nelson*, *Price*, *Scott*, and *Taché*—(10.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, *Baldwin*, *Bertrand*, *Brooks*, *Chabot*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Desautier*, *Dickson*, *Drummond*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*.

Johnston, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lawrason*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *GLEN-GARRY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Method*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Riddell*, *Roblin*, *Rousseau*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, Attorney General *Smith*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *PRESOTT*, *Thompson*, *Webster*, and *Williams*—(38).

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to unanimously, and

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to reduce, in accordance with the circumstances of the Province, certain salaries, not on the Civil List thereof, and to fund fees of office, allowing the incumbents fixed salaries in lieu. Reduction of Salaries.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish, at a certain period therein mentioned, the feudal tenure in *Lower Canada*, and to indemnify the Seigniors therefor. Feudal Tenure.

He accordingly presented the said 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 fifth day of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill, to prescribe the manner in which the Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature. Public Accounts.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Resolved, That the Petition of *S. Y. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, electors of the town of *Cornwall*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Rolland Macdonald*, Esquire, be taken into consideration by this House, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January, instant, in lieu of Thursday, the ninth instant, as before appointed by this House, and that it be then the first Order of the Day. Cornwall contested Election.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill to afford relief in certain cases, to settlers of real estate in *Canada West*, being read, Real Estate, Canada West.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Boulton*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, and Mr. *Prince*, 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, the better to facilitate commutation of the tenure *en roture*, in the Seigniorics and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of free and common soccage, being read, Commutation of Tenure.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the twenty-second instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to declare illegal the existing monopoly of streams, mill sites and water powers, claimed and Monopoly of streams.

exercised in the Seigniories in Lower Canada, by the respective Seigniors and proprietors thereof, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the twenty-second instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereunto specially appointed or authorized by a judge, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the fifteenth instant.

The Honourable Mr. Daly, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House by Command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 10th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before them "An account in detail of all monies raised by sale of Debentures, under and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Upper Canada, intituled, 'An Act granting to His Majesty a sum of money to be raised by Debentures for the improvement of the navigation of the river Trent,' passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, chapter 66, and a detailed statement of the expenditure thereof."

(See end of Journal.)

Then, on motion of Mr. Macdonald of Dundas, seconded by Mr. Williams,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 9° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIAE REGINAE, 1845.

JOHN LE BOUTILLIER, Esquire, Member for the county of Bonaventure, having previously taken the oath according to law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

The hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of Samuel Wood and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of Lincoln, district of Niagara, complaining of the undue election and return of William Hamilton Merritt, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of Lincoln, in this present Parliament, being come,

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly.

And being returned the House was called, and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioners, their counsel or agent, to appear at the Bar.

John Mittleberger, Esquire, appeared at the Bar as counsel for the Petitioners.

Mr. Speaker called upon the sitting Member, his counsel or agent, to appear. Election, North Riding Lincoln.

Mr. Merritt, sitting Member for the said North Riding of the county of Lincoln, appeared in his place, on his own behalf.

John Mittleberger, Esquire, counsel for the Petitioners, presented a List of Witnesses in the case of the Petition of Samuel Wood and other electors of the North Riding of the county of Lincoln, in the district of Niagara, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: NAMES and RESIDENCE. Lists names like Honourable Dominick Daly, Prov. Secy., Montreal; Charles Richardson, Barrister at Law, Niagara; John Mittleberger, do; Samuel Power, do; etc.

Mr. Merritt handed in a list of witnesses required in behalf of himself as the Sitting Member for the North Riding of the county of Lincoln, district of Niagara, which was also read by the Clerk as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: NAMES and RESIDENCE. Lists names like Elias Smith Adams, Esquire, Re-turning Officer, Township of Grantham; Charles Rolls, do do do do; John Kerr, Esquire, do do do; etc.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration being read; the attestation of the Speaker was taken from off the box, in which, agree-

Calling of Meetings of Belations, &c.

Debentures, River Trent.

Mr. LeBoutillier.

Election, North Riding Lincoln.

Election,
North Riding
Lincoln.

ably to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest that this box was, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest that I did, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1845, in presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

Mr. Macdonald of Cornwall moved, seconded by Mr. Gowan, that it be resolved, that the Resolution of the 9th July, 1841, declaring that a Member already serving upon a Committee, on a contested election, is incompetent to serve upon a second, until the previous Committee shall have finally reported, be rescinded: and that it be further resolved, that such Member is competent to serve on any other Committee or Committees in which his name may be drawn.

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin moved, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, the previous question, viz.:

Shall the question be now put on the said motion?

Upon which the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeMeury, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawrison, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonald of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffat, Murray, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRES-COTT, Webster and Williams—(37.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Bertrand, Bouillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Charveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Jobin, LeBouillier, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STONEMONT, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson and Wats—(35.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding division,

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

The drawing of the names were then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 Jobin,	13 Aylwin,
2 Watts,	14 Smith, of FRONTENAC.
3 Papineau,	15 Taché,
4 Scott,	16 Macdonell, of DUNDAS.
5 Murray,	17 Chabot,
6 McConnell,	18 Brooks,
7 Chalmers,	19 Attorney General Smith,
8 Price,	20 Lantier,
9 Cauchon,	21 Thompson,
10 Laurin,	22 Lacoste,
11 Greive,	23 Williams,
12 Guillet,	

Thirteen other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follow:—

Four against whom Petitions are pending.

Nine names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

Mr. Duggan was chosen nominee for the Petitioners.

The Honourable Mr. Baldwin was chosen nominee for the sitting Member.

At half-past eight o'clock, P. M., the parties, with Alfred Patrick, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At ten minutes to nine o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of nine members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 Papineau,	6 Macdonell, of DUNDAS.
2 McConnell,	7 Attorney General Smith,
3 Chalmers,	8 Lantier,
4 Laurin,	9 Williams.
5 Taché,	

Nominee for the Petitioner, Mr. Duggan.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, the Honourable Mr. Baldwin.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk to the Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

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

Resolved: That the Petition against the return of the Sitting Member for the Fourth Riding of the county of York is not now pending, the Petitioners having failed to enter into the recognizance required by law.

On motion of Mr. Duggan, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Baldwin,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Samuel Wood and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of Lincoln, district of Niagara, complaining of the undue election and return of William Hamilton Merritt, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room No. 4, to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the House was called over.

Election,
Third Riding
Lincoln.

Members Absent—

Mr. *Berthelot*, (Sick.)
Honourable Mr. *Harrison*.
Honourable Mr. *Small*, (with leave.)
Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*, (Sick.)
Mr. *Taschereau*, (Sick.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

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 Parliament, for the county of *Kent*, in the room and place of the Honourable *Samuel B. Harrison*, who since his Election hath accepted the office of Judge of the *Home District* Surrogate Court.

On motion of the Honourable Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,

Resolved, That the Petition against the return of the Sitting Member for the South Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, is not now pending, the Petitioners having failed to enter into the recognizance required by law.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Resolved, That the Petition against the return of the Sitting Member for the county of *Wentworth* is not now pending, the Petitioner having failed to enter into the recognizance required by law.

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

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of *T. A. Simard* and others, of the signiory of *Deléry* in the county of *Huntingdon*.

By Mr. *Nelson*, the Petition of *Edward Carter Allen*, of *William Henry*, in the county of *Richelieu*.

By the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of the Reverend *M. Morin* and others, of *Lachenaie* and other parishes, in the county of *Leinster*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Paul Shirly* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Camden* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of the Reverend *George Mortimer* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Louth* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Anderson* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, of *Fort Erie* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Powell*, the Petition of *James W. Ritchie* and others, of the district of *Talbot* and township of *Walpole*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *Robert Nickson* and others, interested in the *Grimsby Pier* and Harbour Company.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *James M'Laren*, keeper of the common *Gaol* and House of Correction, in the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Méthot*, the Petition of the Reverend *Charles E. Bélanger* and others, of the township of *Stanford*, in the county of *Drummond*; and the Petition of the Reverend *C. L. Gagnon* and others, of the counties of *Drummond* and *Mégantic*.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of *Charles Rose* and others, of *Tingwick* and other townships; and the Petition of *S. M. Taylor* and others, of the townships of *Melbourne* and *Shipton*, and parts adjacent.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *John Kilborn* and others, of the *Johnstown*, *Bathurst*, and *Midland* districts.

By Mr. *Laurin*, the Petition of *James Bishop*, of the parish of *St. Sylvestre*, in the county of *Lotbinière*; and the Petition of *Charles Juneau de Montreuil*, of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Lawrason*, the Petition of *Charles C. Brough* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *London*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Joseph Hunt*, late a Sergeant in Her Majesty's 37th Regiment of Foot; and the Petition of *Joseph Smolinshi*, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *John G. Weir*, Esquire, and others, of the town of *Chatham*.

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

Of *John Williams* and others, agriculturists, residing in the county of *Shefford*, praying pecuniary aid to establish and maintain an Agricultural Society in the said county.

Of Messrs. *Freeland* and *Taylor* and others, manufacturers of soap and candles in the city of *Toronto*, praying that the tariff may be so amended as to afford protection and encouragement to those engaged in the said business.

Of *William C. Keele*, of the city of *Toronto*, Attorney-at-Law, praying the House to patronize a work published by him, called "Provincial Justice," by conferring upon him, as its author, some favourable mark of distinction.

Of *Adam Irvine* and others, of the village and township of *Ancaster*, in the district of *Gore*, praying for the removal of a certain toll-gate to another situation, or that those going only three-fourths of a mile from the said gate, for certain objects, may be allowed to pass free of toll.

Of *Richard M. Boyle* and others, contractors on the macadamized road leading from *Queenston* to *Grimsby*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying for the payment of arrears yet due him for the said work, with legal interest thereon.

Of *George J. Grange*, Chairman, and *William Clarke*, Secretary, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of *Wellington*, praying for an appropriation to construct a road from *Dundas* on Lake *Ontario*, by the way of *Guelph*, to *Owen's Sound*, on Lake *Huron*, and for aid to complete the roads from *Hamilton* to *Dundas*, and from *Dundas* to *Waterloo*.

Of the Honourable *James Crooks* and others, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of *Gore*, praying for the construction of a public highway between the head of Lake *Ontario*, at *Hamilton*, and Lake *Huron*; and for aid to complete the macadamized roads from *Hamilton* to *Dundas*, and to *Brantford*, and from *Dundas* to *Galt* and *Waterloo*.

Writ of Election, Kent.

South Riding Lincoln.

County of Wentworth.

Petitions brought up.

Petitions brought up.

Petitions read.

Petitions read. Of the Reverend *Jacob Carr* and others, of the districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*, praying that the rights and privileges, granted to different religious denominations, under the Act 11th, *George IV.*, cap. 36, may be extended to the society, called "The Evangelical Association."

Of *Frederick Widdar*, one of the Commissioners on behalf of the *Canada Company*, praying that certain powers, petitioned for by the Municipal Council of the district of *Huron*, relating to the taxation of wild lands, may not be granted.

Of *Asa A. Burnham* and others, of the town of *Cobourg*, praying that the limits of the said town may not be so altered as to include their property, in consequence of its distance from the business part of that town.

Of *Thomas Syer* and others, of the township of *Cavan*, praying that the School Act, now in operation, may be remodelled or repealed, and a new Act passed, which may have a probability of giving general satisfaction to the inhabitants of the Province.

Of *Henry Ort*, of the township of *Willoughby*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying to be naturalized.

Of *Alonzo J. Ewers*, of the township of *Crowland*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying to be naturalized.

Of *Cornelius B. Griffin*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying to be naturalized.

Of the Reverend *William Leeming* and others, on behalf of the Congregation of *Trinity Church*, at *Chippewa*, praying that measures may be adopted for an equitable adjustment of their claim for remuneration, (arising from the circumstance of the burning of the Church in that place by incendiaries), out of the moneys appropriated for such purposes.

Of *William Ogden*, of the township of *Toronto*, in the *Home* district, praying to be remunerated for building a bridge over the river *Etobicoke*, on the road leading from *Toronto* to *Hamilton*.

Of *Duncan Wilson*, of *Sparta*, complaining that his property was sold, by order of two magistrates, to pay the expenses incurred in conveying him to prison, when charged with supplying money to the rebels the winter of 1837, and praying relief.

Of the President and Governors of the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*, praying the House to grant the usual pecuniary aid to the said Institution.

Of *John Smith*, of *Enniskillen*, in the *Western* district, praying to be sustained in his claim for land, as heir of *Robert Smith*, who was the assignee of *George Whitten*.

Of *Edward Lemieux* and others, manufacturers of leather in the district of *Quebec*, praying for increased duties on leather, manufactured, or unmanufactured, imported from the *United States*.

Of *Thomas Morgan*, of *Hallowell*, praying for certain amendments to the statute of limitation, and for remuneration for the detention of certain lands, held under its authority.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, praying for an aid to build a bridge over the river *Thames*.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, praying for certain alterations to the new Municipal Act.

Petitions read. Of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, praying that an additional duty of one penny half-penny per pound, may be imposed on all leaf tobacco imported into this Province, from the *United States*.

Of Mrs. *Sarah Alway*, widow of the late *Robert Alway*, Esquire, Member of Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, praying that the wages of her late husband for the sessions of 1837, and 1838, may be paid to her.

Of the Reverend *Theobald Schneider* and others, of the district of *Niagara*, praying that the rights and privileges granted to certain religious denominations, under the Act 11 *George IV.*, chapter 36, may be extended to the society, called "The Evangelical Association."

Of *Richard Brown* and others, of the county of *Haldimand*, praying for the planking of a certain line of communication through the said county.

Of *Johnston Neilson*, of *Carleton Place*, district of *Bathurst*, praying that the rights of natural born British subjects, may not be granted to natives of the *United States*.

Of *Edward Webster* and others, of *Leeds*, and other townships, praying for the survey and improvement of the navigation between the *Wiltzie* waters, and the river *St. Lawrence*, via *Gananogue*.

Of *Benjamin Pomroy* and others, of the townships of *Compton* and *Hereford*, in the district of *St. Francis*, praying for a grant of three thousand pounds to complete the road through the *Barford* woods.

Of *Charles Whitcher*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Sherbrooke*, praying for a grant of two thousand pounds, to improve and repair the road from *Dudswell* to *Granby*.

Of the President and Members of the *London Mechanics Institute*, praying an aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *John P. Anderson* and others, of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit pedlars from carrying on their trade in any of the public places of the said city.

Of *James Peirsons* and others, of the township of *Hillier*, praying for a new survey of part of the said township.

Of the President and Members of the *Agricultural Society* of the district of *Montreal*, praying for the repeal of the Act 6 *Victoria*, chapter 12, and that the former Laws regulating winter vehicles may be revived.

Of Mrs. *Ann Cuthbert Fleming*, praying for an aid to enable her to publish certain Elementary works on the English language.

Of *Charles Smith*, and *Anthony Anderson*, of the city of *Quebec*, Esquires, praying that the privilege, petitioned for by the Corporation of *Quebec* and by certain inhabitants, of erecting a Bridge over the river *St. Charles*, may not be granted.

Of Captain *David Boyd* and others, members of the *United Church of England and Ireland*, in *Chippewa* and its neighbourhood; of the Reverend *George R. Grout* and others, members of the *United Church of England and Ireland*, in the township of *Grimsby*, in the district of *Niagara*; of *Thomas H. Maxwell* and others, members of the *United Church of England and Ireland*, in the township of *Osnabruck*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *R. J. Macgeorge* and others, members of the *United Church of England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Toronto* and *Chinguacousy*, and parts adjacent in the

Petitions read. Diocese of *Toronto*; of Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Hamilton*, and its vicinity; of the Church Missionary and Indians of the *Six Nations*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the towns of *Ancaster and Dundas*, and neighbourhood; of the Reverend *George Graham* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Nassagaweya*, and neighbourhood; of *Hiram Smith* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Nelson and Trafalgar*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *Andrew Jamieson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Brook* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *John Moberly* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Tiny* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *F. G. Elliot* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Colchester*, and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *James Payfield* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at *Smith's Falls*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *George Mortimer* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at *Thornhill*, and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *George Tennant* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at *Carleton Place*, and vicinity, in the district of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *J. Beek Lindsay* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Williamsburg*, and other places, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *Job Deacon* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Fredericksburg and Adolphustown*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *Frederick A. O'Meara* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the *Mahnetoahning Islands*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *John Tomlinson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Richmond*, and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *George Johnstone* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Wilmot*, and neighbourhood; and of the Reverend *Henry Patton* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Kemptville*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church of *England*, such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands, as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said lands.

Of *John White* and others, of *Hamilton*, in the district of *Gore*, praying to be naturalized by Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas H. Maxwell* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Osnabruk*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John M'Bean*, of *Lancaster*, in the *Eastern* district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonald* of *Dundas*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Lantier*, and Mr. *Scott*, to examine the contents

thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, proprietors and landholders, residing in the neighbourhood of the city of *Montreal*, praying that the regulations respecting the *Montreal Turpikes* may be rendered more equitable, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of *C. Larocque* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Beauharvais*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references.

Ordered, That the said Committee have power to report by Bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That the Petition of the President and members of the Agricultural Society of the district of *Montreal*, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Zozime Maçon* and others, inhabitants of the county of *Two Mountains*, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Johnston Neilson* of *Carleton Place*, district of *Bathurst*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue, for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intitled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British Subjects."

Ordered, That the Petition of *Edward Webster* and others, of *Leeds* and other townships, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Ephraim Webster* and others, inhabitants of *Gananoque, Leeds and Lansdown*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles Smith* and *Anthony Anderson*, of the city of *Quebec*, Esquires, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *J. G. Tourageau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec* and its vicinity, and other references.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Piersons* and others, of the township of *Hillier*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Hoblin* and Mr. *Meyers*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Frederick Widder*, one of the Commissioners on behalf of the *Canada Company*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Meyers*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Dunlop*, 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Asa A. Burnham* and others, of the town of *Cobourg*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Seymour*, and Mr.

Petitions referred.
T. Maxwell and others.

J. M'Bean.

Boulton, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

United Church
England and
Ireland.

Ordered, That the various Petitions received this day from the Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Jacob Carr* and others, of the districts of *Wellington and Gore*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker* three Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

Steamer
Unicorn.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in answer to their Address relative to the supposed intended discontinuance of the communication between *Quebec and Pictou* by means of Her Majesty's hired Steam Packet "*Unicorn*," that he will recommend the subject to the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government, although no intention of dispensing with the services of the "*Unicorn*" has been communicated to the Governor General.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 24th December, 1844.

C. T. METCALFE.

Colonel Fitz-
Gibbon.

The Governor General recommends the case of Colonel *Fitz Gibbon* to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly.

On more than one occasion the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada* recorded their sense of the long and patriotic services of this officer, and their desire that he should receive, as a mark of the Royal favour, some compensation and reward for his gallantry, zeal, and fidelity.

The mode, however, in which it was intended to make this compensation appeared to Her Majesty to be open to serious objection, and while, fully recognising Colonel *Fitz Gibbon's* claims, Her Majesty was advised that they could not be remunerated in the manner proposed by the Legislature, without establishing an inconvenient precedent; at the same time, it was intimated that if the Legislature desired to mark their sense of Col. *Fitz Gibbon's* services by a pecuniary grant, it would be recommended for Her Majesty's approval.

After the repeated recognition of Col. *Fitz Gibbon's* claims, the Governor General feels it unnecessary to do more than to express his readiness to concur with the Legislature in redeeming the pledge thus given to reward the faithful services of this old and meritorious servant of the Crown.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 3d January, 1845.

C. T. METCALFE.

Political
Offenders,
Exiles.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in reply to their Address praying that the misguided individuals who were transported to the penal colonies for political offences committed in 1837 and 1838, and who have by Her Majesty's clemency been pardoned, might be afforded a free passage to *England* or some of the British isles, that the Governor General will recommend the subject to the favourable consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

The Governor General further has great satisfaction in informing the Legislative Assembly, that he has received intelligence of the safe arrival in *England* of thirty-eight of the persons referred to, and of an arrangement having been entered into, with the assistance of Her Majesty's Government, for their conveyance from thence to their native country, and to the bosom of their families.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 26th December, 1844.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, Esquire.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 17th ultimo, praying His Excellency to be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before the House, copies of the instrument under which *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, acted as Receiver General, from the time of the resignation of that office by the Honourable *John Henry Dunn*, until the appointment of the Honourable *William Morris*, as Receiver General of this Province, and of the bond or bonds given by the said *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, for the due discharge and performance of his duty.

Province of }
Canada. } C. T. METCALFE.

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

COMMISSION
Appointing *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, to be the Receiver General of Canada.

To *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, and to all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

Recorded, 2nd
January, 1845.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

(L. S.)

KNOW YE, that reposing trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity, and ability, we have assigned, constituted, and appointed, and by these Presents do assign, constitute, and appoint you the said *Bernard Turquand* to be our Receiver General in and for our said Province of *Canada*, in the place and stead of the Honourable *John Henry Dunn*, resigned: To have, hold, and enjoy the said Office unto you the said *Bernard Turquand*, for the time being and until Our Royal Pleasure shall be further expressed and made known in relation to the said office, and during your actual residence within our said Province, together with all the rights, profits, privileges and advantages thereunto belonging and appertaining: Provided always, that you the said *Bernard Turquand* do execute the said office in your own proper person, except in case of sickness or other incapacity: Provided also, that you the said *Bernard Turquand* give good and satisfactory security for duly accounting for all moneys that shall come into your hands under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland passed in the Third and Fourth years of our Reign, entitled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada* and for the Government of *Canada*," and also for all other moneys that shall come into your hands under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts either of the said Imperial Parliament or of the Parliament of *Lower Canada* or *Upper Canada* or of our said Province of *Canada*, or otherwise, by virtue of the said office of Receiver General: And provided also that you faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions that may from time to time be lawfully given you by our Governor of our said Province, for the time being, in relation to the keeping of your accounts, and the receipt, deposit, payment, and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these Our Letters to be made patent, and the great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness our right trusty and well beloved Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, G.C.B., one of our Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick* and the Island

Recorded, 2nd
January, 1845.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

B. Turquand,
Esquire.

of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c., at *Kingston*, this thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and in the seventh year of our reign.

WILLIAM H. DRAPER,
Queen's Counsel.

By Command,
D. DALY,
Secretary.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 6th January, 1845.

Certified to be a true copy of the Record, with which it has been carefully collated.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

WHEREAS His Excellency, the Governor General, of the Province of *Canada*, has been pleased to appoint me *Bernard Turquand*, of the town of *Kingston*, in the said Province, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Receiver General in and for the said Province until the pleasure of Her Majesty be made known. Now Know ALL MEN by these presents that I, the said *Bernard Turquand*, am held and firmly bound to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in the sum of two thousand pounds of lawful money of the said Province, for which payment to be well and truly made to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if I the said *Bernard Turquand* do well and truly account for and pay over all moneys that shall come into my hands under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, entitled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada* and for the Government of *Canada*," and also all other moneys that shall come into my hands under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts either of the said Imperial Parliament or of the Parliaments of *Lower Canada or Upper Canada*, or of the Province of *Canada*, or otherwise, by virtue of the said office of Receiver General, and also do faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions that may from time to time be given me by the Governor of this Province for the time being in relation to the keeping the accounts of the said office of Receiver General, the receipt, deposit, payment, and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid, and do also at all times when thereunto lawfully required by the Governor of this Province or person administering the Government thereof, produce and show to any person or persons duly appointed by the Governor or persons administering the Government of this Province, a full, true and particular accounts of all moneys which shall or may have come into my hands by reason of the said Office of Receiver General, and do duly account for and pay over any balance which may then appear to be due, and do also in all things faithfully discharge, keep, and fulfil all the duties arising from the said office of Receiver General, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue, and effect.

B. TURQUAND. (Seal.)

Sealed and Delivered in
the presence of

THOMAS GALT.
Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 6th January, 1845.

Certified to be a true copy of the Record, with which it has been carefully collated.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

WHEREAS His Excellency, the Governor General of the Province of *Canada*, has been pleased to appoint *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Receiver General in and for the said Province, until the pleasure of Her Majesty be made known. Now Know ALL MEN by these presents that I, *Charles John Forbes*, of *Carillon*, in the said Province of *Canada*, Esquire, am held and firmly bound to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in the sum of five hundred pounds, of lawful money of the said Province, for which payment to be well and truly made to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors. I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said *Bernard Turquand* shall well and truly account for and pay over all moneys that shall come into his hands, under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and also all other moneys that shall come into his hands under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts either of the said Imperial Parliament, or of the Parliaments of *Lower Canada or Upper Canada*, or of the Province of *Canada*, or otherwise by virtue of the said office of Receiver General, and also shall faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions that may from time to time be lawfully given him by the Governor of this Province for the time being in relation to the keeping of his accounts, the receipt, deposit, payment, and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid, and shall also at all times, when he shall be thereunto lawfully required by the Governor of this Province, or person administering the Government thereof, produce and show to any person or persons, duly appointed by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, full, true, and particular accounts of all moneys which shall or may have come into his hands by reason of the said office of Receiver General, and shall duly account for and pay over any balance which shall then appear to be due, and shall also in all things faithfully discharge, keep, and fulfil all the duties arising from the said office of Receiver General, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue, and effect.

No. CCCLXVI.

BOND
Of *Charles John Forbes*, one of the Sureties of *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, Receiver General.

2500. Currency.
Recorded, 13th February, 1844.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said *Bernard Turquand* shall well and truly account for and pay over all moneys that shall come into his hands, under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and also all other moneys that shall come into his hands under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts either of the said Imperial Parliament, or of the Parliaments of *Lower Canada or Upper Canada*, or of the Province of *Canada*, or otherwise by virtue of the said office of Receiver General, and also shall faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions that may from time to time be lawfully given him by the Governor of this Province for the time being in relation to the keeping of his accounts, the receipt, deposit, payment, and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid, and shall also at all times, when he shall be thereunto lawfully required by the Governor of this Province, or person administering the Government thereof, produce and show to any person or persons, duly appointed by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, full, true, and particular accounts of all moneys which shall or may have come into his hands by reason of the said office of Receiver General, and shall duly account for and pay over any balance which shall then appear to be due, and shall also in all things faithfully discharge, keep, and fulfil all the duties arising from the said office of Receiver General, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue, and effect.

C. J. FORBES. (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered,
in presence of

J. C. STIKEMAN,
Of *Point Fortune*.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 6th January, 1845.

Certified to be a true copy of the Record, with which it has been carefully collated.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

WHEREAS His Excellency, the Governor General of the Province of *Canada*, has been pleased to appoint *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Receiver General in and for the said Province, until the pleasure of Her Majesty be made known. Now Know ALL MEN by these presents, that I, *Benjamin Holmes*, of the city of *Montreal*, in the said Province of *Canada*, Esquire, am held and firmly bound to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in the sum of five hundred pounds, of lawful money of the said Province, for which payment to be well and truly made to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said *Bernard*

No. CCCLXVII.

BOND
Of *Benjamin Holmes*, Esquire, one of the Sureties of *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, Receiver General.

2500 Currency.
Recorded, 13th February, 1844.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said *Bernard*

B. Turquand,
Esquire.

Turquand shall well and truly account for and pay over all moneys that shall come into his hands, under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and also all other moneys that shall come into his hands, under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts, either of the said Imperial Parliament, or of the Parliaments of *Lower Canada* or *Upper Canada*, or of the Province of *Canada*, or otherwise, by virtue of the said Office of Receiver General, and also shall faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions that may from time to time be lawfully given him by the Governor of this Province for the time being, in relation to the keeping of his accounts, the receipt, deposit, payment and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid, and shall also at all times when he shall be thereunto lawfully required by the Governor of this Province, or person administering the Government thereof, produce and show to any person or persons, duly appointed by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, full, true and particular accounts, of all moneys which shall or may have come into his hands by reason of the said Office of Receiver General, and shall duly account for and pay over any balance which shall then appear to be due, and shall also in all things faithfully discharge, keep, and fulfil all the duties arising from the said office of Receiver General, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue, and effect.

BENJAMIN HOLMES. (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered,
in the presence of

WILLIAM GUNN,
JOHN LLOYD,

At *Montreal*, 5th February, 1844.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 6th January, 1845.

Certified to be a true copy of the Records, with which it has been carefully collated.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

WHEREAS, His Excellency the Governor General of the Province of *Canada*, has been pleased to appoint No. CCCLXV. *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Receiver General, in and for the said Province, until the pleasure of Her Majesty be made known. Now KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that I, *Alexander McLean*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the said Province of *Canada*, Esquire, am held, and firmly bound to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the sum of five hundred pounds of lawful money of the said Province, for which payment to be well and truly made to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said *Bernard Turquand*, shall well and truly account for, and pay over all moneys which shall come into his hands, under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and also all other moneys that shall come into his hands, under and by virtue of any other Act or Acts, either of the said Imperial Parliament, or of the Parliaments of *Lower Canada*, or *Upper Canada*, or of the Province of *Canada*, or otherwise, by virtue of the said office of Receiver General, and also shall faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions, that may from time to

time be lawfully given him by the Governor of this Province for the time being, in relation to the keeping of his accounts, the receipt, deposit, payment, and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid, and shall also at all times, when he shall be thereunto lawfully required by the Governor of this Province, or person administering the Government thereof, produce and show to any person or persons, duly appointed by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, full, true, and particular accounts of all moneys which shall, or may have come into his hands, by reason of the said office of Receiver General, and shall duly account for, and pay over any balance which shall then appear to be due, and shall also in all things faithfully discharge, keep, and fulfil all the duties arising from the said office of Receiver General, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue, and effect.

ALEXANDER McLEAN. (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered,
in presence of

S. Y. CHESLEY.
C. COLLINS.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Montreal, 6th January, 1845.

Certified to be a true copy of the Records, with which it has been carefully collated.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

WHEREAS, His Excellency the Governor General, of the Province of *Canada*, has been pleased to appoint No. CCCLXIV. *Bernard Turquand*, Esquire, to be Her Majesty's Receiver General, in and for the said Province, until the pleasure of Her Majesty be made known. Now KNOW ALL MEN by these presents, that I, *Thomas Kirkpatrick*, of the town of *Kingston*, in the said Province of *Canada*, Esquire, am held and firmly bound to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the sum of five hundred pounds, of lawful money of the said Province, for which payment to be well and truly made to Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, I bind myself, my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these presents, sealed with my Seal, and dated this fifth day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four. Now the condition of this obligation is such, that if the said *Bernard Turquand* shall well and truly account for, and pay over all moneys that shall come into his hands, under a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and also all other moneys that shall come into his hands, under, and by virtue of any other Act or Acts, either of the said Imperial Parliament, or of the Parliaments of *Lower Canada*, or *Upper Canada*, or of the Province of *Canada*, or otherwise, by virtue of the said office of Receiver General, and also shall faithfully observe and obey all orders and directions that may from time to time be lawfully given him by the Governor of this Province, for the time being, in relation to the keeping of his accounts, the receipt, deposit, payment, and accounting for all and every such moneys as aforesaid, and shall also at all times when he shall be thereunto lawfully required by the Governor of the Province, or person administering the Government thereof, produce and show to any person or persons duly appointed by the Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province, full, true, and particular accounts of all moneys, which shall or may have come into his hands, by reason of the said office of Receiver General, and shall duly account for, and pay over any balance which shall then appear to be due, and shall also in all things faithfully discharge, keep, and fulfil all the duties arising

B. Turquand, Esquire. from the said office of Receiver General, then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force, virtue and effect.

THOMAS KIRKPATRICK. (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered, in the presence of

EBENEZER TURQUAND.

Provincial Registrar's Office, Montreal, 6th January, 1845.

Certified to be a true copy of the Records, with which it has been carefully collated.

R. A. TUCKER, Registrar.

Printing. Mr. Gowen, from the Standing Committee on Printing and Binding, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have learned that Bills have been sometimes introduced into your Honourable House, when in fact they have not been completed by the Member introducing them; and even in a few instances they have been introduced in blank. This practice, it appears to your Committee, is not only irregular, but also leads to delay in the printing of all such Bills. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that for the future no Bill be introduced, either in blank, or only in part completed.

To prevent delay your Committee also recommend that after the present week, no Bill or other printed paper shall be issued to the Printers of the House, or be distributed to the Members thereof, except that, contemporaneously with the English edition, the French translation be also printed and distributed.

In order to effect this latter object, your Committee recommend that additional assistance be given to the Law Clerk and Translator, to the end that proper despatch may be had in the distribution of all Bills and other papers, that may be ordered by your Honourable House to be printed.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Report on Petition of W. Dunlop, Esquire, and others.

Mr. Dunlop, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of W. Dunlop, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of Williams and other townships, in the Huron tract, Canada West, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the petition referred to them, which complains that a certain mill-dam upon the River Sable is so constructed as to prevent the ascent of fish; and as great public inconvenience must necessarily arise from obstructions of this nature, they would respectfully suggest that provision be made to require all persons who may be desirous of constructing mill-dams, to make provision for the ascent of fish and descent of lumber.

Haldimand District Bill.

Mr. Thompson, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Daniel Hoover and others, inhabitants of the county of Haldimand; the Petition of James A. Applebee and others, inhabitants of the county of Haldimand; and the Petition of Robert F. Cooke and others, inhabitants of the county of Haldimand, and other references, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to erect the county of Haldimand into a separate district, by the name of the Albert district; and the Northern townships of the county of Kent, into a separate district by the name of the district of Moore; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday, the twentieth instant.

The Honourable Mr. Morin, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the second Report of the said Committee, viz:—

That they had gone through the Bill to approve and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, to incorporate the Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company, without making any amendment thereto.

And the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. De Witt,

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. LaFontaine, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend Charles J. Ducharme, of the parish of Ste. Therèse de Blainville, in the county of Terrebonne, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

College of Ste. Therèse.

Your Committee have considered the Petition referred to them, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the College of St. Therèse, and beg leave to recommend a compliance with the prayer thereof.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Cameron,

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Merritt, the Honourable Mr. Papineau, Mr. Roblin, Mr. Dunlop, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Gowen, and Mr. Dickson, be appointed to enquire into the present method of disposing of the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands; the amount collected and paid from year to year into the public Revenue or any other fund, from the proceeds thereof; expenses attending the same, and from what fund paid; including the receipt and expenditure of the Territorial Revenue; to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Crown, Clergy and School Lands.

Ordered, That the Orders of this Day not yet entered upon, be postponed, and that they be placed first on the Orders of the Day for Monday next.

Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Gowen, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Moffatt,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 10° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIAE REGINAE, 1845.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of the Honourable Francis Hincks, of the city of Montreal, complaining of the undue election and return of Robert Riddell, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of Oxford, in this present Parliament, being come,

Trial of Oxford contested Election.

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. Speaker to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House;

And he went accordingly.

And being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty members being present,

Mr. Speaker called upon the Petitioner, his counsel, or agent, to appear at the Bar.

Trial of Oxford
contested
Election.

W. B. Richards, Esquire, appeared at the Bar, as
counsel for the Petitioner.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Sitting Member, his
counsel, or agent, to appear.

Mr. *Riddell*, Sitting Member for the said county
of *Oxford*, appeared in his place, on his own behalf.

Mr. *Richards*, counsel for the Petitioner, presented
a List of Witnesses, in behalf of the Petitioner,
which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES

On the part of the Petitioner, on the Petition of FRANCIS
HINCKS, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election
and Return of ROBERT RIDDELL, Esquire, as sitting
Member for the County of OXFORD:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1 Jeremiah Cowan ...	Township of Blenheim.
2 William Winegardin ...	do do
3 William W. Kitchen ...	do do
4 Benjamin Horner ...	do do
5 Wm. Showers ...	do do
6 Daniel Winegardin ...	do do
7 Wm. L. Goble ...	do do
8 Amos Colborne ...	do do
9 Wm. O'Brien ...	do do
10 John Hestand ...	do do
11 Peter Bricker ...	do do
12 John Stromb ...	do do
13 Gideon Marne ...	do do
14 Wm. Kelly ...	do do
15 Samuel Crosby ...	do do
16 James H. Maddan ...	do do
17 Abraham Hagey ...	do do
18 Daniel Sleighter ...	do do
19 Moses Bricker ...	do do
20 Benjamin Colborne ...	do do
21 Enos Johnson ...	do do
22 Robert Hilliard ...	do do
23 Jacob G. Stauffer ...	do do
24 Adolphe Fisher ...	do do
25 Joseph Halman ...	do do
26 John Johnson ...	do do
27 Thomas Burroughs ...	do do
28 John Maynard ...	do do
29 George Herver ...	do do
30 Samuel Newers ...	do do
31 Thomas Workman ...	do do
32 William Hawson ...	do do
33 John Roach ...	do do
34 John Dixon ...	do do
35 Wm. Richardson ...	do do
36 Wm. Dixon ...	do do
37 Wm. Whitehead ...	do do
38 Robert Richardson ...	do do
39 James Tennat ...	do do
40 Wm. Daniels ...	do do
41 Wm. Rathburn ...	do do
42 Michael Showers ...	do do
43 Charles Mitchell ...	do do
44 Angus M'Donald Clarke ...	do do
45 Thomas Horner ...	do do
46 Stephen Chase ...	do do
47 Daniel Footney ...	do do
48 George Slipper ...	do do
49 Charles Moore ...	do do
50 Cameron Anderson ...	do do
51 John Pine ...	do do
52 Isaac Tunis ...	do do
53 Samuel Freed ...	do do
54 Henry Betchell ...	do do
55 Peter Hover ...	do do
56 John M'Guffin ...	do do
57 Calvin Pine ...	do do
58 Ephraim Bowers ...	do do
59 James Crumback ...	do do
60 John Eaton ...	do do
61 John Sidler ...	do do
62 Thomas Millard ...	do do
63 James Wilson ...	do do
64 James Allison ...	do do
65 John C. Harp ...	do do
66 Wm. Spear ...	do do
67 Norman M'Leod ...	do do
68 Douglas Lilies ...	do do
69 George Andison ...	do do
70 Jeremiah Harp ...	do do
71 James Thomas ...	do do
72 John G. Lindsay ...	do do
73 John Eddy ...	do do
74 David Lefler ...	do do
75 John Malcolm ...	do do
76 Finlay Malcolm ...	do do
77 Lewis Smith ...	do do
78 Lyman Chapin ...	do do

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79 Wm. Smith ...	Township of Oakland.	
80 Amasa Bube ...	do do	
81 Sautford B. King ...	do do	
82 Shuhard D. Malcolm ...	do do	
83 James Malcolm ...	do do	
84 Eliakim Malcolm ...	do do	
85 Isaac Malcolm ...	do do	
86 Samuel Fairchild ...	do do	
87 Duncan Malcolm ...	do do	
88 Chas. Eddy ...	do do	
89 Jos. Chatterson ...	do do	
90 Malcolm Brown ...	do do	
91 Chas. Chapin ...	do do	
92 Isaac Fairchild ...	do do	
93 Hugh Downey ...	do do	
94 Thos. Cook ...	do do	
95 Mathias Woodley ...	do do	
96 Absalom Baker ...	do do	
97 Solomon Mathews ...	do do	
98 Abraham Westbrook ...	do do	
99 George Cunningham ...	do do	
100 Moses Baldwin ...	do do	
101 Shuman Bingham ...	do do	
102 Wm. Masscar ...	do do	
103 Jeremiah Dunham ...	do do	
104 Asa Second ...	do do	
105 John Harrington ...	do do	Zorra.
106 Israel Smith Wood ...	do do	
107 Jeremiah Letts ...	do do	
108 George Blake ...	do do	
109 Wm. Anderson ...	do do	
110 Stephen Pelton ...	do do	
111 Richard Timms ...	do do	
112 Wm. Powell ...	do do	
113 John Strong ...	do do	
114 Henry Doble ...	do do	
115 Nelson Brown ...	do do	
116 Wm. Brown ...	do do	
117 Daniel Youngs ...	do do	
118 John Cooke ...	do do	
119 John B. Wilkenson ...	do do	
120 William Walsh ...	do do	
121 Abraham Hallock ...	do do	
122 Thomas Wait ...	do do	
123 Seneca Lewis ...	do do	
124 Chas. Allen ...	do do	
125 Eli Pavy ...	do do	
126 Wm. Pavy ...	do do	
127 Haratio Lewis ...	do do	
128 John M'Pherson ...	do do	
129 Andrew M'Pherson ...	do do	
130 George M'Pherson ...	do do	
131 John M'Donald ...	do do	
132 Hiram L. Burk ...	do do	
133 Anson V. Barr ...	do do	
134 John Ross ...	do do	
135 Robert M'Donald ...	do do	
136 Thomas Cooke ...	do do	
137 Israel Reed ...	do do	
138 Jos. J. Upper ...	do do	
139 Samuel Rved ...	do do	
140 Benson Pelton ...	do do	
141 John Ross ...	do do	
142 Alexander M'Pherson ...	do do	
143 William M'Pherson ...	do do	
144 Elijah Wait ...	do do	
145 Thron Bullock ...	do do	
146 William Bedford ...	do do	
147 Willard Grout ...	do do	
148 Joshua Youngs ...	do do	
149 Harman Pipin ...	do do	
150 Francis Malcolm ...	do do	
151 Thomas M'Lean ...	do do	
152 Alexander Clarke ...	do do	
153 Philip Aldrich ...	do do	
154 Abraham Veruatten ...	do do	
155 James Adam ...	do do	
156 Robert Mathews ...	do do	
157 Alanson Avery ...	do do	
158 John M'Donald ...	do do	
159 Daniel Turner ...	do do	
160 Robert Adam ...	do do	
161 Angus Monroe ...	do do	
162 Shwpton Burdich ...	do do	
163 Edward Fletcher ...	do do	
164 Donald Clarke ...	do do	
165 William Sovereign ...	do do	
166 David Ramsay ...	do do	
167 David Dingmar ...	do do	
168 Weston Allen ...	do do	
169 Chs. D. Swan ...	do do	
170 George Duncan ...	do do	
171 Levi Lewis, Sen'r. ...	do do	
172 Henry Shaver ...	do do	
173 David Cost ...	do do	
174 Abraham Dolson ...	do do	
175 Allan H. Welsh ...	do do	
176 John Smith ...	do do	
177 George Marn ...	do do	
178 Luther DeForest ...	do do	

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179 William M'Donald	Township of Zorra.
180 Wm. Maynard	do do
181 Kenneth Murray	do do
182 William Acre	do do
183 John Maxwell	do do
184 William Carter	do do
185 John Smith	do do
186 Henry Bosance	do do
187 Isaac Burdick	do do
188 Stratton Powell	do do
189 Joseph Meadows	do do
190 Silas Waterbury	do do
191 Alexander Wilson	do do
192 Wm. Walker	do do
193 James Wilkes	do do
194 John Wilson	do do
195 Willard Burtlich	do do
196 George W. Reed	do do
197 John M. Ross	do do
198 George Ross	do do
199 Henry Gaines	do do
200 David L. Demorest	do do
201 Ambrose Vanntten	do do
202 George Matheson	do do
203 Albert Burdick	do do
204 Nicholas Vanalyke	do do
205 Asa Haddock	do do
206 Gabriel Youngs	do do
207 Alexander Gunn	do do
208 Zimmi Oliver	do do
209 Donald M'Donald	do do
210 Vandem B. Taft	do do
211 Eli Cross	do do
212 Samuel Kain	do do
213 Jared Vining	Nissouri.
214 Chaney Purdy	do do
215 James Rodwell	do do
216 Nathan P. Allen	do do
217 Rice Alacher	do do
218 Thomas M'Kay	do do
219 John N. Thornton	do do
220 Stephen Triple	do do
221 David Service	do do
222 John M'Diarmid	do do
223 John Newton	do do
224 James Shannon	do do
225 Hiram Gennan	do do
226 Charles Hardie	do do
227 Thomas Bailey	do do
228 Edward Kern	do do
229 Thomas Wren	do do
230 George Bolton	do do
231 Thomas Batchgood	do do
232 Stodart Constock	do do
233 Denis Horseman	do do
234 Elijah Ferris	do do
235 Peter Smith	do do
236 Willard Squires	do do
237 William Purdy	do do
238 James Brown	do do
239 George Gainer	do do
240 Turner Farley	do do
241 Wm. M'Diarmid	do do
242 John F. Dumont	do do
243 Henry Oliver	do do
244 Elenzar M'Carthy	do do
245 John Fletcher	do do
246 Preserved Fish	do do
247 Arthur Willson	do do
248 John Bailey	do do
249 Jared M. Vining	do do
250 Francis Bowers	do do
251 Clanson Burgess	do do
252 Anthony Tamor	do do
253 John Crowe	do do
254 Isaac Ensign	do do
255 George Burgess	do do
256 Elmer Day	do do
257 Nelson Day	do do
258 Wm. Bailey	do do
259 Archibald Curtiss	do do
260 Francis Garner	do do
261 James Burdick	do do
262 John London	do do
263 Stephen Ball	do do
264 Robert Patchgood	do do
265 Henry Scott	do do
266 James Burns	do do
267 Wm. Sweeney	do do
268 Harvey Campbell	do do
269 Abraham Money-maker	do do
270 Wm. Elliott	do do
271 Adam Hanes	do do
272 Thomas Scatcherd	do do
273 Terrence Cromay	do do
274 Hugh Davies	do do
275 Lyman Howard	do do
276 Patrick M'Curran	do do
277 James Farley	do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
278 Hugh M'Diarmid	Township of Nissouri.
279 John Scatcherd	do do
280 John G. Losee	Norwich.
281 Israel Wood	do do
282 Jas. Woodrow	do do
283 Owen Stringam	do do
284 Elias Bowerman	do do
285 Jas. Norris	do do
286 Isaac B. Bowerman	do do
287 Lindley Moore Webster	do do
288 Jas. Beach	do do
289 Henry W. Bradley	do do
290 Aaron L. Corbin	do do
291 Thomas Gray	do do
292 Adam S. M'Lees	do do
293 G. W. Carder	do do
294 Mich. Stover	do do
295 Jas. C. Hughes	do do
296 Jeremiah G. Losee	do do
297 Preserved Thomson	do do
298 Daniel Haddock	do do
299 Wm. Young	do do
300 Nicholas Halligan	do do
301 John C. Ernigh	do do
302 Jas. Wickham	do do
303 David D. Bates	do do
304 Peter Burgar	do do
305 John Helliker	do do
306 John Siple	do do
307 John Chace	do do
308 Peter Gardiner	do do
309 David Delong	do do
310 Shubard Nicholl	do do
311 John Hunt	do do
312 Jas. F. Chapman	do do
313 Wm. Spencer	do do
314 Jonathan Ernigh	do do
315 Alex. W. Ross	do do
316 Elias Snyder	do do
317 Henry Dennis	do do
318 Joseph K. Dixon	do do
319 James Dennis	do do
320 Wm. B. Delong	do do
321 Wm. Crawford	do do
322 David Nichol	do do
323 Hiran Capron	do do
324 Ls. Molt	do do
325 John Somers	do do
326 Enoch Molt	do do
327 Elijah Gleason	do do
328 Benjamin Cole	do do
329 Jas. M'Lees	do do
330 Henry Siple	do do
331 D. D. Wilson	do do
332 John Stringham	do do
333 Henry Sherwood	do do
334 Richard Hillard	do do
335 David Hill	do do
336 S. Nicholl	do do
337 David Hagaman	do do
338 Wm. Ernigh	do do
339 Wm. Cluse	do do
340 Henry H. Southwick	do do
341 Andrew Wilson	do do
342 Robert Vanduzen	do do
343 Colin Campbell Ferris	do do
344 Henry T. Hulliker	do do
345 Isaac Smith	do do
346 Peter Sackrider	do do
347 John Corner	do do
348 Jacob Kelly	do do
349 John Griffin	do do
350 Andrew Cohoe	do do
351 Oliver H. Hunter	do do
352 Moses Stringham	do do
353 Gurry Y. Delong	do do
354 Albert Lossing	do do
355 Abraham Campbell	do do
356 Philip J. Snyder	do do
357 Ewd. W. Burgess	do do
358 Platt Dennis	do do
359 Geo. C. Tremaine	do do
360 Jos. H. Throckmorton	do do
361 Cornelius Hughes	do do
362 Jos. Thompson	do do
363 Mich. Arthur M'Elhons	do do
364 John Gillan	do do
365 Henry Ernigh	do do
366 John Hughes	do do
367 John Wesley Pealle	do do
368 Edmund M'Lees	do do
369 Edmund Lossing	do do
370 Baldwin Merrill	do do
371 Thos. Yornwell	do do
372 Henry Austin	do do
373 John Healy	do do
374 Nicholas Muncie	do do
375 Martin Corwell	do do
376 Richard Lossing	do do
377 Dyer Wilcox	do do

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378 Benjamin Holmes ...	Township of Norwich.
379 Hiram Van Volkinburgh ...	do do
380 William Stover ...	do do
381 N. Root ...	do do
382 John Thompson ...	do do
383 Horace Lossing ...	do do
384 Stephen Sherwood ...	do do
385 John Batchelder ...	do do
386 John P. Page ...	do do
387 David Sherman ...	do do
388 Jervis Dennis ...	do do
389 John Steele ...	do do
390 Reuben Molt ...	do do
391 Crowell Webster ...	do do
392 Hartwell Shattuck ...	do do
393 Edmund Beas ...	do do
394 Ransom Woodward ...	do do
395 David Barton ...	do do
396 Martin Quaternass ...	do do
397 Benjamin Healy ...	do do
398 Wm. Merrill ...	do do
399 Archibald Fleming ...	do do
400 Ecbert M. Lees ...	do do
401 Daniel W. Daney ...	do do
402 Jacob Hayte ...	do do
403 John C. Hamilton ...	do do
404 Robert W. Hook ...	do do
405 Peter Dessev ...	do do
406 Wm. Carroll ...	do do
407 John M. Kee ...	do do
408 Benson Lossing ...	do do
409 Ira Allen ...	do do
410 Henry H. Root ...	do do
411 James Cromwell ...	do do
412 John Stover ...	do do
413 Moses Molt ...	do do
414 Henry Cornwell ...	do do
415 Mich. Kif ...	do do
416 Ebenezer Haley ...	do do
417 Wm. S. Moore ...	do do
418 Samuel Healy ...	do do
419 Alden Sherman ...	do do
420 Wm. I. Taylor ...	do do
421 John Shenghan ...	do do
422 Peter M. Nelly ...	do do
423 Archibald Birtch ...	Oxford (East.)
424 Hervey Dorman ...	do do
425 Clif-let Wood ...	do do
426 Henry Birtch ...	do do
427 Horance Spragg ...	do do
428 Thomas Shenston ...	do do
429 John Leak ...	do do
430 John Cask ...	do do
431 George Henry ...	do do
432 Wm. Black ...	do do
433 James Wood ...	do do
434 George Losey ...	do do
435 Abraham Canfield ...	do do
436 Daniel Birtch ...	do do
437 Reuben J. Thorton ...	do do
438 Samuel Maybee ...	do do
439 Henry Lamport ...	do do
440 Philip Lampinan ...	do do
441 David Watt ...	do do
442 Jonathan Pride ...	do do
443 Charles Num ...	do do
444 Robert Currie ...	do do
445 Joel Canfield ...	do do
446 James Johnston ...	do do
447 Samuel Demont ...	do do
448 Tobiah Walsh ...	do do
449 George Hartsell ...	do do
450 John Douglass ...	do do
451 Andrew Davidson ...	do do
452 Hiram F. Spragge ...	do do
453 John Tunis ...	do do
454 John Froman ...	do do
455 James Mavor ...	do do
456 William Burgess ...	do do
457 John Bennett ...	do do
458 Jonathan Tripp ...	do do
459 William Pears ...	do do
460 Seymour Sage ...	do do
461 John Sweeny ...	do do
462 Thomas Guynor ...	do do
463 Albert Spencer ...	do do
464 William Lemman ...	do do
465 Charles Bush ...	do do
466 Hezekiah Tuttle ...	do do
467 Benjamin Lamport ...	do do
468 Josiah Laddington ...	do do
469 Robert Monoe ...	do do
470 George Hay ...	do do
471 Thomas Ball ...	do do
472 John Kipp ...	do do
473 Reuben Daton ...	do do
474 Abraham Sackrider ...	do do
475 Hugh Lindsay Munro ...	do do
476 Stephen V. R. Douglass ...	do do
477 Donald M. Pherson ...	do do

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478 Alexander McLeod ...	Township of Oxford (East)	
479 John B. Tree ...	do do	
480 Thomas Fowler ...	do do	Burford.
481 Christopher Beamer ...	do do	do
482 Daniel Tollen ...	do do	do
483 James Lafferty ...	do do	do
484 Alonzo Foster ...	do do	do
485 Henry C. Horner ...	do do	do
486 Abraham Kelly ...	do do	do
487 George Beamer ...	do do	do
488 Alexander M. Kee ...	do do	do
489 James Van Camp ...	do do	do
490 Robert Lymburner ...	do do	do
491 Augustus Malcolm ...	do do	do
492 Peter Malcolm ...	do do	do
493 Herry Russ ...	do do	do
494 Jacob Winegarden ...	do do	do
495 Robert Scott ...	do do	do
496 George W. Hart ...	do do	do
497 Gideon Ryder ...	do do	do
498 Latrope Green ...	do do	do
499 Benjamin Kipp ...	do do	do
500 Robert Muir ...	do do	do
501 Havilah Fridenburg ...	do do	do
502 Lucius Brag ...	do do	do
503 Joseph Rounds ...	do do	do
504 Caleb P. Fowler ...	do do	do
505 Thomas M. Kenzie ...	do do	do
506 Cyrus Hunt ...	do do	do
507 Nelson Ruthbone ...	do do	do
508 Thomas Wheeland ...	do do	do
509 Constant Eddy ...	do do	do
510 Abraham K. Smith ...	do do	do
511 James F. M. Nally ...	do do	do
512 Thomas Muir ...	do do	do
513 Richard Silverthorn ...	do do	do
514 Edward Buzzo ...	do do	do
515 John Hainer ...	do do	do
516 William Birtch ...	do do	do
517 Thomas Phillips ...	do do	do
518 David Doyle ...	do do	do
519 John Kelly ...	do do	do
520 Stephen London ...	do do	do
521 Joseph Smith ...	do do	do
522 Ransford Rounds ...	do do	do
523 William M. Williams ...	do do	do
524 Enoch Lawrence ...	do do	do
525 Uyal O. Kelly ...	do do	do
526 John Glover ...	do do	do
527 Levi Berry ...	do do	do
528 John M. Charles ...	do do	do
529 Houlard Soules ...	do do	do
530 John Bedford ...	do do	do
531 John Bowman ...	do do	do
532 Peter Niff ...	do do	do
533 Russell Smith ...	do do	do
534 Aaron M. Williams ...	do do	do
535 Rowland Ryk ...	do do	do
536 Jacob Yeigh ...	do do	do
537 William Lymburner ...	do do	do
538 John London ...	do do	do
539 Jelse Schooley ...	do do	do
540 Philip Kelly ...	do do	do
541 Charles Hedges ...	do do	do
542 Samuel Ferguson ...	do do	do
543 Ira Wooden ...	do do	do
544 Isaac Winegardner ...	do do	do
545 John Trainer ...	do do	do
546 John Bowman ...	do do	do
547 Josiah T. Allen ...	do do	do
548 Philip Degence ...	do do	do
549 Andrew Roswell ...	do do	do
550 Joseph Pickle ...	do do	do
551 William Fowler ...	do do	do
552 William Nelmers ...	do do	do
553 Richard Kipp ...	do do	do
554 William M. Lean ...	do do	do
555 Jacob Hess ...	do do	do
556 Samuel Mills ...	do do	do
557 James Bailey ...	do do	do
558 James Oswald ...	do do	do
559 William Lewis ...	do do	do
560 Dennis Fowler ...	do do	do
561 Elias Fowler ...	do do	do
562 Molyan Fowler ...	do do	do
563 George Higson ...	do do	do
564 John Lossing ...	do do	do
565 Hugh Clark ...	do do	do
566 Nathan B. Fowler ...	do do	do
567 Major Crowkright ...	do do	do
568 Jacob Beamer ...	do do	do
569 Wm. Bowman ...	do do	do
570 Geo. Bowman ...	do do	do
571 Enoch Ryder ...	do do	do
572 Wm. Thomson ...	do do	do
573 Henry Force ...	do do	do
574 Edmund Thomson ...	do do	do
575 Wm. Olmstead ...	do do	do
576 John Lawrence ...	do do	do
577 Hiram Keeny ...	do do	do

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578 Wm. Rounds	Township of Burford.
579 Robert M'Levy	do do
580 Wm. Rider	do do
581 Oliver Adams	do do
582 William Wilson	do Blanford.
583 James Laycock	do do
584 Jas. Simpson	do do
585 John Buchanan	Woodstock Town.
586 Elijah Hill	do do
587 Alex. M'Kay	do do
588 Hamilton Birch	Township of Blanford.
589 Nathaniel Hill	do Woodstock.
590 Hugh Matheson	do do
591 Thos. Dumon	do do
592 Benjamin Sutherland	do do
593 Jas. Dunn	do do
594 Thos. Putman	do do
595 Lauchlan Gunn	do do
596 George Murro	do do
597 Jas. M'Kay	do do
598 Thos. Clark	do Blanford.
599 Thos. Hervey	do do
600 John Bain	do do
601 William Hook	do Woodstock.
602 Egra Ludington	do Blanford.
603 Jas. Patterson	do do
604 Richard Overhalt	do do
605 Angus Campbell	do Woodstock.
606 Donald Murray	do do
607 William S. Dale	do Blanford.
608 Benjamin Vanvroman	do Derham.
609 Adam Tap	do do
610 Alvin Hill	do do
611 Benjamin Hill	do do
612 Jas. D. Harris	do do
613 John Graham	do do
614 Stephen Whitey	do do
615 Hason Sinkclear	do do
616 Francis Laton	do do
617 Peter Hagle	do do
618 Hiram Raney	do do
619 George Quaterness	do do
620 Isaac Hadcock	do do
621 Geo. Smith	do do
622 Hiram Proxse	do do
623 Eliphalet Bodwell	do do
624 George Tilson	do do
625 Ira Harris	do do
626 Ransom Lewis	do do
627 Stephen Harris	do do
628 William Denn	do do
629 Stephen York	do do
630 Daniel Smith	do do
631 Richard Collons	do do
632 Brinton P. Brown, sen.	do do
633 Timothy G. Bringham	do do
634 Abraham Hadcock	do do
635 Daniel Monk	do do
636 Warren Harris	do do
637 Charles Teldon	do do
638 Thos. Russell	do do
639 Geo. Levitt	do do
640 Geo. B. Tilson	do do
641 Samuel Dooxey	do do
642 Jeremiah White	do do
643 John Grey	do do
644 Geo. Myrhood	do do
645 John M'Narns	do do
646 Enoch Burdiah	do do
647 Christopher Carmes	do do
648 Jorden Charles	do do
649 Wm. Hook	do do
650 Jacob Wood	do do
651 Jos. Ryan	do do
652 Jos. Dygert	do do
653 Isaac Dygert	do do
654 Jacob Popping	do do
655 John O'Neil	do do
656 Andrew Badwell	do do
657 Thos. Carr	do do
658 Jos. Laurence	do do
659 Walter B. Maybee	do do
660 David Curtiss	do do
661 Chas. Brink	do do
662 Henry Shell, sen.	do do
663 Peter Teeple, Esq.	do do
664 P. Temple	do do
665 Sylvester Sage	do do
666 Willard Sage	do do
667 John Young, sen.	do do
668 Herman Jones	do do
669 Levi Birch	do do
670 Daniel Leek	do do
671 Warren-Coaty	do do
672 John Cummings... ..	do do
673 Thos. T. Phillips	do do
674 Blake-Thomson	do do
675 Herkines Dygert	do do
676 Benajah Lawrence	do do
677 Comfort-Sage	do do

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678 Monson Cook	Township of Oxford, (West.)
679 Nicholas Taylor	do do
680 Daniel Taylor	do do
681 Calvin Haskin	do do
682 Sylvester Hill	do do
683 William Hill	do do
684 Frederick Teeple	do do
685 Allen Sage	do do
686 Earl Canfield	do do
687 Benjamin Thornton	do do
688 Chas. Chadwick	do do
689 David Brink	do do
690 Silson Hacket	do do
691 Hiram Bodwell	do do
692 Hull Curtis	do do
693 Ralph Land	do do
694 John Clarkson	do do
695 Elisha Hall	do do
696 William Miles	do do
697 Wm. M'Leod	do do
698 Enoch Sage	do do
699 James Murdoch	do do
700 Abraham Snelgrove	do do
701 Willard Eastwood	do do
702 Thos. Hall	do do
703 James Flood	do do
704 Walker Harris	do do
705 Elisha Harris	do do
706 David Phillips	do do
707 William Cook	do do
708 M. L. Green	do do
709 Sylvanus W. Dygert	do do
710 William Tripps	do do
711 Christopher Rupert	do Blenheim.
712 John Rickett	do do
713 John Jackson	do do
714 James Innis	do do
715 Denton Burns	do do
716 John Gould	do do
717 Henry Rupert	do do
718 David Burns	do do
719 Daniel Martin	do do
720 Wm. Watkins	do do
721 Abalom Shade	do do
722 Wm. Dixon, jun.	do do
723 Wm. Doyle	do do
724 Robert J. Bouchier	do do
725 Christopher Harrison	do do
726 Moses Johnson	do do
727 Arnold Burroughs, jun.	do do
728 Richard W. Burroughs	do do
729 Arnold Burroughs, sen.	do do
730 Noah Bullock	do do
731 Gilbert Burroughs	do do
732 George Clark	do do
733 Andrew Burgess	do do
734 Wm. Shannon	do do
735 George Lothian	do do
736 John Hersey	do do
737 John D. Hughson	do do
738 John Garnett	do do
739 Elin Martin	do do
740 John Nelack	do do
741 Joshua Burnett	do do
742 Wm. Cochrane	do do
743 John Gould, jun.	do do
744 Wm. Burgess	do do
745 George Best	do do
746 Moses Junis	do do
747 James F. Siprell	do do
748 James Fenaman	do do
749 Wm. Muins	do do
750 Patrick Cully	do do
751 James K. Buchanan	do do
752 Thos. Grinton	do do
753 Walter H. Martin	do do
754 George Frenaman	do do
755 Jos. Evans	do do
756 Jos. Maccock	do do
757 Jeremiah Mills	do do
758 John Whitfield	do do
759 Wm. Hersey	do do
760 Wm. A. Gesting	do do
761 James Rouse	do do
762 Edward Bouchier	do do
763 Mathew French	do do
764 George Simpson	do do
765 George Tate	do do
766 Mathew Ainsley	do do
767 John Lester	do do
768 Obed. Wilson	do do
769 John Scott	do do
770 Nicholas Pickle	do do
771 Samuel Boulton	do do
772 John Thompson	do do
773 Thomas Gadd	do do
774 True Worthy Smith	do do
775 Joshua M'Canley	do do
776 Wm. Erlich	do do
777 James Luwood... ..	do do

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778 Benjamin Swears...	Township of Blenheim.	
779 Archibald Stuart	do	do
780 James Smith	do	do
781 Donald M'Kay	do	Zorra.
782 Peter Beale	do	do
783 Jas. Matheson	do	do
784 Silas Williams	do	do
785 Samuel J. Strafford	do	do
786 John Evans	do	do
787 Jas. Austin	do	do
788 Robert Campbell	do	do
789 Alex. Rose	do	do
790 William R. M'Auley	do	do
791 Geo. Verndoo...	do	do
792 Jas. M'Kay	do	do
793 Donald Campbell	do	do
794 Alex. Murray	do	do
795 Donald Monroe	do	do
796 Peter Carrall	do	do
797 Chs. M'Kay	do	do
798 David Grant	do	do
799 Alex. Wood	do	do
800 Wm. Lund	do	do
801 Hugh M'Kay	do	do
802 Wm. Gordon	do	do
803 Jas. Young	do	do
804 Alex M'Kay	do	do
805 Robert Macdonald	do	do
806 Alex. M'Donald	do	do
807 John Murray	do	do
808 John Sutherland	do	do
809 John M'Donald	do	do
810 Alex. Sutherland	do	do
811 Wm. M'Kay	do	do
812 Geo. Harris	do	do
813 John Elliot	do	do
814 John Carrall	do	do
815 Wm. Campbell...	do	do
816 Alex. M'Kay	do	do
817 Thomas Smith	do	do
818 Wm. M'Kay	do	do
819 Alex. Bruce	do	do
820 Jos. Middlewood	do	do
821 John Matheson	do	do
822 James Monroe	do	do
823 Chs. Beale	do	do
824 Wm. Oliver	do	do
825 Geo. Hart	do	do
826 Jos. Brown	do	do
827 Angus M'Kay	do	do
828 Alexander M'Kay	do	do
829 Walter M'Kay	do	do
830 George Bailey	do	do
831 Jas. M'Kenzie	do	do
832 Wm. Sutherland	do	do
833 Donald Sutherland	do	do
834 Wm. Campbell	do	do
835 Peter Sutherland	do	do
836 Emelius Foquien	do	do
837 Jas. Sherrod	do	do
838 Chs. Flowers	do	do
839 William Smith...	do	do
840 John Finkle	do	do
841 Wm. Lawson	do	do
842 Robert Sutherland	do	do
843 Robert M'Intyre	do	do
844 John Scott	do	do
845 Hugh Ross	do	do
846 James M'Donald	do	do
847 John M'Kay	do	do
848 Geo. M'Intosh	do	do
849 Jas. Murray	do	do
850 Lanclan Sutherland	do	do
851 Thomas Brown	do	do
852 Angus M'Kay	do	do
853 John Donaldson	do	do
854 Jos. Dell	do	do
855 Alex M'Kay	do	do
856 Robert Sutherland	do	do
857 Robert M'Intosh	do	do
858 Jos. Bruce	do	do
859 John Ball	do	do
860 Hugh Murray	do	do
861 Robert Murray	do	do
862 Andrew Sutherland...	do	do
863 John Cummings, senr.	do	do
864 John Cummings, junr.	do	do
865 Thos. Cummings	do	do
866 Irving Sloan	do	do
867 Donald M'Intosh	do	do
868 James Morrison	do	do
869 William Murray	do	do
870 David Ross	do	do
871 Robert M'Donald	do	do
872 Wm. Murray	do	do
873 Donald M'Corquedale	do	do
874 Allan Nixon	do	do
875 William Chisholm	do	do
876 Donald Murray	do	do
877 Henry Huntingford	do	do

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878 Donald M'Kay	Township of Zorra.	
879 Bernard Sessions	do	do
880 John M'Kay	do	do
881 Jos. Laycock	do	do
882 Wm. Murray	do	do
883 Jas. Sutherland	do	do
884 Geo. Campbell	do	do
885 Robert Ford	do	do
886 Barclay Monroe	do	do
887 Peter M'Kay	do	do
888 Wm. Thompson	do	do
889 Alex. Monroe	do	do
890 Wm. Murray	do	do
891 Kenneth Cameron	do	do
892 Donald Sutherland	do	do
893 Alex. M'Donald	do	do
894 Jas. Baker	do	do
895 George Monroe	do	do
896 Chs. Monroe	do	do
897 John M'Donald	do	do
898 Donald M'Kay	do	do
899 Alex. Sutherland	do	do
900 Jacob Barney	do	do
901 John Jacket	do	do
902 Joseph Crawford	do	do
903 Philip Baker	do	do
904 Wm. Murray	do	do
905 Wm. M'Kay	do	do
906 Alex. Hossick	do	do
907 John Rice	do	do
908 Wm. Light	do	do
909 Andrew Carroll	do	do
910 Thomas Buckle	do	do
911 Walter Tate	do	do
912 John Anderson	do	do
913 Thomas Palisser	do	do
914 John Ross	do	do
915 Martin King	do	do
916 Cornelius Ernest	do	do
917 Donald M'Kay	do	do
918 Robert Stewart Campbell	do	do
919 Geo. Hays	do	do
920 Geo. Murray	do	do
921 William Galloway	do	do
922 Isaac Cooke	do	do
923 Thomas Fox	do	do
924 John Wilkinson	do	do
925 George Sweet	do	do
926 John Campbell	do	do
927 Alexander M'Kenzie	do	do
928 Emanuel Horton	do	do
929 Alex. Murray	do	do
930 John M'Kay	do	do
931 William Barwick	do	do
932 Wm. M'Kenzie	do	do
933 John Bartley	do	do
934 Robert Clements	do	do
935 John Ross	do	do
936 Alex. Capp	do	do
937 Adam Marshall	do	do
938 George Matheson	do	do
939 Samuel T. Clements	do	do
940 Geo. W. Barwick	do	do
941 John M'Lean	do	do
942 Murdoch Campbell	do	do
943 Frederick Fonquin	do	do
944 John Forbes	do	do
945 George Walker	do	do
946 Archibald M'Call	do	do
947 John M'Arthur	do	do
948 Jos. Turner	do	do
949 Rob'l. Mitchell	do	do
950 Duncan M'Call	do	do
951 Dougal M'Call	do	do
952 Hugh Sutherland	do	do
953 Wm. Ross	do	do
954 Donald Leslie	do	do
955 William Leslie	do	do
956 James Givins	do	do
957 John B. Askin	do	do
958 Arthur Armstrong	do	do
959 Daniel Roberts	do	do
960 John Bunting	do	do
961 Angus M'Kay	do	do
962 Wm. Denman	do	do
963 Alex. Gordon	do	do
964 Richard Empt	do	do
965 Donald M'Kenzie	do	do
966 James Murray	do	do
967 Thomas Rowland	do	do
968 Angus M'Kay	do	do
969 John Barclay	do	do
970 Geo. M'Donald	do	do
971 Wm. M'Kenzie	do	do
972 Isaac Osborne	do	do
973 David Bell	do	do
974 Alex. M'Kay	do	do
975 James M'Donald	do	do
976 David M'Donald	do	do
977 Henry Beam	do	do

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978 David Murray ...	Township of Zorra.
979 Thomas Baker ...	do
980 John Murray ...	do
981 John Schram ...	do
982 Andrew Murray ...	do
983 Jas. Fletcher ...	do
984 Leonard Karn ...	do
985 Richard Adams... ..	do
986 Robert Kees... ..	do
987 John Matheson ...	do
988 William Danby ...	do
989 Robert Riddell... ..	do
990 John M'Kay ...	do
991 Daniel Second ...	do
992 Charles Burtch ...	Oakland.
993 Robert Eadie ...	do
994 Charles Sayles ...	do
995 William Abbott... ..	do
996 John Second ...	do
997 Daniel Elliot ...	do
998 Jesse Westbrook ...	do
999 Thomas Sayles... ..	do
1000 Adam Smith ...	do
1001 Wellington M'Callister ...	do
1002 George Bunchy ...	do
1003 Jonathan Barnes ...	do
1004 William Muirhead ...	do
1005 Francis Strond... ..	Dereham.
1006 Job James... ..	do
1007 Orlands Rutherford ...	do
1008 Charles Penil ...	do
1009 George Penil ...	do
1010 Thomas Withers ...	do
1011 Robert Strond ...	do
1012 Cato Bennes ...	do
1013 James Wolf ...	do
1014 John Withers ...	do
1015 John Wilson ...	do
1016 John Goodhand ...	do
1017 Ogden Miller ...	do
1018 Thomas Smart ...	do
1019 Conrad Beat ...	do
1020 Robert Maddison ...	do
1021 Joseph Boughner ...	do
1022 Paul Schooner ...	do
1023 Charles Hawkins ...	do
1024 Joseph Forbes ...	do
1025 Jacob Glover ...	do
1026 John Haven ...	do
1027 Noah Tyrell ...	do
1028 John Atkinson ...	do
1029 Henry Weir ...	Barford.
1030 Robert Weir ...	do
1031 Charles Megee... ..	do
1032 Francis Johnstone ...	do
1033 Jas. N. Oakley ...	do
1034 Jas. Phoenix ...	do
1035 Jos. Haywood ...	do
1036 Charles S. Purley ...	do
1037 Elijah White ...	do
1038 James Lewis ...	do
1039 W. B. Stewart... ..	do
1040 Daniel Eaton ...	do
1041 Wm. D. Bower... ..	do
1042 George Griggs ...	do
1043 Jas. K'nnely ...	do
1044 Abisha Rand ...	do
1045 Stephen M. Henitt ...	do
1046 Jos. Dutcher ...	do
1047 Jos. Chambers... ..	do
1048 Jos. Jones... ..	do
1049 Robert Oliver ...	do
1050 George Lane ...	do
1051 John Singer ...	do
1052 Alex. Dickie ...	do
1053 Peter Martin ...	do
1054 Enos Monetta ...	do
1055 Mathias Simmerman ...	do
1056 Jos. Miles... ..	do
1057 John P. Smith... ..	do
1058 Peter N. Beaver ...	do
1059 Paul Moore ...	do
1060 John Bowman ...	do
1061 Gregston Lockhart ...	do
1062 Joshua Bennett ...	do
1063 Josiah Smith ...	do
1064 John Mitchell ...	do
1065 James Blair ...	do
1066 Caleb Merritt ...	do
1067 Jacob Smith ...	do
1068 John Clemens... ..	do
1069 Jacob Darby ...	do
1070 George F. Smith ...	do
1071 Alexander Campbell ...	do
1072 Robert Watson ...	do
1073 Amos Merrigold ...	do
1074 Robert Burton ...	do
1075 Henry K. Dutcher ...	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1076 John Walker M'Guyn ...	Township of Burford.
1077 Alexander Moore ...	do
1078 John Moore ...	do
1079 John Armstrong ...	do
1080 David Second ...	do
1081 Jos. Haywood, jun. ...	do
1082 Paul Hoffman ...	do
1083 Baptist Johnstone ...	do
1084 Richard Johnstone ...	do
1085 Ashman Moore... ..	do
1086 Thomas Walker ...	do
1087 Joseph Thomas... ..	do
1088 Israel Gibbs ...	do
1089 Walter Nichol ...	do
1090 Peter Ecker ...	do
1091 George Joslin ...	do
1092 James Smille ...	do
1093 Lewis Charles ...	do
1094 Wm. Casner ...	do
1095 John Gage ...	do
1096 Isaac Klips ...	do
1097 Christopher Deamer ...	do
1098 Abdell Eddy ...	do
1099 Peter M. T. Mitchell ...	do
1100 Thomas Mannick ...	do
1101 Francis Glover ...	do
1102 Jos. Vivian ...	do
1103 Luke V. Spun ...	do
1104 Stephen Leburne ...	do
1105 Thomas W. Coleman ...	do
1106 John Weir ...	do
1107 David Lester ...	do
1108 Wm. Force ...	do
1109 John Jenkinson ...	do
1110 Nelson Dutcher ...	do
1111 James Ekin ...	do
1112 Wm. Martin ...	do
1113 John Talbert ...	do
1114 John Harris ...	do
1115 George Deverell ...	do
1116 Willard M. Whitehead ...	do
1117 Duncan Carman ...	do
1118 Thomas Crowthers ...	do
1119 Daniel Kenny ...	do
1120 Geo. G. Ward ...	do
1121 Wm. Kingsford ...	do
1122 John Eaken ...	do
1123 John A. Wilkes ...	do
1124 Richard E. Haywood ...	do
1125 Wm. H. Surpill ...	do
1126 William Smiley ...	do
1127 James Holmes ...	do
1128 Smithson Waller ...	do
1129 Lancelot Waller ...	do
1130 Thos. Fletcher ...	do
1131 Ed. Fletcher ...	do
1132 Michael Fletcher ...	do
1133 Samuel Waller ...	do
1134 James Tisdale ...	do
1135 Henry Strond ...	do
1136 Jacob Stover ...	do
1137 James Wright ...	do
1138 Robert Scott ...	do
1139 Alfred Ireland ...	do
1140 Samuel Kaler ...	do
1141 Wm. Scott ...	do
1142 James Gowan ...	do
1143 Wm. James ...	do
1144 Henry Kellest ...	do
1145 Edward Anderson ...	do
1146 Chs. Anstice ...	do
1147 John Inques ...	do
1148 Jos. Lee ...	do
1149 Abraham Swartwout ...	do
1150 Adam Stover ...	do
1151 Stephen Branchflower ...	do
1152 Alfred Bearily ...	do
1153 John M'David ...	do
1154 James Bailey ...	do
1155 Frederick Stover ...	do
1156 Philip Fall ...	do
1157 Michael Corwell ...	do
1158 Daniel Moore ...	do
1159 James Pritchard ...	do
1160 William Wallace ...	do
1161 Thomas Lyons ...	do
1162 John Weir ...	do
1163 Hervey Stevens ...	do
1164 William Simmonds ...	do
1165 Smith M'Donald ...	do
1166 Mathias Snider ...	do
1167 Francis Davis ...	do
1168 Miles Bennington ...	do
1169 Joshua James ...	do
1170 John Gilbert ...	do
1171 Henry P. Jones ...	do
1172 Israel Snider ...	do
1173 Gilbert Stover ...	do
1174 Joseph Hagar ...	do
1175 Michael Stover, senior ...	do

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Norwich.

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1176 Ichabod Bowerman	Township of Norwich.
1177 William Miller	do do
1178 Mathew Scott	do do
1179 Robert Cameron	do do
1180 Donald Donell	do do
1181 George Bailey	do do
1182 Robert Chesnut	do do
1183 William Forvell	do do
1184 Nelson Swezey	do do
1185 Joseph Greaves	do do
1186 Robert Todd Dean	do do
1187 Joseph Wheaten	do do
1188 Jos. McGaffen	do do
1189 James Ardell	do do
1190 William Mossop	do do
1191 Thomas Guest	do do
1192 John Tracey	do do
1193 James Scott	do do
1194 John Fitzimmons	do do
1195 George Logan	do do
1196 John Betton	do do
1197 Isaac Johnson	do do
1198 James Beaty	do do
1199 William Barding	do do
1200 Alexander Sutherland	do do
1201 Ebenezer Sutherland	do do
1202 William Sutherland	do do
1203 James Hurford	do do
1204 John Quake	do do
1205 Henry Smith	do do
1206 William O'Brien	do do
1207 John Judge	do do
1208 George Scott	do do
1209 Robert M'Kutcheon	do do
1210 John Bugess	do do
1211 John Mournum	do do
1212 William Mooney	do do
1213 William Fran	do do
1214 John Cameron	do do
1215 John Cowan	do do
1216 William M'Martin	do do
1217 John Logan	do do
1218 William Dieky	do do
1219 Andrew Gray	do do
1220 John Ward Vandiberg	do do
1221 James Shanley	do do
1222 James Shanley, jun	do do
1223 John Gillis	do do
1224 Edward Logan	do do
1225 Alexander Fraser	do do
1226 Alexander Sutherland	do do
1227 George Martin	do do
1228 John Densmore	do do
1229 Donald Ross	do do
1230 Alexander Ross	do do
1231 Alexander Macdonald	do do
1232 Donald M'Gaul	do do
1233 William Shaw	do do
1234 Walter Ross	do do
1235 Alexander Murray	do do
1236 John Mathewson	do do
1237 Isaac Brock Cameron	do do
1238 Joseph Johnson	do do
1239 Robert Berrie	do do
1240 Thomas Steadman	do do
1241 John Adams	do do
1242 John Ross	do do
1243 Michael Dupce	do do
1244 Hamlet Salva	do do
1245 Nathan Elliot	do do
1246 Alexander Fraser	do do
1247 Robert Logan	do do
1248 William Parks	do do
1249 William Withers	do do
1250 George Edgar	do do
1251 Amas Westly Goodwin	do do
1252 Walter James	do do
1253 Warman Barnard	do do
1254 John M'Furtson	do do
1255 H. C. Barwick	do do
1256 William Clarke	do do
1257 John Turquand	do do
1258 John Clark	do do
1259 Thomas Ditton, senr.	do do
1260 Richard Rawlings	do do
1261 Spencer Mackay	do do
1262 Richard Tonguett	do do
1263 John Barwick	do do
1264 James Barwick	do do
1265 Charles Turner	do do
1266 Thomas Small	do do
1267 Joseph Taylor	do do
1268 John Hayward	do do
1269 William Hewitt	do do
1270 John Luston	do do
1271 Bryan Mubry	do do
1272 Hugh Ross	do do
1273 John Cummings	do do
1274 John Jones	do do
1275 Ham Voice	do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1276 Amas Rockett	Township of Woodstock.
1277 Nathaniel Hill	do do
1278 John Stevens	do do
1279 Herbert Hickmot	do do
1280 Joseph Edgar	do do
1281 Hector Sutherland	do do
1282 James Clark	do do
1283 James Currall	do do
1284 Thomas John Cottle	do do
1285 Alexander M'Intosh	do do
1286 George Robinson	do do
1287 John Harrison	do do
1288 Jacob Overhult	do do
1289 Fran Lewis	do do
1290 William Collin Clark	do do
1291 William Macdonald	do do
1292 Archibald Elliot	do do
1293 William Wilson	do do
1294 Abraham Ludworth	do do
1295 William Hill	do do
1296 Edward Lakeman	do do
1297 John Sutherland	do do
1298 Robert Campbell	do do
1299 Thomas Love	do do
1300 William Dickson	do do
1301 Joseph Clark	do do
1302 Thomas Ditton, jun.	do do
1303 Roger Rollo Hunter	do do
1304 David John Hughes	do do
1305 Philip Graham	do do
1306 Elijah Nellis	do do
1307 Charles Burton	do do
1308 Robert Deeds	do do
1309 Thomas Barker	do do
1310 William Reynolds	do do
1311 George Chambers	do do
1312 John Johnson	do do
1313 Jacob Chute	do do
1314 N. M'Tigart	do do
1315 William Barker	do do
1316 Edward Merigold	do do
1317 James H. Ingersoll	do do
1318 F. T. H. Groves	do do
1319 Carew Reynolds	do do
1320 John Carne	do do
1321 Joseph Barker	do do
1322 David Reynolds	do do
1323 Edmund Deeds, Esquire	do do
1324 Samuel Smith	do do
1325 James F. Worthy	do do
1326 John Galway	do do
1327 James Galway	do do
1328 George Burton	do do
1329 Samuel Canfield	do do
1330 Lawrence Lawrison	do do
1331 Edward Mathews	do do
1332 Jori Pipes	do do
1333 George Nichols	do do
1334 Joseph Shepherd	do do
1335 William Nile	do do
1336 Daniel Harrison	do do
1337 Michael Gray	do do
1338 William Arnold	do do
1339 John Wren	do do
1340 Calvin Martin	do do
1341 Daniel Harris, jun.	do do
1342 Daniel Carrall	do do
1343 Jacob Lakeman	do do
1344 C. N. Thomas	do do
1345 David Canfield	do do
1346 Abraham Carrall	do do
1347 Steward Canfield	do do
1348 Joseph Shaw	do do
1349 Samuel Friel	do do
1350 John Friel	do do
1351 James Barclay	do do
1352 William Gray	do do
1353 Henry Finkle	do do
1354 Thomas Lazenby	do do
1355 Thomas Hart	do do
1356 James E. Petit	do do
1357 Thomas Holdworth	do do
1358 Thomas Rock	do do
1359 Joseph Will	do do
1360 John Pratt	do do
1361 Benjamin Clark	do do
1362 John Biggus	do do
1363 Charles Hart	do do
1364 William Bush	do do
1365 Benjamin Ryder	do do
1366 Thomas Gleeson	do do
1367 John Carter	do do
1368 Thomas Scott	do do
1369 William Heywood	do do
1370 John Barelay	do do
1371 Sylvanus Kipp	do do
1372 Samuel Eakins	do do
1373 John Green	do do
1374 Thomas Appleton	do do
1375 John Copp	do do

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East Oxford.

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1376 Henry Young	Township of East Oxford.
1377 John Howden, jun.	do do
1378 Samuel Scriver	do do
1379 John Phelan	do do
1380 Alexander Daley	do do
1381 Peter Cutburt	do do
1382 Duncan M'Phell	do do
1383 John Knaggs	do do
1384 John Cain	do do
1385 Henry Vansart	do do
1386 Edward Magee	do do
1387 Varnum Methar	do do
1388 David Bertrand	do do
1389 Philip Martin	do do
1390 Nicholas Oliver	do do
1391 William Shaw	do do
1392 Robert Clark	do do
1393 Levi H. Perry	do do
1394 John Gregg	do do
1395 Thomas Mullins	do do
1396 Edward Orr	do do
1397 James Greenaway	do do
1398 James Cuthbert	do do
1399 William Cuthbert	do do
1400 James Delahartz	do do
1401 Hugh Donaldson	do do
1402 William Lapenotière	do do
1403 Thomas Holcroft	do North Oxford.
1404 John Carroll	do do
1405 Robert Paterson	do do
1406 James Paterson	do do
1407 George H. Ronvidre	do do
1408 James Chapman, sen.	do do
1409 John Caruagrie	do do
1410 Alexander Morrison	do do
1411 Benjamin B. Crawford	do do
1412 James Davis	do do
1413 William Palmer	do do
1414 Jacob Carroll	do do
1415 John Hutchison	do do
1416 William Sutherland	do do
1417 James Davidson	do do
1418 Ebenezer Galloway	do do
1419 Henry Croity	do do
1420 James Henderson	do do
1421 Edmund Ross	do do
1422 Henry G. Carroll	do do
1423 Richard Crotty	do do
1424 E. W. Light	do do
1425 George Carne	do do
1426 Donald Ross	do do
1427 Chauncey D. Martin	do do
1428 Hon. D. B. Papineau	Montreal, Commissioner of Crown Lands.
1429 Hon. D. Daly	Montreal, Provincial Sec- retary.
1430 Hon. Richard A. Tucker	Montreal, Registrar of of the Province.
1431 Tancred Boutillier, Esq.	Montreal, Assiat. Com. of Crown Lands.
1432 Thomas Parke, Esq.	Montreal, Survey. Gen.
1433 W. B. Spragge, Esq.	Montreal, Survey. Gen. Office.
1434 Felix Fortier, Esq.	Montreal, to produce the Poll Books of the Oxford Election, and indenture of re- turn for the same.
1435 James Cummings, Esq. M.P.P.	Chippewa and Montreal.
1436 Donald Proctor Ross, Esq.	Merchant, Montreal.
1437 John Arnold, Esq.	Judge of District Court, near Woodstock.
1438 George Vansittart, Esq.	Inspector of Licenses, near Woodstock.
1439 Simon F. Robertson, Esq.	Barrister at Law, near Woodstock.
1440 Laurence Lawson, Esq. M.P.P.	London and Montreal.
1441 James Hinkirk, Esq.	Asist. Secy., Montreal.
1442 Peter Carroll, Esq.	Hamilton and Oxford.
1443 James Wilkes, Esq.	Merchant, Brantford.
1444 John Hatch, Esq.	Woodstock.
1445 James Ingersoll, Esq.	Registrar, Ingersollville.
1446 William Merigold, Esq.	Returning Officer at the late Oxford Elections.
1447 Edward Merigold	Dy. Registrar, Ingersollville.
1448 George H. Hinchstaff	London.
1449 Thomas D. Harington, Esq.	Secretary's Office, Mon- treal.
1450 L. M. Reid	Of the Township of Zorra.
1451 Alex. M'Kay	Lot 8 in 8 Con. of Zorra.
1452 John M'Donald	Lot 10 in 11 Con. do
1453 Angus Campbell	Township of Woodstock.
1454 Alex. M'Kenzie	do do
1455 John Wilkinson	do Zorra.
1456 Hugh Donaldson	do Woodstock.
1457 James M'Callum	do Oxford.
1458 John Cummings, Gaoler	do Woodstock.
1459 Robert Clark	do Brantford.
1460 Nelson Clark	do Zorra.

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1461 Harry Dibble	Township of Zorra.
1462 Robert Clark	do Blenheim.
1463 John Everett	do Zorra.
1464 George Vallance	do do
1465 H. C. Hall	do Blenheim.
1466 Anthony Norris	Lot 6, 4 Con. of Zorra.
1467 Duncan Hossack	Township of Zorra.
1468 Samuel Finch	do Oxford.
1469 Seneca Lewis	do Zorra.
1470 David Grant	do do
1471 George Monro	do do
1472 Hugh Mathewson	do do
1473 William Bratford	do do
1474 Nelson Berdys	do Woodstock.
1475 Donald Matheson	do Zorra.
1476 Donald Sutherland, sen.	3 in 8 Con. do
1477 Paul Murray	Township of do
1478 Alex. Wilson	do do
1479 Alex. Monro	Lot 7 in 7 Con. do
1480 George Murray	Township of do
1481 Richard Adams	do do
1482 David Ross	do do
1483 Stephen Pelton	do do
1484 George Edgar	do Woodstock.
1485 James Murray	do do
1485 James Keritua	do do
1487 John Clarke	do East Oxford.
1488 Thomas Clarke	do do
1489 Jehu Clarke	do Zorra.
1490 Joseph Clarke	do Blantford.
1491 Henry Lampost	do Woodstock.
1492 Daniel Phelan	do Ingersollville.
1493 Nathaniel Hill	do Woodstock.
1494 William Wilson	do do
1495 Thomas Love	do Zorra.
1496 John Carroll, Esq.	do do
1497 Alex. Ross, Township Collector	do do
1498 W. Lapenotier, Esq., Clerk of Peace do	do Woodstock.
1499 Jeremiah Cowin	do Blenheim.
1500 Daniel Southwick	do do
1501 Murnay Lester	do do
1502 John Thomson	do do
1503 John Jackson, Esq.	do do
1504 Warren Snow	do do
1505 J. Kennedy	do do
1506 Arnold Burroughs	do near Brantford.
1507 Richard Burroughs	do do
1508 Gilbert Burroughs	do do
1509 Arnold Burroughs, jun.	do do
1510 Archibald Stuart	do Blenheim.
1511 Thomas Gadd	do do
1512 J. Green	do do
1513 Gabriel J. Purdy	do do
1514 James Holmes	do Burford.
1515 George W. Whitehead	do do
1516 Peter M. J. Mitchell	do do
1517 John Mitchell	do do
1518 William Palmer	do do
1519 Caleb Fowler	do do
1520 Jos. Hnywood, sen.	do do
1521 James Henderson	do do
1522 E. Malcom	do do
1523 Hull Curtis	do do
1524 Abraham Canfield	do do
1525 Jos. Ryan	do Blenheim.
1526 James Ryan	do West Oxford.
1527 Thomas Baker	do Blenheim.
1528 E. Hall	do do
1529 John M'Donald	do Ingersollville.
1530 Hugh M'Dermid, sen.	do Nissouri.
1531 Hugh M'Dermid, junr.	do do
1532 Robert Cameron	do do
1533 David Service	do do
1534 Edward Shannon	do do
1535 George Forbes	do Zorra.
1536 Donald Ross	do do
1537 Thomas Scott	do East Oxford.
1538 Rody Hopkins	do do
1539 Charles Bush	do do
1540 Mary Bush	do do
1541 James Miller	do Woodstock.
1542 B. Varnum, Esq.	do Durham.
1543 William Dean	do do
1544 George Pennill	do do
1545 John Hower	do do
1546 Martin Vansickle	do Nissouri.
1547 Stephen Ball	do do
1548 Jonathan Case	do East Oxford.
1549 Sarah Hill	do Woodstock.
1550 Nathaniel Hill, sen.	do do
1551 A. W. Light, Esq.	do do
1552 David Hinck	do Nissouri.
1553 Michael Conell	do Norwich.
1554 John M'Kee	do do
1555 Thomas Wallace	do do
1556 Michiel Stover	do do
1557 Michael Stover, jun.	do do
1558 Lewis Mott	do do
1559 Wm. Shewood	do do
1560 William Carroll	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1561 Freeman Wilcox	Township of Norwich.
1562 H. D. Webster	do do
1563 Ern Siple	do do
1564 John Hunt	do do
1565 Ephraim Cook	do do
1566 G. W. Curded	do do
1567 William King Higman	City of Montreal.
1568 Bernard Kinnear	do Oaklands.
1569 Matthew Masscar	do do
1570 William Dennis	do Norwich.
1571 David Kipp	do Oxford, East.
1572 John Silverthorn	do Burford.
1573 Malcolm M'Kenzie	do Zorra.
1574 Philip Shidwick	do do
1575 George Murray	do do
1576 Alexander M'Kay	do do
1577 Thomas Oliver	do do
1578 Hugh Murray	do do
1579 Alexander Campbell	do do
1580 Daniel Gordon	do do
1581 George Sutherland	do do
1582 Angus M'Kay	do do
1583 Angus M'Kay	do do
1584 William Stuart	do do
1585 Hugh Campbell	do do
1586 William Bruce	do do
1587 Jos. Browett,	do Dereham.
1588 Elias Simmerman	do Burford.
1589 Waznis Sutherland	do Woodstock.
1590 James Hay	do West Oxford.
1591 William Courtney	do do
1592 William Scott	do do
1593 Adam Dodge	do do
1594 Robert Dambly Eunis	do do
1595 Henry Carroll	do do
1596 Mich. Carroll	do do
1597 Jacob Carne	do do
1598 Thomas Penceock	do North Oxford.
1599 John Crotty	do do
1600 Daniel Hall	do Blenheim.
1601 John Weir	do Burford.
1602 Gab. J. Purdy	do do
1603 James Stewart	do do
1604 Indam Charles	do Oxford.

FRANCIS HINCKS.

Mr. Riddell handed in a list of witnesses, required in behalf of himself, as the sitting Member for the county of *Oxford*, which was also read by the Clerk as follows:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
1 Christopher Rubert	Township of Blenheim.
2 John Bricker	do do
3 John Jackson	do do
4 James Innis	do do
5 Denton Burns	do do
6 John Gould	do do
7 Henry Rupert	do do
8 David Burns	do do
9 Daniel Martin	do do
10 William Watkins	do do
11 Absalom Shade	do do
12 William Dixon, junior	do do
13 William Doyle	do do
14 Robert T. Bourchier	do do
15 Christopher Harrison	do do
16 Moses Johnson	do do
17 Arnold Burroughs, junior	do do
18 Richard W. Burroughs	do do
19 Arnold Burroughs, senior	do do
20 Noah Bulloch	do do
21 Gilbert Burroughs	do do
22 George Clark	do do
23 Andrew Burgess	do do
24 William Shannon	do do
25 George Lothran	do do
26 John Hersey	do do
27 John D. Hughson	do do
28 John Garnett	do do
29 Elam Martin	do do
30 John Melick	do do
31 Joshua Burnett	do do
32 William Cochran	do do
33 John Gould, junior	do do
34 William Burgess	do do
35 George Breit	do do
36 Moses Innis	do do
37 James F. Tiprell	do do
38 James Frenaman	do do
39 George Frenaman	do do
40 William Innis	do do
41 Patrick Cully	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
42 James R. Buckaman	Township of Blandford.
43 Thomas Grinton	do do
44 Walter H. Mortris	do do
45 Joseph Evans	do do
46 Joseph Maceox	do do
47 Jeremiah Mills	do do
48 John Whitfield	do do
49 William Hersey	do do
50 William A. Gessing	do do
51 James Rouse	do do
52 Edward Bourchier	do do
53 Mathew French	do do
54 George Simpson	do do
55 George Tate	do do
56 Mathew Ainsley	do do
57 John Lester	do do
58 Oved Wilson	do do
59 John Scott	do do
60 Nicholas Pickle	do do
61 Samuel Boulton	do do
62 John Thompson	do do
63 Welcome Yale	do do
64 Nicholas Pickle	do do
65 Thomas Gadd	do do
66 Trueworthy Smith	do do
67 Joshua M'Carty	do do
68 William Fritch	do do
69 James Inwood	do do
70 Benjamin Swears	do do
71 Archibald Stuart	do do
72 George Edgar	Township of Blandford.
73 Amos Westoby Goodwin	do do
74 Walter Jones	do do
75 Warman Barnard	do do
76 John M. F. Wilson	Town of Woodstock.
77 H. C. Barwick	do Blandford.
78 William Clark	do Woodstock.
79 John Turquand	do Blandford.
80 John Clark	do do
81 Thomas Ditton, senior	do Woodstock.
82 Richard Kawlings	do Blandford.
83 Spencer M'Kay	do Woodstock.
84 Richard Fouquette	do do
85 John Barwick	do Blandford.
86 James Barwick	do do
87 Charles Turner	do Woodstock.
88 Thomas Small	do do
89 Joseph Taylor	do do
90 John Hayward	do Blandford.
91 William Hewitt	do do
92 John Luston	do Woodstock.
93 Bryan Muly	do do
94 Hugh Ross	do Blandford.
95 John Cummings	do Woodstock.
96 Weymus Sutherland	do do
97 John Jones	do do
98 Ham Voice	Township of Woodstock.
99 Amos Rockett	do do
100 John Stevens	do Blandford.
101 Herbert Hickmot	do Woodstock.
102 Joseph J. Edgar	do do
103 Hector Sutherland	do do
104 James Clark	do Blandford.
105 James Carrall	do Woodstock.
106 Alexander M'Intush	do do
107 George Robinson	do do
108 John Harrison	do Blandford.
109 Jacob Overholt	do Woodstock.
110 Evan Lewis	do do
111 William C. Clark	do Blandford.
112 William M'Donald	do do
113 Archibald Elliot	do Woodstock.
114 William Wilson	do do
115 Abraham Sudworth	do do
116 William Hill	do Blandford.
117 Edward Lakeiman	do Woodstock.
118 John Sutherland	do do
119 Robert Campbell	do Blandford.
120 Thomas Love	do do
121 William Dixon	do Woodstock.
122 Joseph Clark	do Blandford.
123 Thomas Ditton, junior	do do
124 Roger Rollo Hunter	do do
125 David John Hughes	do Woodstock.
126 Philip Graham	do Blandford.
127 Elijah Nellis	do Woodstock.
128 Archibald Birtch	do East Oxford.
129 Joseph Shaw	do do
130 Samuel Frizell	do do
131 John Frizell	do do
132 James Barelay	do do
133 William Gray	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
134 Henry Finkle ...	Township of East Oxford.
135 Thomas Lazenby ...	do do
136 Thomas Hart ...	do do
137 George Losey ...	do do
138 James E. Pettit ...	do do
139 Thomas Holsworth ...	do do
140 Thomas Rock ...	do do
141 Joseph Will ...	do do
142 John Pratt ...	do do
143 Benjamin Clark ...	do do
144 John Biggins ...	do do
145 Charles Hart ...	do do
146 William Bush ...	do do
147 Benjamin Ryder ...	do do
148 Thomas Gleeson ...	do do
149 John Carter ...	do do
150 Thomas Scott ...	do do
151 William Haywood ...	do do
152 John Bartley ...	do do
153 Sylvanus Kipp ...	do do
154 Samuel Eakins ...	do do
155 John Green ...	do do
156 Thomas Appleton ...	do do
157 John Copp ...	do do
158 Henry Yunge ...	do do
159 John Howden, junior ...	do do
160 Samuel Scriver ...	do do
161 John Phelan ...	do do
162 Alexander Daly ...	do do
163 Peter Cuthbert ...	do do
164 Duncan M'Pheil ...	do do
165 John Knaggs ...	do do
166 Henry Vansittart ...	do do
167 Edward Magee ...	do do
168 Barnum Mather ...	do do
169 David Bertrand ...	do do
170 Phillip Martin ...	do do
171 Nicholas Oliver ...	do do
172 William Shaw ...	do do
173 Robert Clark ...	do do
174 Levy H. Perry ...	do do
175 John Gregg ...	do do
176 Thomas Mullins ...	do do
177 Edward Orr ...	do do
178 James Greenaway ...	do do
179 James Cuthbert ...	do do
180 James Delaharty ...	do do
181 Hugh Donaldson ...	do do
182 William Lapenotiere ...	do do
183 Charles Burton ...	West Oxford.
184 Robert Deeds ...	do do
185 Thomas Barker ...	do do
186 William Reynolds ...	do do
187 George Chambers ...	do do
188 John Johnson ...	do do
189 Jacob Chote ...	do do
190 Niel M'Taggart ...	do do
191 William Barker ...	do do
192 Walter B. Mabee ...	do do
193 James H. Ingersol ...	do do
194 F. J. Groves ...	do do
195 Carew Reynolds ...	do do
196 John Carn ...	do do
197 William Scott ...	do do
198 Moses Trip ...	do do
199 James Hay ...	do do
200 William Courtney ...	do do
201 William Scott ...	do do
202 Adam Dodge ...	do do
203 Robert D. Ennis ...	do do
204 Henry Carroll ...	do do
205 William Carroll ...	do do
206 Jacob Carn ...	do do
207 Joseph Barker ...	do do
208 David Reynolds ...	do do
209 Edward Deeds, Esq. ...	do do
210 Samuel Smith ...	do do
211 James F. Wheatly ...	do do
212 John Galloway ...	do do
213 James Galloway ...	do do
214 George Burton ...	do do
215 Samuel Canfield ...	do do
216 Lawrence Lawrison ...	do do
217 Edward Mathews... ...	do do
218 Joel Pipes ...	do do
219 George Nichols ...	do do
220 Joseph Shepherd ...	do do
221 Daniel Harris, sen. ...	do do
222 Michael Gray ...	do do
223 William Arnold ...	do do
224 John Wren ...	do do
225 Calvin Martin ...	do do

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226 Daniel Harris, junior ...	Township of West Oxford.
227 Daniel Carroll ...	do do
228 Jacob Lakeman ...	do do
229 C. N. Thomas ...	do do
230 David Canfield ...	do do
231 Abraham Carroll ...	do do
232 Steward Canfield ...	do do
233 James Ingersoll ...	do do
234 John M'Nerns ...	Oxford, northern division.
235 Thomas Holcroft ...	do do
236 John Carroll ...	do do
237 Robert Paterson ...	do do
238 George A. Romwire ...	do do
239 James Chapman ...	do do
240 John Carnagri ...	do do
241 Alexander Morrison ...	do do
242 Benjamin B. Crawford... ..	do do
243 James Davis ...	do do
244 William Palmer ...	do do
245 Jacob Carroll ...	do do
246 John Hutchison ...	do do
247 William Sutherland ...	do do
248 James Davidson ...	do do
249 Ebenezer Galloway ...	do do
250 Henry Crotty ...	do do
251 Thomas Peacock ...	do do
252 John Crotty ...	do do
253 James Henderson ...	do do
254 Edmund Ross ...	do do
255 Henry G. Carroll ...	do do
256 Richard Crotty ...	do do
257 Charles E. W. Light ...	do do
258 George Carne ...	do do
259 Donald Ross ...	do do
260 Chancey D. Martin ...	do do
261 Francis Strond ...	Township of Dereham.
262 Joh James ...	do do
263 Orlando Rutherford ...	do do
264 Charles Penil ...	do do
265 George Penil ...	do do
266 John Brnn ...	do do
267 Thomas Withers ...	do do
268 Robert Strond ...	do do
269 Cato Bennes ...	do do
270 James Wolf ...	do do
271 John Withers ...	do do
272 John Wilson ...	do do
273 John Goodhand ...	do do
274 Ogden Miller ...	do do
275 Thomas Smart ...	do do
276 Conrad Best ...	do do
277 Robert Maddison... ..	do do
278 Joseph Boughner ...	do do
279 John Atkinson ...	do do
280 Joseph Browet ...	do do
281 Paul Schooner ...	do do
282 Charles Hawkins ...	do do
283 Joseph Forbes ...	do do
284 Jacob Glover ...	do do
285 John Hewer ...	do do
286 Noah Terrill ...	do do
287 Henry Weir ...	Burford.
288 Robert Weir ...	do do
289 Charles M'Gee ...	do do
290 Francis Johnstone ...	do do
291 James N. Oakley... ..	do do
292 William Phenix ...	do do
293 Joseph Haywood ...	do do
294 Charles S. Purley ...	do do
295 Elijah White ...	do do
296 James Lewis ...	do do
297 William B. Stuart ...	do do
298 Daniel Eaton ...	do do
299 William D. Bowen ...	do do
300 George W. Whitehead ...	do do
301 George Grigg ...	do do
302 James Kennedy ...	do do
303 Abishai Rand ...	do do
304 Stephen M. Hoviet ...	do do
305 Joseph Dutcher ...	do do
306 Joseph Chambers... ..	do do
307 Joseph Jones ...	do do
308 Robert Oliver ...	do do
309 George Lane ...	do do
310 John Singer ...	do do
311 Alexander Dickil ...	do do
312 Peter Martin ...	do do
313 Enos Monette ...	do do
314 Mathias Simmerman ...	do do
315 Elias Simmerman ...	do do
316 Joseph Miles ...	do do
317 John P. Smith ...	do do
318 Peter N. Weaver... ..	do do

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319 Paul Moore ...	Township of Burford.
320 John Bowman ...	do do
321 Gregston Lockhart ...	do do
322 Joshua Bennett ...	do do
323 Josiah Smith ...	do do
324 John Mitchell ...	do do
325 James Blair ...	do do
326 Caleb Merritt ...	do do
327 Jacob Smith ...	do do
328 John Clemens ...	do do
329 Jacob Darby ...	do do
330 George F. Smith ...	do do
331 Alexander Campbell ...	do do
332 Robert Watson ...	do do
333 Amos Merrigold ...	do do
334 Robert Burton ...	do do
335 Henry K. Dutcher ...	do do
336 William Smiley ...	do do
337 James Holmes ...	do do
338 John Walker M'Garyn ...	do do
339 Alexander Moore ...	do do
340 John Moore ...	do do
341 John Armstrong ...	do do
342 David Secord ...	do do
343 Joseph Hayward, Junior ...	do do
344 Paul Hoffman ...	do do
345 Baptist Johnstone ...	do do
346 Richard Johnstone ...	do do
347 Abraham Moore ...	do do
348 Thomas Walker ...	do do
349 Joseph Thomas ...	do do
350 Israel Gibbs ...	do do
351 Walter Nichol ...	do do
352 Peter Eiker ...	do do
353 George Goslin ...	do do
354 James Smiley ...	do do
355 Lewis Charles ...	do do
356 William Cresnar ...	do do
357 John Gage ...	do do
358 Isaac Kipp ...	do do
359 Christopher Beamer ...	do do
360 Abled Eddy ...	do do
361 Peter M. S. Mitchell ...	do do
362 Thomas Runwick ...	do do
363 Francis Glover ...	do do
364 Joseph Yisinn ...	do do
365 Luke V. Spurr ...	do do
366 Stephen Leburne ...	do do
367 Thomas W. Coleman ...	do do
368 John Weir ...	do do
369 David Lister ...	do do
370 William Force ...	do do
371 John Penkison ...	do do
372 Nelson Dutcher ...	do do
373 James Enkins ...	do do
374 William Martin ...	do do
375 John Talbert ...	do do
376 John Harris ...	do do
377 George Deverell ...	do do
378 Willard M. Whitehead ...	do do
379 Duncan Cameron ...	do do
380 Thomas Crowthers ...	do do
381 Daniel Kenny ...	do do
382 George G. Ward ...	do do
383 William Kingsford ...	do do
384 John Baker ...	do do
385 John A. Wilkes ...	do do
386 Richard R. Heywood ...	do do
387 William H. Surpill ...	do do
388 Daniel Secord ...	Oakland.
389 Charles Burtch ...	do do
390 Robert Eadie ...	do do
391 Charles Saylor ...	do do
392 Elshin Malcolm ...	do do
393 John Secord ...	do do
394 Daniel Elliot ...	do do
395 Jesse West Brooke ...	do do
396 Thomas Saylor ...	do do
397 Wellington M'Allister ...	do do
398 Adam Smith ...	do do
399 George Bunchy ...	do do
400 Jonathan Barnes ...	do do
401 Wm. Muirhead ...	do do
402 James Smith ...	Zorra.
403 Donald M'Kay ...	do do
404 Peter Beale ...	do do
405 James Matheson ...	do do
406 Silas Williams ...	do do
407 Samuel J. Stafford ...	do do
408 John Evans ...	do do
409 James Austin ...	do do
410 Robert Campbell ...	do do
411 Alexander Ross ...	do do
412 W. R. M'Cauley ...	do do
413 George Varado ...	do do
414 James M'Kay ...	do do
415 Donald Campbell ...	do do
416 Alexander Murray ...	do do
417 Donald Monroe ...	do do
418 Peter Carroll ...	do do

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419 Charles M'Kay ...	Township of Zorra.	
420 John Carroll ...	do do	
421 William Campbell ...	do do	
422 Alexander M'Kay ...	do do	
423 William Land ...	do do	
424 Hugh M'Kay ...	do do	
425 David Grant ...	do do	
426 Alexander Wood ...	do do	
427 William Gordon ...	do do	
428 James Young ...	do do	
429 Alexander M'Kay ...	do do	
430 Robert M'Donald ...	do do	
431 Alexander M'Donald ...	do do	
432 John Murray ...	do do	
433 John Sutherland ...	do do	
434 Alexander Sutherland ...	do do	
435 William M'Kay ...	do do	
436 George Harris ...	do do	
437 John Elliot ...	do do	
438 Thomas Smith ...	do do	
439 William M'Kay ...	do do	
440 Alexander Bruce ...	do do	
441 Joseph Middlewood ...	do do	
442 John Matheson ...	do do	
443 James Monroe ...	do do	
444 Charles Beale ...	do do	
445 William Oliver ...	do do	
446 George Hart ...	do do	
447 Joseph Brown ...	do do	
448 Angus M'Kay ...	do do	
449 Malcolm M'Kenzie ...	do do	
450 Philip Shadwick ...	do do	
451 George Murray ...	do do	
452 Alexander M'Kay ...	do do	
453 Thomas Oliver ...	do do	
454 Hugh Murray ...	do do	
455 Alexander Campbell ...	do do	
456 Donald Gordon ...	do do	
457 John Sutherland ...	do do	
458 John M'Donald ...	do do	
459 Angus M'Kay ...	do do	
460 Alexander M'Kay ...	do do	
461 Walter M'Kay ...	do do	
462 George Bailey ...	do do	
463 Jas. M'Kenzie ...	do do	
464 William Sutherland ...	do do	
465 Donald Sutherland ...	do do	
466 John Fraser ...	do do	
467 William Campbell ...	do do	
468 Peter Sutherland ...	do do	
469 Elnelus Frogmen ...	do do	
470 James Sherrad ...	do do	
471 Charles Flowers ...	do do	
472 William Smith ...	do do	
473 John Finkle ...	do do	
474 William Lawson ...	do do	
475 Robert Sutherland ...	do do	
476 Robert M'Intyre ...	do do	
477 John Scott ...	do do	
478 Hugh Ross ...	do do	
479 James M'Donald ...	do do	
480 John M'Kay ...	do do	
481 George M'Intosh ...	do do	
482 James Murray ...	do do	
483 Lancelan Sutherland ...	do do	
484 Thomas Brown ...	do do	
485 Angus M'Kay ...	do do	
486 John Donaldson ...	do do	
487 Joseph Dell ...	do do	
488 Alexander M'Kay ...	do do	
489 Robert Sutherland ...	do do	
490 Robert M'Intosh ...	do do	
491 Joseph Bruce ...	do do	
492 William Stewart ...	do do	
493 Hugh Campbell ...	do do	
494 William Bruce ...	do do	
495 John Ball ...	do do	
496 Hugh Murray ...	do do	
497 Robert Murray ...	do do	
498 Andrew Sutherland ...	do do	
499 John Cummings, sen. ...	do do	
500 Thomas Cummings ...	do do	
501 Irving Sloane ...	do do	
502 Donald M'Intosh ...	do do	
503 James Morrison ...	do do	
504 William Murray ...	do do	
505 David Ross ...	do do	
506 Robert M'Donald ...	do do	
507 William Murray ...	do do	
508 Donald M'Corqudale ...	do do	
509 Allen Nison ...	do do	
510 William Chisholme ...	do do	
511 Donald Murray ...	do do	
512 Henry Huntinford ...	do do	
513 Donald M'Kay ...	do do	
514 Bernard Scelions ...	do do	
515 John M'Kay ...	do do	
516 Joseph Loycock ...	do do	
517 William Murray ...	do do	
518 James Sutherland ...	do do	

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510 George Campbell ...	Township of Zorra.
520 Robert Ford ...	do do
521 Barclay Monros ...	do do
522 Peter M'Kay ...	do do
523 William Thompson ...	do do
524 Alexander Munroe ...	do do
525 William Murray ...	do do
526 Kenneth Cameron ...	do do
527 Donald Sutherland ...	do do
528 Alexander M'Donald ...	do do
529 James Baker ...	do do
530 George Munroe ...	do do
531 Charles Munros ...	do do
532 John M'Donald ...	do do
533 Donald M'Kay ...	do do
534 Alexander Sutherland ...	do do
535 Jacob Baeney ...	do do
536 John Jacket ...	do do
537 Joseph Crawford ...	do do
538 Phillip Baker ...	do do
539 William Murray ...	do do
540 William M'Kay ...	do do
541 Alexander Hoasack ...	do do
542 John Rice ...	do do
543 William Light ...	do do
544 Andrew Carroll ...	do do
545 Thomas Buckle ...	do do
546 Walter Tate ...	do do
547 John Anderson ...	do do
548 Thomas Falliser ...	do do
549 John Ross ...	do do
550 Martin King ...	do do
551 Cornelius Ernest ...	do do
552 Donald M'Kay ...	do do
553 Robert Stewart Campbell ...	do do
554 George Hny ...	do do
555 George Murray ...	do do
556 William Galloway ...	do do
557 Isaac Cook ...	do do
558 Thomas Fox ...	do do
559 John Wilkison ...	do do
560 George Sweet ...	do do
561 John Campbell ...	do do
562 Alexander M'Kenzie ...	do do
563 Manuel Horton ...	do do
564 Alexander Murray ...	do do
565 John M'Kay ...	do do
566 William Barwick ...	do do
567 William M'Kenzie ...	do do
568 John Barclay ...	do do
569 Robert Clements ...	do do
570 John Ross ...	do do
571 Alexander Copp ...	do do
572 Adam Marshall ...	do do
573 George Matheson ...	do do
574 Samuel T. Clemens ...	do do
575 George W. Barwick ...	do do
576 John M'Leen ...	do do
577 Murdoch Campbell ...	do do
578 Frederick Fonguan ...	do do
579 John Forbes ...	do do
580 George Walker ...	do do
581 Archibald M'Caul ...	do do
582 John M'Arthur ...	do do
583 Joseph Turner ...	do do
584 Robert Mitchell ...	do do
585 Duncan M'Caul ...	do do
586 Dugald M'Caul ...	do do
587 Hugh Sutherland ...	do do
588 William Ross ...	do do
589 Donald Leslie ...	do do
590 William Leslie ...	do do
591 James Gurne ...	do do
592 John B. Aikin ...	do do
593 Arthur Armstrong ...	do do
594 Daniel Roberts ...	do do
595 John Bunting ...	do do
596 Angus M'Kay ...	do do
597 William Denman ...	do do
598 Alexander Gordon ...	do do
599 John D. Dent ...	do do
600 Richard Empt ...	do do
601 Donald M'Kenzie ...	do do
602 James Murray ...	do do
603 Thomas Rowland ...	do do
604 Angus M'Kay ...	do do
605 John Barclay ...	do do
606 George Macdonald ...	do do
607 William M'Kenzie ...	do do
608 Isaac Osborne ...	do do
609 David Bett ...	do do
610 Alexander M'Kay ...	do do
611 James M'Donald ...	do do
612 David M'Donald ...	do do
613 Henry Bann ...	do do
614 David Murray ...	do do
615 Thomas Baker ...	do do
616 John Murray ...	do do
617 John Sebran ...	do do
618 Andrew Murray ...	do do

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619 James Fletcher ...	Township of Zorra.
620 Leonard Karne ...	do do
621 Richard Adams ...	do do
622 Robert Ross ...	do do
623 John Matheson ...	do do
624 William Danby ...	do do
625 Robert Riddle ...	do do
626 John M'Kay ...	do do
627 Smithson Waller ...	do do
628 Launcelot Waller ...	do do
629 Thomas Fletcher ...	do do
630 Edward Fletcher ...	do do
631 Michael Fletcher ...	do do
632 Samuel Waller ...	do do
633 Joshua H. Corbin ...	do do
634 John Mulholland ...	do do
635 James Tisdale ...	do do
636 Henry Stroud ...	do do
637 Jacob Stover ...	do do
638 James Wright ...	do do
639 Robert Scott ...	do do
640 Alfred Tisdale ...	do do
641 Samuel Keiser ...	do do
642 William Scott ...	do do
643 James Goswan ...	do do
644 William James ...	do do
645 Henry Kelleit ...	do do
646 Edward Anderson ...	do do
647 Charles Andies ...	do do
648 John Jacques ...	do do
649 Joseph Lee ...	do do
650 Abraham Swartwout ...	do do
651 Adam Stover ...	do do
652 Stephen Branchflower ...	do do
653 Alfred Brearly ...	do do
654 John M'David ...	do do
655 James Bailly ...	do do
656 Frederick Stover ...	do do
657 Philip Fall ...	do do
658 Michael Cornwall ...	do do
659 Daniel Moore ...	do do
660 James Pritchard ...	do do
661 William Wallace ...	do do
662 Thomas Lyons ...	do do
663 John Weir ...	do do
664 Henry Stevens ...	do do
665 William Simmons ...	do do
666 Smith M'Donald ...	do do
667 Mathias Snyder ...	do do
668 John A. Tidy ...	do do
669 Francis Davis ...	do do
670 Miles Pennington ...	do do
671 Joshua James ...	do do
672 John Gilbert ...	do do
673 Henry P. Jones ...	do do
674 Israel Snyder ...	do do
675 Gilbert Stover ...	do do
676 Joseph Edgar ...	do do
677 Michael Stover, sen. ...	do do
678 Ichabod Boverman ...	do do
679 William Miller ...	do do
680 Mathew Scott ...	do do
681 Robert Cameron ...	do do
682 Donald M'Dunell ...	do do
683 George Bailly ...	do do
684 Robert Cleanut ...	do do
685 William Fawle ...	do do
686 Nelson Swezy ...	do do
687 Joseph Greaves ...	do do
688 Robert Todd Dean ...	do do
689 Joseph Wheatre ...	do do
690 Joseph M'Giffin ...	do do
691 James Ardie ...	do do
692 William Mossop ...	do do
693 Thomas Guest ...	do do
694 John Tracy ...	do do
695 James Scott ...	do do
696 John Fitzimmons ...	do do
697 George Logan ...	do do
698 John Bilton ...	do do
699 Isaac Johnson ...	do do
700 James Beatie ...	do do
701 William Harding ...	do do
702 Alexander Sutherland ...	do do
703 Ebenezer Sutherland ...	do do
704 William Sutherland ...	do do
705 James Hurford ...	do do
706 J. an Querke ...	do do
707 Henry Smith ...	do do
708 William O'Brien ...	do do
709 John Judge ...	do do
710 George Scott ...	do do
711 Robert M'Patchie ...	do do
712 John Buggess ...	do do
713 John Mormon ...	do do
714 William Mooney ...	do do
715 William Fram ...	do do
716 John Cameron ...	do do
717 John Cowan ...	do do
718 William M'Martin ...	do do

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719 John Logan	...Township of Nissouri.
720 William Dickey	... do do
721 Andrew Gray	... do do
722 John Ward Vandenberg	... do do
723 James Shanley	... do do
724 James Shanley, jun.	... do do
725 John Gillis	... do do
726 Edward Logan	... do do
727 Alexander Fraser	... do do
728 Alexander Sutherland	... do do
729 George Martin	... do do
730 John Denmore	... do do
731 Donald Ross	... do do
732 Alexander Ross	... do do
733 Alexander M'Donald	... do do
734 Donald M'Caul	... do do
735 William Shaw	... do do
736 Walter Ross	... do do
737 Alexander Murray	... do do
738 John Matheson	... do do
739 Isaac Brock Cameron	... do do
740 Joseph Johnson	... do do
741 Robert Barrie	... do do
742 Thomas Steadman	... do do
743 John Adams	... do do
744 John Ross	... do do
745 Michael Dupee	... do do
746 Hamlet Sayles	... do do
747 Matthew Elliott	... do do
748 Alexander Fraser	... do do
749 Robert Logan	... do do
750 William Fark	... do do
751 Hugh M'Dermont	... do do
752 William Withers	... do do
753 Jeremiah Cowan	... do do
754 William Winegarden	... do do
755 William W. Kitchen	... do do
756 Benjamin Horner	... do do
757 William Showers	... do do
758 Daniel Winegarden	... do do
759 William L. Geb	... do do
760 Amos Colburn	... do do
761 William O'Brien	... do do
762 John Hestand	... do do
763 Peter Bricker	... do do
764 John Stromb	... do do
765 Gideon Mame	... do do
766 William Kelly	... do do
767 Samuel Crosby	... do do
768 James H. Madlen	... do do
769 Abraham Hagey	... do do
770 Daniel Leighton	... do do
771 Moses Bricker	... do do
772 Benjamin Colburn	... do do
773 Enos Johnson	... do do
774 Robert Millard	... do do
775 Jacob G. Stauffer	... do do
776 Adolphe Fisher	... do do
777 Joseph Wallman	... do do
778 John Johnson	... do do
779 Thomas Burroughs	... do do
780 John Maynard	... do do
781 George Herner	... do do
782 Samuel Nevers	... do do
783 Thomas Workman	... do do
784 William Hawson	... do do
785 John Roach	... do do
786 John Dixon	... do do
787 William Richardson	... do do
788 William Dixon	... do do
789 William Whitehead	... do do
790 Robert Richardson	... do do
791 James Tenant	... do do
792 William Daniels	... do do
793 William Rathbun	... do do
794 Michael Showers	... do do
795 Charles Mitchell	... do do
796 Angus M'Donald Clark	... do do
797 Thomas Horner	... do do
798 Stephen Chase	... do do
799 Daniel Fortney	... do do
800 George Slipper	... do do
801 Charles Moore	... do do
802 Cameron Anderson	... do do
803 John Pine	... do do
804 Isaac Tavis	... do do
805 Samuel Freed	... do do
806 Henry Betschdel	... do do
807 Peter Hover	... do do
808 John M'Gaffin	... do do
809 Calvin Pine	... do do
810 Ephraim Browsers	... do do
811 James Crumpback	... do do
812 John Eaton	... do do
813 John Sidler	... do do
814 Thomas Millard	... do do
815 James Wilson	... do do
816 James Allison	... do do
817 John C. Harp	... do do
818 William Spears	... do do

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819 Norman M'Leod	... Township of Blenheim.	
820 Dougless Lilles	... do do	
821 George Andison	... do do	
822 Jeremiah Harp	... do do	
823 James Thomas	... do do	
824 John G. Lindsay	... do do	
825 John Eddy	... do do	Oakland.
826 David Lefler	... do do	
827 John Malcolm	... do do	
828 Finlay Malcolm	... do do	
829 Lewis Smith	... do do	
830 Lyman Chapin	... do do	
831 Wm. Smith	... do do	
832 Amasa Bube	... do do	
833 Sanford B. King	... do do	
834 Shubarb Malcolm	... do do	
835 James Malcolm	... do do	
836 Samuel Fairchild	... do do	
837 Duncan Malcolm	... do do	
838 Charles Eddy	... do do	
839 Jos. Chatterson	... do do	
840 Malcolm Brown	... do do	
841 Charles Chapin	... do do	
842 Isaac Fairchild	... do do	
843 Hugh Downey	... do do	
844 Thomas Cook	... do do	
845 Mathias Woodley	... do do	
846 Abraham Baker	... do do	
847 Solomon Mathews	... do do	
848 Abraham Westbrook	... do do	
849 George Cunningham	... do do	
850 Moses Baldwin	... do do	
851 Bernard Kinnear	... do do	
852 Shuman Bingham	... do do	
853 William Masscar	... do do	
854 Mathew Masscar	... do do	
855 Jeremiah Durham	... do do	
856 Asa Second	... do do	
857 John Harrington	... do do	Zorra.
858 Israel Smith Wood	... do do	
859 Jeremiah Letts	... do do	
860 George Binko	... do do	
861 William Anderson	... do do	
862 Stephen Pelton	... do do	
863 Richard Timms	... do do	
864 William Powell	... do do	
865 John Strong	... do do	
866 Harvey Dibble	... do do	
867 Nelson Brown	... do do	
868 William Brown	... do do	
869 Daniel Youngs	... do do	
870 John Cooke	... do do	
871 John B. Wilkenson	... do do	
872 William Walsh	... do do	
873 Abraham Hallock	... do do	
874 Thomas Wait	... do do	
875 Seneca Lewis	... do do	
876 Th. Allen	... do do	
877 Th. Favy	... do do	
878 William Pavy	... do do	
879 Horatio Lewis	... do do	
880 John M'Pherson	... do do	
881 Andrew M'Pherson	... do do	
882 George M'Pherson	... do do	
883 John M'Donald	... do do	
884 Hiram L. Burk	... do do	
885 Anson V. Barr	... do do	
886 John Ross	... do do	
887 Thomas Cooke	... do do	
888 Israel Reed	... do do	
889 Joseph J. Upper	... do do	
890 Lemuel Reed	... do do	
891 Benson Pelton	... do do	
892 John Ross	... do do	
893 Robert M'Donald	... do do	
894 Alexander M'Pherson	... do do	
895 William M'Pherson	... do do	
896 Elijah Wait	... do do	
897 Huson Hallock	... do do	
898 William Bedford	... do do	
899 Willard Grout	... do do	
900 Joshua Youngs	... do do	
901 Harmon Peppin	... do do	
902 Francis Malcolm	... do do	
903 Thomas M'Leau	... do do	
904 Alexander Clarke	... do do	
905 Philip Aldrich	... do do	
906 Abraham Vernatter	... do do	
907 James Adams	... do do	
908 Robert Mathews	... do do	
909 Alanson Avery	... do do	
910 John M'Donald	... do do	
911 Daniel Turner	... do do	
912 Robert Adam	... do do	
913 Angus Monroe	... do do	
914 Shepton Burdick	... do do	
915 Edward Fletcher	... do do	
916 Donald Clarke	... do do	
917 William Sovereign	... do do	
918 David Ramany	... do do	

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	1919	David Dingman	Township of Zorra.	1017	Robert Botchgood	Township of Nissouri.
	1920	Weston Allen	do	1018	Henry Scott	do
	1921	Charles D. Swan	do	1019	James Burns	do
	1922	George Duncan	do	1020	William Sweezy	do
	1923	Levi Lewis, sen.	do	1021	Harvey Campbell	do
	1924	Henry Shaver	do	1022	Abraham Moneymaker	do
	1925	David Cost	do	1023	William Elliot	do
	1926	Abraham Dalsen	do	1024	Adam Hanes	do
	1927	Allan H. Welsh	do	1025	Thomas Scattherd	do
	1928	John Smith	do	1026	Terrence Cromay	do
	1929	George Marr	do	1027	Hugh Davis	do
	1930	Luther Deforest	do	1028	Lyman Howard	do
	1931	William M'Donald	do	1029	Patrick M'Curran	do
	1932	William Maynard	do	1030	James Farley	do
	1933	Kenneth Murray	do	1031	Hugh M'Dairmid	do
	1934	William Acre	do	1032	John Scattherd	do
	1935	John Maxwell	do	1033	Archibald Birtch	Oxford, (East.)
	1936	William Carter	do	1034	Hervey Dormau	do
	1937	John Smith	do	1035	C. Wood	do
	1938	Henry Rosence	do	1036	Henry Birtch	do
	1939	Isaac Burdoch	do	1037	Ilcom Spreagy	do
	1940	Stratton Powell	do	1038	Thomas Shenston	do
	1941	Joseph Meulaws	do	1039	John Leak	do
	1942	Silas Waterbury	do	1040	John Clark	do
	1943	Alexander Wilson	do	1041	George Henry	do
	1944	William Walker	do	1042	William Black	do
	1945	James Wilkes	do	1043	James Wood	do
	1946	John Wilson	do	1044	George Losey	do
	1947	Willard Burdich	do	1045	Abraham Camfield	do
	1948	George W. Reed	do	1046	Daniel Birtch	do
	1949	John M. Ross	do	1047	Reuben J. Thornton	do
	1950	George Ross	do	1048	Samuel Maybee	do
	1951	Henry Gainon	do	1049	Henry Lampst	do
	1952	David L. Demorest	do	1050	Philip Lampman	do
	1953	Ambrose Vanatter	do	1051	David Watt	do
	1954	George Matheson	do	1052	Jonathan Pride	do
	1955	Albert Burdich	do	1053	Charles Mun	do
	1956	Nicholas Vanslyke	do	1054	Robert Currie	do
	1957	Asa Hallock	do	1055	Joel Canfield	do
	1958	Gabriel Youngs	do	1056	James Johnston	do
	1959	Alexander Gunn	do	1057	Samuel Demont	do
	1960	G. Oliver	do	1058	Tobal Welsh	do
	1961	Donald M'Donald	do	1059	George Hartsell	do
	1962	Vandem B. Taft	do	1060	John Douglass	do
	1963	Eli Cross	do	1061	Andrew Davidson	do
	1964	Samuel Kern	do	1062	Hiram G. Spragge	do
	1965	Jared Vining	do	1063	John Innis	do
	1966	Chaney Pundy	Nissouri.	1064	John Yerman	do
	1967	James Bodwell	do	1065	James Mavor	do
	1968	Nathan P. Allan	do	1066	William Burgess	do
	1969	Rice Mather	do	1067	John Bennett	do
	1970	Thomas M'Kay	do	1068	Jonathan Tripp	do
	1971	John N. Thornton	do	1069	William Peers	do
	1972	Steven Triple	do	1070	Seymour Sage	do
	1973	David Service	do	1071	John Swerzy	do
	1974	John M'Dairmid	do	1072	Thomas Gaynar	do
	1975	John Newton	do	1073	Albert Spencer	do
	1976	James Shannon	do	1074	William Lennanon	do
	1977	Hiram German	do	1075	Charles Bush	do
	1978	Charles Hardie	do	1076	Hesikinh Tuttle	do
	1979	Thomas Bailey	do	1077	Benjamin Lampost	do
	1980	Edward Kern	do	1078	Josiah Luddington	do
	1981	Thomas Wren	do	1079	Robert Monow	do
	1982	John Kern	do	1080	George Hny	do
	1983	George Belton	do	1081	Thomas Ball	do
	1984	Thomas Botchgood	do	1082	John Kipp	do
	1985	Stofart Comstock	do	1083	Rheuben Daton	do
	1986	Denis Horsman	do	1084	Abraham Sackrider	East Oxford.
	1987	Elijah Ferris	do	1085	Hugh Lindsay Munroe	do
	1988	Peter Smith	do	1086	Stephen V. R. Douglass	do
	1989	Willard Squires	do	1087	Donald M'Pherson	do
	1990	William Purdy	do	1088	Alexander M'Leod	do
	1991	James Brown	do	1089	John B. Tree	do
	1992	George Garner	do	1090	Thomas Fowler	Butford.
	1993	Turner Farley	do	1091	Christopher Beamer	do
	1994	William M'Diarmlid	do	1092	Daniel Totten	do
	1995	John F. Dunnont	do	1093	James Lafferty	do
	1996	Henry Oliver	do	1094	Alonzo Foster	do
	1997	Eleszar M'Carthy	do	1095	Henry C. Horner	do
	1998	John Fletcher	do	1096	Abraham Kelly	do
	1999	Preserved Fish	do	1097	George Benmer	do
	1000	Arthur Wilson	do	1098	Alexander M'Phee	do
	1001	John Bailey	do	1099	James Van Camp	do
	1002	Jared M. Vining	do	1100	Robert Lymburner	do
	1003	Francis Bowers	do	1101	Augustus Malcolm	do
	1004	Clanson Burgess	do	1102	Peter Malcolm	do
	1005	Anthony Turner	do	1103	Hervey Ross	do
	1006	John Crone	do	1104	Jacob Wingarden	do
	1007	Isaac Insign	do	1105	Robert Scott	do
	1008	George Burgess	do	1106	George W. Hart	do
	1009	Elmer Dny	do	1107	Gideon Ryder	do
	1010	Nelson Dny	do	1108	Lathrope Green	do
	1011	William Bailey	do	1109	Benjamin Kipp	do
	1012	Archbill Curtis	do	1110	Robert Muir	do
	1013	Francis Garner	do	1111	Havilah Frudenburgh	do
	1014	James Burdich	do	1112	Lucius Drey	do
	1015	John London	do	1113	James Rounds	do
	1016	Stephen Bull	do	1114	Calb P. Fowler	do
				1115	Thos. M'Kenzie	do
				1116	Cyrus Hunt	do

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1117 Nelson Ruthbone	do do
1118 Thomas Wheeland	do do
1119 Constant Eddy	do do
1120 Abraham K. Smith	do do
1121 James F. McNally	do do
1122 Thomas Mair	do do
1123 Richard Silverthorn	do do
1124 John Silverthorn	do do
1125 Edward Burz	do do
1126 John Hainer	do do
1127 William Birch	do do
1128 Thomas Phillips	do do
1129 David Doyle	do do
1130 John Kelly	do do
1131 Stephen Landon	do do
1132 Joseph Smith	do do
1133 Ransford Rounds	do do
1134 William M. Williams	do do
1135 Enoch Lawrence	do do
1136 Uzal O. Kelly	do do
1137 John Glover	do do
1138 Levi Berry	do do
1139 John M. Charles	do do
1140 Howland Soules	do do
1141 John Bedford	do do
1142 John Bowman	do do
1143 Peter Niff	do do
1144 Russell Smith	do do
1145 Aaron M. Williams	do do
1146 Rowland Ryder	do do
1147 Jacob Teigh	do do
1148 William Lymburner	do do
1149 John London	do do
1150 Jesse Schooley	do do
1151 Phillips Kelly	do do
1152 Charles Hedges	do do
1153 Samuel Fergusson	do do
1154 Isaac Wooden	do do
1155 Isaac Winegarden	do do
1156 John Trainer	do do
1157 John Bowman	do do
1158 Josiah T. Allen	do do
1159 Phillips Degeuie	do do
1160 Andrew Rosswell	do do
1161 Joseph Pickle	do do
1162 William Fowler	do do
1163 William Nelmes	do do
1164 Richard Kipp	do do
1165 William M. Lean	do do
1166 Jacob Hess	do do
1167 Samuel Mills	do do
1168 James Bailey	do do
1169 James Oswald	do do
1170 William Lewis	do do
1171 Darius Fowler	do do
1172 Elias Fowler	do do
1173 Melzar Fowler	do do
1174 George Higson	do do
1175 John Lossing	do do
1176 Hugh Clark	do do
1177 Nathan B. Fowler	do do
1178 Major Crowbright	do do
1179 Jacob Benner	do do
1180 William Bowman	do do
1181 George Bowman	do do
1182 Enoch Ryder	do do
1183 Jonathan Ryder	do do
1184 William Thomson	do do
1185 Henry Force	do do
1186 Edmund Thomson	do do
1187 William Olmstead	do do
1188 John Lawrence	do do
1189 Hiram Keeny	do do
1190 William Rounds	do do
1191 Robert M. Levey	do do
1192 William Ryder	do do
1193 Oliver Adams	do do
1194 John G. Losse	do do
1195 Israel Wood	do do
1196 Joseph Woodrow	do do
1197 Owen Stringau	do do
1198 Elias Boverman	do do
1199 James Norris	do do
1200 Isaac B. Bowerman	do do
1201 Lindley Moore Webster	do do
1202 James Beach	do do
1203 Henry W. Bradley	do do
1204 Aaron L. Corbin	do do
1205 Thomas Gray	do do
1206 Adam L. McLees	do do
1207 G. W. Carder	do do
1208 Michael Stover	do do
1209 James C. Hughes	do do
1210 Jeremiah J. Losse	do do
1211 Preserved Thomson	do do
1212 Daniel Haddock	do do
1213 William Young	do do
1214 Nicholas Halligan	do do
1215 John E. Ernigh	do do
1216 James Wickham	do do

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1217 David D. Bates	Township of Norwich.
1218 Peter Burgar	do do
1219 John Helliok	do do
1220 John Siple	do do
1221 John Clace	do do
1222 Peter Gardiner	do do
1223 David Delong	do do
1224 Shubari Nichols	do do
1225 John Hunt	do do
1226 James F. Chapman	do do
1227 William Spencer	do do
1228 Jonathan Ernigh	do do
1229 Alex. W. Ross	do do
1230 Elias Snyder	do do
1231 Henry Dennis	do do
1232 Joseph K. Dixon	do do
1233 James Dennis	do do
1234 William B. Delong	do do
1235 William Crawford	do do
1236 David Nicholl	do do
1237 Hiram Capron	do do
1238 Louis Molt	do do
1239 John Sumers	do do
1240 Enoch Molt	do do
1241 Elijah Gleeson	do do
1242 Benjamin Cole	do do
1243 Jas. M. Lees	do do
1244 Henry Siple	do do
1245 David D. Wilson	do do
1246 John S. Stringham	do do
1247 Henry Sherwood	do do
1248 Richard Gillard	do do
1249 David Hill	do do
1250 Sylvanus Nicholl	do do
1251 David Hagarman	do do
1252 Wm. Ernigh	do do
1253 William Cline	do do
1254 Henry H. Southwick	do do
1255 Andrew Wilson	do do
1256 Robert Vanduzen	do do
1257 Colin Campbell Ferrie	do do
1258 Henry J. Helliok	do do
1259 Isaac Smith	do do
1260 Peter Sackrider	do do
1261 John Comer	do do
1262 Jacob Kelly	do do
1263 John Griffin	do do
1264 Andrew Cohoe	do do
1265 Oliver B. Hunter	do do
1266 Moses Stringham	do do
1267 Garry V. Delony	do do
1268 Albert Lossing	do do
1269 Abraham Campbell	do do
1270 Philip J. Snyder	do do
1271 Ewd. Burgess	do do
1272 Platt Dennis	do do
1273 Geo. C. Tremain	do do
1274 Jos. H. Throckmorton	do do
1275 Cornelius Hughes	do do
1276 Jos. Thompson	do do
1277 Mich. Arthur M'Elbone	do do
1278 John Gillan	do do
1279 Henry Ernigh	do do
1280 John Hughes	do do
1281 John Wesley Peaslee	do do
1282 Edmund M'Lees	do do
1283 Edmund Lossing	do do
1284 Baldwin Merritt	do do
1285 Thomas Cornwell	do do
1286 Henry Austin	do do
1287 John Healy	do do
1288 Nicholas Munck	do do
1289 Martin Cornwell	do do
1290 Richard Lossing	do do
1291 Dyer Wilcox	do do
1292 Benjamin Holmes	do do
1293 Hiram Van Valkenburgh	do do
1294 Wm. Stover	do do
1295 Nehemiah Root	do do
1296 John Thompson	do do
1297 Horace Lossing	do do
1298 Stephen Sherwood	do do
1299 John Hatchelder	do do
1300 John P. Page	do do
1301 David Sherman	do do
1302 Jarvis Dennis	do do
1303 Wm. Dennis	do do
1304 John Steole	do do
1305 Reuben Molt	do do
1306 Crowl Webster	do do
1307 Hartwell Shattuck	do do
1308 Edmund Bears	do do
1309 Runson Woodward	do do
1310 David Barton	do do
1311 Mar. In Quaternas	do do
1312 Benjamin Healy	do do
1313 Wm. Merrill	do do
1314 Archibald Fleming	do do
1315 Egbert M'Lees	do do
1316 Daniel W. Daney	do do

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1317 Jacob Hayht ...	Township of Norwich.
1318 John C. Hamilton ...	do do
1319 Robert Wilcox ...	do do
1320 Peter Depew ...	do do
1321 William Carroll ...	do do
1322 John M'Kee ...	do do
1323 Benson Lossing ...	do do
1324 Ira Allan ...	do do
1325 Henry H. Root ...	do do
1326 James Cronwell ...	do do
1327 John Stover ...	do do
1328 Moses Molt ...	do do
1329 Henry Cornwell ...	do do
1330 Michael Kiff ...	do do
1331 Ebenezer Haley ...	do do
1332 Wm. S. Moore ...	do do
1333 Samuel Henley ...	do do
1334 Alden Sherman ...	do do
1335 Wm. L. Taylor ...	do do
1336 John Sheahan ...	do do
1337 Peter M'Nelly ...	do do
1338 William Wilson ...	do Blandford.
1339 James Laycock ...	do do
1340 James Simpson ...	do do
1341 John Buchanan ...	Woodstock (Town.)
1342 Elijah Hill ...	do do
1343 Alex. M'Kny ...	do do
1344 Hamilton Burtch ...	Township of Blandford.
1345 Nathaniel Hill ...	do Woodstock.
1346 Hugh Matheson ...	do do
1347 Thomas Dunn ...	do do
1348 Benjamin Sutherland ...	do do
1349 James Dutt ...	do do
1350 Thomas Putman ...	do do
1351 George Putman ...	do do
1352 Lochlan Gunn ...	do do
1353 George Monroe ...	do do
1354 James M'Kay ...	do do
1355 Thomas Clark ...	Blandford.
1356 Thomas Hervey ...	do do
1357 John Bain ...	do do
1358 William Hoak ...	Woodstock.
1359 Egra Luddington ...	Blandford.
1360 James Patterson ...	do do
1361 Tracey Luddington ...	do do
1362 Michael Overholt ...	do do
1363 Angus Campbell ...	Woodstock.
1364 Donald Murray ...	do do
1365 Wm. S. Dale ...	Blandford.
1366 Benjamin Vanorman ...	Dereham.
1367 Adam Trip ...	do do
1368 Alvin Hill ...	do do
1369 Benjamin Hill ...	do do
1370 James D. Harris ...	do do
1371 William Harris ...	do do
1372 John Graham ...	do do
1373 Stephen Whitby ...	do do
1374 Hanson Sinkelar ...	do do
1375 Francis Latra ...	do do
1376 Peter Hayle ...	do do
1377 Hiram Rauey ...	do do
1378 George Quatermass ...	do do
1379 Isaac Hatcock ...	do do
1380 George Smith ...	do do
1381 Hiram Proourse ...	do do
1382 Elyshabet Bodwelt ...	do do
1383 George Tilsen ...	do do
1384 Ira Harris ...	do do
1385 Ransom Lewis ...	do do
1386 Stephen Harris ...	do do
1387 William Denn ...	do do
1388 Stephen York ...	do do
1389 Daniel Smith ...	do do
1390 Richard Collons ...	do do
1391 Brinton P. Brown, jun. ...	do do
1392 Timothy G. Brigham ...	do do
1393 Abraham Hadcock ...	do do
1394 Daniel Monk ...	do do
1395 Warrin Harris ...	do do
1396 Charles Tilton ...	do do
1397 Thomas Russell ...	do do
1398 George Levitt ...	do do
1399 Geo. B. Tilsen ...	do do
1400 Samuel Dozey ...	do do
1401 Jeremiah White ...	do do
1402 John Greg ...	do do
1403 George Mayhood ...	do do
1404 John M'Narns ...	Oxford (North).
1405 Enoch Burdich ...	do do
1406 Christopher Carmes ...	do do
1407 Jordan Charles ...	Oxford (West).
1408 William Hook ...	do do
1409 Jacob Wood ...	do do
1410 Jos. Ryan ...	do do
1411 Jos. Dygert ...	do do
1412 Isaac Dygert ...	do do
1413 Jacob Topping ...	do do
1414 John O'Neil ...	do do
1415 Andrew Bodwell ...	do do
1416 Thomas Carr ...	do do

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1417 Jos. Lawrence ...	Township of Oxford (West).
1418 Walter B. Maybee ...	do do
1419 David Curtis ...	do do
1420 Charles Brink ...	do do
1421 Henry Shell, sen. ...	do do
1422 Peter Tiple, Esq. ...	do do
1423 Piham Temple ...	do do
1424 Sylvester Sage ...	do do
1425 Willard Sage ...	do do
1426 John Young, sen. ...	do do
1427 Herman Jones ...	do do
1428 Levi Burtch ...	do do
1429 Daniel Leek ...	do do
1430 Warren Coaty ...	do do
1431 John Cummings ...	do do
1432 Thomas T. Phillips ...	do do
1433 Bleeker Thoruton ...	do do
1434 Herkimes Dygert ...	do do
1435 Benajah Laurence ...	do do
1436 Cromfort Sage ...	do do
1437 Monsoon Cook ...	do do
1438 Nicholas Taylor ...	do do
1439 Daniel Taylor ...	do do
1440 Calvin Haskin ...	do do
1441 Sylvester Hill ...	do do
1442 William Hill ...	do do
1443 Frederick Teuple ...	do do
1444 Allen Sage ...	do do
1445 Earl Canfield ...	do do
1446 Benjamin Thorton ...	do do
1447 Charles Chadwick ...	do do
1448 David Brink ...	do do
1449 Stilson Hacket ...	do do
1450 Hiram Bodwell ...	do do
1451 Hull Curtis ...	do do
1452 Ralph Land ...	do do
1453 John Clarkson ...	do do
1454 Elisha Hall ...	do do
1455 William Niles ...	do do
1456 Wm. M'Leod ...	do do
1457 Enoch Jage ...	do do
1458 James Nurdock ...	do do
1459 Abraham Snellgrove ...	do do
1460 Willard Eastwood ...	do do
1461 Theo. Hall ...	do do
1462 James Flood ...	do do
1463 Walter Harris ...	do do
1464 David Phillips ...	do do
1465 William Cook ...	do do
1466 M. L. Green ...	do do
1467 Sylvenus W. Dygert ...	do do
1468 William Tripp ...	do do
1469 Satehard, J.P. ...	do do
1470 James Patterson ...	Oxford, northern division.
1471 Etiskim Malcoln ...	Township of Oakland.
1472 Isaac B. Malcoln ...	do do
1473 David Kipp ...	Oxford, (East.)
1474 Theo. Pool ...	Dereham.
1475 Brinton P. Brown, sen. ...	do do

(Signed,) R. RIDDELL.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration being read; the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box, in which, agreeable to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest that this box was, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,

Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest that I did, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1845, in presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth

Oxford con-
tested Election.

year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the trial of controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then commenced, in the usual manner, and the name of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, being called,

The Counsel for the Petitioner objected to Mr. *Smith's* being named on the Committee, on the grounds that he was serving on another Election Committee.

The counsel was then directed to withdraw.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, That the objection taken by the counsel for the Petitioner is valid.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylein, Baldwin, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautour, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, LeBoutillier, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STROMONT, Merritt, Méhot, Morin, Nelson, Poicell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Taché, and Thompson—(34.)

NAYS.

Boutin, Brooks, Chalmers, Coëlle, Cummings, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Gréire, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lawson, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Maffitt, Murray, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(40.)

So it passed in the negative.

And the counsel being again called to the Bar, Mr. *Speaker* acquainted him therewith.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

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| 1 Attorney General <i>Smith</i> , | 13 <i>Leslie</i> , |
| 2 <i>Scott</i> , | 14 <i>Lantier</i> , |
| 3 <i>Jobin</i> , | 15 <i>Roblin</i> , |
| 4 <i>Chauveau</i> , | 16 <i>Chabot</i> , |
| 5 <i>Bertrand</i> , | 17 <i>Sherwood</i> , of BROCKVILLE, |
| 6 <i>Nelson</i> , | 18 <i>Armstrong</i> , |
| 7 <i>Colville</i> , | 19 <i>Seymour</i> , |
| 8 <i>Lacoste</i> , | 20 <i>Dickson</i> , |
| 9 <i>Murney</i> , | 21 <i>Gowen</i> , |
| 10 <i>Meyers</i> , | 22 <i>Thompson</i> , |
| 11 <i>DeWitt</i> , | 23 <i>Solicitor-General Sherwood</i> . |
| 12 <i>McConnell</i> , | |

Fourteen other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

Eight against whom Petitions are pending.

Three who were sick.

One who was excused.

And two other names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* was chosen nominee for the Petitioner.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, was chosen nominee for the Sitting Member.

At ten minutes to seven o'clock, P. M., the parties, with *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At half-past seven o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of the nine members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

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| 1 <i>Chauveau</i> , | 6 <i>Roblin</i> , |
| 2 <i>Bertrand</i> , | 7 <i>Sherwood</i> , of BROCKVILLE, |
| 3 <i>Lacoste</i> , | 8 <i>Seymour</i> , |
| 4 <i>McConnell</i> , | 9 <i>Dickson</i> . |
| 5 <i>Lantier</i> , | |

Nominee for the Petitioner, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk to the Committee.

The said nine Members and the nominees were then severally sworn at the table by the Clerk in the usual manner.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of *Oxford*, do meet in the Committee Room No. 5, to-morrow, at two o'clock, P.M.

The hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said county of *Grenville* in this present Parliament, being come,

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. *Speaker* to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House;

And he went accordingly.

And being returned, the House was called, and more then thirty members being present,

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, to appear at the Bar.

W. B. Richards, Esquire, appeared at the Bar, as counsel for the Petitioners.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Sitting Member, his counsel, or agent, to appear.

Mr. *Jessup*, Sitting Member for the said county of *Grenville*, appeared in his place, on his own behalf.

Mr. *Richards*, counsel for the Petitioner, presented a List of Witnesses, in behalf of the Petitioners, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES FOR PETITIONERS.

Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Montreal*, to produce the Poll Books at the said Election, and Indenture of Return of the same, as also the Poll Books for the County of *Carleton*.

W. B. RICHARDS,
For Petitioners.

Oxford con-
tested Election.

Grenville con-
tested Election.

Grenville con-
tested Election.

Mr. *Jessup* handed in a list of witnesses required in behalf of himself, as the Sitting Member for the county of *Grenville*, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES IN BEHALF OF THE
SITTING MEMBER.

William Bottum, Esquire; Truman Hurd, Robert Henshaw, Asa Clothier, Simon Fraser, Francis Jones, William Moses, Joseph Adams, Henry Burritt, Alexander M. Millan, John Forrester, Alfred Hooker, Robert Headlem, John L. Read, Eleazer Whitmarsh, Elisha Collier, Denham Jones, Samuel P. Thomas.

(Signed) H. D. JESSUP.

Mr. *Speaker* then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration, being read, the attestation of Mr. *Speaker* was taken from off the box, in which, agreeably to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest, that this box was, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

The box was then opened and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest, that I did, on Wednesday, the eighth day of January 1845, in presence of the *Speaker* of this House, put into a box in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names were then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 <i>Chabot</i> ,	13 <i>Robin</i> ,
2 <i>Stewart</i> , of <i>PRESCOTT</i> ,	14 <i>Lantier</i> ,
3 <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>GLENGARRY</i> ,	15 <i>Petrie</i> ,
4 <i>Leslie</i> ,	16 <i>Dickson</i> ,
5 <i>Lacoste</i> ,	17 <i>Prince</i> ,
6 <i>Nelson</i> ,	18 <i>Thompson</i> ,
7 <i>Foster</i> ,	19 <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>KINGSTON</i> ,
8 <i>Methot</i> ,	20 <i>Papineau</i> ,
9 <i>Gowan</i> ,	21 <i>Jobin</i> ,
10 <i>Macdonnell</i> , of <i>DUNDAS</i> ,	22 <i>Greive</i> ,
11 <i>Sherwood</i> , of <i>BROCKVILLE</i> ,	23 <i>Smith</i> , of <i>WENTWORTH</i> .
12 Solicitor General <i>Sherwood</i> ,	

Eight other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

Five against whom Petitions are pending.

Three names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

Mr. *Price* was chosen nominee for the Petitioners.

Mr. *Murney* was chosen nominee for the Sitting Member.

At eight o'clock, P. M., the parties, with Mr. *Alfred Todd*, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At half-past eight o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee, delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of the nine Members, unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>GLENGARRY</i> ,	6 <i>Prince</i> ,
2 <i>Méthot</i> ,	7 <i>Papineau</i> ,
3 <i>Macdonell</i> , of <i>DUNDAS</i> ,	8 <i>Greive</i> ,
4 <i>Lantier</i> ,	9 <i>Smith</i> , of <i>WENTWORTH</i> .
5 <i>Dickson</i> ,	

Nominee for the Petitioner, Mr. *Price*.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, Mr. *Murney*.

ALFRED TODD,
Clerk to Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room No. 6, to-morrow, at half-past nine o'clock, A.M.

The hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others, his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, as a member to represent the said county of *Norfolk*, in this present Parliament, being come,

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee, to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. *Speaker* to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly;

And being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Petitioners, their counsel or agent, to appear at the bar.

Stephen John Walker, Esquire, appeared at the bar, as agent for the Petitioners.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Sitting Member, his counsel or agent, to appear.

Mr. *Powell*, Sitting Member for the said county of *Norfolk*, appeared in his place, on his own behalf.

Mr. *Walker*, agent for the petitioners, presented a list of witnesses, in behalf of the petitioners, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Grenville con-
tested Election.Norfolk con-
tested Election.

Norfolk con-
tested Election.LIST OF WITNESSES ON THE PART OF THE
PETITIONERS.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Francis L. Walsh ...	Victoria.
Titus Williams ...	Walsingham.
John A. Backhouse ...	do
John Smith ...	do
Wilson Montross ...	do
Nelson Montross ...	do
Felix Fortier ...	Montreal.

Mr. *Powell* handed in a list of witnesses required on behalf of himself, as the Sitting Member for the county of *Norfolk*, which was also read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES ON THE PART OF THE
SITTING MEMBER.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
F. Fortier, Esq., Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.	Norfolk.
Francis L. Walsh, Returning Officer for	Norfolk.
Thomas W. Walsh, Clerk.	
Moses W. White, Deputy Ret. Officer for	Houghton.
Henry Webster, do	Townsend.
Jacob Potts, do	Charlotteville.
Simpson M'Call, do	Middleton.
Stephen J. Fuller, do	Woodhouse.
D. W. Freeman, do	Windham.
Titus Williams, do	Walsingham.
Geo. W. Powell, Poll Clerk for	Windham.
Alex. Vance, do	Houghton.
Edward Matthews, do	Townsend.
John Tohuie, do	Charlotteville.
Thomas Jenkins, do	Middleton.
Robert Walker, do	Woodhouse.
Edward Dickinson, do	Walsingham.
Dr. John B. Crouse, do	Woodhouse.
James Walker, do	do
John Masecar, do	Townsend.
Duncan M'Pherson, do	do
Frederick Dresser, do	Charlotteville.
Henry Anderson, do	do
Sidney S. Bowlby, do	Middleton.
James Brown, J.P., do	do
Nelson Eagles, do	do
William M'Lellan, do	do
Henry Wood, do	Windham.
James Seaton, do	Walsingham.
Edward Foster, do	do
Henry Ellis, do	do
William Franklin, do	do
Isaac Brown, do	do
William Raymond, do	
William L. Dutcher, do	
Sylvester Post, do	
Daniel Schermerhorn, J.P., do	Walsingham.
William Walker, do	Brantford.

Mr. *Speaker* then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors,

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day, for taking the said Petition into consideration being read, the attestation of Mr. *Speaker* was taken from off the box, in which agreeably to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest, that this box was, on Thursday, the ninth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest, that I did, on Thursday, the ninth day of January, 1845, in presence of the *Speaker* of this House, put into a box in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up, as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn to which no objection was taken:—

1 <i>Scott</i> ,	13 <i>Murney</i> ,
2 <i>Macdonald</i> , of GLENGARRY,	14 <i>Johnston</i> ,
3 <i>Franchère</i> ,	15 <i>Seymour</i> ,
4 <i>Watts</i> ,	16 <i>Sherwood</i> , of BROCKVILLE,
5 <i>Bertrand</i> ,	17 <i>Lawrason</i> ,
6 <i>Cummings</i> ,	18 <i>Hall</i> ,
7 <i>Petrie</i> ,	19 <i>Thompson</i> ,
8 <i>Williams</i> ,	20 <i>Dunlop</i> ,
9 <i>Papineau</i> ,	21 <i>Guillet</i> ,
10 <i>Chabot</i> ,	22 <i>Greine</i> ,
11 <i>LeMoine</i> ,	23 <i>Méhot</i> .
12 <i>Lucoste</i> ,	

Thirteen other names were drawn, and set aside or excused, as follows:—

Ten against whom petitions are pending.

Three names were also drawn, of Members who were absent.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, was chosen Nominee for the Petitioners.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin* was chosen Nominee for the Sitting Member.

At nine o'clock, P.M., the parties with *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At twenty minutes past nine o'clock, P. M., the Clerk to the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 <i>Watts</i> ,	6 <i>Seymour</i> ,
2 <i>Cummings</i> ,	7 <i>Sherwood</i> , of BROCKVILLE,
3 <i>Williams</i> ,	8 <i>Dunlop</i> ,
4 <i>Papineau</i> ,	9 <i>Guillet</i> .
5 <i>Chabot</i> ,	

Nominee for the Petitioners, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*.

A. PATRICK,
Clerk of Committee.

The said nine Members and nominees were then severally sworn at the table by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to try the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others; his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room No. 2, to-morrow, at four o'clock, P.M.

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

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of Captain *J. Morin* and others, of the township of *Armugh*, in the county of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of *T. G. Lauvrière* and others, of the parishes of *St. Gervais* and *St. Lazare*, in the county of *Bellechasse*; and the Petition of *J. Gosselin* and others, trustees and others, interested in the Academy of the parish of *St. Gervais*, in the county of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *William Duckett* and others, of the townships of *Lancaster* and *New Longueuil*; and the Petition of *J. A. Mathison* and others, of the parish of *St. Michel de Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Lawrason*, the Petition of *Alexander Anderson* and others, inhabitants of the town of *London*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, the Petition of *James Nutbrown* and others, of that part of *Leeds* which joins the seigniory of *St. Giles*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Charles E. Bélanger* and others, of the township of *Somerset*, in the county of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of *Pierre Doucet*, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *Adolphus Williams*, of the township of *Malakide*, in the district of *London*; and the Petition of *Mark Burnham* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *St. Thomas* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Henry G. Thompson* of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Hall*, the Petition of the Reverend *Robert J. C. Taylor* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Peterboro'* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Armstrong*, the Petition of *J. B. Lavigne* and others, of the parish of *La Visitation de l'Isle du Pads*, in the county of *Berthier*; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Fisette* and others, of the parish of *St. Cuthbert*, in the district of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Octave Bordeleau* and others, of the parish of *St. Elizabeth*, in the district of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Martin Dostaler* and others, of the parish of *Berthier*, in the district of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Desainier*, the Petition of *Elie Paquin* and others, of the parish of *St. Ursule*, in the county of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of the *Montreal Bible Society*.

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

Of *Morris C. Lutz*, of the village of *Galt*, in the county of *Haltou*, praying for an Act of naturalization.

Of the Reverend *A. Atkinson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *St. Catharines* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said

Church, such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *Simon Valois* and others, of that part of the parish of *Montreal*, commonly called *Hochelaga*, praying that the northern boundary of the city of *Montreal* may not be extended beyond its present limits.

Of *E. Meyers* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, at the *Carrying Place* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church, such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *William Langril* and others, of *Upper Canada*, praying that the existing usury laws may be amended.

Of *William G. Edmundson*, of the township of *Whitchurch*, in the *Home* district, praying for encouragement and support in his efforts to advance the Agricultural interests of the Province.

Of *Thomas W. Marsh* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Oxford*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church, such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same, and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto* to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *William Wood* and others, of the townships of *Cornwall* and *Osnabrock*, in the *Eastern* district, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by them in consequence of the construction of the *Cornwall* canal.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying that the duty, authority, and trusts, of the Harbour Commissioners of *Montreal*, may not be transferred to the Corporation of the city.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying that the responsibility of the *Quebec* Forwarding Company may not be limited, as proposed by the sixth clause of the Bill incorporating them, now before the House.

Of the Natural History Society of *Montreal*, praying for an aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *R. W. Branam* and others, of *Caradoc* and other townships, in the *London* district, praying for a grant to make a road from near *Delaware* to the northeast corner of *Brook*.

Of *J. McDonald* and others, of the county of *Stormont*, in the *Eastern* district, praying to be exempted from the payment of duty on certain articles of Canadian growth, manufactured in and imported from the *United States*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Henry B. Bostwick*, of the village of *Port Stanley*, in the district of referred. *London*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Ermatinger*, Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Lawrason*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records,

Petitions brought up.

Petitions read.

N. M. Kinnon
and F. Wallace.

Ordered, That the Petition of *N. M. Kinnon* and *William F. Wallace*, on behalf of the inhabitants of *Bayham* and the adjoining townships, in the district of *London*, be referred to the said Committee.

A. J. Ewers.
C. B. Griffin.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alonzo J. Ewers*, of the township of *Crueland*, in the district of *Niagara*; the Petition of *Cornelius B. Griffin*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Henry Ort*, of the township of *Willoughby*, in the district of *Niagara*, be severally referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue, for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British subjects."

E. Meyers and
others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *E. Meyers* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, at the *Carrying Place* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

R. Brown and
others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Richard Brown* and others, of the county of *Haldimand*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Powell*, *Mr. Merritt*, *Mr. Cummings* and *Mr. Prince*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Montreal
Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade*, against the limitation of the liabilities of the shareholders in the *Quebec Forwarding Company*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Report on the
Petition of
W. B. Lindsay,
junior.

Mr. Boutillier, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the city of *Montreal*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

REPORT.

The Special Committee to which were referred the Petitions of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, and of *Honoré Tanguay* and the letter of *G. W. Wicksteed*, Esquire, Law Clerk and English Translator of your Honourable House, have agreed upon the following Report:—

W. B. Lindsay, junior, prays by his Petition that your Honourable House will be pleased to sanction his nomination as Assistant French Translator, having been appointed as such, in August last, by his Father, *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire, senior, Clerk of your Honourable House.

Mr. Wicksteed prays in his letter that he may be allowed an Assistant in the fulfilment of the duties of his Office.

Your Committee have examined these requests; and in order to meet the objects for which your Committee were appointed, they have examined witnesses and enquired into the duties to be fulfilled in the offices of the French Translator, English Translator, and Law Clerk. The witnesses examined are *Mr. Lindsay*, Clerk of your Honourable House, *Mr. Voyer*, French Translator, and *Mr. Wicksteed*, who fulfills, at the same time, the duties of Law Clerk and English Translator.

The Salary of *Mr. Voyer*, as French Translator, is £250 per annum;—up to the first of August last, his Assistant was *Mr. Garneau*, who received an annual fixed Salary of

£200. *Mr. Garneau* had been appointed to that situation by your Honourable House in the last Parliament. He resigned his office about the first of August last. On his resignation, *Mr. Lindsay* believing himself to be authorized by virtue of his Commission and Letters Patent, as Clerk, to nominate his Deputies, appointed his son, *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, Assistant French Translator; and although *Mr. Lindsay* claims the right of nominating all his Deputies himself, he has, nevertheless, declared that he had only appointed his son, subject to the approval of your Honourable House.

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Petition of
W. B. Lindsay,
junior.

Your Committee take the opportunity of expressing their conviction that this right, as claimed by the Clerk, cannot be acknowledged by your Honourable House, who in fact, in the last Parliament, repudiated any claim of this nature, by appointing *Mr. Garneau* to this very office of Assistant French Translator, and by making several other appointments in this House.

Your Committee cannot therefore recommend that the prayer of *W. B. Lindsay*, junr., be granted.

It appears from the evidence taken before your Committee, that the work increases considerably every Session in the office of the French Translator, and that during the last Session and up to the first day of the present one, a sum of £302 14s. 9d., was paid for extra assistance, making together with that of £200, the fixed Salary of the Assistant French Translator, the sum of £502 14s. 9d., beside the fixed salary of £250, received by the Chief Translator. Notwithstanding, however, the exertions of those who were employed in that office, the translations were considerably delayed, as it was not possible to deliver to the Members of the Legislature, the Journals, Appendix, &c., of last Session, until the beginning of the present one. To remedy these evils, your Committee have determined to recommend that three Assistant French Translators be appointed, on a permanent footing, with an injunction to work as well during the Recess as during the Session. Their duties will comprise translation and the correcting of proofs. These Assistants should be placed on a fixed salary of £200 per annum, each; which in the opinion of your Committee, would be a saving, as the services of the Assistants would ensure a more prompt and efficient fulfilment of the duties of that office.

With reference to *Mr. Wicksteed*, your Committee earnestly acknowledge the justice of his claim; they are therefore of opinion that he should be allowed an assistant in the department of the English Translation. Your Committee must also add that an Assistant Law Clerk will soon be found necessary; but as *Mr. Wicksteed* has only requested that one Assistant should be appointed for the present, your Committee in suggesting the expediency of granting his request, are of opinion that the Assistant Translator who will be appointed ought to be obliged, under the direction of *Mr. Wicksteed*, to assist him in the fulfilment of his duties as Law Clerk. A salary of £200 currency, should be attached to this situation of Assistant English Translator, and he will, as well as the Assistant French Translators, be obliged to fulfil the duties of his department during the Recess as well as during the Session.

From the facts which have come to the knowledge of your Committee, they beg leave to recommend the following persons:—

1. *Louis Giard*, of the Parish of *St. Pie*, Esquire, as first Assistant French Translator.
2. *J. J. Phelan*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire,—as second Assistant French Translator.
3. *Honoré Tanguay*, of the City of *Quebec*, Gentleman,—as third Assistant French Translator, and
4. *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Gentleman,—as Assistant English Translator,—with an injunction to assist the Law Clerk in the fulfilment of the duties of his office, in the manner herein recommended.

Before concluding this Report, your Committee must express their conviction that the adoption of the arrangements herein suggested will place the two departments on a more efficient footing than that which has existed up

to this day; and your Committee remark with satisfaction, that the Committee on Printing and Binding have made a similar recommendation in their second Report.

The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.

T. BOUTILLIER,
Chairman.

10th January, 1845.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

THOMAS BOUTILLIER, Esquire, in the Chair.

TUESDAY, 10th December, 1844.

W. B. Lindsay, Esquire, Clerk of the House, called in, and examined:—

1. Who held the office of Assistant French Translator during the last Session?—*Mr. Garneau*.

2. By whom, and in what manner had he been appointed?—He had been recommended by a Committee of the House, and approved of by the House. No Commission was issued to him. He was appointed during the last Parliament.

3. How long is it since he has given up that situation?—Since the 1st August last.

4. Has the situation been vacant ever since?—On the 1st August *Mr. Voyer* stated to me that he required an Assistant, and I took on myself to appoint my son, subject however to the approval of the House.

5. By virtue of what authority did you so appoint him?—In virtue of my Commission and the Letters Patent contained therein.

6. Is there any precedent for the appointment by the Clerk of the House of any Translator or Assistant Translator?—I am not aware of any precedent; but I think the Clerk by his Commission has the right of appointing all under him.

7. Whenever any appointments have been made by the Clerk, pursuant to the supposed power vested in him by his Commission, have not such appointments been subject to the ratification of the House?—The appointment of the Assistant Clerk has always been subject to such approval. In 1808, I received a deputation from my father (then Clerk of the House) to act as copying Clerk, and to attend Committees; and in 1828 another deputation as Deputy Clerk; the latter appointment only was approved of by the House. I think that by virtue of my Letters Patent appointing me Clerk of the House, I have the sole right to appoint my deputies, being responsible as to their capacity.

[*Mr. Lindsay* laid before the Committee the original deputation granted to him by the Clerk of the Assembly of Lower Canada in 1808, as Copying Clerk and to attend Committees; also, a deputation, in 1828, as Deputy Clerk of the House,—also the Commission appointing him Clerk of the Assembly of Lower Canada, in 1830,—and the Commission appointing him Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, after the Union of the Provinces in 1841.]

THURSDAY, 12th December, 1844.

W. B. Lindsay, Esquire, again called in, and examined:—

8. Who is the French Translator, and what is the number of his Assistants?—The Chief French Translator, is *Mr. Henri Voyer*; at present he has no Assistants, but I have been under the necessity, in order to assist him, of employing *Mr. Flavien Vallerand*, *Mr. Batchelor*, and my son, during a limited period, and further assistance, in order

to accelerate the French business of the House. *Mr. Vallerand* was employed during the whole of last Recess, and *Mr. Batchelor* remained at *Kingston*, to complete the examination of the proofs of the French Journal.

9. Is there not a great amount of work done in the French Translator's office?—Yes; it increases from Session to Session?

10. Are the Bills introduced in the House so generally presented in French by the Members as to obviate the necessity of translating them?—They are not given in French. The Session before last the Translators were sent for beforehand, so as to translate before the Session the measures of Government.

11. Must all Bills introduced be translated into the French language before their second reading?—It has not been done hitherto, except when asked for by a Member of the House; but it is always liable to be so asked for.

12. In what proportion are the Petitions presented to the House in English and in French, and must the English Petitions be translated, or merely an analysis of them?—A very large proportion is in English, and a summary thereof is translated into French.

13. How long is it since the French Journals of the last Session have been published?—They have just arrived from the Printing office, at *Kingston*, with the exception of the first volume of the Appendix.

14. What is the amount of the sums paid to *Mr. Voyer* and those who assisted him, from the commencement of the last to the first day of the present Session?—The sum of £202 14s. 9d. has been paid for assistance in French Translations, besides the salary of *Mr. Voyer*, £250, which is paid by warrant, and also that of *Mr. Garneau* as Assistant French Translator, who was paid to 31st July, at the rate of £200 per annum.

15. Do you think that three Assistants, at fixed salaries, and with obligation to work as much during the Recess as during the Session, would be too much?—I do not.

16. Are not the documents presented to the House on the part of the different Government Departments, generally in the English Language?—Yes.

MONDAY, 16th December, 1844.

Henri Voyer, Esquire, French Translator, called in, and examined:—

17. How long have you been French Translator?—Since the Union of the *Canadas*.

18. Does the work in your office increase?—The translations are increasing very considerably, and have increased to a great extent since the Union, and will continue to increase from Session to Session.

19. Have the French Journals and Appendix of the last Session been printed, and if so, how long since?—The Journal and second volume of the Appendix are now printed, and have been distributed to Members a few days since. The first volume of Appendix, I believe, is also printed, but has not yet been sent down from *Kingston*.

20. When were the French translations of the last Session completed?—At the end of September last.

21. Had you any Assistants during the last Session and the Recess?—*Mr. Garneau* was my Assistant up to 1st August, he was appointed by the House; and I had extra assistance from *Mr. W. B. Lindsay*, junior, and also from *Messrs. Vallerand* and *Batchelor*.

22. Would it not tend more to expedite the work, if a certain number of Assistants were appointed, on a permanent footing, with an injunction to work as well during the Recess as during the Session?—Yes.

23. What number of assistants would be required?—I think three would be sufficient for the translations, and for the correction of all the French proofs.

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junior.

24. Was the printing retarded by the translations not being ready?—Several times, notwithstanding my utmost exertions.

THURSDAY, 9th January, 1845.

Gustavus W. Wicksteed, Esquire, Law Clerk and English Translator, called in, and examined:—

25. As the Committee see by your letter that you act in the double capacity of Law Clerk and English Translator, do you think that separate Assistants in each department would be useful in the service of the House?—It would be useful, but I do not consider it necessary; I would prefer to have one who would be competent for both departments, as a permanent Assistant, and to be empowered, on pressing occasions, to employ, for a limited time, one or two young men, as assistant translators.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the said Report be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That said Report be taken into consideration on Monday, the twentieth instant.

Report on the
Petition of the
Revd. L. M.
Brassard.

Mr. Lacoste, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *Lewis M. Brassard*, Curé of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner, for an Act of Incorporation in favour of certain religious ladies conducting an Institution for the education of young females in the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*, should be granted, with the exception that the annual income thereof should not exceed two thousand pounds, instead of four thousand pounds.

Ordered, That *Mr. Laroste* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "*La Communauté des Sœurs des Saints noms de Jésus et Marie*," of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Report on the
Petition of
Col. Light.

Mr. Riddell, from the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of Colonel *A. W. Light*, late Lieutenant Colonel of Her Majesty's twenty-fifth Regiment of Foot, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee beg to report, that, in consequence of the Petitioner having omitted to give sufficient notice to other parties interested, they have been precluded from entering into the consideration of the merits of the case, submitted to them.

On motion of *Mr. Thompson*, seconded by *Mr De Witt*,

Bank Returns.

Ordered, That the officers connected with the several chartered Banks and Insurance offices of the Province, be respectively directed to lay before this House, the statement of the affairs of the said Banks and Insurance offices, as required by the Acts of Incorporation.

Reporter, Court
of Chancery.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Reporter in the Court of Chancery.

He accordingly presented the said 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. Hale* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend to the town of *Sherbrooke*, the provisions of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of Peace officers and Constables; and also to explain the Jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace for the district of *St. Francis*. Sherbrooke
Peace Officers.

He accordingly presented the said 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 the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin* be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *J. G. Tourangeau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec* and its vicinity, and other references. Petition of J.
G. Tourangeau

Ordered, That *Mr. Franchère* and *Mr. Lacoste*, be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references. Petition of F.
Valois and
others.

The Honourable *Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lauds, in the district of *Wellington*, reported according to order, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House. Taxes on
Lands, District
of Wellington.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts and Ordinances, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs, and to duties of Customs, and other duties imposed by Provincial Acts; and to the licensing of tavern keepers, and venders of spirituous and other liquors, auctioneers, distillers, hawkers, and pedlars, and keepers of billiard tables for hire, with a view to the substitution of other enactments, for the purposes aforesaid respectively, being read. Management
of Customs.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Drummond took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein, *Mr. Spaulker* resumed the chair,

And *Mr. Drummond* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the several Acts and Ordinances, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs, and to duties of Customs imposed by Provincial Acts, and to the licensing of tavern keepers, and venders of spirituous and other liquors, auctioneers, distillers, hawkers, and pedlars, and to keepers of billiard tables for hire, with a view to the substitution of other enactments, for the purposes aforesaid, respectively.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. Attorney General Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal the Acts, Ordinances, and provisions of law therein mentioned, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs,

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and to duties of Customs and other duties imposed by Provincial laws, and to the licensing of tavern keepers and venders of spirituous and other liquors, auctioneers, distillers, hawkers, and pedlars, and keepers of billiard tables.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial revenue.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Duty on Tavern
Licences.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to impose a duty on persons selling spirituous or fermented liquors, or keeping houses or places of public entertainment, and to provide for the collection of the said duty, and for the regulation of such persons.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Hawkers and
Pedlars.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to impose duties on hawkers and petty chapmen, and on persons keeping billiard tables for profit, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Auctioneers'
Duty.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to impose a duty on auctioneers, and on goods sold by auction, and to provide for the collection 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 twenty-first instant.

Duty on Bank
Notes.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill for granting a duty on bank notes, issued and in circulation 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 on Tuesday, the twenty-first instant.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders for this day and for to-morrow, be postponed until Monday next, and that they stand in the order they now are, and be the first Orders for that day.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General—

Losses by the
Parish of St.
Eustache.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, dated the 18th ult., praying that His Excellency would be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before the House, a Statement of the amount of loss

suffered by the parish of *St. Eustache*, in the loss of Lower by the their convent and church, during the troubles of Parish of St. Eustache. 1837.

Extract from the Third Report of the Commissioners of Indemnification, appointed under the Ordinance of the 1st Victoria, cap. 8.

Claim No 190.—Fabrique of *St. Eustache*.

"The Church, Convent and Presbytere, with other buildings, were estimated by the Surveyor of the Commission, at £5624 14s. 1d."

Also,

Return to an Address of the House of Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 12th of December, 1844, and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before the House, a detailed Accounts of all sums of money received and expended by the trustees of the toll bar roads at *Montreal*, by virtue of the Ordinance to provide for the improvement of certain roads in the vicinity of the city of *Montreal*, and leading thereto; and also detailed Statements of all transactions of the said trustees, by virtue of the same authority, since the date of the Statements and Accounts submitted to the House at the last Session of the last Parliament.

Montreal Toll-
bar Roads.

(For the said Return, see Appendix N.)

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, one of the members of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, sitting member for the said county, reported to the House that the Committee met this day according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of *John M'Connell*, Esquire, a member of the said Committee.

North Riding
Lincoln, con-
tested Election.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Johnston*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 13° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Lanark* at the last election; the Petition of *William Duncan* and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*; and the Petition of *W. A. Playfair*, squire, and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*, severally complaining of the undue election and return of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Lanark* in this present Parliament, being come,

County of
Lanark, con-
tested Election.

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petitions.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. *Speaker* to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly,

And being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty Members being present,

County of Lanark contested Election.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Petitioners, their counsel or agent, to appear at the Bar.

Alexander Fraser, Esquire, appeared at the Bar in behalf of himself and the other Petitioners.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Sitting Member, his counsel or agent, to appear.

Mr. *Cameron*, Sitting Member for the said county of *Lanark*, appeared in his place on his own behalf.

Alexander Fraser, Esquire, presented, in behalf of himself and the other Petitioners, a list of witnesses in the case of the Petition of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire; the Petition of *William Duncan* and others; and the Petition of *W. A. Playfair*, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*, which was read by the Clerk as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONERS.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Alex. McMillan, Esquire,	Perth.
A. W. Playfair, Esquire,	Bathurst.
Dugald F. McLaren,	Ross.
James Jordan,	Westmeath.
Felix Fortier,	Montreal.
William Duncan,	Elmsley.
Robert Massatt,	Perth.
John Bennie,	Ramsay.
Robert Bell,	Beckwith.
McLaren,	Lanark.
John McIntyre,	Dalhousie.
Armstrong,	South Sherbrooke.

A. FRASER.

Mr. *Cameron* handed in a list of witnesses required in behalf of himself, as the Sitting Member for the county of *Lanark*, which was read by the Clerk as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF THE SITTING MEMBER.

- R. A. Tucker, Esquire, Provincial Registrar.
- A. McMillan, Esquire, Registrar, County of Lanark.
- W. B. Richards, Esquire.

Mr. *Speaker* then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors;

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petitions into consideration being read, the Attestation of the *Speaker* was taken from off the box in which, agreeably to the Statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk as follows:—

I attest, that this box was, on Thursday, the ninth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in this House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provisions for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest, that I did, on Thursday, the ninth day of January, 1845, in presence of the *Speaker* of this House, put into a box in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the

Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Fourth, County of Lanark contested Election. intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn to which no objection was taken:—

1 <i>Armstrong</i> ,	13 <i>Lacoste</i> ,
2 <i>Gowan</i> ,	14 <i>Petrie</i> ,
3 <i>Murney</i> ,	15 <i>Sherwood</i> , of BROCKVILLE,
4 <i>Leslie</i> ,	16 <i>John</i> ,
5 <i>Scott</i> ,	17 <i>Greive</i> ,
6 <i>Chabot</i> ,	18 <i>Macdonald</i> , of KINGSTON,
7 <i>Hule</i> ,	19 <i>Hull</i> ,
8 <i>Smith</i> , of FROSTENAC,	20 <i>Lawrason</i> ,
9 <i>Macdonell</i> , of DUNDAS,	21 <i>Watts</i> ,
10 <i>Smith</i> , of WESTWORTH,	22 <i>LeBoutillier</i> ,
11 <i>McConnell</i> ,	23 <i>Aylwin</i> .
12 <i>Foster</i> ,	

Twenty other names were drawn and set aside or excused, as follows:—

Fourteen against whom Petitions are pending.

Six names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* was chosen nominee for the Petitioners.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* was chosen nominee for the Sitting Member.

At half-past four o'clock, P.M., the parties, with *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, Clerk of the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At a quarter-past five o'clock, P.M., the Clerk to the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House a list containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 <i>Hale</i> ,	6 <i>Greive</i> ,
2 <i>Macdonell</i> , of DUNDAS,	7 <i>Hull</i> ,
3 <i>McConnell</i> ,	8 <i>Watts</i> ,
4 <i>Foster</i> ,	9 <i>LeBoutillier</i> .
5 <i>Sherwood</i> , of BROCKVILLE,	

Nominee for the Petitioners, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*.

A. PATRICK,
Clerk of Committee.

The said nine Members and the nominees were then severally sworn at the table by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the Petition of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Lanark* at the last Election; the Petition of *William Duncan* and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*; and the Petition of *W. A. Playfair*, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room, No. 3, to-morrow, at half-past ten o'clock, A. M.

Petition of S. Y. Chesley.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *S. Y. Chesley*, Esquire, and others, electors of the town of *Cornwall*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Holland Macdonald*, Esquire, be discharged; that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their Petition; and that the recognizance entered into be delivered up, to be cancelled.

Norfolk contested Election.

The Honourable Mr. *Marin*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *David Duceombe*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county, reported to the House that the Committee met this day, according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of *William Dunlop*, Esquire, and the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, two members of the said Committee.

Resolved, That *William Dunlop*, Esquire, and the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, who were absent from the said Committee on Saturday the eleventh, and on Monday the thirteenth instant, be excused by the House, Mr. *Dunlop* having sufficiently explained the cause of his absence, and Mr. *Papineau* having been detained at home by sickness.

Grenville Election.

Mr. *Lantier*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, a member of the said Committee.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Daly*,

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* has absented himself from the said Committee, by reason of sickness, he be excused.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Ernstinger*, the Petition of *James Lang* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Warwick and Adelaide*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas S. Kennedy* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Darlington and Ciarke*, and parts adjacent; and the Petition of *John Thompson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Cavan*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Taschereau*, the Petition of the Reverend *Louis Proulx* and others, of *Dorchester*, and other places.

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *Donald McIntosh* and others, of the parishes of *St. Polycarpe*, *St. Ignace*, and *St. Joseph*, in the county of *Vautreuil*; and the Petition of *Michel Christin*, junior, of the parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*.

By Mr. *Murney*, the Petition of *William Connor* and others, masters and journeymen shoemakers, in the District of *Victoria*; the Petition of *John P. Gibbs*, of the township of *Seignour*; and the Petition of the *Mohawk* nation of Indians, of the Bay of *Quinté, Canada West*.

By Mr. *DeWitt*, the Petition of *Charles DeWitt* and others, of the township of *Godmanchester*, in the district of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Religious Ladies of the "Hotel Dieu," of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *Brooke Young* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Sandwich* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of *John Williamson* and others, of the township of *Salfleet*; and the Petition of *John Hammill*, of the town of *Brantford*, in the district of *Gore*, carpenter.

By Mr. *Dickson*, the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Creen* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Niagara* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Daniel M. Dougl*, of the town of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *John D. McKenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverly*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Leeming* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Chippewa*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Joel Smith* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Grimsby*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *Henry C. Cooper*, B. A., and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the *Devonshire* settlement, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Robert F. Campbell* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Goderich* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *John Shepherd* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Goderich*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Johnston*, the Petition of *Robert Owens* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *March and Huntley*, and parts adjacent.

By Mr. *Macdonald of Kingston*, the Petition of the trustees of *Queen's College* at *Kingston*; and the Petition of *Charles Holes* and others, merchants and traders, of the town of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of *William Sheppard*, Esquire, and others, trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, the Petition of *Jacob Brown* and others, of the township of *Oranbruck*; and the Petition of *George Robertson* and others, of the village of *Milleroches*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions read.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto*, praying that the Common School Act may be amended, so as to allow the said Church to superintend the education of the children belonging thereto.

Of the Reverend *M. Marin* and others, of *Lachenaie* and other parishes, in the county of *Leinster*, praying that the parishes of *Lachenaie*, *St.*

Petitions read. *Henri de Mascouche*, and *St. Lin*, in the said county of *Leinster*, may be annexed to the county of *Terrebonne*.

Of *Edvard Carter Allen*, of *William Henry*, in the county of *Richelieu*, praying for an aid in support of a School taught by him.

Of *T. A. Simard* and others, of the seigniority of *Delery*, in the county of *Huntingdon*, complaining of hardships under which they labour as *cevitaires* in the said seigniority, and praying the House to investigate the same, and to cause justice to be done in the premises.

Of *Paul Shirley* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Camden* and parts adjacent; of the Reverend *George Mortimer* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Louth* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *John Anderson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, of *Fort Erie* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *Charles C. Brough* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Loudon* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *Mark Burnham* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *St. Thomas* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and of the Reverend *Robert J. C. Taylor* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Peterboro'* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; severally praying for an Address to Her Majesty recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church of *England* such share of the Clergy Reserve Lands, as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto* to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *Robert Nixon* and others, interested in the *Grimsby Pier* and Harbour Company, praying for the completion of the said work.

Of *James Maclaren*, keeper of the Common Gaol and House of Correction, in the city of *Quebec*, praying for an increase of salary.

Of the Reverend *Charles E. Bélanger* and others, of the township of *Stanford*, in the county of *Drummond*, praying for an aid to open a road to the river *Bécancour*, in the township of *Bradford*.

Of the Reverend *C. L. Gagnon* and others, of the counties of *Drummond* and *Megantic*, praying an aid to open a road from *Duville* to the *Gosford* road.

Of *Charles Rose* and others, of *Tingwick* and other townships, praying for an aid to complete a line of road from *Montreal* to *Quebec*, through the said townships.

Of *S. M. Taylor* and others, of the townships of *Melbourne* and *Slipton* and parts adjacent, praying for the erection of a bridge over the river *St. Francis*, between the villages of *Melbourne* and *Richmond*.

Of *James W. Ritchie* and others, of the district of *Talbot* and township of *Walpole*, praying for the construction of a branch road from the town of *Simcoe* to the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* plank road.

Of *John Kilborn* and others, of the *Johnstown*, *Bathurst* and *Midland* districts, praying that a duty may be imposed upon sawed lumber imported from the *United States*, equal to that levied by the Government of the *United States* of Canadian sawed lumber.

Of *James Bishop*, of the parish of *St. Sylvester*, in the county of *Lothière*, praying for the Government allowance as school teacher for the year 1842.

Of *Charles Juneau de Montreuil*, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that certain arrears of a pension due to *Mademoiselle Schindler* before her death, may be paid to him.

Of *Joseph Hunt*, late a Sergeant in Her Majesty's 37th Regiment of Foot, praying for the grant of land originally promised to soldiers, on their becoming settlers in this Province.

Of *Joseph Smolinski*, of *Quebec*, representing the advantages of the Russian stove over the common iron stove, and praying that the former may be substituted for the latter, in all public offices, and buildings.

Of *John G. Weir*, Esquire, and others, of the town of *Chatham*, praying that a certain piece of land in the said town, granted for purposes of education, may be vested in the Municipal Council of the *Western* district.

Of Captain *J. Morin* and others, of the township of *Armagh* in the county of *Bellechasse*, praying that additional aid may be granted to them in opening a road of communication to the said township.

Of *T. G. Lanrière* and others, of the parishes of *St. Gervais*, and *St. Lazare*, in the county of *Bellechasse*, praying further aid towards opening two roads leading to the townships of *Standon* and *Ware*.

Of *J. Gosselin* and others, trustees, and others interested in the Academy, of the parish of *St. Gervais*, in the county of *Bellechasse*, praying an aid for the said Academy.

Of *J. A. Mathison* and others, of the parish of *St. Michel de Vaudreuil*, praying that the roads between *Vaudreuil* and the *Lachine* turnpike road, may be macadamized.

Of *William Duckett* and others, of the townships of *Lancaster* and *New Longueuil*, praying that the road leading from the river *Delisle* to the Province line, may be verbalized by a law, and placed under the management of three Commissioners.

Of *Alexander Anderson* and others, inhabitants of the town of *Loudon*, praying for amendments to the Act of Incorporation of the said town.

Of *James Nutbrown* and others, of that part of *Leeds* which joins the seigniority of *St. Giles*, praying aid to open a road communicating with *Craig's* road.

Of the Reverend *Charles E. Bélanger* and others, of the township of *Somerset*, in the county of *Megantic*, praying for the opening of a road leading from the said township through part of the township of *Inverness*, to join the *Gosford* road.

Of *Pierre Doucet* of *Quebec*, praying that the Ordinance incorporating the city of *Quebec*, may not be altered so as to deprive him of his pension, as petitioned for by the Corporation of the said city.

Of *Adolphus Williams*, of the township of *Malahide*, in the district of *London*, praying relief in the matter of an action against him for fulfilling his duties as pound keeper, according to the Provincial law.

Of *Henry G. Thompson*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying to be employed in the department of the Law Clerk, or in such other office as may require his services.

Of *J. B. Lavigne* and others, of the parish of *La Visitation de L'Isle du Pads*, in the county of *Berthier*; of the Reverend *Antoine Fisette* and others, of the

Petitions read.

Petitions read. parish of *St. Cuthbert*, in the district of *Montreal*; of *Octave Bordeleau* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, in the district of *Montreal*; of *Martin Dostaler* and others, of the parish of *Berthier*, in the district of *Montreal*; and of *Elie Paquin* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Ursule*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, praying that no change may be made in the present law respecting winter carriages.

Of the *Montreal Bible Society*, praying for the advantage of a cheap and uniform rate of postage.

Petitions referred.
Montreal Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade*, (relating to the *Montreal* harbour,) be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinance incorporating the said City,) and other references.

E. Paquin and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Elie Paquin* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Ursule*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references.

Rev. Theobald Schneider and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Theobald Schneider* and others, of the district of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Williams*, and Mr. *Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

J. B. Lavigne and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. B. Lavigne* and others, of the parish of *La Visitation de l'Isle du Pads*, in the county of *Berthier*; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Fisette* and others, of the parish of *St. Cuthbert*, in the district of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Octave Bordeleau* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, in the district of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Martin Dostaler* and others, of the parish of *Berthier*, in the district of *Montreal*, be severally referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references.

Ordered, That Mr. *Armstrong*, the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, Mr. *Désautier*, and Mr. *Taché*, be added to the said Committee.

J. A. Mathison and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. A. Mathison* and others, of the parish of *St. Michel de Vaudreuil*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references.

M. C. Lutz.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Morris C. Lutz*, of the village of *Galt*, in the county of *Halton*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intitled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British Subjects."

P. Shirley and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Paul Shirley* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Camden* and parts adjacent, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Richard Brown* and others, inhabitants of *Cayuga*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Cummings*, and Mr. *Johnston*, 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.

R. Brown and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Duchett* and others, of the township of *Lancaster* and *New Longueuil*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Lantier*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengarry*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stornont*, 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.

W. Duckett and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Pierre Doucet*, of *Quebec*, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Edouard Gluckemeyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city,) and other references.

P. Doucet.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles C. Brough* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *London* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

C. C. Brough and others.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brookville*, have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the fees of certain district officers in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*.

District Officers.

He accordingly presented the said 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 organize the Notarial profession in that part of the Province called *Lower Canada*.

Notarial 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 Friday, the thirty-first instant.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill, for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties, and attaching them to others; and for other purposes, relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts.

Districts and Counties 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 Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the community of Religious Ladies, called *Les Neurs de la Congregation Notre Dame de Montréal*, to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount.

Religious Ladies, 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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Petrie*,

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 the last four quarterly Returns, made by the Deputy Post Master General of this Province, to the Post Master General in *England*, or a detailed statement, showing the Receipts and Expenditure of the Post Office Department in this Province for 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven members be appointed, to enquire into, and report upon the present condition and state of the ancient archives and public records of *La Nouvelle France*, of *Canada*, and of the Province of *Quebec*, remaining in the vaults of the *Evêché*, or Parliament buildings at *Quebec*, or elsewhere, with a view to the adoption of measures as well for their arrangement and preservation from decay, as to the collection from all accessible sources wheresoever, of such ancient and authentic records and documents, relating to the first settlement of *Canada*, as in the opinion of the Committee, may cast light upon, or be conducive to a full knowledge of its early history, as well as to the general advancement of Literature in the Province; to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records—and that the said Committee be composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Taché*, and Mr. *Williams*.

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

Ordered, That the several Public Accounts laid before this House during the sessions of 1841, 1842, and 1843, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Public Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada* for the year 1843, and that it be an instruction to the said Committee to report thereupon from time to time if it shall see fit, in the case of its appearing to the Committee that any sum or sums mentioned in any of the said accounts, as advanced on the responsibility of the Executive Government, require the sanction of a vote, and an act of indemnity and appropriation.

Ordered, That it be a further instruction to the said Committee to ascertain from the Inspector General's department a detailed statement of the claims on the Provincial Government, which were unsettled on the thirty-first of January, 1844, but which when paid would be chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund; whether such claims are founded on permanent or annual appropriation by the Provincial Parliament, or on the Imperial Act, commonly known as the Union Act, and also any further information which it may be important to obtain to enable them to determine the true state of the Public Revenue.

Ordered, That the Bill to exempt the district of *Gaspé* from the operation of an Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of the late

Province of *Lower Canada*, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better Internal Government of this Province by the establishment of local or Municipal Authorities therein," be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee to take into consideration the expediency of affording encouragement to the *Gaspé* and Gulf fisheries, carried on from this Province, by exempting salt and other articles indispensable to the fisheries, from duties, be postponed to Monday the twenty-seventh instant.

Ordered, That the Bill still further to facilitate the registration of titles to real property or incumbrances thereon in *Lower Canada*, be read a second time on Friday, the twenty-fourth instant.

Ordered, That the Bill relating to the fund formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund," to fix the fees hereafter to be taken on marriage licenses, and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the public treasury, be read a second time on Friday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Chamby Cotton 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 Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the High School 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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to detach the parish of *St. Sylvestre* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of registration only.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, 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 next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

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, copies of the several instruments of transfer and sale under which the present and the late proprietors of the seigniorie of *Beauharnois* came into possession thereof; and to pray further for a statement of the amount paid to the Crown as *droits de quint* upon the said transfers.

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

Returns from Post Master General.

Ancient Archives of La Nouvelle France.

Public Accounts.

Municipal authorities, District of Gaspé.

Commerce of
Canada.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. Merritt, the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Laurason and Mr. Lantier be appointed to inquire into the nature and extent of the restrictions which exist on the commerce of Canada, in passing from the interior to or from the Mother Country, our Sister Colonies, or foreign parts, by the River *St. Lawrence*; to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Sick Mariners.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of amending the Act of *Lower Canada*, 6 *William* 4, cap. 35, to provide for the medical treatment of sick mariners, by authorizing the appropriation of a certain portion of the moneys collected under that Act, to the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen, be postponed until Friday next.

Trinity Houses

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of repealing the Acts and Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, establishing the Trinity Houses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and regulating pilots and pilotage, with a view to the substitution of other enactments on the said subject, be postponed until Friday next.

Union Act.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for taking into consideration the motion for addressing Her Majesty on amending the Union Act, relative to using the French language in all public documents, be postponed until Friday next.

Halton con-
tested Election.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, of *Dundas*, in the county of *Halton*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, be adjourned until Thursday, the thirteenth day of February next, and that the said Committee do then meet in the Committee Room, No. 2, of this House, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Petition of W.
Molson and
others.

Resolved. That the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *William Molson* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of real estate, in the village of *Hochelaga*, and in the parish of *Montreal*, be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the said Petition be referred to a special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city.)

Insolvent
Debtors.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of repealing certain parts of the first and second sections of an Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, chapter four, intituled, "An Act to afford relief during a limited time to insolvent debtors," be postponed until Thursday, the twenty-third instant.

Montreal con-
tested Election.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for taking into consideration a motion made on the thirteenth of December last, to wit, "That the grounds and reasons of complaint, set forth in the Petition of *Peter Dunn* and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable *George Moffatt*, and the Honourable *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*, as Members to serve for the city of *Montreal*, in this present Parliament, if such

grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourables *George Moffatt* and *Charles Clément Sabrevois DeBleury*," be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the thirteenth of December last, to wit,—“That the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Dominick Daly*, as a Member to serve for the county of *Megantic*, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable *Dominick Daly*,” be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be then the second Order of the Day.

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

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 income of each seigniority held or possessed by the Government, in *Eastern Canada*, together with the names of the agents of each seigniority, amount of salary and expenses paid to the agents for collection, and, also, the amount of *Droit de Quint* received by the Government since the year 1830.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, and beg leave to suggest the following amendments thereto:—

Clause 3—Expunge “Seven hundred pounds,” and leave a blank in place thereof.

“ 4—After “property,” insert “provided that before this Act shall have its full effect, and the said Corporation be operative, one-fifth part, at least of the said capital shall have actually been paid in by the shareholders, and is at the disposal of the directors thereof, for the purposes of the company, in accordance with this Act.”

“ 8—After “Shareholders” in line 10, expunge to “and”.

“ 15—Expunge “ten thousand pounds,” and leave a blank in place thereof.

“ —At the end of the clause insert, “provided that no part of the said sum shall be borrowed until the whole of the capital of Twelve Thousand Pounds has been paid-in.”

Your Committee would further remark, that by the 14th clause of the Bill, the liability of the shareholders is limited to the unpaid capital; as this subject has been of late years much discussed in your Honourable House, your Committee have thought it their duty to call attention to the provision as it stands in the Bill. In the event of the limitation being maintained as above, it would be proper that the company, as well as all like corporations

to be established by law, should be bound to furnish to the Legislature, and to publish annually in some manner to be regulated, a detailed statement of their affairs, and the names and residence of all shareholders for the time being.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

County of Grenville Election.

Mr. Prince, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of *Grenville*, in this present Parliament, reported to the House, that they met this morning, pursuant to adjournment, at half-past nine o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* has absented himself from the said Committee by reason of sickness, he be excused.

Private Bills, and Report on the same.

Resolved, That the time for receiving Private Bills and Reports on Private Bills be further extended ten days beyond the period now fixed for the same respectively.

Municipal Council, District of Niagara

Ordered, That Mr. *Merritt* be added to the Select Committee, to which were referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*.

District Treasurers.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the abuses which have arisen from persons being traders, and the agents of traders, being appointed or allowed to act as District Treasurers in *Upper Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Gowan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Petition of J. W. Brown and others.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *James W. Brown* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Kingston*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Taché* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Taché* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Macadamized Roads.

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the 49th section of the Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the third year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 53, intitled, "An Act to repeal, alter and amend the Laws now in force for the regulation of the several macadamized roads within this Province;" and to provide that so much of a certain other Act of the same Parliament, passed in the fifty-ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Third, chapter 8, intitled, "An Act to repeal part of and amend the Laws

now in force for laying out, amending, and keeping in repair the public highways and roads in this Province," as may be repealed by the above recited Act, be revived and continued.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal a certain part of an Act of *Upper Canada*, relating to macadamized roads, and to revive, with reference to such roads, part of a certain other Act, relative to public highways, and roads 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.

The Order of the Day, for taking into consideration the second report of the Standing Committee on Printing and Binding, being read, Printing and Binding.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said report into consideration, and the said report being again read,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Standing Committee on the said report.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to remove certain difficulties with regard to the conveyance of lands in *Upper Canada*, of which the grantor may not have possession, or of which a third party may be in adverse possession, being read, Conveyance of Lands in Upper Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Baptist Missionary Society, being read, Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a Toll bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*; to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read, Toll-bridge, River Richelieu.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on private Bills.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the several Courts of Queen's Bench in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, to issue writs of *Subpœna ad testificandum*, as therein mentioned, be read a second time on Wednesday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day. Writs to be issued from Queen's Bench.

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the recovery of the rates or taxes, intended to be imposed by certain by-laws of the district Council of the district of *Huron*, be read a second time on Wednesday next. Huron District Council Taxes.

Ordered, That the Bill to indemnify Clergymen who have voted at the last general election in ignorance of the law, be read a second time on Wednesday next. Clergymen voting at Elections.

Simcoe Church
Lauds.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to enable the trustees holding a certain lot in the town of *Simcoe*, for the use of a Church, to sell or convey the same, or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use, be postponed until Thursday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 14^o die *Januarii*.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Leslie*, the Petition of *L. Baribeau* and others, pilots for the port of *Montreal*, and between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *John Paterson* and others, of the village of *Dundas*, in the district of *Gore*; and the Petition of *John Brown* and others, of the townships of *Trafalgar* and *Esquesing*, in the district of *Gore*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *E. L'Esperance* and others, of the city and parish of *Montreal*, and other places.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Joseph R. Thompson* and others, of the township of *Brook*, in the *Home* district; and the Petition of *Benjamin Matheuman* and others, lessees of the *Clergy Reserves*, and others, in the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, the Petition of the Reverend *Edward Derroche* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Brockville*, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *Andrew Tod*, of the city of *Toronto*, land agent, in behalf of certain commuted pensioners.

By Mr. *Jessup*, the Petition of the Reverend *Robert Blakey* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Prescott* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Thomas King* and others, of the township of *Edwardsburgh*, in the district of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of *J. H. Dorwin* and others, of the township of *Rawdon*.

By Mr. *Lawrason*, the Petition of *David Griffin* and others, of the township of *Bayham*, in the district of *London*.

By Mr. *Methot*, the Petition of *Charles Palmer* and others, of the township of *Blandford*, in the district of *Nicolet*.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBligny*, the Petition of *Patrick Brennan*, of the city of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Ayloin*, the Petition of *Henry LeMesurier*, Esquire, and others, of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *John Arthurs* and others, of the township of *Adelaide*.

Norfolk con-
tested Election.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Peti-

Norfolk con-
tested Election.

tion of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk* and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, a Member of the said Committee.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* has absented himself from the said Committee by reason of sickness, he be excused.

Mr. *Prince*, chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, they were unable to proceed to business.

Grenville con-
tested Election.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* has absented himself from the said Committee, by reason of sickness, he be excused; and that the said Committee have leave to proceed to business notwithstanding the absence of the said Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

Mr. *Hale*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Lanark* at the last election; the Petition of *William Duncan* and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*; and the Petition of *W. A. Playfair*, senior, and others, freeholders, of the county of *Lanark*, severally complaining of the undue election and return of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Watts*, a Member of the said Committee,

Lanark con-
tested Election.

Resolved, That Mr. *Watts*, having sufficiently explained the cause of his absence, be excused.

Mr. *Lantier*, chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning at eleven o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, they were unable to proceed to business.

North Riding
Lincoln.

Mr. *Lantier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, that as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* has absented himself from the said Committee, by reason of sickness, he be excused, and that the said Committee have leave to proceed to business, notwithstanding the absence of the said Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Resolved, That this House do nominate, and appoint, under the hand and seal of Mr. *Speaker*, three Commissioners for the purpose of examining the witnesses of the parties in the matter of the controverted election for the West Riding of the county of *Haltou*, and that *Miles O'Reilly*, *John O'Hatt*, and *Samuel B. Freeman*, all of the town,

West Riding
Haltou.

of *Hamilton*, Barristers at Law, be such Commissioners, who shall be authorized and empowered to hold their several sittings at the town of *Guelph*, in the district of *Wellington*, on the second Monday in February next, with *John O'Hatt*, Esquire, as chairman of the said Commission, and that the said Commissioners be also subsequently at liberty, to sit at *Galt* and *Fergus*.

Gaspé Fishery
and Coal
Mining.

An engrossed Bill to approve of and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain*, to incorporate the *Gaspé* Fishing and Coal Mining Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to approve and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain*, relating to the *Gaspé* Fishing and Coal Mining Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* and Mr. *Le Boutillier* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

District of
Wellington,
Land Tax.

An engrossed Bill, to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands, in the district of *Wellington*, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*,

That the following engrossed clause, marked A, be added to the said Bill, by way of rider, and do make part thereof:—

CLAUSE A.

And whereas, there may be in divers others of the newer Districts in *Upper Canada*, lands on which there may be due, taxes, of which some portion accrued while such lands formed part of some older District, and it is expedient to avoid the doubts which may arise in any such case, and to make provision for that purpose, similar to that hereinbefore made, with regard to the District of *Wellington*; Be it therefore declared and enacted, that in every such case, the arrears of taxes are and shall be payable to and recoverable by the District Treasurer of the newer District and to him only, and all such arrears of taxes shall be subject to the same rate of increase for non-payment, and shall be recoverable and leviable by the sale of the lands on which they shall have accrued or otherwise, in the same manner, under the same provisions, and at the same time, as if such newer district had been constituted and erected as a separate and distinct district, at least eight years before the passing of this act, and the said lands had during the same period formed part thereof, and been assessed therein: Provided always, that out of all sums received for such arrears of taxes as aforesaid, the District Treasurer of such newer district shall pay over to the District Treasurer of the older district, such sums as may under the provisions of the Act under which the newer district was constituted, belong to the older district from which the lands were detached.

The said clause being thrice read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to provide more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands in the district of *Wellington*, and other districts, and better to define the limits of the said district of *Wellington*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* and Mr. *Chalmers* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions
referred.

Sundry Petitions from
Members of the

Ordered, That the Petition of Captain *David Boyd* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Chippewa* and its neighbourhood; the Petition of the Reverend *George Grout* and others, members of the United

Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township Established Church.
of *Grimshy*, in the district of *Niagara*; the Petition of the Reverend *A. F. Atkinson* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *St. Catharines* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *George Mortimer Armstrong* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Louth* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John Anderson* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, of *Fort Erie* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be severally referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Pepin* and others, of the county of *Chambly*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references. Rev. T. Pepin and others.

Ordered, That that part of the Petition of the Reverend *C. J. Primeaux* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Anne de Varennes*, which relates to winter roads and vehicles, be referred to the said Committee. Reverend C. J. Primeaux.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Robert J. C. Taylor* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Peterboro'* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references. Reverend J. C. Taylor.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Bishop*, of the parish of *St. Sylvester*, in the county of *Lotbinière*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Laurin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylhe*, the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, Mr. *Tuché*, and Mr. *Chabot*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. James Bishop.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Charles Jumeau de Montreal*, of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Laurin*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Lacoste*, and Mr. *Armstrong*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. C. Jumeau de Montreal.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the City of *Quebec*, (relating to the *Dorchester Bridge*), be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *J. G. Tourangeau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec* and its vicinity, and other references. City of Quebec.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John P. Anderson* and others, of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Eduard Glachemeyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city), and other references. J. P. Anderson and others.

Mr. *Scott*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M. D. and others, lecturers and students, in and of the medical school in the city of *Montreal*, called the Medical School City of Montreal.

Medical School
City of Mont-
real.

college of Medicine and Surgery; and also the Petition of *A. F. Holmes*, M.D. and others, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of *McGill* College, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee having examined the Petitions referred to them, are unanimously of opinion, after mature deliberation, that the prayer of the Petitioners, *F. C. T. Arnoldi* and others, Lecturers and Students in and of the College of Medicine and Surgery, should be granted.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Humber Har-
bour Company.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *William Gamble* and others, inhabitants of the *Home* district, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Wednesday the twenty-second instant.

Ordered, That the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John McPherson* and others, inhabitants of *Crane Island*, and of the parishes of *St. Thomas*, *Cap St. Ignace*, and other places, have leave to report from time to time; and also that it be an instruction to the said Committee to inquire into the best means of preserving and protecting for the use and wants of the resident inhabitants, the sea fowls which harbour on the coast of *Labrador*, and islands adjacent, and their eggs; and of preventing the destruction or carrying away of the same for trading purposes, by persons not belonging to this Province.

Registry Laws,
Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, lost by the adjournment of the House of yesterday, be revived, and that the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday the twenty-second instant.

Clerks of Com-
missioners' Courts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to Clerks of the Commissioners Courts, for the trial of small causes in *Lower Canada*, and to prevent their arbitrary dismissal.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

Oxford con-
tested Election.

Resolved, That this House do nominate and appoint, under the hand and seal of Mr. *Speaker*, three Commissioners, for the purpose of examining the witnesses of the parties in the matter of the controverted election for the county of *Oxford*, and that *John Wilson*, *Henry Conley Rowley Becher*, and *James Givins*, Esquires, be such Commissioners, who shall be authorized and empowered to hold their sittings at *Woodstock*, and such other places in the said county as they may deem proper; the first sitting to be at *Woodstock*, on Tuesday the fourth day of February next, with *John Wilson*, Esquire, as Chairman of the said Commission.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to allow certain fees to advocates, appearing in cases before Commissioners Courts in *Lower Canada*, being read,

Mr. *Colville* moved, seconded by Mr. *McConnell*, that the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutilier, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Gouvan, Greive, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, LeBoutillier, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lawrason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Powell, Petrie, Price, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of Prescott, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(56.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Laurin, Morin, Nelson, and Taché—(10.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker* two Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General, in reply to the Address of the Broken Lot Legislative Assembly, relating to Broken Lot, (Letter O,) in the Township of *Nepean*, transmits the accompanying Copies of Correspondence upon that subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 13th January, 1845.

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Copies of Correspondence that has passed between Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Governor General, relating to the Post Office in *British North America*; other documents on the same subject having been laid before the Assembly during the last Session of the late Parliament.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly that there is no copy upon the Records of the Provincial Government, of the Report of the Commissioners referred to in their Address of the 17th ultimo. The Report was prepared for the information of Her Majesty's Government, and was transmitted to the Secretary of State.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 4th January, 1845.

Broken Lot
(O.) Bytown.Documents accompanying the Message of His Excellency
relating to Broken Lot, (Letter O.)

(COPY.)

MILITARY SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 23rd March, 1844.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commander of the Forces, to request you will be pleased to submit to His Excellency, the Governor General, the accompanying Correspondence from the respective Officers of the Ordnance, relative to two Lots of Land at or near *Bytown*, which are necessary to be retained by that Department for public purposes. In regard to one of these Lots, viz.—that originally obtained from Mr. *Sparks*, and tinged green on the accompanying sketch, it is presumed that the enclosed Certificate which the Commander of the Forces has deemed it his duty to grant, will be considered sufficient in law, to entitle the Ordnance to retain possession of the Land. As to the other Lot, marked O on the sketch, it appears to have been granted to the Ordnance, under a Licence of Occupation, by the Lieutenant Governor of *Upper Canada*, on the 9th February, 1831, for service of the *Rideau Canal*. And as will be observed by the ninth paragraph of their letter of the 15th instant, the respective Officers now solicit a ratification of the said Licence of Occupation by His Excellency, the Governor General.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) BROOK TAYLOR.

J. M. HIGGINSON, Esq.,
Chief Secretary.

(COPY.)

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I, Lieutenant General Sir *Richard Downes Jackson*, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*. Commander of Her Majesty's Forces in and for the Province of *British North America*, &c., do hereby certify, that all that portion or parcel of Land, situated in the District, Township of *Nepean*, being part of Lot C, in Concession C of the said Township, containing eighty-eight acres, more or less, taken and set apart from the property of Mr. *Nicholas Sparks*, at *Bytown*, by the late Lieutenant Colonel *John By*, Royal Engineers, for service of the *Rideau Canal*, in pursuance of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the eighth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George the Fourth*, and intitled 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 directions, for connecting the waters of Lake *Ontario* with the River *Ottawa*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was and still continues necessary for the service of the said *Rideau Canal*; and further, that the said Land is situated within the radius, requisite for military works of defence contemplated at *Bytown*.

Given under my hand and seal, at *Montreal*, this twenty-first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

(Signed,) R. D. JACKSON
Commander of the Forces.

(L. S.)

(Signed,) BROOK TAYLOR,
Military Secretary.

(COPY.)

CIVIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Kingston, 2nd April, 1844.

SIR,

I am directed by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo, with enclosure, respecting certain Lands at *Bytown*, required by the Ord-

nance Department, and to state, for the information of the Broken Lot Commander of the Forces, that the subject will engage the (O.) Bytown. consideration of the Governor General, in Council, and the decision thereon will be communicated hereafter.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. M. HIGGINSON.

To the Military Secretary.

(COPY.)

CIVIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 15th July, 1844.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd March last, I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to transmit, herewith, for the information of the Commander of the Forces, an extract from a Minute of the Executive Council, containing the decision of His Excellency, in Council, on the subject of two Lots at *Bytown*, which are required by the Ordnance Department for public purposes.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) J. M. HIGGINSON.

Captain B. TAYLOR,
Military Secretary.

(COPY.)

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated the 3rd of July, 1844, and confirmed by His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council, on the eighth of the same month, on the subject of certain Land at *Bytown*, formerly owned by Mr. *Nicholas Sparks*, and set apart for the use of the *Rideau Canal*, required by the Ordnance Department.

The Committee of Council, in considering the reference made by your Excellency's commands to them of the letter of Captain *Brook Taylor*, Military Secretary, to His Excellency, the Commander of the Forces, dated the 23rd March last, respecting the Land at *Bytown*, formerly owned by Mr. *Nicholas Sparks*, and set apart for the use of the *Rideau Canal*, and respecting Lot lettered O, in the Township of *Nepean*, adjoining *Bytown*, have agreed to the following report:

In regard to the property taken from Mr. *Sparks*, the Executive Government of this Province have no right or power to interfere. The question is one of a purely legal character, depending on the construction of the vesting, and the *Rideau Canal Acts*, and must, if the right of the Ordnance be contested by Mr. *Sparks*, be decided by the proper tribunals.

As to the Lot lettered O, the Committee apprehend that there is a mistake in supposing that a Licence of Occupation was ever given for the service of the *Rideau Canal*. The circumstances under which this Licence of Occupation was given, appear to be the following:—On the twenty-ninth December, 1830, Colonel *By* wrote to His Excellency, Sir *John Colborne*, then Lieutenant Governor of *Upper Canada*, praying that His Excellency would grant "a Deed of Occupation of the above mentioned Lot lettered O, and six small Islands at the mouth of the *Rideau River*, until the same may be required by His Majesty's Government for military, or any other public service."

Upon this application Sir *John Colborne* granted to Col. *By* a Licence of Occupation, and so far as the Committee are aware, no other appropriation of the Lot has ever taken place, except the sale of ten acres thereof to the Honourable *Thomas McKay*.

As late as the 3rd August, 1840, Captain *Crawley*, R. E., by desire of the Officer commanding the Royal En-

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gineers, wrote to Mr. Malloch, stating that Mr. Harrison had been informed that no objection would be raised on the part of the Ordnance to Lot lettered O being disposed of by the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada.

It does not therefore appear to the Council that the Lot was ever set apart in any way for the service of the Rideau Canal, and it is not therefore vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, under the Act of last Session. As an unappropriated Crown Reserve therefore, it seems to the Council that it will come within the provision of the Act regulating the disposal of Public Lands, and must be dealt with accordingly.

The third Section of the Vesting Act would enable the Ordnance to acquire this Lot, if certified by His Excellency the Commander of the Forces, to be necessary for the erection of any Fort, Barrack, Battery, or other military work, or for preserving such work free from obstructions; or they might, under the latter provisions of that Clause, if no such Certificate could be granted, become the purchasers thereof.

The ratification of the License of Occupation to Colonel By, applied for in Captain Taylor's letter, would be inoperative to vest the Land in the principal Officers, and the Public Lands Act prevents Your Excellency making a formal grant to them, unless under the provisions of the third Section of the Vesting Act.

(Certified.)

(Signed,) E. PARENT.

(COPY.)

BYTOWN,
6th August, 1844.

SIR,

Your letter of the 15th ultimo, addressed to the Military Secretary conveying, for the information of the Commander of the Forces, the decision of the Governor General, in Council, respecting two Lots of Land referred to in Captain Taylor's letter of 23rd March last, having been communicated to me, I have the honour to beg you will submit my respectful solicitation that His Excellency may be pleased to direct, that no sale or concession of Lot letter O, in the Township of Nepean, be effected until I have had an opportunity of receiving instructions, for which I have applied, from the Master General and Board of Ordnance, as to whether they will approve of the Land in question, which is of material importance to the Public Service, being obtained by purchase in the manner alluded to in the last paragraph but one of the Report of the Executive Council enclosed in your letter.

In the meantime I would beg the favour of being informed of the Terms upon which the Land may be obtained by the Ordnance, taking the liberty of stating, that the rate at which Mr. McKay paid for the most valuable part of the Reserve, including the entire water privileges of the Rideau Falls, in which the chief value of the Reserve consisted, was £3 per acre, from whence I infer the price for the far less valuable remainder of the Lot, setting aside its object for the Public Service, will be proportionably less.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. S. ELLIOTT.
Ordnance Commissioner,J. M. HIGGINSON, Esquire,
&c. &c. &c.CIVIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 10th August, 1844.

SIR,

I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to enclose for your information, a letter from the Ordnance Commissioner, together with the papers mentioned in the margin, on the subject of a Lot of Land in the Township of Nepean, which is required for the Public Service.

Your attention is requested to the application of Mr. Elliott, that the Land in question should not be alienated until the decision of the Home Authorities is known on the proposition to purchase it for the Ordnance Department, and with reference to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Elliott's letter, I am directed to request you to communicate to me the information he requires, as to the terms on which the Land can be obtained. You will have the goodness to return the enclosures to me with your Report

(Signed,) J. M. HIGGINSON,

The Acting Commissioner
of Crown Lands,
&c. &c. &c.CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,
Montreal, 9th September, 1844.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 10th ult., respecting Lot O, in the Township of Nepean, I have the honour herewith to transmit a copy of a letter from James Stevenson, in reply to one from this office.

As that gentleman was in correspondence with Mr. Sullivan, when Commissioner of Crown Lands, with reference to this Land, and at the same time, I conceive, well qualified to form an opinion on the question embraced in the concluding paragraph of Mr. Elliott's letter of the 6th August, I have no reason to differ from the view he takes of the subject; more especially as Mr. Lyon, the District Agent, in a recent conversation, expressed a similar opinion.

The papers accompanying your letter are herewith returned.

(Signed,) T. BOUTHILLIER,

J. M. HIGGINSON, Esquire,
Civil Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(COPY.)

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,
Montreal, 24th August, 1844.

SIR,

It appears that on the 18th January, 1841, you were requested by Mr. Sullivan "to ascertain the value of the remaining portion of Letter O," in the Township of Nepean.

Your answer to that letter I am unable to lay my hand on. I have therefore to request that you will have the goodness to inform me, what your opinion then was, and whether you have any reason to change it.

The Ordnance are desirous of ascertaining upon what terms the land can be obtained by purchase.

As you are well acquainted with the long pending dispute with Mr. Malloch, I conclude it is needless to enter more at large upon the subject, as no portion of the Land has been disposed of in the interim.

(Signed,) T. BOUTHILLIER,

JAMES STEVENSON, Esquire,
Bytown.

(COPY.)

CROWN TIMBER OFFICE,
Bytown, 29th August, 1844.

SIR,

In replying to your letter of 24th, I have reference to mine to Mr. Sullivan, and there I state that I had taken the opinion of others beside my own, regarding the value of Lot of Land, Letter O, in Nepean, and that, looking forward to this Lot forming part of Bytown, that £4000 or £25000 was considered its value.

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This is taking a prospective view, and supposing that Bytown will increase in the same ratio it has done for some five years back.

The general opinion now is that Government should dispose of this Lot of Land in Town Lots, (viz., a chain by a chain and a half,) and without delay, rather than dispose of it to individuals; and it is computed that the 80 acres would give 300 Town Lots, exclusive of streets, and if sufficient buyers are found, a much larger sum would be obtained than the above.

(Signed,) M. STEVENSON,

To the Commissioner of Crown Lands.
S. & C. S.,
Montreal.

(COPY.)

CIVIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE.
Montreal, 11th September, 1844.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 6th ultimo, on the subject of Lot O, in the Township of Nepean, I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to transmit to you herewith, a copy of a Communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands, with enclosure, on the subject of the value of the Land in question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. M. HIGGINSON.

S. ELLIOT, Esq.,
Ordinance Commissioner.
Bytown.

(COPY.)

Bytown, 12th October, 1844.

SIR,

Having been in communication with the Master-General and Honourable Board of Ordnance, upon the subject of the acquirement of the remaining part of Lot Letter O, near Bytown, in the manner pointed out in the Report of the Executive Council, dated 3rd July, 1844, and having received their authority to purchase the same, provided a reasonable rate were fixed thereupon, I beg leave to submit, for the consideration of the Governor General, in reference to your letter of the 11th ultimo, favouring me with a copy of the Report of the Deputy Commissioner of Crown Lands, and its enclosure, whereby a value of from £4000 to £5000 appears to be placed upon the Lot; that this valuation seems to be entirely and remotely prospective, dependent upon the extension of the Town to that locality, and so widely different from that affixed by and paid to the Provincial Government by the Hon. T. McKay for the most valuable ten acres of the original reserve, including the whole water privileges of the Falls of the Rideau River, that I most respectfully beg to solicit a re-consideration of the subject; the more particularly, as the large value now placed upon this Land would seem at variance with that heretofore held in respect to the same.

In evidence of the small value attached to this Reserve by the Provincial Government heretofore, I take the liberty of enclosing an extract from the Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 4th March, 1842, which the late Governor General, His Excellency, Sir Charles Bagot, was pleased to refer to me, wherein, after stating the circumstances under which the disposal of part of the Reserve to Mr. McKay was made, and shewing that the same was the result of a valuation by two residents, under instructions from Sir Francis Head, and reciting their Report fixing the value at £3 per acre, the Committee proceed to state, in relation to the remaining portion now required by the Ordnance Department—"With respect to the remaining part

of Lot Letter O, the Local Government, since they have understood the claims of the Ordnance Department, and their objections to alienations of the ground by Provincial authorities, have refused all applications, yet they must observe that none whatever have been made, shewing that any extraordinary value was placed upon the Land."

I would also, with great respect, refer to Mr. Secretary Harrison's letter of 16th January, 1840, to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, a copy of which is enclosed, written at the time when Mr. Sheriff Malloch was urging his application for Reserve O, and when the commanding Royal Engineer in Canada supposed the Land might be given up, from which it will be perceived that so lightly was its value then estimated, that it was held to afford a good opportunity for entering into an arrangement with Mr. Malloch, by making him a grant of the remaining part of Reserve O, in lieu of the broken fronts of Lots 7 and 8, in the Township of Nepean, which, though set apart and used for service of the Rideau Canal, were erroneously sold to that gentleman for the sum of £17 12s., for the settlement of which error the Lot in question was then considered an eligible equivalent.

These circumstances, which I with great deference adduce as evidence of the ultra value placed upon the Land by Mr. Stevenson, (from £4000 to £5000,) communicated in Mr. Bouthillier's letter of 9th September, 1844, and a hope that His Excellency will perceive with me the great disparity in the value now set upon the Reserve in question, and that formerly placed upon it by the Provincial authorities, when the applications of private individuals were entertained, induce me respectfully to solicit, on behalf of the Master-General and Board, His Excellency's revision of the subject, trusting that, in consideration of the enormous outlay of money by the Mother Country, in the formation of the Rideau Canal, to which the Town adjacent to the Reserve owes its existence, and the remaining part of the Reserve, any value it ever can attain, the Ordnance Department, to which it is very essential, may be permitted to purchase it at the same rate at which the more valuable part was sold to one individual, or the remainder estimated for an anticipated arrangement with another.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) T. S. ELLIOTT.
Ordinance Commissioner.

J. M. HIGGINSON Esq.,
Chief Secretary

(COPY.)

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,
Montreal, 15th December, 1844.

Report No. 227 on a Letter of T. S. Elliott, Esquire, 12th October, 1844, referred by the Civil Secretary.

The value placed upon the Lot Letter O, may be to some extent prospective, but not so remotely so as Mr. Commissioner Elliott appears to think.

The Town is extending rapidly in the direction of that Lot, a portion of it is already occupied, and from what information I have lately been able to gather, I have little hesitation in saying that, if divided into half-acre Lots, the remaining sixty acres would readily bring from £4000 to £5000.

The price at which Mr. McKay obtained ten acres of this Lot, some eight or nine years ago, cannot be taken as a criterion of the present value of the remainder, the rapid increase of Bytown since that period having greatly enhanced the value of property in its immediate vicinity.

(Signed,) T. BOUTHILLIER.

(For the Documents accompanying the Message relating to the Post Office in British North America, see Appendix I.)

Broken Lot
(O.) Bytown.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Forges of St. Maurice.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 9th ultimo, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before the House, a copy of the Lease, under which the land known as "The forges of *St. Maurice*," are now held, if such lease be in writing, and also for a copy of all such papers and documents as His Excellency may deem proper to communicate to the House, in relation to the future disposal of the said land, known as "The forges of *St. Maurice*."

(For the said Return, see Appendix O.)

Landholders, Gaspé District.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the relief of certain landholders in the *Gaspé* district, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *LeBoutillier*, Mr. *Tuché*, Mr. *LeMoine*, and Mr. *Williams*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Printing of the Laws.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to throw open to Public competition the Printing of the Laws, with a view to render the printing thereof more expeditious and less expensive than heretofore, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth instant.

Legal recourse against Executive Government.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Special Committee, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Drummond*, and the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, do compose the said Committee.

Administration of Justice, Gaspé.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill supplementary to an Act of the last session of the Legislature, relating to the administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* district, and to extend the provisions of the said Act, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, and Mr. *LeBoutillier*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ursuline Convent, Three Rivers.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the nuns of the Ursuline Convent at *Three Rivers*, to acquire, and hold additional real and moveable property to a certain amount, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Jury Laws.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the Laws, relative to Jurors, Juries, and Inquests, in

Upper Canada, and to provide for the indemnification of Jurors, while attending the several courts in that portion of this Province, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gowan*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, and Mr. *Prince*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, being read,

Intestate Estates.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the twenty-second instant.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gövan*, seconded by Mr. *Watts*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 15^o die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of *Alexander M'Lean*, Esquire, and others, electors of the county of *Stormont*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Donald Æneas Macdonnell*, Esquire, to represent the said county of *Stormont* in this present Parliament, being come,

County of Stormont contested Election.

The House proceeded to the appointment of a Select Committee to try and determine the merits of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. *Speaker* to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House;

And he went accordingly.

And being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty members being present,

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Petitioners, their counsel, or agent, to appear at the Bar.

Alexander M'Lean, Esquire, appeared at the Bar, in behalf of himself and the other Petitioners.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Sitting Member, his counsel, or agent, to appear.

Mr. *Macdonnell*, the Sitting Member for the said county of *Stormont*, appeared in his place, on his own behalf.

Alexander M'Lean, Esquire, presented in behalf of himself and the other Petitioners, a list of witnesses, in the case of the Petition of *Alexander M'Lean*, Esquire, and others, electors of the county of *Stormont*, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF PETITIONERS.

Guy C. Wood, Esquire, Returning Officer.
Dunbar J. Pringle, Esquire, Clerk to do.
The Honourable Denis Benjamin Papineau, Commissioner of Crown Lands, and to bring all correspondence on the subject of Mr. *Macdonnell's* resignation of his office, as resident agent for the Eastern District.

Felix Fortier, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.
Rolland M'Donald, Esquire.

County of
Stormont con-
tested Election.

LIST OF WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF PETITIONERS.

John S. Macdonald, Esquire.
Hugh M. Callum.
Solomon Y. Chesley, Esquire.
James Reed.
Lister N. Putman.
Moses Kinnear.

Mr. Macdonald handed in a list of witnesses required in behalf of himself, as the Sitting Member for the county of Stormont, which was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES IN BEHALF OF THE SITTING MEMBER.

Guy C. Wood, of the Town of Cornwall, Esquire, Returning Officer at the late Election for the County of Stormont.
John Cameron, son of the late Donald Cameron, first Concession of the Township of Roxborough.
James Sproule, Third Concession of Roxborough.
Duncan McMillan, of Lot No. 18, 1st concession of the Township of Finch.
Roderick Macdonald, M.D., of the Town of Cornwall.
The Honourable Denis B. Papineau, Commissioner of Crown Lands, &c.
T. Bouthillier, Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands.
Jacob Ferren Pringle, Deputy Returning Officer for the County of Stormont.
Solomon Y. Chesley, of Cornwall.

(Signed.) D. Æ. MACDONELL.

Mr. Speaker then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration, being read, the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box, in which, agreeably to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest, that this box was, this thirteenth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest, that I did, this thirteenth day of January, 1845, in presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box, in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the present House of Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk of Assembly.

The names of all the Members were taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names was then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

1 Jobin,	13 Petrie,
2 Macdonald, of Cornwall,	14 Dickson,
3 Laurason,	15 Morin,
4 Leslie,	16 Thompson,
5 Hull,	17 LeMoine,
6 Mithot,	18 Lacoste,
7 Chalmers,	19 Scott,
8 Greive,	20 Dunlop,
9 Mc Connell,	21 Lantier,
10 Watts,	22 Solicitor General Sherwood,
11 Berthelot,	23 Seymour.
12 Desautier,	

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tested Election.

Nineteen other names were drawn and set aside, or excused, as follows:—

Fourteen against whom Petitions are pending.

Five names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

Mr. Murney was chosen nominee for the Petitioners.

Mr. Macdonald of Kingston, was chosen nominee for the Sitting Member.

At twenty minutes to five o'clock, P. M., the parties, with Mr. Alfred Todd, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At ten minutes to five o'clock, P. M., the Clerk of the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of the nine Members unstruck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

1 Macdonald of Cornwall,	6 LeMoine,
2 Mithot,	7 Lacoste,
3 Greive,	8 Dunlop,
4 Mc Connell,	9 Seymour.
5 Watts,	

Nominee for the Petitioners, Mr. Murney.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston.

ALFRED TODD,
Clerk to Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of Mr. Murney, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston,

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the Petition of Alexander McLean, Esquire, and others, electors of the county of Stormont, complaining of the undue election and return of Donald Aeneas Macdonell, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room No. 6, to-morrow, at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

The Honourable Mr. Morin, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of David Duncombe, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of Norfolk, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of Israel Wood Powell, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county of Norfolk, reported to the House that the Committee met this day, according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. Papineau, a Member of the said Committee.

Norfolk
Election.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. Papineau has absented himself by reason of sickness, he be excused.

Mr. Lantier, chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the Petition of Samuel Wood and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of Lincoln, district of Niagara, complaining of the undue election and return of William Hamilton

Norfolk
Election.

Merritt, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, reported to the House that the Committee met this day, according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* and Mr. *Chalmers*, two members of the said Committee.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* has absented himself by reason of sickness; and the said Committee have suffered no inconvenience by the absence of Mr. *Chalmers*, they be excused.

Oxford
Election.

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the county of *Oxford*, reported to the House that the Committee met this day, according to appointment, but could not proceed to business in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Lantier*, a member of the said Committee.

Resolved, That as the said Committee have suffered no inconvenience by the absence of Mr. *Lantier*, he be excused.

Resolved, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn from the sitting of to-morrow until the first day of March next, at eleven o'clock, A.M., and that they do then meet in the Committee Room No. 5.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

Ordered, That the time appointed by the Order of the House of yesterday, for the meeting of the Commission for taking evidence in the matter of the controverted election of the county of *Oxford*, be extended from the fourth to the eleventh day of February next.

Ordered, That the Petitioners, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, for the county of *Oxford*, and the Sitting Member for the said county, do exchange, on or before the first day of February next, at eleven o'clock, A.M., lists of the voters objected to, giving the several heads of objection, and distinguishing the same against the names of the voters excepted to by them respectively; such lists to be delivered as follows, that is to say—the list on the part of the Petitioners to be delivered to or left at the residence of *Simon F. Robertson*, Esquire, as agent for the Sitting Member at *Woodstock*; and the list on the part of the Sitting Member to be delivered or left at the residence of Mr. *George Henry*, at *Woodstock*, as agent for the Petitioners.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, do transmit to the chairman of the Commissioners, appointed to take the examination of witnesses in the matter of the controverted election for the county of *Oxford*, a certified copy of the different poll books in his possession of the last election for the said county, and that the Commissioners appointed to take the said examination, be permitted to receive the same in lieu of the original poll books.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *G. Rutledge* and others, of the township of *Loughborough*.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of *G. Weldon* and others, of the seigniory of *Lacolle*, in the county of *Huntington*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*, the Petition of the members of the *Quebec Debating Society*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *John W. Kerr* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Bayham* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *Alfred Patrick*, second Clerk of Committees to this House.

By Mr. *Lawerson*, the Petition of *James Farley* and others, of the town of *London*, in the district of *London*.

By Mr. *Macdonald* of *Cornwall*, the Petition of the Provincial Committee of the *Montreal Temperance Society*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of the Reverend *T. B. Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the parish of *Thorold*, and district of *Niagara*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves); the Petition of *Peter Lampman*, senior, and others, of the *Niagara* district; and the Petition of the Reverend *T. B. Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the parish of *Thorold*, in the district of *Niagara*, (relating to the Common School Act).

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *Robert Scott* and others, proprietors of *St. George's Church*, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *William Wilson* and others, merchants, manufacturers and traders, of the town of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *James L. Grant*, late Sergeant Major in Her Majesty's service.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *Joseph Munger*, senior, and others, of the township of *Colchester*, in the *Western* district.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of the Grand Jury of the district of *Huron*; and the Petition of *Alexander Campbell* and others, of the township of *Williams*.

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

Of *James Iaing* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Warwick and Adelaide*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas S. Kennedy* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Darlington* and *Clarke*, and parts adjacent; the Petition of *John Thompson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Cavan*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Green* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Niagara* and its vicinity; the Petition of the Reverend *William Leeming* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Chippewa*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *Henry C. Cooper*, B. A. and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the *Devonshire* settlement, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *John Shepherd*, and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Goderich* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Robert Owens* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *March and Huntly* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an

Petitions read. Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church of *England*, such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of the Reverend *Louis Proulx* and others, of the district of *Dorchester*, praying an aid to build a public bridge of one arch across the river *Etchemin*, in the county of *Dorchester*.

Of *Donald McIntosh* and others, of the parishes of *St. Polycarpe*, *St. Ignace*, and *St. Joseph*, in the county of *Vaudreuil*, praying for amendments in the Municipal and Common School Laws, and that the plank road at the *Cedars* may be continued over *L'Isle Perrot*, and thence down to the *Lachine* road, ending opposite the proper ferries on the said island and the island of *Montreal*.

Of *Michel Christin*, junior, of the parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, praying indemnity for losses sustained by the death of his son and daughter, who were drowned in crossing from *Beauharnois*, which they were obliged to leave in consequence of threats against their lives, by the labourers on the canal.

Of *William Conner* and others, masters and journeymen shoemakers, in the district of *Victoria*, praying that a certain duty may be imposed upon all articles manufactured of leather, imported from the *United States*.

Of *John Gibbs*, of the township of *Seymour*, praying to be indemnified for the loss of his store, which was burnt in consequence of the disturbances on the public works of the river *Trent*, in the said township.

Of the *Mohawk* nation of Indians, of the Bay of *Quinté*, *Canada West*, praying that the whole tract of land included in their agreement with the Government, may be disposed of for their benefit without reservation; or otherwise that such reserve be appropriated to the religious instruction and education of their tribe.

Of *Charles DeWitt* and others, of the township of *Godmanchester*, in the district of *Montreal*, praying that the said township may remain undivided, as it is at present.

Of the Religious Ladies of the "*Hotel Dieu*," of *Montreal*, praying to be duly authorized to invest the funds which may arise from the commutation of the tenure of lands in fief, held by them.

Of *John Williamson* and others, of the township of *Saltfleet*, praying for aid to complete certain parts of the macadamized road from *Queenston* to *London*, and thence to *Sturwich*.

Of *John Hammill*, of the town of *Brantford*, in the district of *Gore*, carpenter, praying for the payment of a balance due on his contract for building a bridge over the *Grand River* at that place.

Of *Daniel McDougal*, of the town of *Niagara*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said town.

Of *John D. McKenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverley*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places, praying compensation for losses sustained by them in consequence of an erroneous survey, by the correction of which they are dispossessed of a valuable portion of a tract of land in the *Gore* of *Beverley*.

Petitions read. Of *Joel Smith* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Grimshy*, praying for an alteration of the present system for the regulation and maintenance of common schools.

Of *Charles Hales* and others, merchants and traders of the town of *Kingston*, praying for a reduction of the duties on tea, coffee, and tobacco, imported from the *United States*.

Of *William Shepherd*, Esquire, and others, trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike roads, praying for authority to raise a further loan of £8,882, to complete the works on the said roads.

Of *Jacob Brown* and others, of the township of *Osnabruck*, praying compensation for injury done to their farms and orchards, during the construction of the *St. Lawrence* canal.

Of *George Robertson* and others, of the village of *Milleroches*, praying to be remunerated for damages done to their property on the line of the *St. Lawrence* canal.

Of the trustees of *Queen's College*, at *Kingston*, University of *King's College*, praying for such an alteration in the constitution of the University of *King's College*, at *Toronto*, as will secure to all sections of the community, a fair share of influence in the said University, or that *Queen's College* may be endowed, and provision made for its expenses during the last three years.

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the said Petition be printed, in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Prince, chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Harris* and others, freeholders of the county of *Grenville*, in the district of *Johnstown*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, sitting Member for the said county, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Resolved, That *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the county of *Grenville*, had a majority of votes on the poll books taken at the said election, and is therefore duly elected to serve as the Member for the said county, in this present Parliament.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Harris* and others, against the return of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Grenville* in this present Parliament, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Resolved, That the defence of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, the Sitting Member, is not frivolous or vexatious.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Thompson* and *J. Thompson* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Cavan* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas S. Kennedy* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Darlington* and *Clarke* and parts adjacent, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*; and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Mark Burnham* and *M. Burnham* and others, members of the united Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the village of *St. Thomas* and its

M. Burnham and others.	vicinity, in the diocese of <i>Toronto</i> ; and the Petition of <i>James Lang</i> and others, members of the United Church of <i>England</i> and <i>Ireland</i> , in the townships of <i>Warwick</i> and <i>Adelaide</i> and parts adjacent, in the diocese of <i>Toronto</i> , be severally referred to the said Committee.	On motion of Mr. <i>Prince</i> , seconded by Mr. <i>Duggan</i> ,	
C. C. Greece and others.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Petition of <i>C. C. Greece</i> and others, proprietors whose lands are intersected by the <i>Grenville</i> canal, be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases.	<i>Ordered</i> , That <i>James Durand</i> , Esquire, the Petitioner complaining of the undue election and return of <i>James Webster</i> , Esquire, for the county of <i>West Halton</i> , and the Sitting Member, do exchange, on or before the first Monday of February next, at one o'clock, P.M., lists of the voters objected to, giving the several heads of objection, and distinguishing the same against the names of the voters excepted to by them respectively; such lists to be delivered as follows, that is to say,—the list on the part of the Petitioners to be delivered to or left at the residence of <i>Adam Ainslie</i> , Esquire, of the town of <i>Galt</i> , in the district of <i>Wellington</i> , as agent for the Sitting Member at the said town of <i>Galt</i> ; and the list on the part of the Sitting Member to be delivered or left at the residence of himself at <i>Dundas</i> , for the Petitioners.	West Halton Election.
A. Irvine and others.	<i>Resolved</i> , That the Petition of <i>Adam Irvine</i> and others, of the village and township of <i>Ancaster</i> , in the district of <i>Gore</i> , be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. <i>Smith</i> , of <i>Wentworth</i> , the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General <i>Sherwood</i> , Mr. <i>Thompson</i> , Mr. <i>Price</i> , and Mr. <i>Merritt</i> , 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 Order of the Day for the consideration of the Petition of <i>Leonard Boivin</i> and others, electors of the county of <i>St. Hyacinthe</i> , complaining of the undue election and return of <i>Thomas Bouillier</i> , Esquire, for the said county of <i>St. Hyacinthe</i> , being read,	St. Hyacinthe Election.
M. Christin.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Petition of <i>Michel Christin</i> , junior, of the parish of <i>St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac</i> , be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend <i>J. O. Archambault</i> and others, of the parishes of <i>St. Timothée</i> and <i>St. Clément</i> .	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.	
G. Robertson and others.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Petition of <i>George Robertson</i> and others, of the village of <i>Milleroches</i> , be referred to the said Committee.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to set apart certain parts of the townships of <i>Loughborough</i> , <i>Pittsburgh</i> , and <i>Kingston</i> , in the <i>Midland</i> district, and form the same into a new township, being read,	Loughborough and Pittsburgh.
J. Brown and others.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Petition of <i>Jacob Brown</i> and others, of the township of <i>Osnabrick</i> , be referred to the said Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday, the twenty-fourth instant.	
Forges of St. Maurice.	<i>Ordered</i> , That two hundred and fifty copies of the return to an Address of this House, to His Excellency, the Governor General, of the ninth of December last, on the subject of the Forges of <i>St. Maurice</i> , be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.	The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereto specially appointed, or authorized by a Judge, being read,	Meetings of Relations.
	On motion of Mr. <i>Prince</i> , seconded by Mr. <i>Duggan</i> ,	The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. <i>Lacoste</i> , the Honourable Mr. Attorney General <i>Smith</i> , the Honourable Mr. <i>Aylwin</i> , Mr. <i>Mélot</i> , and Mr. <i>Laurin</i> , to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.	
West Halton Election.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do transmit to the Chairman of the Commissioners appointed to take the examination of witnesses in the matter of the contested election for the county of <i>West Halton</i> , a certified copy of the different poll books in his possession of the last election for the said county; and that the Commissioners appointed to take the said examination, be permitted to receive the same in evidence, in lieu of the original poll books.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to provide for the recovery of the rates or taxes intended to be imposed by certain by-laws of the district Council of the district of <i>Huron</i> , being read,	District Rates.
Courts of Queen's Bench.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the several Courts of Queen's Bench in <i>Upper</i> and <i>Lower Canada</i> , to issue writs of <i>Subpoena ad testificandum</i> , as therein mentioned, being read,	The said Bill was read accordingly.	
	The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>Cornwall</i> , the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General <i>Sherwood</i> , the Honourable Mr. <i>Baldwin</i> , the Honourable Mr. <i>Aylwin</i> , Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> , of <i>Kingston</i> , and the Honourable Mr. <i>LaFontaine</i> , to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.	Mr. <i>Dunlop</i> moved, seconded by Mr. <i>Macdonell</i> , of <i>Dundas</i> ,	
		That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.	
		Mr. <i>Boulton</i> moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. <i>Riddell</i> ,	
		That the word "now," in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day six months," substituted.	
		Mr. <i>Hale</i> moved, in amendment to Mr. <i>Boulton's</i> motion of amendment, seconded by Mr. <i>Duggan</i> ,	
		That the words "six months" in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "three weeks" substituted.	

District Rates— The question having been put upon Mr. Hale's motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Bertrand, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Duggan, Foster, Hale, Hall, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Leslie, McConnell, Moffatt, Powell, Price, Roblin, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, and Watts—(20.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Boulton, Brooks, Cameron, Cauchon, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Drummond, Dunlop, Gowan, Greive, Jessup, Jobin, Lantier, Laurin, Laurason, Macdonald of GLENMOUNT, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSBURN, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STONOR, Méthot, Meyers, Nelson, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Rousseau, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson and Williams—(36.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* then moved, in amendment to Mr. *Boulton's* motion of amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

That the words "this day six months" in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day week" substituted.

The question being put on the said motion of amendment, it was unanimously agreed to.

And the question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House this day week.

Clergy Indemnification. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to indemnify Clergymen who have voted at the last general election in ignorance of the law, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Specher* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Monday next.

Freedom of Assembly. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of amending a certain Act, intituled, "An Act for the better securing the freedom of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," inasmuch as the said Act deprives the gentlemen of the Clergy from voting at the elections of the Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Price* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to amend the Provincial Act of the 7th *Victoria*, chapter 65, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," in so far as the same prevents the members of the Clergy of this Province from voting at the election of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, that the House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Cauchon, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Jessup, Laurin, Laurason, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Moffatt, Powell, Price, Roblin, Seymour, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Taché, and Williams—(28.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Boutillier, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Nelson, Rousseau, Scott, and Taschereau—(11.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Friday next, in the order in which they now stand.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 11th ultimo, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to furnish the House a copy of the authority given to the Crown Land Department, for issuing certain Militia Scrip as advertised in the Official Gazette; whether such authority is founded upon any Proclamation or Order in Council, and if the latter, the date of such Order, with such other information as His Excellency may be pleased to afford; also a statement of the probable amount of such militia claims, and whether such scrip is intended to be applied in the payment of lands in the Province of *Canada* generally, or merely to the purchase of lands in *Lower Canada*; also the nominal value at which it is fixed, whether reference is had to the price of such lands in the Province of *Canada*, or to their value in *Lower Canada* only; also the number of Clerks employed, examining militia claims, and making out scrip for the liquidation of the same, the salaries paid to such Clerks, and whether the same are paid out of special funds, if so, the nature of such funds, or if borne on the general expense account of the Crown Land Department; also the amount of the said scrip already issued, with the dates of such issues; also if it is the intention of Government to insist on the immediate settlement of lands purchased in *Upper Canada*, and paid for with such scrip.

(COPY)

Kingston, 31st January, 1844.

SIR,

In obedience to the commands of His Excellency, the Governor General, as expressed in your order of reference of the 30th instant, requesting my opinion as to the effect of the 13th section of the 4th and 5th *Victoria* chapter 100,

Militia Scrip. on the supposition that an error has been committed in a notice in the Official *Gazette*, by which the length of the term allowed by an Order in Council to file *Militia* Claims has been abridged one whole year, I have the honour to state, that it is an acknowledged principle in law that what is termed an error of fact, *erreur de fait*, cannot legally operate to the prejudice of the acquired and real rights of an individual. And that all contracts and other transactions founded upon an error of this nature, have always been considered as null and void in law.

An Order of Council, granting a fixed delay to file certain Claims, can be known only by a Proclamation or Official notice, and if, by reason of an error committed in any one of those documents, individuals who had acquired rights under the said Order of Council have been rendered incapable of exercising such rights within the whole term allowed by the said Order of Council, in such case the individuals above mentioned are within the real intent and spirit of the exception provided for in the 13th section of the said 4th and 5th *Victoria* chapter 100. In framing this clause, the Legislature had in view the protection of the just rights of individuals who, incapacitated by the law, were deprived of the means of exercising them; the same protection should extend to those who, from accident or from causes over which they had no control, (*force majeure*) have been, during a whole year, incapacitated or deprived of the power and means of making those claims.

I am therefore of opinion that the effect of the 13th section of the above-mentioned Act does not militate against the acquired rights of the Militiamen who have signed the petition accompanying your order of reference, nor against the power of His Excellency, with the advice of the Executive Council, to entertain those Claims during a period of not less than one year.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) F. A. QUESNEL,
Queen's Counsel.

E. PARENT, Esq.,
C. E. C.
&c. &c. &c.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 31st January, 1844, approved by His Excellency, the Governor General.

The Committee of Council have taken into consideration the Petition of certain Militiamen of *Lower Canada*, who served in the late war with the *United States of America*, setting forth that, by a notice published in pursuance of an Order in Council in the *Quebec Gazette*, under the date of the 28th July, 1829, applications for lands on account of their services were required to be made by the 1st August, 1830, and that Petitioners, from causes set forth, were unable to comply with this order; and praying that their claims might now be recognized and allowed. They have also had before them the opinion of the Hon. F. A. Quesnel as to the effect of the 13th clause of the 4th and 5th *Victoria* chapter 100, on the claim of the Petitioners in connection with the facts hereinafter mentioned, which opinion bears out the recommendation which the Committee have arrived at.

The Committee referred to the original Minutes in Council, and to the entry thereof in the Minute Book, and to their surprise discovered that the notice published in the *Gazette* did not correspond in the important particular of time with the original Order, as approved by His Excellency Sir James Kempt. By this Order the time within which the claims of these Militiamen for lands were allowed to be put in, was declared to be the 1st August, 1831, one year longer than the notice set forth; and on inquiry the Committee have also ascertained that the notice was acted on in the Public Departments, and the 1st of August, 1830, was adopted as the limit beyond which no such claims were allowed to be preferred. It thus appears clear that by an error which the Committee cannot explain or account for, these loyal Militiamen were deprived of a whole year, during which, according to the express terms of the original

Militia Scrip. Order, they ought to have had an opportunity of claiming the Bounty of the Crown for their services. Under these circumstances, the Committee are of opinion that it is only an act of justice to give now what was intended to be given then, and not to permit a mistake in the notice to defeat the intention of the Government of that day, or to take advantage of it to deprive these Militiamen of the opportunity which that Order intended to give them; and they therefore respectfully recommend to your Excellency that during the year commencing the 1st March, 1844, all such Claims be received and disposed of in like manner as they would have been if preferred within the time named in the Order in Council already referred to, and the letter of instructions of Mr. Chief Secretary Buller, of the 12th September, 1838, addressed to the Commissioners of Militia Claims.

Certified,

(Signed) E. PARENT,

Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(240.)

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,
Montreal, December 26th, 1844.

SIR,

I have the honour to transmit a Report with reference to the issue of Scrip in favour of the Militia claimants of *Lower Canada*, required by your letter of the 14th instant.

I have, &c.,

T. BOUTHILLIER,

The Hon. the Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(240.)

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,
Montreal, 24th December, 1844.

Answer to the Address of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, of the 11th December, 1844.

The authority given to the Crown Lands Department for issuing certain Militia Scrip, as advertised in the Official *Gazette*, is an Order in Council of the 31st January, 1844, and His Excellency, the Governor General's Proclamation of the 20th February following.

The total number of Claims received to this date is, in round numbers, 4,300; of this number 1,006 have been admitted, in satisfaction of which Scrip was issued, on or about the 10th instant, to the amount of £23,540; of the remaining Claims probably 2,500 will prove good, to which should be added 500 more, as the estimated amount of good Claims to be received between this and the first of March, beyond which period no more claims are to be received. These 3,000 Claims will require about £70,198 more Scrip, supposing the proportion of grades for them to be the same as in List one; making the total probable amount of Scrip so to be issued, £93,738.

The Scrip is available for deferred payments or instalments upon sales of Public Lands in any part of the Province, agreeably to the provisions of the Land Act, 4th and 5th *Victoria*, chapter 100. No condition of settlement is attached to purchases made in *Upper Canada* with this Scrip.

The nominal value at which Land is fixed in such Scrip, is four shillings per acre, being the price laid down in the said Act for lands in *Upper Canada*, which has also been applied, since the Union to *Lower Canada*.

The examination of these Claims, and the making out of Scrip for the liquidation of the same, have been added to the other regular duties of this office, and three extra Clerks have in consequence been hired for that specific

Militia Scrip. object at different periods. The first on the 20th February last, at 7s. 6d. per day, up to the 30th September, and 5s. per day subsequent to that date; the second on the 27th of August, at 5s. per day; and the third on the 10th of September, at 7s. 6d.

One of the regular Clerks of the office, at a salary of 7s. 6d. per day, has been engaged exclusively on this duty from the 1st of August, and two others, at the same salary, have been occasionally employed since the 1st of October.

In addition to the above, Mr. *Langevin*, on the permanent establishment of this Department, at a salary of £300 a year, and late Secretary to the Militia Board established by Lord *Durham*, has, from the date of the Proclamation, been intrusted with the chief management of that Branch of duty, to which he has devoted one half and latterly two thirds of his time.

The aggregate amount of wages paid to the Clerks now employed on this service, may therefore be reckoned at 43s. or 44s. per day. Six months more of the same labour will be required to complete the investigation and liquidation of these Claims.

The salaries of all the persons employed are included in the general expenses of this Department.

T. BOUTHILLIER.
A. C. C. L.

Province of }
Canada. } C. T. METCALFE.

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

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

WHEREAS on the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-nine, His Excellency Sir *James Kempt*, then being Lieutenant General and Commander of the Forces in Our late Province of *Lower Canada*, and Administrator of the Government of our said late Province, was pleased, by an Order in Council of our said late Province, to declare that all applications for lands on account of services in the embodied Militia, during the late war with the *United States of America*, should be received until the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, and no longer; and a public notice to that effect was, in and by the aforesaid Order, directed to be inserted in the *Quebec Official Gazette* for the information of all persons concerned; And whereas it hath been represented unto Us that, by reason of an error and mistake in all the notices inserted in the said *Quebec Official Gazette*, under and by virtue of the Order in Council above mentioned, the time during which the applications from individuals entitled to obtain lands for military services as aforesaid, was limited to the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty: by means whereof the individuals above mentioned have been deprived of an opportunity of preferring their claims as aforesaid; And whereas a memorial signed by certain individuals, alleging their rights to obtain lands for services rendered as aforesaid, and complaining that the limited time specified in the said notice did not admit of their making the necessary applications in that behalf, has been duly presented unto Us, and We, being unwilling to permit an error and mistake of the nature above mentioned, to defeat the real intention of the said Order in Council, and being always desirous that the services rendered by our Loyal *Canadian* Subjects, should receive their due recompence, have, by and with the advice and consent of our Executive Council of and for Our Province of *Canada*, thought fit to issue this Proclamation, to declare and make known, and hereby do declare and make known, that all applications for lands on account of services in the Militia, during the late war with the *United States*, will be received during the year to commence on the first day of March now next ensuing, and to be completed and ended on the first day

of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty five, in Militia Scrip. like manner as they would have been if preferred within the time specified in the Order in Council above mentioned; of all which Our Loving Subjects, and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well Beloved the Right Honourable Sir *Charles Theophilus Metcalfe*, Baronet, G. C. B., One of Our most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, at our Government House, at *Kingston*, in our said Province of *Canada*, the Twentieth day of February, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and in the seventh year of Our Reign.

C. T. M.

D. DALY,
Secretary.

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,
Kingston, 20th February, 1844.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that the individuals entitled to the Militia Bounty, agreeably to the Proclamation issued this day, are those only who served in the undermentioned Corps in *Lower Canada*, during the last American War, and who have not as yet received any Land or Scrip for their Services, that is to say:—

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, (or Canadian Chasseurs,) and sixth Battalions of Select and Embodied Militia.

The Militia Staff, on active duty.
" Canadian Voltigeurs.
" Frontier Light Infantry.
" Canadian Voyageurs.
" Commissariat Voyageurs.
" Provincial Light Dragoons.
" Canadian Dragoons.
" Corps of Guides.
" Militia Artillery.
" Militia Artillery Drivers.

To which may be added—

Such Officers and Men, without reference to the Corps in which they served, who may have been wounded or taken prisoners, and the representatives of such as may have been killed in action with the enemy.

In cases where the service was performed by substitute, such substitute only is to obtain the bounty.

Where the Militiaman is dead, and in the absence of a will, the following persons, in the order in which they stand, will be recognised as his representatives and entitled accordingly,—namely:—

- 1st.—The Widow.
- 2nd.—The Children.
- 3rd.—The Father and Mother, or the Survivor.
- 4th.—And lastly, the Brothers and Sisters equally.

Such representatives to produce a regular certificate of burial, or other sufficient proof of the death of the Militiaman; also, of their being his only representatives, according to the above rule, and distinctly to state under what particular class they claim.

All claims to be directed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

Militia Scrip.

Each claimant to file or transmit his original discharge or certificate of service, accompanied with an affidavit stating that the said discharge or certificate of service is his own, that he served as therein mentioned, and has never yet obtained, directly or indirectly, by himself or through any other person, the Militia or Army Bounty, either in land or scrip.

When the discharge or certificate of service cannot be produced, the claimant will have to describe,

The Battalion or Corps in which he served, the name and grade of the person who commanded his company; and to state,

Whether he served under his present or what other name.

What space of time, and in what capacity he served.

Whether he was regularly discharged, and if so, when and where.

The preceding, and all other statements and declarations required, in connexion with Militia Claims, to be made under oath, before some person authorized to administer such oath.

Lists of claims will be published as admitted, and the parties will then be satisfied in Scrip as prescribed by the Land Act, after the following scale:—

For a Lieutenant Colonel, Scrip to the amount of £240, being the commuted value of 1200 acres of land, at 4s. per acre.

For a Major, Scrip to the amount of £200, being the commuted value of 1000 acres of land, at 4s. per acre.

For a Captain, Surgeon or Pay-Master, Scrip to the amount of £160, being the commuted value of 800 acres of land, at 4s. per acre.

For a Subaltern, Assistant Surgeon, Adjutant, or Quarter Master, Scrip to the amount of £100, being the commuted value of 500 acres of land at 4s. per acre.

For a Sergeant Major or Quarter Master Sergeant, Scrip to the amount of £60, being the commuted value of 300 acres of land, at 4s. per acre.

For a Sergeant, Scrip to the amount of £40, being the commuted value of 200 acres of land, at 4s. per acre.

For a Corporal or Private, Scrip to the amount of £20, being the commuted value of 100 acres of land, at 4s. per acre.

The Scrip thus granted will be received by the Government in payment of old or new purchases of Crown Lands, as provided by the said Land Act.

Individuals applying for Scrip, as Attorney to a Militiaman or his representatives, will be required to produce a power legally made.

Discharges or other papers filed or transmitted by or on behalf of persons whose claims may be disallowed, will only be returned to the parties interested (on application) after the investigation of all the claims preferred be terminated.

Then on motion of Mr. *Duggan*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 16° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Middlesex con- tested Election.

THE hour appointed for taking into consideration the Petition of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Middlesex* in the present Parliament, being come,

The House proceeded to the appointment of a ^{Middlesex con-} Select Committee, to try and determine the merits ^{tested Election.} of the said Petition.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed by Mr. *Speaker* to go with the Mace to the places adjacent, and require the attendance of the Members on the business of the House.

And he went accordingly;

And being returned, the House was called, and more than thirty Members being present,

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Petitioner, his counsel or agent, to appear at the Bar.

W. B. Richards, Esquire, appeared at the Bar, as counsel for the Petitioner.

Mr. *Speaker* called upon the Sitting Member, his counsel or agent, to appear.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* appeared in his place, as counsel for the Sitting Member.

Mr. *Richards*, counsel for the Petitioner, presented a list of witnesses in behalf of the Petitioner, which was read by the Clerk as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES

On the part of the Petitioner, against the Election and Return of EDWARD ERMATINGER, Esquire, for the County of MIDDLESEX, to Serve in this present Parliament.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Christopher Bear	Township of Adelaide.
Robert Johnston	do do
Baptiste McIlvane	do do
J. B. Winlow	do do
John Bouly	do do
Francis Enwich	do do
Richard W. Beannan	do do
Martin Carty	do do
Thomas Cooper	do do
John Bulger	do do
George Dodd	do do
Robert Gripton	do do
William Rounde	do do
Charles Napkin	do do
Richard McCutcheon	do do
Thomas Caddy	do do
Bernard Knight	do do
Arthur McCallum	do do
R. P. Tooth	do do
Charles Proston	do do
Thomas Burgess	do do
Timothy Cana	do do
Thomas Rounde	do do
John Arthurs	do do
John Keys, senior	do do
Hugh Eckliass	do do
Samuel Morrow	do do
Daniel Ingram	do do
Thos. Thompson, Deputy Returning Officer	do do
David M. Thompson, Poll Clerk	do do
John Lang	do do
William McClutchy	do do
Mathew Wilkins	do do
Joseph Brady	do do
Henry Font	do do
Jonathan Miller	do do
Thomas James	do do
William Randle	do do
Walter M-Nizer	do do
John Freeman	do do
John Cully	do do
Oliver Nuss	do do
Michael Griffiths	do do
John Small	do do
James Foster	do do
H. D. Woods	do do
Patrick Mee	do do
Samuel Paterson	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Samuel Morrow	Township of Adelaide.
Thomas Gately	do do
John Morgan	do do
George Munro, Esq.	do Aldboro.
Malcolm Munro	do do
Archibald Munro	do do
Hugh M-Cowan	do do
Niel Campbell	do do
John Buchan	do do
John C. Gillies	do do
James Campbell, Deputy Returning Officer	do do
Ewen M'Kenly, Poll Clerk	do do
Donald M'Gryan,	do do
John Pursell	do do
John M-Dougald	do do
Archibald Paterson	do do
Duncan M-Gregor	do do
Duncan M-Killop	do do
James M-Kinlay	do do
Finlay M-Diarmid	do do
Donald Paterson	do do
Donald Campbell	do do
Donald M-Naughten	do do
Niel Walker	do do
Alexander Baxter	do do
Angus M-Intyre	do do
Hugh Graham	do do
Alexander M-Ewan	do do
Duncan M-Farlane	do do
Angus M-Kay	do do
Hector Paterson	do do
Donald Pursell	do do
Alexander Brodie	do do
Alexander Campbell	do do
Angus M-Guyan	do do
Archibald M-Arthur	do do
Gregor M-Gregor	do do
James M-Bride	do do
Dougald M-Larty	do do
John M-Intyre	do do
John Sinclair	do do
Norman Ford	do do
John Ford	do do
Colin Ruthven	do do
Duncan M-Nab	do do
Duncan Paterson	do do
John Cunningham	do do
Donald Campbell	do do
Archibald Miller, Deputy Returning Officer	do Ekfrid
Wm. Grace, Poll Clerk	do do
Donald M-Intyre	do Aldboro
John M-Millan	do do
Niel Buchan	do do
Angus M-Intyre	do do
James Campbell	do do
Dougald M-Intyre	do do
John Paterson	do do
Nicholas Scott	do do
Joseph Siddell	do Eckfrid
William Curling	do Delaware
William F. Bullen	do do
John Holden	do do
Charles Peacock	do do
Samuel Drake	do do
John Drake	do do
Thomas H. Sumner	do do
Joseph Cowley	do do
Daniel Spreiger	do do
Joshua Bobier	do Dunwich
M. Bobier	do do
Peter Wilson	do do
William Pearce	do do
Steven Bockus	do do
Andrew Bockus	do do
Daniel M-Pherson	do do
Leslie Paterson, Esq.	do do
Meredith Conn	do do
John Clark	do do
Angus Gunn	do do
Gilbert Taylor	do do
William Bannerman	do do
John Galbraith	do do
Hugh Gunn	do do
John Pearce	do do
John Pearce, junior	do do
Daniel M'Guyen	do do
Richard Webb, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do Delaware
H. Hamilton, Poll Clerk	do do
Isaac Draper	do Bayham

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Alexander Laston	Township of Bayham.
Reuben M. Lamb	do do
Pinus Higginson	do do
Caleb Cook	do do
Samuel Livingston, senior	do do
Isaac Williams	do do
James Walker	do do
Neil M'Kinnaw	do do
Isaac Blunford	do do
Solomon Moor	do do
John Westly Young	do do
James Hutchison	do do
Andrew Duley	do do
Charles Pater	do do
George Daubie	do do
Isaac Titus	do do
Edmund Titus	do do
A. V. W. Hewitt	do do
Alexander Dupcal	do do
John M. Crawford	do do
John Baker	do do
Daniel Purdy	do do
Isaac H. Laston	do do
Porter Bartlett	do do
Alfred Nevil	do do
James Harris	do do
James Spoor	do do
John Ruman, senior	do do
James Ruman	do do
Ephraim C. Mitchell	do do
Silas Nevil	do do
Francis Harris	do do
James M'Neilh	do do
Benjamin Haines	do do
John Roberts	do do
John Burwell, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do do
Thomas Seatchard, Poll Clerk	do do
John F. Claus	do do
Hiram N. Gilbert	do do
John H. Laston	do do
Gabriel Wright	do do
Silvester Cook	do do
Thomas Pringall	do do
Thomas M-Guire	do do
Jacob Bentland	do do
Jeremiah Moor	do do
Harinda Outin	do do
John B. Blackburn	do do
Jesup Plinnurs	do do
Benjamin Thomas	do do
Daniel Hazen	do do
Joseph Bowes	do do
John Coyle	do do
George Monk	do do
David Sibby	do do
Andrew Clute	do do
James Vanemurg	do do
Robert Atkins	do do
John W. Mactall	do do
John Hobson	do do
James Scanlan	do do
Thomas Dennis	do do
Leonidas Bulwer	do do
Thomas Turims	do do
James Bailey	do do
Alexander Haines	do do
William B. Wing	do do
Joseph Baitif	do do
Andrew Raymond	do do
Jacob Budsall	do do
Nicholas Dupee	do do
William Moore	do do
John Thomson	do do
Thomas M'Caui, Deputy Returning Officer	do Dunwich.
James A. Wilkinson, Poll Clerk	do do
Robert Couchman	do Bayham
John Blayney	do do
David Merrill	do do
Cosper Best	do do
Sela Healy	do do
Alexander Moore	do do
David Kent	do do
John Clifford	do do
William Smoke	do do
John Burwell	do do
William Hatchey	do Moss.
Thomas Shaw	do do
James Gibb	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Samuel Fleming	Township of Mos.
George Fleming	do do
Thomas Kirkpatrick	do do
Adam Hatchie	do do
Daniel Hurley	do do
John Edwards	do do
Duncan King	do do
Angus Stuart	do do
Jacob Ingles	do do
George Hatcher	do do
Donald King	do do
Talbot St. John Ward	do do
George Simpson	do do
William Weeks	do do
Patrick M'Gregor	do do
Malcolm Downey	do do
Alarrin D. Call	do do
John M'Favish	do do
Donald Ferguson	do do
Joseph W. Walker	do do
Abraham Francis	do do
George Curry	do do
Wm. Reid	do do
Richard Neil, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do do
Robert L. Warren, Poll Clerk	do do
Thomas Reid	do do
Joseph Walker	do do
John Jones	do do
William Gardner	do do
Robert Banocll	do do
Elijah Davis	do do
Robert Sowden	do do
Elias Anderson	do do
John Hall	do do
John Davis	do do
Adam Cornel	do do
Alexander D. Ward	do do
Isaac Brock Burwell	do do
Wilson Mills	do do
John Sutherland	do do
Charles Bateman	do do
William Livingston	do do
Robert Bateman	do do
William Sutherland	do do
James Sutherland	do do
Alexander Sutherland	do do
James Craig	do do
John Lee	do do
William Wellman	do do
James Conlter	do do
Manly Dixon	do do
John Oglevie	do do
Peter Keirstead	do do
George Carruthers	do do
Alexander Orr	do do
William Elliott	do do
Edward Bateman	do do
George Young	do do
Thomas Lantrey	do do
James Adair	do do
Joseph Wellman	do do
James Young, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do do
George Bailton, Poll Clerk	do do
James Cooley	do do
Levi Warner	do do
Alexander M. Cowan	do do
Amos Keirstead	do do
Harmones Forbes	do do
William Toles	do do
Walter Duwling	do do
Thomas Holmes	do do
Hercule Burwell	do do
Joshua Applegarth	do do
James Fenwick	do do
Richard Fenwick	do do
Edmund Mills	do do
Samuel Sawell	do do
Joseph Seebrook	do do
John Bateman	do do
John Harvey	do do
Joseph Coulthrop	do do
Robert Thompson	do do
William Bateman	do do
John Bateman	do do
Sylvester Applegarth	do do
John M'Dougall	do do
Charles M'Arthur	do do
John Brown	do do
Duncan M'Call	do do

Caradoc

Lobo

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
James Campbell	Township of Lobo.
Duncan Brown	do do
Thomas M'Pherson	do do
Duncan M'Kellar	do do
George Barnes	do do
Donald M'Dougall	do do
Dugald M'Call	do do
Edward Shipley	do do
Lionel Shipley	do do
Ira Allen	do do
Geo. O. Chailoner, Deputy Returning Officer	do do
Ephraim T. Parke, Poll Clerk	do do
David Lynch	do do
Robert Vaugh	do do
Alexander Sinclair	do do
Hugh M'Pherson	do do
Peter M'Kellar	do do
Edward Shipley	do do
John Dewer	do do
Edward Charlton	do do
David Stonehouse	do do
John Sinclair	do do
Duncan M'Neil	do do
Archibald M'Kellar	do do
John M'Laughlin	do do
Dugald Paul	do do
Malcolm Paul	do do
Archibald Paul	do do
Elijah Mann	do do
James Pothicary	do do
Richard Hughes	do do
Isaac Smith	do do
Charles Hanman	do do
Sidney Bugner	do do
William Silcon	do do
Charles Pothicary	do do
James Scymell	do do
Meredith Orman	do do
Daniel Bollby	do do
Joseph Lyons	do do
Charles Hetherington	do do
David Hughes	do do
Thomas Fletcher	do do
Pinneas Drake	do do
Jonathan Smith	do do
Isaac Bollby	do do
David Pinwarden	do do
John Buzner	do do
Levi Fowler, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do do
John Gourlay, Poll Clerk	do do
Samuel Smith	do do
Samuel Brewer	do do
Jacob Lemans	do do
Abraham Mandeville	do do
Thomas Metcalf	do do
Edward Rodgers	do do
Benjamin Lloyd	do do
Henry Stringer	do do
William Bollby	do do
Issac Riley	do do
David Gilbert	do do
John Mitchell	do do
Anthony Sutton	do do
Joseph Smith	do do
Squire Millard	do do
Samuel Mitchell	do do
William Webb	do do
John Bugner	do do
Noah Silcon	do do
James Davis	do do
John Partridge	do do
Thomas Meek	do do
Hopper King	do do
James Burwell	do do
Charles Knight	do do
Richard Martin	do do
Mathew Bugner	do do
Christopher Claris	do do
John Milligan	do do
William Meek	do do
Henry Ellis	do do
Truman Waters, senior	do do
Thomas Ritri	do do
Samuel Eccles	do do
John Lantican	do do
Walter Wilson	do do
Robert Wilson	do do
Robert Mitchell	do do
John Allworth	do do

Southwold

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
James Blackwood	Township of	Southwold
Gilman Wilson	do	do
John Docherty	do	do
Jacob Gilbert	do	do
Burgess Swisher	do	do
John Meek	do	do
Robert Johnston	do	do
Abraham King	do	do
Robert Blackwood	do	do
Edward Page	do	do
Henry Payne, senior	do	do
John Mitchell, junior	do	do
David Drake	do	do
Richard Nico's	do	do
Esau Payne	do	do
Henry Payne, Junior	do	do
Thomas Williams	do	do
Abraham Yells	do	do
Joseph Spiller	do	do
James Meek	do	do
Dugald Campbell	do	do
Daniel Silcox	do	do
Neil McAlpine	do	do
Thomas Ashard	do	do
John Orchard	do	do
Joseph Orchard	do	do
John Wintemate	do	do
Garret Smith	do	do
John K. Woodward	do	do
Duncan McCormick	do	do
Archibald Gilbreath	do	do
Richard D. Drake	do	do
Amos Davis	do	do
John Sloop	do	do
Richard Nichols	do	do
Frederick Randal	do	do
Isaac Wallace	do	do
William Brinnacobone	do	do
Walker Whitwam	do	do
David Marr	do	do
James McIntosh	do	do
Duncan Campbell	do	do
Samuel Wallace	do	do
Robert H. Nellis	do	do
Samuel Burrit	do	do
John Spitzer	do	do
Daniel Munro	do	do
Benjamin G. Wilson	do	do
Thomas Rollo	do	do
Joseph Stinoff	do	do
Colin Carr	do	do
Duncan Campbell	do	do
Duncan Munroe	do	do
Richard Williams	do	do
John Williams	do	do
Matthew Sexsmith	do	do
Horace Holden	do	do
William Pettit	do	do
Jonathan G. Teetzell	do	do
Ralph Philipps	do	do
John Cameron	do	do
Dixie Watson	do	do
James Givins	do	do
John Campbell	do	do
Cyrus Hall	do	do
Thomas Hewitt	do	do
Andrew Turton	do	do
George Thompson	do	do
Francis Jones	do	do
Peter Schran, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do	do
Hugh Richardson, Poll Clerk	do	do
Hiram Mann	do	do
Edmund Hunt	do	do
John Cunniss	do	do
Robert Eaton	do	do
Richard Tuncks	do	do
William Routhledge	do	do
John R. Seburt	do	do
John Smith	do	do
William Dohney	do	do
James V. Wrey	do	do
John Shore	do	do
Ezekiel Caldwell	do	do
Walter Bidulph	do	do
James Trigger	do	do
William O'Rorie	do	do
Abraham Cook	do	do
William Taylor	do	do
Conrod Chisler	do	do
Jesse Bennett	do	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
Samuel Lewis	Township of	Westminster
William Little	do	do
Matthias Sutton	do	do
Henry W. Bennett	do	do
James Little	do	do
Henry Gorman	do	do
Thomas Arkins	do	do
Gideon Bostwick	do	do
James Young	do	do
Samuel L. Sumner	do	do
William Sutton	do	do
Joseph Mann	do	do
George Routh	do	do
David Mance	do	do
Richard Thomas	do	do
William Dawson	do	do
John Salter	do	do
John Frank	do	do
Benjamin Cook	do	do
John N. Hunt	do	do
Lawrence Ramey	do	do
John Jones	do	do
Thomas Herrington	do	do
David Drugman	do	do
William Pierson	do	do
Garner Ellwood	do	do
Peter Carroll	do	do
Donald Fraser	do	do
Peter McGregor	do	do
Amos T. Davis	do	do
William McPherson	do	do
William Bell	do	do
Jacob Baldinger	do	do
George King	do	do
William Weston	do	do
John B. Askin	do	do
William Orr	do	do
Burban B. Bostwick	do	do
Thomas Coote	do	do
Robert Auckland	do	do
Robert Carruthers	do	do
Charles Hayward	do	do
George T. Clavis	do	do
George Auckland	do	do
Shubael Nicholl	do	do
William M'Arley	do	do
Frederick Loune	do	do
James Raynard	do	do
Andrew Luckley	do	do
Charles Archer	do	do
Thomas Archer	do	do
Josiah Meadows	do	do
Win. A. Vaile	do	do
David Eaton	do	do
Edward Burns	do	do
John Talbot	do	do
George Whitehouse	do	do
Jacob T. Manning	do	Dorchester.
James Moore	do	do
David Moore	do	do
Edward Irwin	do	do
Walter Chase	do	do
Amos Bigger	do	do
Thomas Holcroft	do	do
Andrew M. Lerar	do	do
John Choate	do	do
Horace Choate	do	do
Charles G. Bostwick	do	do
John Walker	do	do
Harvey Norton	do	do
Horatio Greece	do	do
Richard Philpot	do	do
John Hornby	do	do
Samuel Hern	do	do
Hamilton Emery	do	do
Henry Woolly	do	do
Patrick Herren	do	do
Andrew McGregor	do	do
David W. Finch	do	do
William Finch	do	do
John C. Deans	do	do
Barnabas Herren	do	do
Robert Jex	do	do
Richard Dibb	do	do
John Dibb	do	do
Thomas Lightfoot	do	Malahide.
John Summers	do	do
Samuel Harper	do	do
Jonathan Thompson	do	do
David Doty, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do	Dorchester.

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Marcus Cumming Montsarrat, Poll Clerk	Township of Dorchester.
Moses Landers	do Malahide.
Abraham Backhouse	do do
Harvey Finch	do do
Charles G. A. Tozer	do do
John P. Hodgkinson	do do
Joseph Jones	do do
Euseb Sorrell	do do
Edward Dawsey	do do
William Cascaddin	do do
Alexander Cascaddin	do do
David Hutchison	do do
William Evans	do do
Wm. H. Cascaddin	do do
Abraham G. McGowan	do do
James S. Burdick	do do
Adolphus Williams	do do
Davis Burdick	do do
John Benner	do do
David Kingsoy	do do
Joseph Johnstone	do do
Benjamin Purdie	do do
William Cascaddin	do do
James Orr	do do
Donald McKenzie	do do
John Adams	do do
Joseph Sanders	do do
Enos Dennis	do do
Jacob Laur	do do
William Tarville	do do
Amos McKenny	do do
Humphrey Johnston	do do
John K. Summers	do do
John Lucas	do do
William Johnston	do do
Wellington Johnston	do do
Jacob Miller	do do
Francis H. Wright Deputy Returning Officer	do do
William C. Lyonsgrill, Poll Clerk	do do
John Vanpotter	do do
Moses Clayton	do do
Harden Ellsworth	do do
Ebenezer Heney	do do
Thomas Hankinson	do do
David C. Rees	do do
John Hankinson	do do
Castle Kerr	do do
Moses McConnell	do do
Erastus Westover	do do
Moses Truman	do do
Silas Prichard	do do
Jacob W. Dennis	do do
Henry Kilmer	do do
Robert McClintock	do do
William Ferguson	do do
John Ferguson	do do
David Orr	do do
Kenneth Hankinson	do do
John Stork	do do
Philip Bertrand	do do
Arthur Rogers	do do
Nathan L. Wood	do do
James Rogers	do do
Henry Tisdie	do do
Joseph McConnell	do do
Benjamin McConnell	do do
James McConnell	do do
William B. Lyon	do do
Charles Chute	do do
Nathan Lyon	do do
Edward McConnell	do do
Reuben McConnell	do do
Elijah Saxtel	do do
William Percy	do do
John Marr	do do
Andrew Moore	do do
David McConnell	do do
Alexander Boughner	do do
William Taylor	do do
Samuel Harris	do do
William Laur	do do
George Bain	do do
William Dalley	do do
Reuben Johnson	do do
George Silverthorne	do do
Amos B. McKenny	do do
Russell Green	do do

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Robert McConnell	Township of Malahide.
Benjamin Laur	do do
Isaac Ostrander	do do
William Adams	do do
George Cottingham	do do
Miles Tyrell	do do
William Clarke	do do
Philip Hodgkinson	do do
Reuben Adams	do do
Calvin Adams	do do
Francis Hughes	do do
Robert Thompson	do do
Daniel Trandwell	do do
Christopher C. Coombs	do London.
Henry Collins	do do
Hiram Merricale	do do
William Haskott	do do
Thomas English	do do
Daniel Woods	do do
George Robson	do do
Joseph Colston	do do
Thomas Colbert	do do
Robert Gray	do do
Thomas Dickenson	do do
John Harris	do do
John Geary	do do
Thomas Hodgins	do do
Wm. Gleason	do do
Ralph Draken	do do
John Draken	do do
John Evans	do do
William Hodgins	do do
John Shipley	do do
Edward Talbot	do do
Thomas Lee	do do
Jeremiah Robson	do do
Ambrose Powell	do do
John Turner	do do
William Taylor	do do
Henry Ferguson	do do
George Beverly	do do
Robert Ralph	do do
Samuel Peters	do do
Thomas Anderson	do do
Andrew Taylor	do do
Joseph Percival	do do
John Hays	do do
Thomas Shoebottom, junior	do do
Benjamin Higgins	do do
William Ermitage	do do
Robert Jackson	do do
Croel Wilson	do do
Charles Dixon	do do
John Fitzgerald	do do
William Geary	do do
Charles Madden	do do
Thomas Hodgins	do do
Stephen Powell	do do
Isaac Carling	do do
James Gaffney	do do
John M'Stey	do do
Wm. L. Geary	do do
George Gaffney	do do
George W. Bailiff	do do
John Arle	do do
Walter Nixon	do do
George Fitzgerald	do do
John McIntosh	do do
Felix McLaughlin	do do
William O'Brien	do do
George Cartor	do do
John McLeod	do do
George Kennedy	do do
Richard Stevens	do do
Lawrence Lawrason	do do
Samuel H. Parke	do do
James Monahan	do do
Thomas Lewis	do do
William Whitley	do do
William Jackson	do do
Thomas Harrison	do do
William Bradshaw	do do
Isaiah Watson	do do
Jacob Scandrick	do do
Richard Steel Talbot	do do
Richard Talbot, junior	do do
John D. Handgus	do do
John Shoebottom	do do
Jacob Frolic	do do
William Lindsay	do do
William Calvort	do do
David Johnston	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
Joseph Towse	Township of London.
John McLeod	do do
Henry Routhledge	do do
John Morden	do do
Thomas Hewitson Ball, De- puty Returning Officer.	do do
Fred. Cleverly, Poll Clerk	do do
Thomas Parkurson	do do
John Smith	do do
James M'Roberts	do do
Joseph Perry	do do
Robert Ribbon	do do
John Stevenson	do do
John Noble	do do
William M'Mahon	do do
John Birch	do do
Thomas Paine	do do
William Dowers	do do
George M'Connell	do do
James Jackson	do do
William Gray	do do
George Kennedy	do do
James Cooté	do do
George M'Mahon	do do
Cesar M'Leod	do do
William Guest	do do
David M'Connell	do do
Thomas Jackson	do do
Edward Bullock	do do
Samuel Clife	do do
Thomas Webb	do do
Philip Matthews	do do
Benjamin Matthews	do do
George Mitchell	do do
Thomas Carling	do do
Edward Shipley	do do
John Hodgins	do do
John Frolic	do do
Francis Lewis	do do
Benjamin Lewis	do do
William Darby	do do
Edward Matthews	do do
John Coote	do do
Robert Coote	do do
Henry Whiting	do do
Henry Rigney	do do
James Mitchell	do do
James Dagg	do do
Robert Parkinson	do do
Charles Golding	do do
Richard Needham	do do
Albert Ryckenner	do do
Henry Webb	do do
Alexander Gunn	do do
James M'Donald	do do
James Ribbon	do do
Charles Coombs	do do
Elijah Williams	do do
Anthony Hughes	do do
Charles Henry	do do
Henry O'Neil	do do
Thomas Asket	do do
John O'Neil	do do
Joseph Hughes	do do
John Dodd	do do
Wm. Shipley	do do
Wm. Carey	do do
Arch. M'Pherson	do do
Arch. M'Farlane	do do
Isaac M'Connell	do do
George Asherell	do do
John Stevenson	do do
Thomas Hodgins	do do
Henry Hodgins	do do
Walter Wesley	do do
James Shoebottom	do do
Wm. Ashberry	do do
Thomas Routhledge	do do
Joseph Routhledge	do do
Henry Routhledge	do do
Thomas Smith	do do
Donald M'Donald	do do
Thomas Hornby	do do
Duncan M'Kenzie	do do
Wm. R. Talbot	do do
George Ralph	do do
Duncan Anlerson	do do
Anthony Pegler	do do
Joseph Tukes	do do
William Hodgins	do do
Donald Bartley	do do
Joseph M'Guffen	do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
Wm. M'Guffen	Township of London.
Wm. Donaldson	do do
Wm. Gaine	do do
John Noble	do do
John Stiles	do do
James Pond	do do
John Pegler	do do
Philip Matthews	do do
Thomas Shoebottom	do do
Wm. Bradshaw	do do
Joseph Tyne	do do
Maurice Tyne	do do
William Gray	do do
William M'Millan	do do
Norman Fish	do do
John Matthews	do do
Thomas H. Ball	do do
John Caldwell	do do
John Miller	Yarmouth
Samuel Miner	do do
David Merrill	do do
Thomas Francis	do do
James Stokes	do do
Lewis Merrill	do do
Samuel Hughes	do do
Isaac Miner	do do
Simon Westlake	do do
Stephen Wilcox	do do
Wm. Gilbert	do do
Andrew Miller	do do
James W. Drake	do do
Benjamin Wilson	do do
James Lewis	do do
George Miller	do do
Joseph Eastbrooke, senior	do do
George Rodgers	do do
Abraham Newcombe, junior	do do
Richard Gilbert	do do
Wm. Shore	do do
John Gilbert	do do
Amos Jeffery	do do
Matthew M. Hutchins	do do
Dan. W. Newcombe, senior	do do
Dan. W. Newcombe, junior	do do
John Davis	do do
Jacob Wisner	do do
Jonathan Slater	do do
Daniel Cline	do do
Wm. P. Second	do do
Matthew Gilbert	do do
Samuel Cole	do do
Wm. Lenton, senior	do do
James Macready	do do
Henry House	do do
David Caughall	do do
Thomas Heydon	do do
Frederick Couse	do do
Leslie Pearce	do do
Samuel W. Thompson	do do
Abraham Tavits	do do
Joseph Stephenson	do do
James Fitzsimmonds	do do
James C. Cryser	do do
William Dorn	do do
John Bostwick	do do
Joseph M'Roberts	do do
Joseph R. Bostwick	do do
Michael Colkett	do do
Samuel Price	do do
James Tomlinson	do do
Thomas Colkett	do do
Joseph Eastbrooke	do do
Henry Bostwick	do do
Joseph M. Moore	do do
Aaron Whitwell	do do
Thomas Dangerfield	do do
Robert Kearns	do do
Wm. Hillis	do do
Wm. Kissane	do do
James Alexander	do do
Anderson Montrose, junior	do do
John Caughall	do do
Matthew Thomson	do do
James VanSickle	do do
Hieronimus Rapelje	do do
Edward Warren	do do
Henry Yarwood	do do
Thomas Miller	do do
Francis Cutler	do do
James Brown	do do
Jesse Page	do do
Daniel B. Rapelje	do do

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Thomas Thomas	Township of Yarmouth.
Wm. Wilcox	do
Jacob B. Thompson	do
Edmund Westlake	do
Cyrus Thayne	do
James Jay	do
Thomas Ruks	do
John Taylor	do
John Walker	do
John Hambridge	do
John Willis	do
Matthew Tisdale	do
Hesbon Noble	do
Charles Knight	do
John Ferris	do
George Cahill	do
George Mills	do
James Dolt	do
George A. Caughill	do
Allan McCaul	do
Alexander Martin	do
Leonard Fruman	do
Joseph Martin	do
James Martin	do
William Martin	do
David G. Bowman	do
Daniel Mann	do
Samuel Cole	do
Hugh Wade	do
James Wade	do
John Couso	do
John Thomas	do
Alfred Alworth	do
George Wegg	do
David Parish	do
Thomas J. Lindop	do
John Wilson	do
David Brown	do
John Marlat	do
James Nevils	do
William Hutchison	do
Jonas Barns	do
Wm. Barns	do
Wm. Little	do
Joseph Barns	do
Joseph Mitchell	do
James Tucker	do
Garrat Smith	do
Murlock McKenzie	do
Wm. Summers	do
James W. Huich	do
Anderson Montross, senior	do
Benjamin Drake	do
John White	do
John Kellistino	do
George Heathcote	do
Henry W. Graufbarger	do
Archibald Jones	do
John Learn	do
Daniel Curtis	do
George Doan	do
Daniel V. York	do
George Clino	do
Edward Teeple	do
Alexander Gunn	do
Minor Barns	do
James Morton	do
Thomas Clements	do
George A. Couso	do
Abraham House, senior	do
Thomas Penhall	do
Thomas Drake	do
Joseph B. Nevils	do
Abraham House, junior	do
Jacob Ostrander	do
Joseph Copeland	do
Moses Hughes	do
Calvin Ross	do
John McCullam	do
Wm. Thompson	do
David Brush	do
Daniel Hanvey, Deputy Re- turning Officer	do
Alex. Gordon, Poll Clerk	do
T. Wilson, Esq., Returning Officer	do
Hiram Doll	Middlesex.
John Wiley	Adelaide.
Bassett Doll	do
Henry Frank	do
Doram Frank	do
Wm. Stockdale	do
Richard Windsor	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Anthony Preston	Township of Adelaide.
Joseph Buttery	do
Thomas McGuire	do
George Buttery	do
John Buttery	do
Wm. Boulton	do
Wm. Holden	do
James Thompson	do
Joseph Whittrey	do
Adam Dell	do
Michael McDonagh	do
Thomas Duncan	Aldboro.
Daniel Campbell	do
John Kerr	do
John Campbell	do
John Main	do
Moses Allan	do
John Banning	do
Archibald Campbell	do
Alexander Campbell	do
Duncan McKellar	do
Archibald McLean	do
Duncan Gillies	do
Archibald Thompson	do
Charles Docharty	do
Samuel McCall	do
Donald McAlpin	do
Peter Phillips	Eckfrid.
Malcolm McAlpin	do
Daniel Lecwood	do
Duncan McLean	do
Patrick Slough	do
George Phillips	do
John Campbell	do
Francis Elliott	do
William Doby	do
Donald McIntaggart	do
John McLaughlin	do
James McAlpin	do
Malcolm McIntyre	do
Malcolm Gilbreath	do
Hugh Brodie	do
Archibald McDougald	do
Alexander McKellar	do
Malcolm Murray	do
John Fletcher	do
Alexander McDougald	do
Andrew Caultherd	do
Gideon Tiffany	Delaware.
Josiah Woodhull	do
John Ulrick	do
Alanson Herrington	do
Benjamin Stephens	do
Dean Tiffany	do
Frederick Tiffany	do
John Woodhull	do
John Johnston	do
John Rawlings	do
Samuel P. Ains	do
Langdon Case	do
David Johnston	do
Otis Tiffany	do
Albert Tiffany	do
Isiah Gustin	do
Samuel Stephens	do
Archibald McLaughlin	do
John Parker	do
Wm. Hodgman	do
Timothy Killburn	do
William Simmons	do
Timothy Killburn	do
Joseph Steinhoff	do
White Hulbert	do
Daniel McIntyre	Dunwich.
Thomas G. Coyne	do
Archibald Carwell	do
James Croft	do
Moses Willey	do
Henry Coyne	do
Wm. Lumley	do
James Lumley	do
Alexander McCallum	do
Archibald Graham	do
Duncan Paterson	do
Neil McGugan	do
Wm. Taylor	do
Daniel Curry	do
Angus Campbell	do
George Gunn	do
Thomas Pettit	do
Nell McIntyre	do
Alexander McPhail	do
John McIntyre	do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
James Philpot	Township of Dunwich.
Duncan M'Callum do	do
Archibald M'Killop do	do
Duncan Walker	.... do	do
John M'Clano	.... do	do
David Clay	.... do	do
Joseph Lodge	.... do	do
Archibald Paterson	.... do	do
James Black	.... do	do
James Archey	.... do	Bayham.
Myndart Beal	.... do	do
Andrew Ostrander	.... do	do
Thomas Headman	.... do	do
Wm. Neitell	.... do	do
George Franklin	.... do	do
George White	.... do	do
Moses Cook	.... do	do
Samuel Leach	.... do	do
John Peace	.... do	do
A. Blanke	.... do	do
James Bently	.... do	do
Anthony Sealy	.... do	do
A. Mann	.... do	do
Joshua Clarkson	.... do	do
James Gibbons	.... do	do
Abraham Hunsberger	.... do	do
Jesse Soplur	.... do	do
Benjamin Garret	.... do	do
Benjamin Vannormant	.... do	do
Andrew Moore	.... do	do
Daniel Caswell	.... do	do
Lewis Emurman	.... do	do
Oliver Hodgkins	.... do	do
Bartholomew Tempeny	.... do	do
Robert Cook	.... do	do
Oliver Jollock	.... do	do
Joel Pursall	.... do	do
Finlay Malcolm	.... do	do
David Hatch	.... do	do
Amos Hagle	.... do	do
Wm. Cheeseman	.... do	do
Nathan Howell	.... do	do
Henry Ketybang	.... do	do
Henry R. Will	.... do	do
John T. Nills	.... do	do
Joab Leach	.... do	do
Ayrinh Lunday	.... do	do
Samuel Howey	.... do	do
Henry Hagle	.... do	do
John Hayen	.... do	do
Thomas Gouldric	.... do	do
Samuel Forbes	.... do	do
George Peal	.... do	do
Robert Lutes	.... do	do
Wm. Stuy	.... do	do
Jacob Ritchelbaugh	.... do	do
Thomas Burns	.... do	do
Robert Fisher	.... do	do
Robert Kidd	.... do	do
Levi Hatch	.... do	do
Abraham Havens	.... do	do
Wm. Goodrich	.... do	do
Thomas Edison	.... do	do
Jesse Corlip	.... do	do
Snow Eddison	.... do	do
John Sanger	.... do	do
John Eichenbey	.... do	do
Dolny Hamilton	.... do	do
James Prilee	.... do	do
Barney M'Shaw	.... do	do
James Vincent	.... do	do
Wm. Wilson	.... do	do
Wm. Cheesman	.... do	do
James Caswell	.... do	do
Levi Loper	.... do	do
James Wilson, senior	.... do	do
James Wilson, junior	.... do	do
Thomas Emmerman	.... do	do
John Ward	.... do	Mosa.
John Coyne	.... do	do
James Gibson	.... do	do
Cornelius Digraw	.... do	do
James York	.... do	do
Christopher Handishot	.... do	do
Wm. Sampson	.... do	do
Joseph Ward, senior	.... do	do
John Beckton	.... do	do
Lemuel Bartlett	.... do	do
Hiram Dolph	.... do	do
James Banning	.... do	do
John Simpson	.... do	do
Zera Gilbert	.... do	do
Robert Thompson	.... do	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
John Dykes	....	Township of Mosa.
Duncan M'Rao	.... do	do
Eusebius King	.... do	do
Oliver Edwards	.... do	do
Duncan M'Kellar	.... do	Caradoc.
Marvel White	.... do	do
Wm. Dickner	.... do	do
Thomas Pallen	.... do	do
Donald Campbell	.... do	do
Malcolm Campbell	.... do	do
Wm. Wellman	.... do	do
Donald Getty	.... do	do
James Fisher	.... do	do
Donald M'Guyan	.... do	do
Neil M'Guyan	.... do	do
Wm. English	.... do	do
Archibald Campbell	.... do	do
Alexander Campbell	.... do	do
Harvey Butler	.... do	do
David Smith	.... do	do
Wm. Harrison	.... do	do
Benjamin Bartlett	.... do	do
Archibald Campbell	.... do	do
John Campbell	.... do	do
John Campbell, junior	.... do	do
Malcolm Campbell	.... do	do
Archibald Campbell	.... do	do
Duncan M'Lean	.... do	do
Duncan M'Callum	.... do	do
Benjamin Lockwood	.... do	do
Peter Sinclair	.... do	do
Malcom M'Kellar	.... do	do
Duncan Sinclair	.... do	do
Abijah Martin	.... do	do
Jeremiah London	.... do	do
Gregory Allen	.... do	do
Malcolm Campbell	.... do	do
Parmenus Martin	.... do	do
Duncan M'Lean	.... do	do
Donald M'Arthur	.... do	Lobo.
Alexander Johnson	.... do	do
Robert Adamson	.... do	do
John Campbell	.... do	do
Richard Edwards	.... do	do
Archibald M'Arthur	.... do	do
Sylvester Campbell	.... do	do
John B. Campbell	.... do	do
Wm. Beckwith	.... do	do
Duncan Lyman	.... do	do
Lachlin M'Intaggit	.... do	do
John M'Call	.... do	do
Archibald M'Kellar	.... do	do
Andrew Ferguson	.... do	do
Duncan M'Intyre	.... do	do
John M'Kay	.... do	do
Wm. Boston	.... do	do
Thomas Boston	.... do	do
Thomas Hume	.... do	do
Duncan Graham	.... do	do
Dugald Graham	.... do	do
Elihuast Gustur	.... do	do
Benjamin Woodhull	.... do	do
Benjamin Woodhull	.... do	do
Donald M'Kinley	.... do	do
Wm. Oliver	.... do	do
Peter Graham	.... do	do
James Aiwood	.... do	do
Donald Graham	.... do	do
Joseph M'Intyre	.... do	do
Archibald M'Vicar	.... do	do
Alexander M'Pherson	.... do	do
Jesse Zavitz	.... do	do
John Zavitz	.... do	do
Donald Campbell	.... do	do
James M'Arthur	.... do	do
Duncan M'Keith	.... do	do
John Harris	.... do	do
Duncan M'Intyre	.... do	do
Peter M'Vicar	.... do	do
Joseph S. Sides	.... do	do
Archibald M'Arthur	.... do	do
Charles Woodhull	.... do	do
John Rober	.... do	do
John Edwards	.... do	do
Henry Edwards	.... do	do
James Hedley	.... do	do
Peter Lyman	.... do	do
Peter M'Intyre	.... do	do
Duncan Smith	.... do	do
Charles Carmichael do	do
Hugh M'Intyre do	do
Duncan Graham do	do
Malcolm Smith do	do

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John Smith	Township of Lobo.
John Johnston	do do
Aaron Allen	do do
James M'Vear	do do
Neil M'Keith	do do
Hyland Ward	do do
Donald M'Donald	do do
Angus M'Donald	do do
Peter M'Intyre	do do
Duncan M'Lean	do do
Norman Lemont	do do
Alexander Campbell	do do
Andrew Cohn	do do
George Whittaker	do do
Hugh Johnston	do do
Donald Dewar	do do
Neil Morrison	do do
Wm. Smith	do do
Duncan M'Vear	do do
Archibald M'Gongan	do do
John M'Kny	do do
Hugh Carmichael	do do
Benjamin Zavitz	do do
John Lambert	do do
Charles Woodman	do do
John Lyman	do do
Archibald Graham	do do
Alexander Stuart	do do
Alexander Graham	do do
Duncan Graham	do do
Archibald Kerr	do do
Charles Moss	do do
Hopper King	do do
Alexander Ross	do do
John Watson	do do
Jacob Cazart	do do
Richard Brayne	do do
John Fletcher	do do
Bryce Thompson	do do
Robert Thompson	do do
James Begg	do do
Samuel Mason	do do
George Bogg	do do
Abraham King	do do
Archibald Campbell	do do
John Mitchell	do do
John Della	do do
John Black	do do
Hugh Watson	do do
Archibald Hamilton	do do
David Watson	do do
Edward P. Godfrey	do do
Hugh Shearin	do do
Alexander Hodge	do do
Malcolm M'Intyre	do do
Dugald Brown	do do
John M'Intyre	do do
Allan Watson	do do
Armariah Sutton	do do
Wm. Sells	do do
John Lindsey	do do
Alexander Hamilton	do do
Samuel Griffin	do do
George Robb	do do
James Robb	do do
Jeffrey Hunter	do do
Wm. Casey	do do
Isaac Welter	do do
Edward Harris	do do
Andrew Ham	do do
Stewart Bissett	do do
Willis Smith	do do
David Welter	do do
Nell Durrah	do do
Wm. Spitzer	do do
John Welter, junior	do do
George Balantyne	do do
Daniel M'Intosh	do do
Archibald Black	do do
Wm. Oliver	do do
Francis Oliver	do do
John Lawrence	do do
Philo Wood	do do
Archibald Murray	do do
Shas Stafford	do do
James Brody	do do
Wm. Cashman	do do
Archibald M'Lean	do do
John Stafford	do do
Ralph Stafford	do do
Thomas M'Leith	do do

Southwold.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
John Campbell	Township of Southwold.
David Alliston	do do
Hugh Howell	do do
Nelson M'Lellan	do do
Duncan M'Clarty	do do
John M'Killop	do do
Phineas Barbas	do do
John Petit	do do
Robert Wade	do do
Alexander M'Alpin	do do
Daniel M'Intyre	do do
Abraham Bodine	do do
Christian Husks	do do
Peter M'Lean	do do
John Doan	do do
Charles Scott	do do
Enos Scott	do do
Neil Munroe	do do
Archibald Munroe	do do
Joshua Wardell	do do
Angus M'Intyre	do do
Jeremiah Ainett	do do
Terrence Brady	do do
Benjamin Vaninkler	do do
Montgomery Smith	do do
Benjamin Johnston	do do
John Cadnah	do do
Neil Gillies	do do
Wm. Singer	do do
John M'Naught	do do
John Crosby	do do
Abel Stafford	do do
Obadiah Griffin	do do
Peter Sutton	do do
Ira Gilbert	do do
Isaac Philippe	do do
David Cushman	do do
James S. Ferguson	do do
John Hamilton	do do
Wm. Kilday	do do
Friend Bissott	do do
Joshua Mines	do do
Angus M'Call	do do
Thomas Kilday	do do
Duncan Campbell	do do
George Taylor	do do
John Munroe	do do
Wm. Warren	do do
Elijah Clark	do do
John M'Nicol	do do
James Hunt	do do
John Scott	do do
John Elliott	do do
Wm. Bendy	do do
John Elliott, junior	do do
Thomas Arnesbury	do do
James Thompson	do do
John Graceo	do do
Thomas Graceo	do do
Wm. Beatty, junior	do do
John Elliott	do do
James Raro	do do
Alexander Strathy	do do
John Oliver	do do
John Sommers	do do
Andrew Beatty	do do
John Watters	do do
Wm. Beatty	do do
James Beatty	do do
Thomas Beatty	do do
Robert Nicholl	do do
Jacob Hull	do do
Levi Lewis	do do
Calvin Birch	do do
Exra D. Griffith	do do
John Faries	do do
Elliot Gresco	do do
Alonso Griffith	do do
Hiram Elliot	do do
John Dale	do do
Wm. Gresco	do do
John Grant	do do
James Updgrave	do do
Robert Frank	do do
Edward Toeppe	do do
Samuel Jarvis	do do
Daniel W hitchood	do do
Andrew Hammoood	do do
David Horton	do do
Edward Beatty	do do
James Beatty	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Lewis Birch	Township of Westminster.
Andrew Banghart	do do
Samuel Hungerford	do do
Ira Clark	do do
Wm. Sage	do do
Gardiner Merritt	do do
Peter M'Names	do do
Wm. Cooper	do do
John Bold	do do
Wm. Norton	do do
Cornelius Sutherland	do do
Hiram Elliott, senior	do do
George Laillaw	do do
Wm. Scott	do do
Robert Patten	do do
John Shaver	do do
Len Myrick	do do
James M'Laren	do do
John Smith	do do
Nelson Norton	do do
George Murray	do do
Allan Murray	do do
John Kay	do do
Burris Shaver	do do
David M. Rymal	do do
John Nicholl	do do
James Nicholl	do do
Jacob Dale	do do
Wm. Schram	do do
Charles Montague	do do
David Smith	do do
James Reynolds	do do
Robert Carfrae	do do
John Estle	do do
John Glendenning	do do
Wm. Wheeler	do do
George Duncan	do do
Daniel Norton	do do
David Dale	do do
Barnabas Shaver	do do
Samuel Riddal	do do
Ezekiel Shaver	do do
John Wilkins	do do
Robert Shaver	do do
Robert Shannon	do do
James Greer	do do
Benjamin Kilburn	do do
Jonathan Rodgers	do do
Jacob Dale	do do
Samuel Dale	do do
Alexander Maurice	do do
Joseph Odell	do do
Maurice Kelly	do do
James Nicholls	do do
Alexander Anderson	do do
James Elliott	do do
Francis Nicholl	do do
Martin Pettit	do do
Wm. Adair	do do
Abraham Patrick	do do
Peter Patrick	do do
John Patrick	do do
David Patrick	do do
James Bryan	do do
John Odell	do do
James Beatty, senior	do do
Delisle Teeple	do do
James Holden	do do
Perrin Stephens	do do
Jesse Comorall	do do
James Mather	do do
Wm. Wood	do do
Thomas Jarvis	do do
Aaron Kilburn	do do
Dennis O'Brien	do do
Daniel Mather	do do
John Hart	do do
Alexander Oliver	do do
Peter McClary	do do
George Washington	do do
Thomas M'Millan	do do
James Dunbar	do do
Porter Stephens	do do
George Stephens	do do
Andrew Alson	do do
Matthew Caldwell	do do
Robert Murray	do do
Wm. Brown	do do
Wm. Evers	do do
Osborne Barras	do do
James M'Dermot	do do
Archibald Riddle	do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Middlesex con- tested Election.
Wm. A. Sumner	Township of Westminster	
Henry V. Buskup	do do	
Nathaniel Loup	do do	
John Stauch	do do	
Alexander M'Donald	do do	
James Nixon	do do	
Ira Sumner	do do	
Simcon Start	do do	
Peter Hartwell	do do	
Nathan Griffith	do do	
Cyrus W. Sumner	do do	
Abraham Patrick, junior	do do	
Hiram Crawford	do do	
Wm. Bryant	do do	
Walter Walters	do do	
Thomas Sommers	do do	
John Duncan	do do	
Peter Swats	do do	
Jacob Swats	do do	
Anthony Fick	do do	
Charles Reaves	do do	
Bartholomew Swats	do do	
Jacob B. Swats	do do	
John Sutherland	do do	
Wm. Miller	do do	
James M. Babbit	do do	
Jesse Wilkins	do do	
John Skuse	do do	
Samuel Riddal	do do	
W. H. Gray	do do	
Harry Edwards	Dorchester.	
Henry Pigot	do do	
Joshua Putnam	do do	
Wm. Niles	do do	
John Gilbert	do do	
John Wismer	do do	
John Tuttle	do do	
Robert Fleming	do do	
Wm. Walker	do do	
Stephen Allen	do do	
Wm. Edwards	do do	
Wm. Filchet	do do	
David Walker	do do	
Jeremiah Rounds	do do	
John G. Wells	do do	
Benjamin Willis	do do	
Joseph F. Rolphe	do do	
Jonathan Wade	do do	
Warner Young	do do	
David Chamberlain	do do	
John Garner	do do	
Aaron Doan	do do	
Junson Sweet	do do	
Wm. York	do do	
Dennis York	do do	
James Monger	do do	
John Gillies	do do	
Dennis Horseman	do do	
Robert Allen	do do	
Obadiah Roedel	do do	
James Finn	do do	
Henry Lewis	do do	
James Nicholl	do do	
James Sage	do do	
James Henicker	do do	
Wm. Vico	do do	
Wm. Henry Wilson	do do	
John Dixon	do do	
George Temple	do do	
David Brooks	do do	
Jacob Cline	do do	
John C. Post	do do	
Nathan Choate	do do	
Joseph Brickley	do do	
Levi Allen	do do	
Benjamin Shark	do do	
Frederick Weever	do do	
Clarke Allen	do do	
Archibald M'Laughlin	do do	
Isaac Willis	do do	
Zedekiah Dano	do do	
Frederick House	do do	
Samuel Smith	do do	
Wm. Duncan	do do	
Peter Clayton	Malahide.	
James Brown	do do	
John Mallony	do do	
Reuben Crandall	do do	
O. Phelps	do do	
James Adams	do do	
John Huff	do do	
Daniel Abel	do do	

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
Patrick Burns	Township of Malahide.
Samuel Van Wagener do	do
Aaron Van Porter	..... do	do
James Martin	..... do	do
Wm. B. Teeple	..... do	do
Joseph Nelson	..... do	do
George Anger	..... do	do
John Parker	..... do	do
Paul Noble	..... do	do
John Chonas	..... do	do
John Pound	..... do	do
John Hoover	..... do	do
John Huffinan	..... do	do
Abraham Beemer	..... do	do
Hosea Vanpatter	..... do	do
Daniel Birdsall	..... do	do
Cornelius Bowen	..... do	do
Jacob Neff	..... do	do
Lewis Bowly	..... do	do
Frederick Miller	..... do	do
Jacob Vanvelzer	..... do	do
Abraham Vanpatter	..... do	do
Andrew M'Cauleland	..... do	do
Orange Parlow	..... do	do
Henry Segar	..... do	do
Hamilton M'Kenny	..... do	do
John Vanvelger	..... do	do
Wm. Young	..... do	do
Elijah Phelps	..... do	do
Walter E. Murny	..... do	do
Robert M'Kenny	..... do	do
Ambrose Caswell	..... do	do
Wm. Teeple	..... do	do
Ira Doolittle	..... do	do
John C. Miller	..... do	do
Henry Martin	..... do	do
Daniel Wooby	..... do	do
George Teeple	..... do	do
Thomas Lockhart	..... do	do
David M. Bearp	..... do	do
James Linda	..... do	do
James Harvey	..... do	do
Wilson Buck	..... do	do
Peter Wooly	..... do	do
Warren F. Davis	..... do	do
John D. Brooks	..... do	do
Leonard Cline	..... do	do
Daniel Bearp	..... do	do
Jonathan Brooks	..... do	do
Isaac Esseltone	..... do	do
Amos Bently	..... do	do
Jeremiah Vanwagener	..... do	do
Charles Petya	..... do	do
Morris Sovereign	..... do	do
Harvey Wencroft	..... do	do
Bradford Curley	..... do	do
Obed Bencroft	..... do	do
Thomas Clunas	..... do	do
Samuel Westover	..... do	do
Lewis Clarke	..... do	do
Reuben Brundage	..... do	do
Wm. T. Egbert	..... do	do
John M. Beemer	..... do	do
John M'Kenny	..... do	do
David Sutherland	..... do	do
Wm. Davis	..... do	do
Charles Smith	..... do	do
Daniel Davis	..... do	do
Nelson Leek	..... do	do
Benjamin Richard	..... do	do
Henry Slosson	..... do	do
Amos Whittimore	..... do	do
Elijah Shotwell	..... do	do
Amos G. Canby	..... do	do
Arthur M'Levy	..... do	do
Levi Nickerson	..... do	do
George Sturkos	..... do	do
Daniel P. Bradley	..... do	do
Hiram T. Brown	..... do	do
Israel Thayer	..... do	do
Thomas Edison	..... do	do
Eli Brown	..... do	do
Judson Garret	..... do	do
John Gillet	..... do	do
Thomas Telfer	..... do	do
Adam Telfer	..... do	do
Moses Moiden	..... do	do
Edward Charlton	..... do	do
Wm. J. Odell	..... do	do
James Farley	..... do	do
Wm. Hale	..... do	do
Nathan Jacobs	..... do	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
Henry Scott	.....	Township of London.
Wm. Wilson	..... do	do
Joseph Brooks	..... do	do
Michael Redmonds	..... do	do
Thomas Smith	..... do	do
John Castor	..... do	do
Simeon Morrell	..... do	do
James Barker	..... do	do
John O'Neil	..... do	do
Wm. Elliott	..... do	do
James Swayze	..... do	do
Hugh M'Bain	..... do	do
John Baird	..... do	do
John Hadley	..... do	do
Patrick Smith	..... do	do
John Heaton	..... do	do
Andrew Ribbon	..... do	do
John Douglass	..... do	do
John Armstrong	..... do	do
John Littlewood	..... do	do
John Ribbon	..... do	do
Wm. Robson	..... do	do
L. Paisley	..... do	do
Daniel Boyar	..... do	do
Peter Gibson	..... do	do
Andrew Scott	..... do	do
David Ryckman	..... do	do
Edward Dunn	..... do	do
John Wells	..... do	do
Wm. Warren	..... do	do
Edward Green	..... do	do
Silas Warner	..... do	do
George Smith	..... do	do
Robert Molton	..... do	do
James Shubert	..... do	do
Asa K. Warren	..... do	do
Wm. Whillars, junior	..... do	do
Robert Keys	..... do	do
Wm. Fuller	..... do	do
Ebenezer Farrar	..... do	do
Christopher Wharf	..... do	do
John Jennings	..... do	do
Hugh Stevenson	..... do	do
John O. Flynn	..... do	do
Wm. Johnston	..... do	do
Daniel Munroe	..... do	do
Alexander M'Donald	..... do	do
James Morlet	..... do	do
James Grant	..... do	do
Solomon Munroe	..... do	do
James Nixon	..... do	do
Wm. Evans	..... do	do
Alexander Cameron	..... do	do
George Belton	..... do	do
Noble English	..... do	do
John Clarke	..... do	do
Thomas Morgan	..... do	do
David Rosser	..... do	do
John Rosser	..... do	do
David Brazill	..... do	do
John Armstrong	..... do	do
Hugh Barclay	..... do	do
Joseph Elson	..... do	do
James Corsant	..... do	do
John H. Hart	..... do	do
John Nellis	..... do	do
Ephraim Ayors	..... do	do
Michael Flood	..... do	do
Archibald M'Albary	.....	Township of London.
Thomas Ryan	..... do	do
Wm. Harrison	..... do	do
Charles Tuckey	..... do	do
Daniel Davis	..... do	do
Thomas Flood	..... do	do
Andrew M'Gayleth	..... do	do
Wm. Raussey	..... do	do
James Rock	..... do	do
Dudley Merriles	..... do	do
Thomas Rosser	..... do	do
Mathew Rosser	..... do	do
Joel P. Doan	..... do	do
Abraham Huff	..... do	do
John M'Kenzie	..... do	do
Nelson Ruse	..... do	do
Jesse Kipp	..... do	do
Edward Morgan	..... do	do
John M'Kay	..... do	do
Donald M'Intosh	..... do	do
Jacob Pace	..... do	do
John Kipp do	do
Duncan Wilson do	do
Lewis Rowland do	do
John Chase do	do
David Mills do	do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Hiram B. Smith.....	Township of Yarmouth.
Thomas Sprague	do do
Jacob Wisnair	do do
Edward Mitchell, senior	do do
John Harvey	do do
Hiram Kipp	do do
David Pace	do do
Andrew Davis	do do
Benjamin Second	do do
James Mitchell	do do
Jacob Wisnair	do do
Charles Crane	do do
Nelson Ayers	do do
James Ferguson	do do
David Harvey	do do
George Miner	do do
James Copeland	do do
Wm. Mithill	do do
Elias Moore, junior	do do
John Oil	do do
Wm. Smith	do do
Wm. Scott	do do
George Lawrence	do do
Edward Mahon	do do
Daniel Black	do do
John Campbell	do do
Elijah Graves	do do
Benjamin Nearn	do do
John M'Dowell.....	do do
Squire Johnstone	do do
Edward Mitchell, junior	do do
Randolph Johnston	do do
Horatio Johnston	do do
Thomas Darling	do do
David Hunter	do do
John Craven	do do
Jehial Mann	do do
John Edmondstone	do do
Wm. Vasey	do do
John Moore	do do
John Jones	do do
Jacob Davitz	do do
John Lanning	do do
John Curtiss	do do
Moses Millard	do do
John Jones	do do
Brazil Samson	do do
Seth Preffer	do do
Joseph Tomlinson	do do
John T. Doan	do do
John Piper	do do
Marahal J. Moore	do do
Wm. Smith	do do
Henry Black	do do
Elijah Murry	do do
Hugh Douglass	do do
Wm. York	do do
John M'Bein	do do
Richard Miner	do do
Lindley Moors	do do
Wm. Woodman	do do
Charles H. Conrad	do do
Elijah E. Duncombe	do do
Garret Oaks	do do
George Southwick	do do
Charles Colquhoun	do do
Asa Howard	do do
Samuel York	do do
Elias Moore, senior	do do
Alvin York	do do
Archibald M'Intyre	do do
Thomas Hodge	do do
Thomas Allen	do do
Joel Lewis	do do
Israel S. Doan	do do
Septimus Davis	do do
Adam Hope	do do
John Black	do do
Jonathan Doan	do do
Joseph Albertson	do do
Wm. Ross	do do
Benjamin C. Doan	do do
Richard Lawming	do do
James H. Smith	do do
Solomon Thompson	do do
James J. Curtis	do do
John Stockton	do do
Peter Doan	do do
John Mathew	do do
Richard Davis	do do
Lechlan Weir	do do
John Shotwell	do do
Walter Lincoln	do do
Henry Lincoln	do do
Luther Tuple	do do
Isaac Vamickle	do do
Wm. Hanvy	do do
Charles James Hope	do do
Asa Bullock	do do
Hovea Baker	do do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Joseph Terril	Township of Yarmouth.
O'Neil Closs	do do
James Mills	do do
Jesse Buyley	do do
Finley Grant	do do
James M'Connel	do do
John Mills, senior	do do
Anson Paul	do do
Isaac Mills	do do
Samuel Martin	do do
Samuel Minard	do do
Jacob Crave	do do
Daniel Brodie	do do
John B. Crave	do do
Isaac Crave	do do
John Sutton	do do
Wm. Parker, senior	do do
Cornelius Mills	do do
Samuel Wright	do do
John A. Atkins	do do
James Paul	do do
Merrill S. Ayres	do do
James E. Vale	do do
Daniel W. Stockton	do do
John Mills, junior	do do
Wm. Ostrander	do do
Enos Carol	do do
Duncan M'Lean	do do
John Fargrave	do do
Peter Ferguson	do do
James Hayte	do do
John Vamickle	do do
George Tuple	do do
John Preffer	do do
Luther Lincoln	do do
Edward W. Maloy	do do
George Philmore	do do
James Brown	do do
John M'Neil	do do
John Beupre	do do
Nelson Nelson	do do
Hon. D. B. Papineau, Commis- sioner of Crown Lands	Montreal.
Tancred Bouthillier, Ass't. Com. Hon. R. A. Tucker, Registrar	do do
Hon. D. Daly, Provincial Secre- tary	do do
James Hopkirk, Ass't. Secretary Joseph Cary, Esq., Deputy In- spector General	do do
John Wilson, Esq., Returning Officer	London.
Registrar Surrogate Court	do do
Registrar of the county of Middle- sex	Middlesex.
Hon. Thomas Talbot	do do
John M'Call	Township of Westminster.
Calvin Burch	do do
C. Hector	do do
Joseph Mann	do do
Peter Johnston	do do
Hercules Burwell	do do
James A. Weishulve	do do
Benjamin Cook	do do
Alexander Strathy	do do
Henry Legg	do do
Samuel Lewis	do do
Thomas Errington	do do
George Oakland or Auckland ...	do do
Robert Oakland or Auckland ...	do do
John R. Labatt	do do
James Baynard	do do
Henry W. Bennett	do do
Josiah Meadows	do do
Charles Aulier	do do
John Gourlay	do do
Thomas Archer	do do
David Eaton	do do
— Eaton (his brother)	do do
J. Harris	do do
Henry Glenain	do do
— Glenain (his brother) ...	do do
B. Cook	do do
John Lee	do do
Edward Burns	do do
Maurice Kealey	do do
Charles Hatt	do do
Hiram Mann	do do
Daniel Mann	do do
David Mann	do do
George King	do do
Timothy Cook	do do
Daniel Birdsall	do do
Gilman Davis	do do
Daniel Abel	do do
James Brown	do do
Amos B. M'Kerney	do do
Isaac Campbell	do do
James Beattie	do do
Archibald Millar	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
David Rymal	Township of Lobo.
John Edwards	do do
Richard Nell	do Moan.
John Ward	do do
John Shaw	do do
John Edwards, senior	do do
David Parr	do do
James Campbell	do do
John D. Anderson	do do
Thomas Duncan	do do
James Read	do do
Robert Thompson	do do
Robert Irvin	do do
Simeon Buller	do do
Charles Peats	do do
Samuel Bartlet	do do
John Bellyard	do do
Charles Bostwick	do Westminster.
George Monro	do Aldboro.
John M'Drife	do do
Nahlon Burwell, Registrar of the County of Middlesex.	do do
Sheriff Hamilton	do London.
Robert Smith	do Township of Aldboro.
John Campbell	do do
John Ford	do do
David Ford	do do
John Buchan	do do
John G. Gillies	do do
Dugald M'Millan	do do
Duncan M'Kellar	do do
Ewen M'Kinlay	do do
Dugald Campbell	do do
Deputy Registrar	do do
Angus M'Intyre	do do
C. W. Dyer	do do
Archibald M'Neil, senior	do do
Hugh M'Neil	do do
John Bostwick	do do
Joseph R. Bostwick	do do
Benjamin Wilson	do do
Daniel Hanvey	do do
Ann Fordyce	do do
Edward Pratt and wife	do do
William Parker, senior	do do
George Jny.	do do
Samuel Eccles, junior	do do
Hon. George J. Goodhue	do do
James H. L. Begg	do do
Peter Secord	do do
Watson Welding	do do
Benjamin Wilson	do do
Jeronomus Rapelge	do do
Wm. Martin	do do
Anson Gould	do do
Alexander Martin	do do
Jonah Higgins	do do
Wm. Thomson	do do
George Heathcote	do do
Nicholas Spore	do do
Peter Clayton	do do
John Beamer	do do
Ethan Paul	do do
Charles Colquhoun	do do
George Miner	do do
Mrs. Asa Howard	do do
Mrs. John Caughill	do do
Moses Hughes	do do
George Clive	do do
John Pearce, senior	do do
Wm. Pearce	do do
Lealle Patterson	do do
John Donn	do do
Jonathan Doan	do do
Benjamin Drake	do do
Jehiel Mann	do do
Elijah Mann	do do
Garrett Oakes	do do
John Gilbert	do do
Stephen Secord	do do
John Jones	do do
William Teeple	do do
George Teeple	do do
Samuel Kughes	do do
John Kepp	do do
Hercules Burwell	do do
Thomas Warren	do do
John Gilbert	do do
Jehiel Mann	do do
William C. Brockavny	do do
Jacob Lemon	do do
Matthias Boughner	do do
Squire Millard	do do
Isaac Borolby	do do
William Sparkman	do do
David Mekeson	do do
Jesse Zavitz	do do
James Hamilton	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Richard Brayne	Township of Southwold.
John Leitch	do do
John Munro	do do
William Meek	do do
James Meek	do do
John Boughner	do do
Surranus Thompson	do do
Henry Warren, Esq.	do do
Thomas Warren	do do
Richard D. Drake	do do
Elijah Clarke	do do
John Letts	do do
Henry Ellis	do do
William Vaughn	do do
Benjamin Davis	do do
Arthur Nichol	do do
John Fletcher	do do
John M'Neil	do do
John Orr	do do
Elizabeth Whetwam	do do
Michael Calcutt	do do
Henry C. W. Beecher	do do
John M'Intosh	do do
John Campbell	do do
George Lawson	do do
William Singer	do do
Jacob Berdan	do do
Chauncey Lewis	do do
John Parteligo	do do
Andrew Williams, senior	do do
Richard Williams	do do
Thomas Williams	do do
George Hale	do do
James Begg	do do
Richard Brayne	do do
Bryce Thompson	do do
Macgrave Thompson	do do
James Murray	do do
P. Phillips	do do
David Rymal	do do
John Edwards	do do
John M'Kendray	do do
John Gray	do do
Duncan M'Intyre	do do
Hugh Carmichael	do do
John M'Dougall	do do
Rev. D. Sinclair	do do
Col. Craig	do do
John Grace	do do
John Parker	do do
Daniel Lockwood	do do
Mr. Livingston, Schoolmaster	do do
William Fisher	do do
John Wells	do do
Patrick Smith	do do
Joseph Hughes	do do
William Lee	do do
Joseph Fisher	do do
Daniel Lockwood	do do
Moses Warren	do do
Wilson Mills	do do
Jeremiah London	do do
Charles Bateman, junior	do do
Launcester Schofield	do do
Joseph Stevenson	do do
John Little	do do
Roswell Timlinson	do do
John Vansickle	do do
Peter Graves	do do
Ezezer M'Carthy	do do
John E. Waldrow	do do

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* handed in a list of witnesses, required in behalf of the Sitting Member, which was also read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LIST OF WITNESSES,

On the part of E. ERMATINGER, residing in the *London District*, to give Testimony relative to Votes polled for Wm. NOTMAN, Esquire, at the late Election for the County of MIDDLESEX.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
William Wilcox	Township of Yarmouth.
Jesse Page	do do
Samuel Minor	do do
Allen M'Call	do do
Henry Yarwood	do do
Peter Secord	do do
Leslie Pearce	do do
George Lawrence	do do
Joseph Marlatt	do do
Benjamin Drake	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
George Mann	Township of Yarmouth.
John Marlatt	do do
Jacob Wismer	do do
Benjamin Doan	do do
T. D. Warren, Esquire	do do
Henry Finch,	Malahide.
Alex. Hodge	Yarmouth.
Jos. R. Bostwick	do do
John Marten	do do
Enos Call	do do
Cornelius Mills	do do
John Learn	do do
Lawrence Doyle	do do
Daniel Hauvey, Esquire	do do
Daniel Mann	do do
James Vansickle	do do
Richard Gilbert	do do
William Gilbert	do do
Thomas Lindop	do do
John Kent	do do
Murdock M'Kenzie, Esq.	do do
John Davis	do do
John Miller	do do
Benjamin Wilson, Esq.	do do
John Bostwick, Esq.	do do
John Bostwick, junior	do do
George Kellistine	do do
Isaac Crane	do do
John B. Crane	do do
Jacob Crane	do do
Thomas Finch	do do
William Montgomery	do do
James C. Cryster	do do
James Nevills	do do
John Caughill	do do
David Caughill	do do
George A. Caughill	do do
George Caughill	do do
Samuel Price	do do
Bart. Rappleje	do do
Alfred J. Allworth	do do
Abraham Zavits	do do
Thos. Curtis	do do
Lyman Leonard	do do
Alex. Gordon, Poll Clerk	do do
Thos. Francis	do do
S. W. Thompson	do do
Matthew Thompson	do do
James Jay	do do
William Orr	Westminster.
Edward Burns, Miller	do do
Hiram Mann	do do
Garner Ellwood	do do
Cyrenus Hall, Esquire	do do
Dr. Hall	do do
Matthew Caldwell	do do
Ezekiel Caldwell	do do
Cyrus Sumner	do do
Thomas Errington	do do
Gideon Bostwick	do do
Busban B. Bostwick	do do
Henry Shenech	do do
Richard Tunks	do do
Abraham Patrick	do do
Peter M'Names	do do
Samuel Lewis	do do
John O'wrey	do do
James O'wrey	do do
Wm. Ayres	do do
George T. Claris	do do
J. K. Labatte	do do
Edward Hunt	do do
Walter Biddulph	do do
James Little	do do
Matthias Sutton	do do
William Sutton	do do
Benjamin Cook	do do
John Jones	do do
Peter M'Gregor	do do
Charles Hayward	do do
Thomas Coote	do do
Jeremiah Moore	Bayham.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	
John Lambert	Township of Bayham.
John Burwell, Esquire	do do
George Dobbie	do do
Isaac Draper	do do
Caleb Cook	do do
Ephraim C. Mitchell	do do
Lewis Emerson	do do
----- Wrang	do do
Andrew Dobbie, Esquire	do do
William F. Wallace	do do
Neil M'Kinnon	do do
Thomas Higginson, Esq.	do do
Samuel Livingston	do do
James Walker	do do
Solomon Moore	do do
James Hutchison	do do
John M. Crawford	do do
Daniel Purdy	do do
Hiram H. Gilbert	do do
W. B. Wrong	do do
Jacob Manning	Dorchester.
Hamilton Emery	do do
John Gunn	do do
Henry Wooley	do do
David Doty	do do
Edward Dondas	do do
Walter Chase	do do
James M'Arthur	do do
Philip Hodgkinson, Esquire	Malahide.
Gilbert Wrong	do do
Dr. E. Daney	do do
Dr. A. Williams	do do
John Hodgkinson	do do
Benjamin Plovman	do do
A. G. M'Gown	do do
Daniel Birdsall, Esquire	do do
Winslow Hayward	do do
J. Jones	do do
C. G. A. Tozer	do do
Peter Wooley	do do
David Orr	do do
Isaac Chambers	do do
James Mills	do do
Robert Thomson	do do
Captain Backhouse	do do
Captain J. Benner	do do
Wm. Cascaden	do do
Wm. Turrill	do do
Moses Clayton	do do
John Hankinson	do do
Moses Trueman	do do
James Orr	do do
Andrew Moore	do do
Jacob Laur	do do
F. W. Wright	do do
Arch. Miller, D. R. O.	Ekfrid.
John Miller	do do
Christopher Cowed	do do
Burgess Swisher	Southwold.
----- Swisher	do do
John Wintimate	do do
Dougald Campbell	do do
Duncan Campbell	do do
John Bostwick, junior	do do
Richard D. Drake	do do
Levi Fowler	do do
William Kilday	do do
Amos Barnes	do do
Phineas Drake	do do
John Partridge	do do
Joseph Spittler	do do
Philo Wood	do do
John Meek	do do
James Meek	do do
William Meek	do do
Thomas Meek	do do
Thomas Williams	do do
James Wado	do do
James M'Queen	do do
George Elliott	do do
Elijah Mann	do do
Abraham Mandeville	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Edward Rogers	Township of Southwold.
John Allworth	do do
Simeon Nicoll	do do
J. K. Woodward	do do
Horace Holden	do do
Andrew Welden	do do
Colin Carr	do do
John Spittler	do do
Samuel Park	do do
Lawrence Lawrason, Esq.	do do
George Robson	do do
Freeman Talbot	do do
— Siddall	do do
— Whitehorn	do do
Hercules Burwell	do do
Henry C. Becher	do do
John Wilson	do do
Andrew M ^c Cormick	do do
W. K. Cornish, Esq.	do do
John Salter, Esq.	do do
William Horton, Esq.	do do
James Givens, Esq.	do do
John Harris, Esq.	do do
J. B. Askin, Esq.	do do
Walter Nixon, Esq.	do do
John Geary, Esq.	do do
John Talbot, Esq.	do do
James Parkinson, Esq.	do do
William Haskett	do do
— Burch	do do
Hon. Thomas Talbot	do do
Col. Mahlon Burwell	do do
Ewin M ^c Kinley, Esq.	do do
George Munro	do do
Wilson Mills, Esq.	do do
Thomas Nagles	do do
Col. Craig	do do
Joseph Seabrook	do do
Edward Bateman	do do
George Carruthers	do do
D. E. Mills	do do
Richard Neal	do do
William F. Bullen	do do
Isaac Brock Burwell	do do
Simeon Bullen, Esq.	do do
Peter Patrick	do do
John Patrick	do do
Richard Webb, Esq.	do do
John Drake	do do
Samuel Drake	do do
Benj. Springer, Esq.	do do
Charles Peacock	do do
Joseph Cowley	do do
John Woodhull	do do
Josiah Woodhull	do do
William Neal	do do
William Hatche, Esquire	do do
Adam Hatche	do do
William Neal	do do
Chas. M ^c Arthur	do do
John M ^c Dougall, Esquire	do do
Duncan Brown	do do
John Brown	do do
Duncan M ^c Call	do do
George Barnes	do do
Donald M ^c Dougal	do do
Ira Allen	do do
David Lynch	do do
John Boulby	do do
John S. Buchanan, Esq.	do do
Christopher Bar	do do
R. W. Branan	do do
Pat Mee	do do
William Johnston	do do
John C. Kays	do do
John Lang	do do
William Harkness	do do
Robert Waugh	do do
David Stonehouse	do do
John M ^c Laughlin	do do
Joshua Bobier	do do
Duncan Campbell	do do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
John Clarke	Township of Dunwich.
J. J. Bowman	do do
John White	do do
Peter Mount	do do
Samuel Eccles, Esquire	do do
Robert Carruthers	do do
George Whitehouse	do do
Hugh Richardson, Poll Clerk	do do
Charles G. Bostwick	do do
— Fullerton	do do
James Moore	do do
Amos Jeffrey	do do
Andrew M ^c Gregor	do do
Benjamin G. Wilson	do do
Duncan M ^c Cormick	do do
Truman Waters	do do
James Blackwood	do do
John Waddel	do do
Jos. Silcox	do do
Jesse Zavitz	do do
Felix Fortier, C. C. C.	do do
Col. Wm. Radcliff	do do
— Challoner, Dep. Ret.	do do
Officer	do do

Mr. Speaker then desired the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock the doors.

And the doors being locked accordingly, and the Order of the Day for taking the said Petition into consideration being read; the attestation of Mr. Speaker was taken from off the box, in which, agreeable to the statute, the names of all the Members of the House were sealed up, and the same was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

I attest, that this box was, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1845, made up in my presence, in the manner directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provisions for such trials."

ALLAN N. MACNAB,

Speaker.

The box was then opened, and the attestation of the Clerk was taken out of the box, and read by him, as follows:—

I attest, that I did, on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of January, 1845, in presence of the Speaker of this House, put into a box in which this attestation is found, the names of all the Members composing the Legislative Assembly, written upon slips of parchment, and rolled up as directed by an Act passed in the fourth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King George the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act passed in the forty-fifth year of His late Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Trial of Controverted Elections, or Returns of Members to serve in the House of Assembly,' and to make more effectual provision for such trials."

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk Assembly.

The names of all the Members were then taken out of the box, and put into three other boxes.

The drawing of the names were then proceeded in, in the usual manner, and the following names were drawn, to which no objection was taken:—

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| 1 Morin, | 13 Macdonald, of KINGSTON. |
| 2 Roblin, | 14 Taché, |
| 3 Stewart, of PRESCOTT. | 15 Smith, of WENTWORTH. |
| 4 Gowen, | 16 Attorney General Smith, |
| 5 Desauter, | 17 Williams, |
| 6 Seymour, | 18 Jobin, |
| 7 Laurin, | 19 Macdonald, of CORNWALL. |
| 8 Scott, | 20 Drummond, |
| 9 Jessup, | 21 Dickson, |
| 10 Lacoste, | 22 De Wit, |
| 11 Brooks, | 23 M ^c Connell, |
| 12 Colville, | |

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tested Election. Seventeen other names were drawn and set aside,
or excused, as follows:—

Ten against whom Petitions are pending.

One who was excused.

Six names were also drawn of Members who were absent.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* was chosen nominee for the Petitioner.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* was chosen nominee for the Sitting Member.

At half past four o'clock, P. M., the parties, with *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, Clerk to the Select Committee, retired for the purpose of striking the said Committee.

At a quarter to five o'clock, P. M., the Clerk to the Select Committee delivered to the Clerk of the House, a list containing the names of the nine Members un-truck, composing the Select Committee, which is as follows:—

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| 1 <i>Stewart</i> , of PRESCOTT. | 6 <i>Taché</i> , |
| 2 <i>Desmarais</i> , | 7 <i>Williams</i> , |
| 3 <i>Sigmond</i> , | 8 <i>Dickson</i> , |
| 4 <i>Levesque</i> , | 9 <i>McConnell</i> , |
| 5 <i>Mackdonnell</i> , of KINGSTON. | |

Nominee for the Petitioner, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*.

Nominee for the Sitting Member, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*.

ALFRED PATRICK,
Clerk to Committee.

The said nine Members and the Nominees were then severally sworn at the table, by the Clerk, in the usual manner.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Natman* of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Ernstinger*, Esquire, do meet in the Committee Room No. 5, to-morrow, at noon.

Mr. *Laurier*, Chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, for the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, reported that the Committee met this morning at half-past nine o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* absented himself in consequence of illness, he be excused, and that the said Committee have leave to proceed to business notwithstanding the absence of the said Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

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

By *N. Prince*, the Petition of *Ralph Foster* and others, of the township of *Mersea*, in the *Western* district.

By Mr. *Taché*, the Petition of the Reverend *F. X. Deloge* and others, of the county of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *Edward Priddham* and others, of *Grenville* and other places, on the *Ottawa* river. Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *James Porter* and others, Boot and Shoemakers of the town of *Pictou*, in the district of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *John Wetenhall* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Mackdonnell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *John White* and others, lumberers, of the county of *Dundas*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffat*, the Petition of *D. Davidson*, for himself and others, Directors of the High School of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *John Mathewson* and others, Soap and Candle manufacturers, of the city of *Montreal*.

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

Of *L. Baribeau*, and others, Pilots for the port of *Montreal*, and between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, praying that certain alterations in the law relative to the Trinity House at *Montreal*, petitioned for by that Corporation, may not be allowed.

Of *John Paterson* and others, of the village of *Dundas*, in the district of *Gore*, praying that the said village may be incorporated.

Of *George Breun* and others, of the townships of *Trafalgar* and *Esqueting* in the district of *Gore*, praying for the construction of a plank road from *Bronté* to *Owen Sound* on *Lake Huron*.

Of *E. L'Espérance* and others, of the city and parish of *Montreal*, and other places, praying that the Trustees of the *Montreal* and *Chambly* turnpike road may not be allowed the exclusive privilege petitioned for by them, in the ferry between *Montreal* and *Longueuil*.

Of *Joseph R. Thompson* and others, of the township of *Brock*, in the *Hume* district, praying for the construction of a road from the township of *Reach* to the Narrows of *Lake Simcoe*.

Of *Benjamin Mathewson* and others, Lessees of the Clergy Reserves, in the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, praying that the Clergy Lands occupied by them may be inspected and granted to them at a valuation.

Of the Reverend *Edouard Desroche* and others, members of the united church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Brockville*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Robert Blakey* and others, members of the united church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Prescott*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; praying for an address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church of *England* such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto* to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *Andrew Tod*, of the city of *Toronto*, Land agent, in behalf of certain commuted pensioners, praying for an extension of the time within which pensioners may claim grants of land.

Of *Thomas King* and others, of the township of *Edwardsburgh*, in the district of *Johnstown*, praying for the establishment of the original survey of the eastern boundary line of that township.

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Of *J. H. Dorwin* and others, of the township of *Raudon*; praying for an increased duty on sawed lumber imported from the *United States*.

Of *David Griffin* and others, of the township of *Bayham*, in the district of *London*; praying that the said township may be annexed to the district of *Brook* in exchange for a part of *Nissouri*.

Of *Charles Palmer* and others, of the township of *Blandford*, in the district of *Nicolet*; praying for the repair of the road leading from the river *Béancour* to the parish of *Gentilly*.

Of *Henry Le Mesurier*, Esquire, and others, of the city of *Quebec*; praying that the Custom-house in that city may be converted into a Marine hospital, and new accommodations furnished for the Custom-house.

Of *John Arthurs* and others, of the township of *Adelaide*, praying that the said township may not be divided, as petitioned for.

Norfolk Election.

Resolved, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* be excused, for not having this day attended the Select Committee, on the subject matter of the controverted election of the county of *Norfolk*, on account of prolonged illness; and that the said Committee have leave to proceed to business, notwithstanding the absence of the said Honourable Mr. *Papineau*.

Municipal Council District of Talbot.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Talbot*, (relating to the limits of *Walpole* and other townships), be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Dickson* and Mr. *Cummings*, 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.

F. L. Keys.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Flint L. Keys*, of *Simcoe*, district of *Talbot*, M.D., and the Petition of *William M. Wilson* and others, inhabitants of the township of *Woodhouse*, in the district of *Talbot*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intitled, "An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects."

W. M. Wilson and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Simon Vlois* and others, of that part of the parish of *Montreal*, commonly called *Hochelaga*, be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances, incorporating the said city), and other references.

S. Vlois and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Smith*, of *Enniskillen*, in the *Western* district, be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intitled, "An Act for the disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands prior to the fourth April, 1837, to perfect their titles to the same.

J. Smith.

Private Bills

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the fourth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Bill to Private Bills, incorporate the Right Reverend *George Jehosaphat*, Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, and divers others, as a Charitable Association for providing fuel to the poor and destitute in the winter season, and would beg to suggest the following amendments:—

Clause 1.—Expunge "one thousand pounds" and insert "five hundred pounds."

After Clause 6, insert "Clause A.—And be it enacted, that the said Corporation shall be bound to transmit yearly, to each of the three branches of the Legislature, during the first fifteen days of the Session thereof, a detailed account of their revenues and expenditure, showing also the nature and extent of the immoveable property possessed by them, and the revenue derivable therefrom."

Your Committee have also gone through the Bill to incorporate the members of the *Quebec Library Association*, clause by clause, and have agreed to the following amendments:—

Clause 3, lines 5, 24, and 39.—Expunge "first" and insert "second," in each of those lines respectively.

" " line 35.—Before "Secretary" insert "one."

" " line 36.—Before "Treasurer" insert "one."

Clause 4, line 27.—Expunge "first" and insert "second."

After Clause 6, insert "Clause A.—And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall have the effect of rendering all or any of the said several persons hereinbefore mentioned, or all or any of the members of the said Corporation, or any person whatsoever, individually liable or accountable for or by reason of the said Corporation, or for or on account or in respect of any matter or thing whatsoever relating to the said Corporation."

"Clause B.—And be it enacted, that the said Corporation shall be bound to transmit yearly, to each of the three branches of the Legislature, during the first fifteen days of the Session thereof, a detailed account of their revenues and expenditure, showing also the nature and extent of the immoveable property possessed by them, and the revenue derivable therefrom."

Resolved, That that part of the said Report, which relates to the Bill to incorporate the members of the *Quebec Library Association*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. *Scott*, from the Select Committee, to which Rev. J. Paquin and others, of the parish of *St. Eustache*, presented to the House the report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee after having read the Order of Reference, the Petition of the Reverend *Jacques Paquin* and others, and having taken communication of His Excellency, the Governor General's Message, dated the 10th January, 1845, conveying an estimate of the damage done to the Church, Convent and Presbytery, and other buildings, made by the Surveyor of the Commissioners of Indemnification, appointed under the Ordinance of the 1st *Victoria*, cap. 7, and of an estimation in detail of the said buildings, church ornaments, and furniture, which statement appears to have been made by the parties under oath,

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and others.

amounting in all to the sum of £6890 5s. 6d. It appears that the sum of £4933 14s. 6d. was the amount at which was estimated the immovable property, and the sum of £1896 11s. being for church ornaments and other furniture, your Committee have found that the estimate of the Surveyor to the Commissioners exceeded that of the Petitioners in the amount of £690 19s. 7d.

Your Committee afterwards proceeded to hear the Reverend Jacques Paquin and several other witnesses, and after mature deliberation are unanimously of opinion that an indemnification should be granted to the *Fabrique* of *St. Eustache*, in order to assist the said *Fabrique* in rebuilding their Church, Presbytery, and Convent.

Ordered. That the said Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Ordered. That the Order of the House of yesterday, "That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do transmit, to the Chairman of the Commissioners appointed to take the examination of the witnesses in the matter of the contested election for the county of West *Hallon*, a certified copy of the different poll books in his possession of the last election for the said county; and that the Commissioners appointed to take the same examination be permitted to receive the same in evidence, in lieu of the original poll books," be rescinded, and that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do transmit forthwith to the chairman of the said Committee the original poll books, and all documents and papers in his possession connected with or relating to the said contested election.

Chambly Canal

Resolved. That a Special Committee, of seven Members, be appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of dues on the *Chambly* Canal, to report thereon with all convenient speed: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered. That Mr. *Dunlop*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylein*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Greive*, Mr. *Hale*, and Mr. *Scott*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Lantier*, seconded by Mr. *Roussau*.

Board of Education.

Resolved. 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, copy of the Statistical Report of the Superintendent of the Board of Education for the year 1843.

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

Petition of R. G. Belleau and others.

Ordered. That two hundred copies of the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*, praying for amendments in the Ordinance relating to the turnpike roads in the neighbourhood of *Quebec*, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Clergymen voting at Elections.

Ordered. That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal so much of the Act therein mentioned as prevents clergymen from voting at 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 Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *John*, seconded by Mr. *Lacoste*,

Resolved. 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, within the shortest delay possible, detailed accounts of all sums of money expended and received by the trustees of the turnpike road from *Longueuil* to *Chambly*, by virtue of the Ordinance of the Special Council, passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter sixteen; and also detailed statements of all transactions of the said trustees by virtue of the same authority, since the commencement of their trust.

Turnpike Road from Longueuil to Chambly.

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

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the thirteenth day of December last, viz. :—"That the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of *Peter Dunn* and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable *George Moffatt* and the Honourable *Charles Clément Subrevois De Bleury*, as Members to serve for the city of *Montreal* in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable *George Moffatt* and *Charles Clément Subrevois De Bleury*," and the motion of amendment of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, viz. :—"That all the words after 'That' in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, 'the Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *Peter Dunn* and others, against the return of the Sitting Members of the city of *Montreal*, the said Petition and all proceedings had thereon be discharged,'" and also the motion of Mr. *Macedonell*, of *Kingston*, "That the further consideration of this question be adjourned until Saturday, the eleventh day of January next," being read,

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Mr. *Gowan* moved, in amendment to the motion of amendment of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Greive*, "That all the words after 'That' in the said motion be expunged, and the following substituted, 'by the twenty-seventh clause of the Imperial Statute (3d and 4th of *Victoria*, chapter 35.) it is declared, that until provision shall be otherwise made by an Act or Acts of the Legislature of the Province of *Canada*, all the proceedings relating to the trial of controverted elections, and the proceedings incident thereto, at the time of the passing of that Act, were in force in the Province of *Lower Canada*, shall be applied to all cases of controverted elections in that part of this Province formerly called *Lower Canada*;' and it appearing to this House that it has been the Parliamentary practice of the Legislature of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, *thru* in cases of Petitions complaining of the undue election and return of Members to the Assembly of the said Province, that the Petitioners should represent themselves to have been freeholders and electors at the time the election complained of occurred; and also that the oaths required by law to be taken by such Petitioners should be set forth at length, and apart from the certificate of the Justice who administered the same, in neither of which particulars have the Petitioners (*Peter Dunn* and others),

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complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable *George Moffatt* and the Honourable *C. C. S. DeBleury*, for the city of *Montreal*, complied with the Parliamentary law and practice of the said late Province of *Lower Canada*, that therefore the Order of this House for taking the Petition of the said *Peter Dunn* and others into consideration, be discharged."

Debates arose,

And the Question being put, on Mr. *Gowan's* motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmer, Coleite, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Le Boutillier, Lawarson, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Meyers, Murney, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Scott, Szymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stracart of PESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(37).

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Borthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cavchoh, Chubot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Tachereau, and Thompson—(35).

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the motion of amendment of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, as amended, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding division.

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were also taken down as in the last preceding division.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly,

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that the consideration of the motion, viz:—"that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, who have complained to this House, of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Dominick Daly*, as a Member to serve for the county of *Megantic*, in this present Parliament; if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable *Dominick Daly*," be then the first Order of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, The House adjourned.

Veneris, 17° die Januarii.

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ON motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*,

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county

of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, have leave to adjourn until Monday next, at noon.

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

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *Samuel Clark* and others, of the *Midland* district.

By Mr. *Lacoste*, the Petition of *Gabriel Marchand*, of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Cobille*, the Petition of *Joseph Somerville* and others, of the townships of *Godmanchester* and *Hinchbrook*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Drummond*, the Petition of Mrs. *M. C. Alfaro*, widow of the late *Carleton Alfaro*; and the petition of *L. J. McNair* and others, of the district of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *McConnell*, the Petition of *M. W. Copp* and others, of the county of *Stanstead*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to the Navigation of the river *Ottawa*).

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of *Simeon Flint* and others, of *Shipton* and other places.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *James Breakenridge*, of *Canada West*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Thomas W. Lloyd* and others, merchants, traders and citizens of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Desautier*, the Petition of the Reverend *L. O. Desilets* and others, of the parish of *St. Barnabé* in the county of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of the Reverend *S. J. A. Drouhin* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche*, in the district of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Louis Pratt* and others, of the parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *Charles Willard* and others, merchant-seamen, and ship-owners of the Province of *Canada*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions read.

Of *G. Rutledge* and others, of the township of *Loughborough*; praying that the line between the fifth and sixth concessions may be established according to the decision of the late Boundary Line Commissioners.

Of *G. Weldon* and others, of the seigniority of *Lacolle*, in the county of *Huntingdon*, complaining of injustice on the part of their seigniors, and praying redress.

Of the members of the *Quebec* Debating Society, praying an aid to enable them to continue their scientific labours.

Of *John W. Kerr* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Bayham* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Reverend *T. B. Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the parish of *Thorold*, and district of *Niagara*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church of *England* such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands, as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

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tion.

Of *Alfred Patrick*, Second Clerk of Committees to this House, praying for an increase of salary.

Of *James Farley* and others, of the town of *London*, in the district of *London*, praying that no amendments be made to the Act incorporating the said town, as petitioned for.

Of *John Dougall* and *R. M. Wadsworth*, of *Montreal*, praying for the establishment of a cheap and uniform rate of postage.

Of *Peter Lampman*, senior, and others, of the *Niagara* district, praying that no farther attempt may be made to alter the charter of *King's College*.

Of the Reverend *T. B. Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the parish of *Thorold*, in the district of *Thorold*, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the establishment of a more satisfactory system, whereby religious instruction may also be afforded.

Of *Robert Scott* and others, proprietors of *St. George's Church*, of *Montreal*, praying aid in support of a School in connection with said Church.

Of *William Wilson* and others, merchants, manufacturers, and traders, of the town of *Kingston*, praying for a higher duty on American manufactures, and the adoption of measures for preventing the contra-band trade.

Of *James L. Grant*, late a Sergeant Major in Her Majesty's service, praying for a grant of scrip in consideration of his past services.

Of *Joseph Manger*, senior, and others, of the township of *Colchester*, in the *Western* district, praying that encouragement may be given to the growers of tobacco in the said district.

Of the Grand Jury of the district of *Huron*, praying for the passing of an Act to compel all absentees belonging to the said district to pay their taxes.

Of *Alexander Campbell* and others, of the township of *Williams*, praying to be separated from the *Huron* district, and annexed to the district of *London*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Alfred Patrick*, Second Clerk of Committees to this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Richard Brown* and others, of the county of *Haldimand*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined into and duly considered the prayer of the Petition which sets forth the utility and necessity of the formation of a plank or other good Toll road, from the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* road at *Caledonia*, through the towns or villages of *Seneca*, *York*, *Indiana*, *Cuyuga*, which is the head of deep water navigation direct to *Dunnville*, and praying this House to adopt measures to perfect the same, all of which your Committee fully concur in, and therefore recommend the same to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brookville*, chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Alexander Fraser*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Lanark*, at the last election; the Petition of *William Duncan* and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*; and the Petition of *W. A. Playfair*, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of *Lanark*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, reported to the House that the Committee met this morning at

eleven o'clock, being the hour to which they stood adjourned, and having waited one hour, they were compelled in conformity to the statute to adjourn, in consequence of the absence of two of their number, viz: *Mr. Foster* and *Mr. Hall*.

Resolved, That as *Mr. Hall* has absented himself from the said Committee, by reason of sickness, he be excused.

Ordered, That one hundred and fifty copies of the return to an Address of this House, of the eleventh of December last, on the subject of *Militia Scrip*, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

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 annual receipts and expenditures of the *Trinity House of Quebec*, for the last four years; the sums of money lent from the pilots' stock; the sums remitted; the loss incurred by the bankruptcy of the borrowers, or otherwise, in case such loss may have occurred; and if such sums or part of them, have been lent to members or officers, of the said *Trinity Board of Quebec*, and the names of the persons to whom such sums have been lent; the amount of the revenue produced by the loan of these sums, for the last four years, and the amount of the money now in the chest of the *Trinity Board of Quebec*.

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

Mr. *Greice* moved, seconded by *Mr. Melhot*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the Board of Works to enquire and report, with as little delay as possible, into the feasibility of giving to the inhabitants of the district of *Three Rivers*, the benefit of an ice bridge over the river *St. Lawrence*, by means of three or more piers, to be placed between the *Batture à Lécard*, near the parish of *St. Pierre les Beuguets*, and the *Batture à Rigot*, near the parish of *Champlain*, or in the vicinity of these places.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutiller, Cauchon, Charbot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Deannier, DeWitt, Drummond, Ematinger, Greice, Guillet, Jessup, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Melhot, Meyers, Morin, Riddell, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of Frontenac, Stewart of Prescott, Taché, Tuschereau, Watts, and Webster—(35.)

NAYS.

Aylein, Baldwin, Boulton, Cameron, Coleile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleery, Dickson, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Laverason, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, Macdonell of Dundas, McConnell, Merritt, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Roblin, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, Smith of Westworth, and Thompson—(31.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, accordingly.

A. Patrick.

Petition of R. Brown and others.

Lanark Election.

Ice Bridge.

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

A Message from the Legislative Council by John Jennings Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to approve and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, relating to the Gaspé Fishery and Coal Mining Company," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Line Fences.

Ordered, That Mr. Roblin have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of line fences and water courses in Upper Canada.

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

On motion of Mr. Méthot, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall,

Stormont Election.

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Alexander McLean, Esquire, and others, electors of the county of Stormont, complaining of the undue election and return of Donald Aeneas Macdonell, Esquire, to represent the said county of Stormont in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to enable the Counsel for the Petitioners to prepare his case.

Sill Duty.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith have leave to bring in a Bill to impose a duty on Distillers and Brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Surgery and Midwifery.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the study and practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery within 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 twenty-eighth instant.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Daly,

Geological Survey.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of granting a further sum of money towards completing the Geological Survey, and ascertaining the mineral resources of this Province.

Insolvent Debtors.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of insolvent debtors.

He accordingly presented the said 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-eighth instant.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation for the city of Toronto, by providing for the establishment of a Court of Record therein, to be called the Recorder's Court, in lieu of the Mayor's Court now established therein; by providing that the Recorder shall preside over the Division Court for the recovery of small debts within the said city and liberties, and by vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonality of the said city, the power of laying out and opening new streets within the limits of the said city and liberties, and of regulating the mode of building therein, and defining the limits of the said city and liberties, and making a better and more convenient division of the said city into wards; and for other purposes connected therewith.

He accordingly presented the said 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 thirty-first instant.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the thirteenth of December last, viz:—"that the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of Richard Charles Porter, and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable Dominick Daly as a Member to serve for the county of Megantic, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable Dominick Daly," being read, Election.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of amending the act of Lower Canada, 6 William IV., chapter 35, to provide for the medical treatment of sick Mariners, by authorizing the appropriation of a certain portion of the moneys collected under that act, to the relief of shipwrecked and destitute seamen, being read, Sick Mariners.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act of Lower Canada, 6th William IV., chapter 35, which provides for the medical treatment of sick Mariners, by authorizing the appropriation of a certain portion of the moneys collected under that Act, to the relief of shipwrecked and destitute Seamen.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute Mariners in certain cases therein mentioned, Shipwrecked and Destitute 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 Friday next.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill to Incorporate the Board of Trade of the city of Toronto, being read, City of Toronto Board of Trade.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*,

Trinity Houses
Quebec and
Montreal.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing the Acts and Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, establishing the Trinity Houses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and regulating Pilots and Pilotage with a view to the substitution of other enactments on the same subject, be discharged.

Counties and
Districts in Up-
per Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties and attaching them to others, and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Chalmers*, Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Duggan*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Ermatinger*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Jessup*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Lawrason*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Petrie*, Mr. *Riddell*, Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Webster*, and Mr. *Williams*, seven of whom shall be a quorum, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Marriage
License Fee
Fund.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the fund formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund," to fix the fees hereafter to be taken on Marriage Licenses, and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the public Treasury, being read,

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Brooks*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Cummings*, *DeWitt*, *Jobin*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Méhot*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Roblin*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Taché*, *Taschereau*, and *Thompson*—(30.)

NAYS.

Colville, *Daly*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *Lawrason*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Moffatt*, *Petrie*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Attorney General *Smith*, and *Webster*—(21.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the said Bill was read accordingly.

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Price*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Thompson*, and the mover, to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. *Hale* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, that all the words after "That" in the said motion, be struck out, and the

following substituted, "it is in the opinion of this House expedient and right that the fees arising from marriage licenses should be at the disposal of the clergy of the several denominations respectively, for religious or educational purposes; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased to accord the fund in question to be appropriated by the Legislature to this end."

Marriage
License Fee
Fund.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBoutillier*, that the debate be adjourned until Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Brooks, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lawrason*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Moffatt*, *Petrie*, *Roblin*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Attorney General *Smith*, and *Webster*—(25.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *DeWitt*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Méhot*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Taché*, *Taschereau*, and *Thompson*—(26.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Colville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, that the House do now adjourn.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Brooks, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *Lawrason*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *McConnell*, *Moffatt*, *Petrie*, *Roblin*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Attorney General *Smith*, and *Webster*—(25.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *DeWitt*, *Jobin*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Méhot*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Taché*, *Taschereau*, and *Thompson*—(26.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on Mr. *Hale's* motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

And the question being put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved accordingly.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Crown Timber
Office, Bytown

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor-General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House a Statement in detail of the transactions in the Crown Timber Office in *Bytown*, separately for the years 1843 and 1844; exhibiting the number of rafts passed, owner's name, the amount of duty on each raft, the gross amount of revenue in each year, the names of the Agent, Collector, Clerks, and Servants, and the salary to each, and any other expense connected with the Office.

Crown Timber
Office, Bytown

Also the amount paid to the Government Surveyor for Surveys, the amount paid by Government to other Surveyors, and the amount paid by each individual lumber-man for such services; and also the quantity of square timber and saw logs cut in other parts of the Province, the quantity cut by each party, and amount of revenue derived therefrom.

(For the said Return see Appendix P.)

Also,

Fees and
Emoluments
of Clerk of
Crown, U. C.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 19th ultimo, "praying for a statement of all fees and emoluments, of what kind or nature soever, received for the years 1843, and 1844, by the Clerk of the Crown, in that part of the Province formerly Upper Canada."

CANADA WEST,
Toronto, 6th January, 1845.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, directing, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, that I would furnish you, for His information, with a statement of all fees and emoluments, of what kind and nature soever, received by me for the years 1843 and 1844, as Clerk of the Crown. In answer I beg to state that the required information is contained in the accompanying document.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) CHARLES C. SMALL.

Honourable D. DALY,
Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

Statement of all Fees and Emoluments, of what kind and nature soever, received by the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas for that part of the Province of Canada formerly Upper Canada:—

For the year 1843 - - - - £1723 1s. 4d.
The same for the year 1844 - 1331 13s. 8d.

CHARLES C. SMALL,
Clerk of the Crown.

Toronto, 6th January, 1845.

And also,

Petition of
Peter Ayley
and others.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 14th December, 1844, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a copy of a Petition, signed by Peter Ayley and others, to the Executive Government, from the Ottawa river."

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of the undersigned, residents of the county of Ottawa, and Ottawa river; engaged in the Lumber Trade, and interested in its welfare,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That, since the appointment of the present Collector of Dues, at Bytown, James Stevenson, Esquire, and the Surveyor, John M'Naughton, an irresponsible power is placed in the hands of these individuals, as to the granting of licences to cut timber on the waste lands of the Crown, on the Ottawa and its tributary streams; that the said Collector is also agent for a Bank at Bytown,

and that the Surveyor is connected with Mills in the lumber districts, and a speculator in lands; and that they are both interested, either by their family connections, relations, or Banking influence, with the large lumber establishments in Montreal and Quebec;—That since the appointments aforesaid, large blocks of land, equal to a whole township, or ten miles square, have been granted and licensed to favoured individuals, in blocks in different places—one person holding several of those blocks from year to year—this has never been the case previously to the appointment of the present Collector and Surveyor; the limits previously granted by the Collector at Bytown being three miles front on any navigable stream. This gave to the industrious class of lumbermen a fair opportunity of competition according to their means, and obliged the non-resident merchant to actually occupy every three miles, or give up the limits to those who would do so, and improve the premises so licensed;—That under the present system, the granting of licenses has become a matter of barter between the merchant holding those large blocks, and the practical lumber-man, residing in the vicinity, whose whole support depends upon obtaining a fair proportion of the waste lands of the Crown, and on faith of which they were led to settle in those remote parts, in the neighbourhood of the lumber districts, so as to have the advantage of their local situation; but in many cases have now to purchase the privilege of those large holders, pay the Government Dues, and make the necessary improvements in buildings, roads, &c.; and this is not all, but should the person, so purchasing said privilege, attempt to curtail any of the unreasonable charges of the holder of the license, he is at once dispossessed, and loses all the improvements made!

That petitioners beg to refer your Excellency to the return of an address of the Assembly, dated twenty-seventh of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, calling for a detailed statement of duty paid, and the number of logs for which duty was paid at the office of the Crown in Bytown. This return will show that forty-eight persons had to pay the deposit of twenty-five per cent. for their licenses; and all the remainder, who are generally all merchants, and large holders of limits, have paid nothing as deposit, thus plainly demonstrating, that partiality exists in this department; where some are obliged to pay, and others are not; and petitioners further beg leave to state, that a report of a committee of the Municipal Council of the district of Sydenham, to his Excellency the late Sir Charles Bagot, was forwarded in September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, complaining of the Collector of Dues at Bytown; the copy of the answer and report are annexed, marked letter A. That the office is conducted by James Stevenson and John M'Naughton, Esquires, with partiality, favouritism, and injustice, in the granting of licenses, is shown by the affidavits annexed, marked letters B. C. D. E. F. That the petitioners are strongly impressed with the belief, that there will be no fair competition as long as the present Collector and Surveyor are permitted to conduct the Crown office at Bytown, in the distribution of the waste lands of the Crown in this section of the Province, as it is evident to petitioners, that persons who have not sufficient influence with either the one or the other, cannot under the present system expect justice, as there is no known means by which petitioners can obtain redress for the ruinous losses occasioned by the conduct of both the Surveyor and Collector in their departments. That petitioners most respectfully beg leave to hope, that your Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as will prevent the Collector at Bytown, whosoever he may be, from holding at the same time the Agency of any Banking Establishment; as the holding of both situations by the same individual, tends to create reciprocity of interests between the merchant and the Bank agent, who is also Collector, detrimental to the fair and impartial distribution of the wild lands of the Crown, as originally intended by the Government; and that it may also please your Excellency to cause the wild lands to be distributed as formerly, by allowing each license to contain no more than three miles front on any navigable stream, and that each limit so licensed, should be occupied, or that the license should be forfeited. This would, in the opinion of petitioners, in a great measure, prevent the ruinous monopoly at present existing by the conduct of the present Collector

Petition of
Peter Ayley
and others.

Petition of
Peter Ayles
and others.

and Surveyor; and petitioners beg further to state, that large quantities of white pine have been cut off the waste lands of the Crown, and taken away in saw logs, from the tributary streams of the *Ottawa*, between *Hull* and *Grenville*; and a great quantity of which was rafted up in sight of the office of the Collector, and taken away annually since the present Collector and Surveyor have conducted the Timber office; the duty on which has not been paid into the Government, as appears by the return to the address aforesaid, thereby causing a serious loss to the Province. That previous to the appointment of Mr. *Stevenson*, these saw logs were counted annually, and sometimes measured and averaged by the standard log; but these favoured individuals have been permitted to take away the logs without pay; or that, if paid, the amount has not been accounted for by the Collector, is evident to petitioners; in either way a serious loss to the country has arisen, besides creating a monopoly on the hands of large establishments, which do not pay for the same in proportion to the extensive limits granted to them under the present system. And further, that petitioners beg leave to state, that the letter of instructions, furnished with the return to the address of the Assembly, in one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, dated 30th March, has not been made public or acted on, only in such parts as suited the Collector, or Surveyor, or their friends and connections; and that the Surveyor has actually seized and sold timber at *Bytown*, without any forms of law, or even giving the owner of the same any opportunity to rebut the charges made by interested parties claiming limits, and who would generally procure the favour of the Surveyor, by employing him to run the lines in preference to other surveyors holding commissions and legally authorised to survey; and also that said *M. Naughton* has actually run lines, that had been previously run by such licensed surveyors according to the license granted, and in an opposite direction from the course described; and altering the first survey, and seized the timber cut.

That petitioners most respectfully beg leave to represent the necessity of making such enactments as will place the granting of licenses in such a state that it will not depend upon the conduct of the Collector or Surveyor, but that the regulations to be adopted may be made public; and that the immense tracts held by mercantile houses, and their agents, and friends, amounting to a monopoly in the hands of the few, to the injury of the many, be so regulated, that a fair competition between all parties may be effected; and that such regulations may be adopted as will prevent the ruinous losses to individuals caused by the present system.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) PETER AYLEN,
And 155 others.

Aylmer, 22nd November, 1843.

[A.]

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Municipal Council of the District of *Sydenham*, signed by one hundred and forty inhabitants of that District, complaining of the many acts of partiality and injustice of the Collector and Surveyor of the Timber Office in *Bytown*:

Your Committee beg leave to report that the subject matter of the Petition referred to its consideration, is out of the jurisdiction of this Council; that it would require investigation and inquiries, which the Council has no authority to institute; but the matter being of the utmost importance to this District, your Committee would recommend that three copies be made by the Clerk of the Council, and one sent to each branch of the Legislature, with the most urgent prayer, that they would take the matter into their serious and favourable consideration.

The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.

(Signed) D. B. PAPINEAU,
Chairman.

Aylmer, 7th September, 1842.

Moved by Doctor *Leman*, seconded by *Richard Austen*, Resolved, that the seal of the Council be affixed to a Report of a Committee, dated 7th September, 1842, and that the Clerk of the Council be authorised to sign the same, and fix the seal thereunto.

(Signed,) SAMUEL W. SMITH,
District Clerk.

Aylmer, December 5, 1843.

LETTER A.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Kingston, 26th September, 1842.

SIR,

With reference to the Report of a Committee of the Municipal Council of the District of *Sydenham*, on a petition from the inhabitants of that District, complaining of the conduct of the Agent for granting licenses for cutting timber at *Bytown*, I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to inform you, that His Excellency will cause inquiry to be made into the subject, with a view to its receiving his attentive consideration.

I have the honour to be, &c.,

JAMES HOPKIRK,
Assistant Secretary.

D. B. PAPINEAU, Esquire, M.P.P.

[B.]

District of *Sydenham*, }
Province of *Canada*. }

Personally came and appeared before me, *James Blackburn*, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the peace within the said District, *Peter Ayles*, of *Aylmer*, in said District, Lumber Merchant, who deposeth as follows: That from the knowledge he has acquired of the manner in which the Crown Timber Office in *Bytown*, is conducted, and from the transactions he has had with the Agent and Surveyor thereof, he (deponent) has good reason to believe, and verily does believe, that the granting of licenses to cut timber on the waste lands of the Crown, upon the bank of the river *Ottawa* and its tributaries, is conducted by *James Stevenson*, the Agent, and *John M. Naughton*, the Surveyor, with partiality, favouritism, and injustice, to the damage of many, and to the benefit of others engaged in the lumber trade in this section of *Canada*.

(Signed) PETER AYLEN.

Sworn before me at *Aylmer*,
this 19th October, 1842.

(Signed) JAMES BLACKBURN, J.P.

[C.]

District of *Sydenham*, }
Canada East. }

Personally came, and appeared before me, *James Blackburn*, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices assigned to keep the peace within said District, *Hugh M. Boulton*, of *Aylmer*, in said District, who deposeth as follows: That from the knowledge he has acquired of the manner in which the Crown Timber Office in *Bytown*, is conducted, and from the transactions he has had with the Agent and Surveyor, thereof, he (deponent) has good reason to believe, that the granting of licenses to cut timber on the waste lands of the Crown, on the banks of the *Ottawa* river, and its tributaries, is conducted by *James Stevenson*, the Agent, and *John M. Naughton*, the Surveyor, with partiality, favouritism, and injustice, to

Petition of Peter Ayle and others.

the damage of many, and the benefit of some individuals engaged in the lumber trade in this section of Canada.

(Signed) HUGH M. BOLTON.

Sworn before me at Aylmer, this 19th October, 1842.

(Signed) JAMES BLACKBURN, J.P.

[D.]

District of Sydenham, } Canada East. }

Personally came, and appeared before me, Charles Symmes, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace in said District. David T. Brown, of the Township of Horton, Bathurst District, who deposes as follows: That from the application he has made for license to cut timber on the waste lands of the Crown, and the conduct of the Agent and Surveyor, regarding the same, that deponent has good reason, and verily believes, that the granting of licenses by James Stevenson, and his Surveyor, John M'Naughton, at Bytown, is conducted with partiality, and favouritism, and injustice, to the serious injury of many, and gain of the few who are engaged in the lumber trade, in that part of the Province of Canada.

(Signed) DAVID T. BROWN.

Sworn before me at Aylmer, this 26th October, 1842.

(Signed) CHARLES SYMMES, J.P.

[E.]

District of Sydenham, } Canada East. }

Personally came, and appeared before me, James Blackburn, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices to keep the peace in said District, William Loan, of said District, Lumber Dealer, who deposes as follows: That from the transactions he has had with the Collector of the Timber Office, Bytown, and also with the Surveyor, John M'Naughton, that deponent has good reason, and verily believes that the granting of licenses to cut timber on the waste lands of the Crown, is conducted with partiality, favouritism, and injustice, to the damage of some, and benefit of others engaged in the lumber trade, in this section of Canada.

(Signed) WILLIAM LOAN.

Sworn before me at Aylmer, this 29th November, 1843.

(Signed) JAMES BLACKBURN, J.P.

[F.]

Province of Canada, } District of Montreal. }

Personally came, and appeared before me, William M. Dole, Esquire, one of Her Majesty's Justices, assigned to keep the peace within said District, John Newman, Deputy Provincial Surveyor, for the Province of Canada, who deposes and saith, that he has been employed in surveying several timber limits on the Ottawa river, and its tributary streams, between parties for lumbering purposes, and that from the knowledge he has acquired while on such surveys; and from some transactions deponent has had with James Stevenson, Esquire, the Agent, and John M'Naughton, the Surveyor of the Crown Timber Office in Bytown, that he has good reason to believe, and verily does believe, that the granting of licenses to cut

timber by the said Agent, and said Surveyor is conducted with favouritism, partiality, and injustice, to the great injury of the lumber trade in general; further this deponent saith not, and hath signed.

(Signed) JOHN NEWMAN.

Sworn and signed before me at Aylmer, 25th October, 1842.

(Signed) W. M. DOLE, J.P.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 20° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. Speaker informed the House, that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the County of Saguenay, a certificate of the election of a Member for the county of Saguenay, in the room of the Honourable Augustin Norbert Morin, who having been elected for the counties of Saguenay and Bellechasse, made his election for the said county of Bellechasse.

And the said certificate was read, and is as followeth:—

Province of Canada.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Montreal, 20th January, 1845.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the nineteenth day of December last past, issued by His Excellency, the Governor in Chief, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of Saguenay, (Charles Pierre Huot, Esquire,) for the election of one Member for the said County of Saguenay, in the room of the Honourable Augustin Norbert Morin, who having been chosen a knight to serve in this Parliament for the County of Saguenay, and also for the County of Bellechasse, has made his election for the said County of Bellechasse, by means whereof the said County of Saguenay stood unrepresented. The Honourable M. P. DeSales Laterriere has been returned as duly elected, accordingly, as appears by the return of the said Writ, dated the fourteenth day of January, instant, which is lodged of record in my office.

FELIX FORTIER, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To W. B. LINDSAY, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, general statements of the affairs of the Quebec Bank, of the Bank of Montreal, of the City Bank of Montreal, and of the Commercial Bank of the Midland district, Kingston, received in conformity to an order of the House of the tenth instant.

(For the said General Statements, see Appendix Q.)

Also,

Accounts of the Trinity House, Quebec, for the Trinity House, year ended the 31st December, 1844, received in conformity to the 20th section of the Act, four and five Victoria, chapter 15.

(For the said Account, see Appendix E.)

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Colvile*, the Petition of *William Barrett* and others, the commissioners of common schools, in the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Meyers*, the Petition of *James Wilson*, of the township of *Murray*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Robert E. Burns* and others, members of the legal profession.

By Mr. *Armstrong*, the Petition of *Ambroise Lepine* and others, of the parish of *St. Barthelemi*, in the district of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of *Bernard Young*, of *Compton*, and the Petition of *Alanson Cummings* and others, of *Compton*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of *William Binkley*, and *Edward Lyons*, of the township of *Ancaster*, in the county of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *George Rolph*, of the township of *West Flamborough*, in the county of *West Halton*.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of the *Home* district Mutual Insurance Company.

By Mr. *Webster*, the Petition of *Thomas R. Brock* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Guelph*, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of *George Roice* and others, of the villages of *Chippewa* and *Drummondville*, in the district of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Johnston*, the Petition of *S. S. Strung* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Bytown* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, the Petition of *H. Williams*, of *North Augusta*; the Petition of *John Bacon* and others, of *Brockville* and its vicinity, in the district of *Johnstown*; and the Petition of *R. P. Coltair* and others, of *Brockville* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *Peter M'Donald* and others, of the district of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *H. Mittleberger* and others, of *St. Catherines*, in the *Niagara* district.

By Mr. *Lacrason*, the Petition of *John Johnstone* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Carradoc* and parts adjacent.

By Mr. *Jessup*, the Petition of *S. Crane* and others, of the district of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *Henry Howard*, M.D., and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Amherst Island*, and the Petition of *John Kirby* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Kingston* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *W. W. Hatelie* and others, of the township of *Mosa*, in the district of *London*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Charles Smith*, and *Anthony Anderson*, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of Mrs. *Jennet Roy*, widow of the late *Thomas Roy*, Civil Engineer, of the city of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to further amendments to the Acts of Incorporation).

By Mr. *Seymour*, the Petition of *Jacob Smith* and others, of the *Midland* district. Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of *George Wright* and others, of the *Home* and *Sincoe* districts.

Mr. *Méhot*, chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Alexander M'Lean*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the county of *Stormont*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Donald Aeneas MacDonell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county of *Stormont*, reported to the House that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Watts*, one of their number, and therefore, after waiting until eleven o'clock, adjourned until to-morrow. Stormont Election.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* handed in an additional list of witnesses, in the matter of the contested election for the Third Riding of the county of *York*, on behalf of the Sitting Member of the said Third Riding of the county of *York*, which was read by the Clerk, and is as followeth:—

An additional List of Witnesses put in by the sitting Member for the Third Riding of the County of *York*, under the order of the Legislative Assembly of the eighth instant; to be examined before the Commissioners appointed to take evidence in the matter of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the said Riding in Parliament.

Frederick Chase Capreol, of the city of *Toronto*, Auctioneer.

John Ridout, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Samuel Ridout, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Andrew T. M'Cord, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Robert Beekman, of the city of *Toronto*, Land Agent.

Charles Kellar, of the township of *Markham*, Gentleman.

John Duggan, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Francis Boyd, of the township of *Vaughan*, Esquire.

John M. Murchison, of the city of *Toronto*, Tailor.

William B. Winterbottom, of the town of *Niagara*, Esquire.

Robert Beard, of the city of *Toronto*, Deputy Sheriff.

Thomas D. Harris, of the city of *Toronto*, Ironmonger.

Robert J. Turner, of the city of *Toronto*, Solicitor.

Henry Sullivan, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Colley Foster, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Honourable Mr. Justice Hagerman, of the city of *Toronto*.

James M'Gill Strachan, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Samuel G. Lynn, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

John Crawford, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Secker Brough, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Archibald G. M'Lean, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

William C. Keele, of the city of *Toronto*, Solicitor.

Thomas Ewart, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Joseph C. Morrison, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire.

Robert Lynn, of the township of *York*, Dy. P. Surveyor.

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

Of *Patrick Brennan*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying to be indemnified for the destruction of his property in consequence of the riots during the last municipal elections for the said city.

Of *Ralph Foster* and others, of the township of *Mersea*, in the *Western* district, praying that the prayer of a Petition of the *Western* District Council, for protection to the growers of tobacco in this Province, may be granted.

Of the Reverend *F. X. Delège* and others, of the county of *L'Islet*, praying that the Registry Office for the said county may be removed to the parish of *L'Islet*.

Petitions read

Of *Edwin Pridham* and others, of *Grenville*, and other places on the *Ottawa* river, praying for a grant of £8,000 to erect bridges over the rivers intersecting the road between *Grenville* and *Hull*.

Of *James Porter* and others, boot and shoemakers, of the town of *Picton*, in the district of *Prince Edward*, praying for a duty of 30 per cent on manufactured leather, imported from the *United States*.

Of *John Wetenhall* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, praying that the application of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, respecting the Clergy Reserves, may not be complied with, in so far as it may affect the interests of any persons now in occupation of Clergy Lands, but that such Lands may be sold according to the provisions of the Imperial statute, 3rd and 4th *Victoria*, chapter 78.

Of *John White* and others, lumberers, of the county of *Dundas*, praying for the passing of a law, to require all mill-dams on the *Petite Nation* river to be so constructed as not to impede the navigation or the ascent of fish.

Of *D. Davidson*, for himself, and the other directors of the High School of *Montreal*, praying for an aid in money, to reimburse the outlay made in establishing the School.

Of *Samuel Clark* and others, of the *Milland* district, praying for a grant to make a road from *Kingston* to the river *Ottawa*.

Of *John Mathewson* and others, soap and candle manufacturers, of the city of *Montreal*, praying for an increase of the duties on foreign soap and candles.

Of *Gabriel Marchand*, of *St. Johns*, praying remuneration for his trouble and expenses as Commissioner on the contested election of *Ralph Taylor*, Esquire, for the county of *Missisquoi*, in 1830.

Of *John Nomerville* and others, of the townships of *Godmanchester* and *Hinchinbrook*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, praying for aid to construct a road, leading from the said township to the city of *Montreal*.

Of *Simeon Flint* and others, of *Shipton* and other places, praying aid for a road in the said townships.

Of *James Breakenridge*, of *Canada West*, praying for certain amendments to the Common School Law; for a grant of Land to the militia who served during the rebellion; that no man of doubtful loyalty be recommended to office; that district Councils be abolished; for a revival of the forty shilling Act; that juries be paid for their time at Court; that the militia be rendered more efficient; and Provincial Regiments organized; that a macadamized road may be made from *Quebec* to *Lake Huron*, and other main roads improved; that the Seat of Government be returned to *Canada West*; that the *Gananoque* waters may be made navigable; that fees may be reduced, and the practice of the law simplified; that Asylums may be provided for the lame, deaf, blind and insane, and comforts for the poor; that the right to solemnize matrimony be not extended to every denomination; that heavy duties be imposed upon American products; and that a stop be put to the draining off to the *United States* of all the money expended on Public Works.

Of *Thomas W. Lloyd* and others, merchant traders, and citizens of *Quebec*, praying that measures be adopted to prevent persons, unacquainted with the trade of Ship stowers, from practising the same at the port of *Quebec*.

Petitions read.

Of the Reverend *L. O. Desilets* and others, of the parish of *St. Barnabé*, in the county of *St. Maurice*; of the Reverend *S. J. A. Dumoulin* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche*, in the district of *Three Rivers*; and of *Louis Pratt* and others, of the parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, praying that no change may be made in the present law regulating winter carriages.

Of *Charles Willard* and others, Merchant Seamen, and Shipowners, of the Province of *Canada*, praying that the duty on American timber be so regulated as to afford protection to the owners of British vessels navigating the lakes of *Canada*.

Of Mrs. *M. C. Alfaro*, widow of the late *Carleton Allsopp*, complaining that by the Act 59, *George* the Third, chapter 27, her late husband was unjustly deprived of certain rights and privileges in the seigniority of *Jacques Cartier* and *D'Auteuil*, and praying relief.

Of *L. J. McNair* and others, of the district of *Quebec*, praying for an aid to improve the *Côte de Jacques Cartier*.

Of *W. M. Copp* and others, of the county of *Stanstead*, praying for a grant of one thousand pounds to enable them to repair the road from *Stanstead* to *Montreal*.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying that further improvement be made in the navigation of the river *Ottawa*.

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, *Heirs and Devises*, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the relief of parties claiming lands in *Upper Canada*, for which no Patent hath issued, as representing the original Nominees of the Crown," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles DeWitt* and others, of the township of *Godmanchester*, in the district of *Montreal*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Jonathan Merry* and others, inhabitants of the townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*, in the county of *Stanstead*, and other references.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John D. McKenzie* and others, of the township of *Heverley*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Chalmers*, Mr. *Webster*, and Mr. *Roblin*, 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 *Daniel M'Dougall*, of the town of *Niagara*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills,

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Green* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Niagara* and its vicinity, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joel Smith* and *J. Smith* and others, members of the United Church of *Eng-* others.

Rev. W. Leeming and others.

land and Ireland, in the township of *Grimsby*; and the Petition of the Reverend *William Leeming* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Chippewa*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the said Committee.

Rev. L. O. Desilets and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *L. O. Desilets* and others, of the parish of *St. Barnabé*, in the county of *St. Maurice*; the Petition of the Reverend *S. J. A. Dumoulin* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Anne d'Yamachiche*, in the district of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Louis Pratt* and others, of the parish of *Ste. Joseph de Maskinongé* in the county of *St. Maurice*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle*, and others, of the city of *Montreal*, Carters, and other references.

J. Arthur and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Arthurs* and others, of the township of *Adelaide*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties and attaching them to others; and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts.

A. Campbell, junior, and others, Law Students.

Resolved, That the Petition of *A. Campbell, junior*, and others, Law Students of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, *Mr. Chabot*, *Mr. Chauveau*, *Mr. Drummond*, the Honourable *Mr. LaFontaine*, the Honourable *Mr. Morin*, and the Honourable *Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

T. W. Lloyd and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Thomas W. Lloyd* and others, merchants, traders, and citizens of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, the Honourable *Mr. Moffatt*, *Mr. Leslie*, *Mr. Chabot*, *Mr. Greive*, and *Mr. Christie*, to examine the contents thereof, and report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Municipal Council, District of Niagara

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee to which were referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of the said District Council, praying that the owners of land in that District may be compelled to make returns of the same to the District Treasurer, and they would beg to remark, that the Act of 6 Geo. 4, cap. 7, which requires the owner or occupier of land, not surveyed by or under the Surveyor General, to make a return of the same to the District Treasurer for the purpose of having it assessed, is defective, in as much as it is confined in its operations to land surveyed previous to July, 1825, and there being no law to require the owners of land, subsequently surveyed, to make such return, the District is unjustly deprived of the revenue which would accrue therefrom. To remedy this evil, your Committee would recommend that a law be passed to extend the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, making the same applicable to all such lands not surveyed, in manner aforesaid, as may have been surveyed up to the time of its passing, and also to require that the owners of such lands do pay their proportion of taxes on the same from the time of their first occupation.

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee to which were referred the several Petitions of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the said District Council, which relates to the taking of fish in the *Twenty Mile Pond* in that District. The Pond in question has, until a few years ago, yielded an abundant supply of fish; but in consequence of the very injurious system pursued by fishermen of drawing and setting seines and wears on the marsh at the entrance of the Pond, the spawn are destroyed, and the fishery nearly ruined. Your Committee would conceive it advisable, in order to save the fishery from destruction, to pass a law rendering it illegal to catch or take fish in the said Pond, except with the spear, or hook and line.

Ordered, That *Mr. Williams* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of a certain Act of Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George the Fourth*, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned" to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *William Notman*, of *Dundas* in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Middlesex*, in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until Saturday the fifteenth day of March next.

Ordered, That *Mr. Cummings* have leave to bring in a Bill to empower the district councils in *Upper Canada*, to impose a tax on Dogs, and to regulate Temperance Houses within their respective districts.

He accordingly presented the said 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 two hundred and fifty copies of the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, with the documents accompanying the same, in answer to the Address of this House of the thirteenth instant on the subject of the Post Office Department in this Province, be printed in each of the English and French Languages, for the use of the members of this House.

The Honourable *Mr. Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before this House by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House a statement of the cost of macadamizing and keeping in the repair, the roads leading from *Montreal* to *Lachapelle's Bridge*, with the amount of Tolls thereon received, and any other information which His Excellency may think proper to communicate on the subject.

Municipal Council District of Niagara

Religious Societies Relief.

Middlesex Election.

Tax on Dogs and Temperance Houses.

Post Office.

Montreal Tolls.

MontrealTolls.

OFFICE OF THE TURNPIKE TRUSTEES,
Montreal, 20th December, 1844.

MontrealTolls.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated 14th December, 1844, transmitting a Copy of an Address of the House of Assembly, for certain particulars of information relative to the *Montreal Turnpike Trust*, and requesting the Trustees to furnish His Excellency with a Report of the same in compliance with the requirements of the Address.

By direction of the Trustees, I transmit to you herewith, two statements, numbered one and two, exhibiting, Firstly: The cost of making, and of keeping in repair, the Turnpike Road, leading from the city of *Montreal* to *Lachapelle's Bridge*, including cost of Toll-House, and compensation made for damages to lands by the making of the Turnpike, from the formation to date; and, Secondly: The amount of Receipts at the Toll-gate on that road, from its establishment to date.

I am, &c.,

(Signed)

JAMES HOLMES,

Secretary of the Turnpike Trustees.

The Hon. D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary, *Montreal.*

NUMBER ONE.

STATEMENT exhibiting the cost of making, macadamizing, and keeping in repair the Turnpike Road leading from the City of *Montreal* to *Lachapelle's Bridge*, including cost of Toll House and compensation for damage to Lands, from the formation of the Turnpike, to date.

Cost of making Road, macadamizing and repairs, including Toll House.	Compensation for damages to Lands.	Repairs to 31st December, 1842.	Repairs to 31st December, 1843.	Repairs to 31st July, 1844.	Repairs to 20th December, 1844.	TOTAL.
£ s. d. 7092 12 5	£ s. d. 60 1 8	£ s. d. 1255 0 0	£ s. d. 429 10 11	£ s. d. 160 14 5	£ s. d. 46 13 9	£ s. d. 9044 13 2

Certified by the undersigned,

JAMES HOLMES,

*Secretary to the Trustees of the
Montreal Turnpike Roads.*

MONTREAL, 20th December, 1844.

NUMBER TWO.

STATEMENT of Amount of Tolls received at the Toll Gate on the Turnpike Road of the *Montreal Turnpike Trust*, leading from the City of *Montreal* to *Lachapelle's Bridge*, from the establishment of the Toll Gate to date.

From establishment of Gate to 31st December, 1841.	From 1st January to 31st December, 1842.	From 1st January to 31st December, 1843.	From 1st January to 31st July, 1844.	From 31st July to 20th December, 1844.	TOTAL.
£ s. d. 500 8 0	£ s. d. 957 6 4	£ s. d. 932 6 10	£ s. d. 543 6 0	£ s. d. 397 19 8	£ s. d. 3831 6 10

Certified by the undersigned,

JAMES HOLMES,

*Secretary to the Trustees of the
Montreal Turnpike Roads.*

MONTREAL, 20th December, 1844.

St. Hyacinthe
Election.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration on the Petition of *Leonard Boin* and others, electors of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, for the said county of *St. Hyacinthe*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the second Order of the Day.

Yamaska
Election.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, for the said county of *Yamaska*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the third Order of the Day.

Attachment of
Salaries.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of official salaries towards payment of the incumbent's debts, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Chabot*, to report thereon, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Impeachment.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to establish a tribunal for the trial of impeachments by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read,

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cameron, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Duggan, Ernuttiger, Franchère, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Luceote, LaFontaine, Lawrason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdougall of STORMONT, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Watts and Williams—(48.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Cauchon, Guillet, Johnston Laurin, Merritt, Méthot and Morin—(8.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Chauveau*, and Mr. *Chabot*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

High School
Montreal.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the High School of *Montreal*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

French
Language.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the twentieth of December last, viz., "That an humble

Address be presented to Her Majesty, renewing the expression of the faithful attachment of this House to Her Majesty's Person and Government; setting forth, that, sensible of the advantages we enjoy from Her Majesty's care and protection, and which this House trusts may long be continued to us under Her Majesty's parental sway, it is at all times the duty of this House to submit, for Her Majesty's Most Gracious consideration, such matters as may have a tendency with any class of Her Majesty's subjects to diminish that contentment, which this House is well assured Her Majesty desires should exist in every portion of Her dominions;"

French
Language.

Representing, that the French is the native language of a very large class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province: of this class the great mass indeed speak no other language. In it the largest portion of their laws and the books on their system of jurisprudence are written; their daily intercourse with each other is conducted; it is the language in which alone they can invoke the blessings of Heaven on themselves and all that is dear to them. A language indispensable to so many of Her Majesty's faithful people, cannot, they will believe, be viewed by their Sovereign, as foreign, when used by them.

Stating, that Her Majesty's Royal Predecessors placed the languages spoken by the two great classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, on the same footing; affording, in this respect, equal justice and equal facility to all.

Pointing out, that this principle was never departed from until the Act re-uniting these Provinces was passed: that this House do not question that the best intentions and designs influenced the minds of those who enacted the provision which declared:

"That all writs, proclamations, instruments for summoning and calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for proroguing and dissolving the same, and all writs of Summons and Election, and all writs and public instruments whatever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all returns to such writs and instruments, and all journals and entries, and written or printed proceedings of what nature soever of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively, and all written or printed proceedings and reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, shall be in the English language only."

Stating, that in the very first Session of the Legislature, under that Act, it was indispensable to translate into French every public record and document. That the debates were not and could not, unless a portion of the Representatives of the people were silenced, be carried on without its use; that in Courts and judicial proceedings it was found equally necessary as before the Union, and for every other practical purpose, it is as much used as it ever has been.

Urging, that the only distinction which exists then, is, that the French is not permitted to be the legal language of Parliamentary records; a distinction of little value perhaps in itself,—one which cannot produce any beneficial result on the feelings or habits of the people using it, while it gives rise to a feeling among them injurious to the peace and tranquillity of the Province, namely, that this limited proscription of their language conveys, however undesignedly, an imputation of unfavourable distinction towards themselves.

French
Language.

Representing, that desirous that the hearts of all men in this Province may be joined in unity, in their attachment to and support of Her Majesty's person and Government, this House humbly petition Her Majesty to endeavour to remove this cause of discontent, and to recommend to Her Imperial Parliament the repeal of that portion of the law which has given rise to it; assuring Her Majesty that such a course will be hailed by Her Majesty's loyal Canadian people, as an additional mark of her solicitude for their welfare.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed till Saturday, the eleventh day of January next.

Private Bills.
Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the third Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Leslie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Leslie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Mr. *Speaker* having put the question,

Shall the Report be now received?

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lawrason*, That the said Bill be recommitted to enable him to move the following amendment, viz:—

“That the fourteenth clause be struck out.”

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Duggan, Gowan, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lawrason, Leslie, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Price and Smith of FRONTENAC—(18.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LeBoutillier, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Morin, Petrie, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster and Williams—(41.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, That the said Report be not received, but that the said Bill be recommitted for the purpose of enabling him to move the following amendment, viz:—

“To strike out all the words after the word ‘Corporation,’ and insert, ‘to double the extent of his or her subscribed stock in the capital of the said Corporation.’”

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Dickson, Duggan, Gowan, Lacoste, Lawrason, Leslie, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Price, Roblin, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Smith of WESTWORTH—(20.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LeBoutillier, LaFontaine, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Morin, Petrie, Prince, Rousseau, Solicitor General Sherwood, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(40.)

So it passed in the negative.

The said Report was then received, and the said amendments being again severally read, and the question of concurrence being separately put on each, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Report of the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M. D., and others, Lecturers and Students in and of the Medical School, of the city of *Montreal*, called the College of Medicine and Surgery; and also the Petition of *A. F. Holmes*, M. D., and others, the Faculty of Medicine of the University of *McGill College*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable the Trustees holding a certain Lot in the town of *Simcoe* for the use of a church, to sell or convey the same or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Gowan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Gowan* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Blue Book Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,

Copy of the Blue Book for 1843.

Assessment rolls for *Upper Canada* for 1844. Transmitted pursuant to 59 *George III.*, chapter 7.

(For the said Assessment Rolls, see Appendix R.)

And

Return from the *British America Fire and Life Assurance Company* for the year ending thirtieth November 1844, transmitted for the information of the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Acts, 3 *William IV.*, chapter 18; and 6 *Victoria*, chapter 26.

(For the said Return see Appendix S.)

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to erect the county of *Haldimand* into a separate District by the name of the *Albert* district, and the Northern Townships of the county of *Kent* into a separate district, by the name of the District of *Moore*, being read,

Sherbrooke
Cotton FactoryMontreal
Medical SchoolChurch Lands.
Simcoe.Assessment
Rolls.Fire and Life
Assurance
Company.

District.

Haldimand
District.

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, that the word "now" in the said motion be struck out, and the words "Monday next" substituted.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, it was agreed to by the House.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was also agreed to, and

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

Reporter,
Court of
Chancery.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the appointment of a Reporter in the Court of Chancery, being read,

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, that the word "now" in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day six months," substituted.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Berthelot, Johnston, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonell of Dundas, Macdonell of Stormont, and Thompson—(7.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Bertrand, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colvile, Daly, DeWitt, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franckère, Gowan, Guillet, Haas, Jessup, Jobin, LeBoutillier, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lawrason, Leslie, Macdonald of Cornwall, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Smith of Wentworth, Taché, Watts, and Webster—(46.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and the said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

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

Then on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

The House adjourned.

Murtis, 21° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Member for
Simcoe.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House, that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election of a member for the county of *Simcoe*, in the room of *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, who, since his election hath accepted the office of Inspector General of Accounts.

And the said certificate was read, and is as followeth:—

Province of Canada.

Member for
Simcoe.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY,
Montreal, 21st January, 1845.

This is to certify that, in virtue of a writ of election, dated the twentieth day of December last past, issued by His Excellency, the Governor-in-Chief, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Simcoe*, *Edmund Lally*, Esquire, for the election of one member for the said County of *Simcoe*, in the room of *William Benjamin Robinson*, Esquire, whose seat had become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Her Majesty's Inspector General for this Province, the Honourable *William Benjamin Robinson* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the indenture, dated the thirteenth day of January instant, which is 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 Honourable *William B. Robinson*, Member for the county of *Simcoe*, 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, a statement of the assets and liabilities, and a list of the names of the stockholders of the *Canada Fire Assurance Company*, to the 31st December, 1844, received in conformity to an order of the House of the tenth instant.

Canada Fire
Assurance
Company.

(For the said Statement and List, see Appendix S.)

Mr. *Lantier*, chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, in the present Parliament, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, one of their number.

North Riding
Lincoln Election.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of the Honourable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of *J. J. Mailland* and *J. C. Becket*, of the *Canada Sunday School Union*.

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of the Reverend *A. N. Bethune* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Cobourg*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Jonathan Shortt* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Port Hope* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Drummond*, the Petition of *James Ailsopp*, of the parish of *Cap Santé*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of the Honourable *James Kerr*, of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *Albert Furniss*, of the city of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Cardner* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, belonging to the religious denomination commonly called *Christian Unitarians*.

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, the Petition of *Thomas A. Corbett*, Sheriff, and others of the *Midland* district.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *Thomas W. Robinson*, Esquire, Mayor, and others of the town of *Kingston*, in the *Midland* district.

By Mr. *Hall*, the Petition of *Thomas Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Fénélon Falls*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *William Dickson* and others, of the township of *Smith*, in the district of *Colborne*.

By Mr. *Seymour*, the Petition of *George Jones* and others, of the *Midland* district.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Robert Froste*, of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *John Vauloon* and others, landholders in the tenth and eleventh concessions of the township of *Leeds*, in the district of *Johnstown*; and the Petition of *James Brookes* and others, of the district of *Johnstown*.

Texas, District of Wellington.

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 more effectually for the collection of certain arrears of taxes on lands in the district of *Wellington* and other districts, and better to define the limits of the said district of *Wellington*," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Petitions referred.

John Bonner and William Petry.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Bonner* and *William Petry*, of *Quebec*, merchants, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Chabot*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

John Hammil.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, that the Petition of *John Hammil*, of the township of *Brantford*, in the *Gore* district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Laurason*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Powell*, 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 question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Joseph Smolinski.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Joseph Smolinski*, of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Chauveau*, 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.

W. R. Branan and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. R. Branan* and others, inhabitants of the north-western part of the township of *Ekfrid* and the southern part of the township of *Adelaide*, in the *London* district, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties and attaching them

to others, and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada*, into townships, counties, and districts.

Ordered, That the Petition of *David Griffin* and others, of the township of *Bayham*, in the district of *London*, be referred to the said Committee.

David Griffin and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Adolphus Williams*, of the township of *Malahide*, in the district of *London*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Adolphus Williams.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Edwin Pridham* and others, of *Grenville* and other places on the *Ottawa* river, be referred to a Special Committee to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Edwin Pridham and others.

Ordered, That Mr. *Scott*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Foster*, Mr. *DeWitt*, and the Honourable Mr. *De Bleury*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert Owens* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *March* and *Huntley*, and parts adjacent, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Robert Owens and others.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Ordered, That the entry in that part of the Journals of the last Parliament, of Monday, the twelfth day of September, 1842, relating to the Petition of *William Rea* and others, of the townships of *East and West Gwillimbury*, be now read.

Petition of William Rea and others.

The said entry was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Rea* and others, of the townships of *East and West Gwillimbury*, praying that a certain portion of the townships of *East and West Gwillimbury* be annexed to the *Home* district, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties, and attaching them to others, and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada*, into townships, counties, and districts.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the relief of certain landholders in the *Gaspé* district, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Landholders in Gaspé.

Your Committee have examined the said Bill, clause by clause, and have made certain amendments thereto, which they beg leave respectfully to submit for the consideration of your Honourable House, with the evidence taken thereon.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

Taken before the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the *Gaspé* District; and reported to the House on the 21st January, 1845.

Robert Christie, Esquire, in the Chair.

FRIDAY, 17th January, 1845.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that he was appointed, in 1819; Secretary to the Commissioners for the adjustment of *Gaspé* Land Claims, under the Provincial

Landholders
in Gaspé.

Statute of *Lower Canada*, 59 *George III.* ch. 3, and in that capacity went to *Gaspé* the same year, and in 1820 and 1823. That a multitude of persons presented their claims to lands. Those who had made improvements subsequently in due course, as prescribed by the Act, obtained adjudications for the lands they occupied; these adjudications were afterwards by law made absolute titles.

There were at that time no Crown Land Agents in the District of *Gaspé* authorized to grant location tickets to persons desirous of settling upon and improving the Crown Lands.

The Commissioners were applied to, in a variety of instances, by persons desirous of settling upon them, but were informed by the Commissioners that they had no authority to locate settlers, being authorized by law to take into consideration only such claims to lands as were actually under improvement, and properly within the competency of the Board; they, however, informed the applicants, that to facilitate them, they would receive their applications and cause them to be put on the Register, and publish the same, in order that if no persons opposed them in their applications, the Government might take into consideration the expediency of granting them the lands they applied for.

It was accordingly directed by the Commissioners to receive all such applications, and to characterize them on the Register of Land Claims (now in possession of the Executive Council) as lands claimed by recent occupancy.

The Commissioners, in all those cases of recent occupancy, advised the claimants immediately to set about and improve the lands so claimed.

In many instances those applications were followed up by improvement, the occupants clearing and making fine farms out of the forest, doing the road and other duties, in the expectation that grants would be given them upon the strength of their improvements, and of the Commissioners' recommendation.

He regrets to inform the Committee, that in many instances those persons who, in this manner, brought the country into a tolerably advanced state of improvement, by their labour and industry, have been called on, since the system of selling Crown Lands has been introduced into this Province, to pay for those lands which they brought under culture and had given value to; this they think excessively hard; but some, nevertheless, have paid, others partly, and some not at all; those who have paid, have done so under the apprehension that the Crown Land Agent had power to deprive them of the lands so improved, built, and settled upon, and sell them to others. Much discontent has consequently arisen, and still exists, on this subject; they who have refused payment to the Crown Land Agent, have done so under the conviction that the Government never intended that they should be called upon to pay for the lands alluded to, and that as lands were at that time given gratis to others in other parts of the Province where there were Crown Land Agents for locating settlers, they, the settlers in *Gaspé*, deemed themselves entitled to the same indulgence; having improved and cultivated those lands before the land-selling system had come into operation, they ought to be given to them gratis, and the more so, as in fact these people had gone to the expense of the surveying of the lands they so claimed,—of publication in the *Gazette*,—employing agents, and other incidental expenses connected therewith. The above constitutes one class of persons who it is intended should be relieved by the present Bill. There is another class of persons equally deserving of attention, and whose claims the present Bill also embraces: it is those who, since the Commissioners were in *Gaspé*, and subsequent to the expiration of their powers, and before the land-selling system came into operation, have gone upon, settled, and improved Crown Lands—some with location tickets from a Crown Land Agent (the late Mr. Crawford), and others without. These also have been called upon to pay for their lands, which they deem unjust. It is also to be observed, that there exists on this subject an order or letter, in favour of persons so situated, from Sir James Kempt, to the effect that the Government would, the following summer (1829), take measures to ascertain all claims of that nature, with a view of issuing patents in favour of persons so situated, but that

the indulgence would not apply to those who would thereafter settle upon Crown Lands. The informant speaks from recollection, not having in his possession the letter on the subject; but he is sure of the fact that a pledge to that effect was given.

He believes that the settlers on Crown Lands in the *Gaspé* District since that period, (the introduction of the land-selling system,) are under the conviction that they must pay for them; the present Bill consequently does not extend to them, but only to those who obtained recommendations from the Commissioners as above stated, and who, agreeably thereto, and in good faith, have settled and improved the lands they had selected and asked for, and to their heirs and others representing them, and to the other class above mentioned who, with or without authority from the Crown Land Agents appointed subsequent to the Commissioners' visit to that District, and before the land-selling system was adopted, sat down upon and improved Crown Lands.

It is also to be observed, that there were many persons who did not claim from the Commissioners in 1819. Loyalists and others, for instance, who had been for many years before (twenty and upwards) in possession of the lands they occupied, and did not deem it necessary to seek adjudications for them, thinking their claims beyond all question. Persons of this class also will be secured by the present Bill, who otherwise may be put to trouble hereafter, and whose anxiety it is but just to tranquilize.

He also stated the object of the present Bill to be in favour of those who were in possession of lands in the District of *Gaspé* previous to the land-selling system, but in no respect to interfere with the rights of the Crown, in respect to lands taken possession of by settlers since that period, who must claim of the Crown and pay for the lands they occupy.

MONDAY, 20th January, 1845.

John LeBoutillier, Esquire, a member of the Committee, stated, for the information of the Committee, that the object of the present Bill is the better to carry out Sir *James Kempt's* order in behalf of the inhabitants of the *Gaspé* District—a pledge upon which the Government has since had (to his knowledge) all claims, of the nature mentioned in the evidence given by the Chairman of the Committee, reported; that the Report will probably be found in the Land Department Office; that he has seen the order of Sir *James Kempt*, and that the inhabitants of the *Gaspé* District are anxious for the further action of the Government thereupon, and to obtain Titles for their lands accordingly.

FRIDAY, 21st January, 1845.

The Chairman laid before the Committee the two following copies of letters received by him from the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands (*Mr. Boutillier*), in answer to a request made by the Committee on the 20th instant:—

(Copy)

CASTLE OF ST. LOUIS,
QUEBEC, 26th September, 1828.

SIR,

I have laid before His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, the petition of a number of inhabitants of the District of *Gaspé*, residing Westward of *Point Muckarel*, praying that the period fixed in the notification issued by Government in December last, for completing the titles to lands, might be extended, with respect to lands held by the petitioners, and that an Agent might be appointed with authority to grant location tickets in that part of the District.

With respect to the first object of the petition, His Excellency directs me to observe that the petitioners do not properly come within the meaning of the notification referred to, which applies to persons "*settled upon lands under warrants of survey, or tickets of location, or authority from Government,*" but the petitioners never appear to have had any sort of authority from Government to occupy the lands they claim, nor anything more than recommendations in their favour from the Commissioners for adjusting land claims in that District to Government, which recommendations have never, as His Excellency is informed,

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been allowed by Government as constituting either a title, or a claim to receive a title; but His Excellency being disposed to view the case of the petitioners as favourably as possible, is willing, in those instances where they have actually and *bona fide* settled and made improvements upon the waste lands, to allow grants to be made to them, in proportion to the extent of those improvements, upon the usual scale of grants to actual settlers; but His Excellency cannot give the indulgence any greater latitude, nor apply it to the cases of those who may hereafter go upon the lands without authority, as all the lands of the Crown are now ordered to be disposed of by sale.

With respect to the other request of the petitioners for the appointment of an Agent, with authority to issue location tickets, His Excellency does not think such a measure necessary or desirable, as all those who are now settled upon lands (and who alone will be admitted to receive grants), must come forward next summer, and take out Patents for whatever quantity their improvements may entitle them to obtain. I am further to acquaint you, that the attention of the Commissioner of Crown Lands will be called to this subject, with a view to the adoption of some arrangement in the course of the ensuing summer, for ascertaining what persons will be entitled, on the principle above stated, to receive grants, and to what extent they are to be made. You will please to make known the purport of this communication as generally as possible in the District, in order that the people may be prepared for the further measures which His Excellency may direct to be taken upon the subject.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) ANDREW WM. COCHRAN.

J. CRAWFORD, Esquire.

(Copy.)

CASTLE OF ST. LOUIS,
QUEBEC, 4th February, 1829.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency, Sir James Kempt, to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a memorial that was presented to him, in September last, by a number of inhabitants in the District of Gaspé residing Westward of Point Macherel, and also of the answer that was returned to the same by his directions.

His Excellency has desired these papers to be transmitted to you with a view of directing your attention to the subject, and that some arrangement may be determined upon for ascertaining, in the course of the next summer, what persons in that District will be entitled to receive grants of those lands on the principle therein laid down by His Excellency.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) C. YORKE,
Secretary.

The Honourable W. B. FELTON, Esquire.

The Chairman also stated, that the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, in transmitting the above correspondence, had, at the same time, informed him, that he could not find that any particular action had been taken on the latter communication, further than ordering, some time after, the survey of the Township of Newport, which was completed in 1835 or 1836; and that the first sale of Crown Lands in Lower Canada commenced in March, 1828.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the said Report, and of the evidence and documents accompanying the same, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Lanark con-
tested Election.

Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, chairman of the Select committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Alexander Fraser, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of Lanark, at the last election; the Petition of William Duncan and others, free-

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tested Election.

holders of the county of Lanark; and the Petition of W. A. Playfair, senior, and others, freeholders of the county of Lanark, severally complaining of the undue election and return of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county, presented to the House the final report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That in consequence of a poll not being held in the townships of Westmeath, Ross, and united townships of Pembroke and Stafford for the county of Lanark, at the last election for the said county, the said election is void.

Resolved, That the defence of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, before the Committee appointed to try the merits of the contested election for the county of Lanark, is not frivolous and vexatious.

Resolved, That the Petitions of the Petitioners complaining of the undue return of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, for the county of Lanark, are not frivolous and vexatious.

On motion of Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Baldwin,

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 Parliament, for the county of Lanark, in the room and place of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, whose election and return have been declared void.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood have leave to bring in a Bill, to make further regulation for holding the Courts of Assize, and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery in Upper Canada, and to provide for the trial of prisoners under certain circumstances.

Courts of
Assize, 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, the fourth day of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. Gowen have leave to bring in a Bill, to amend an Act of the Province of Canada, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province."

Independence
of 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 Tuesday, the fourth day of February next.

Ordered, That Mr. Johnston have leave to bring in a Bill, to prevent district treasurers in Upper Canada from making any payments as such, otherwise than in current money, and for other purposes.

District Treasurers
in U. C.

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

On motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Powell,

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 any Despatch or Despatches from His Excellency to Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the subject of the University of King's College; and also copies of any Despatch or Despatches from the Colonial Secretary to His Excellency, on the same subject.

King's College
University.

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

Stormont
Election.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Alexander McLean*, Esquire, and others, electors of the county of *Stormont*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Donald Aeneas Macdonell*, Esquire, Sitting Member for the said county of *Stormont*, have leave to stand adjourned until Monday next, at ten o'clock, A. M., to enable the Petitioners to procure the attendance of certain witnesses.

Petition of
Edwin
Pridham.

Ordered, That two hundred copies of the Petition of *Edwin Pridham* and others, of *Grenville* and other places, on the *Ottawa* river, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Landholders,
Gaspé.

Resolved, That the Bill for the relief of certain landholders in the *Gaspé* district, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Agriculture,
Lower Canada

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Watts*, the Honourable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. McConnell*, *Mr. Taché*, *Mr. Brooks*, *Mr. Bertrand*, *Mr. Drummond*, and *Mr. Lantier*, be appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to the encouragement of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, seconded by *Mr. Taschereau*,

Board of
Works.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause an inquiry to be made by the Board of Works as to the feasibility of procuring during each winter, to the inhabitants of the city and district of *Quebec*, the benefit of an ice bridge, between the city of *Quebec* and the parish of *Point Lévy*.

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

Provincial
Customs, Re-
peal.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Acts, Ordinances, and provisions of Law therein mentioned, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs, and to duties of Customs, and other duties imposed by Provincial Laws, and to the licensing of tavern keepers and venders of spirituous and other liquors, auctioneers, distillers, hawkers and pedlars, and keepers of billiard tables, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

Provincial
Revenue.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial revenue, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to impose a duty on persons selling spirituous or fermented liquors, or keeping houses or places of public entertainment, and to provide for the collection of the said duty, and for the regulation of such persons, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to impose duties on hawkers and petty chapmen, and on persons keeping billiard tables for profit, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, being read,

Hawkers and
Pedlars.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to impose a duty on auctioneers, and on goods sold by auction, and to provide for the collection thereof, being read,

Auctioneers.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for granting a duty on Bank notes, issued and in circulation in this Province, being read,

Duty on Bank
Notes.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of granting a further sum of money towards completing the geological survey, and ascertaining the mineral resources of this Province, being read,

Geological
Survey.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Sherwood of *Brockville*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Sherwood of *Brockville*, reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of the city of *Toronto*, being read,

Toronto Board
of Trade.

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Petrie took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And *Mr. Petrie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "*La Communauté des Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et Marie*," of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education, being read,

Saints de Jésus
et Marie.

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to Clerks of the Commissioners Courts, for the trial of small causes in *Lower Canada*, and to prevent their arbitrary dismissal, being read,

Clerks of Com-
missioners
Courts.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday week.

Peace Officers,
Sherbrooke.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend to the town of *Sherbrooke* the provision of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of Peace officers and Constables, and also to explain the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the district of *St. Francis*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Hale*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Fees of District
Officers, U. C.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Fees of certain district officers in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, being read,

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

Les Sœurs
Notre Dame.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the community of Religious Ladies called *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montreal*, to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Municipal
Authorities,
Gaspé.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt the district of *Gaspé* from the operation of an Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of the late province of *Lower Canada*, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better internal government of this Province, by the establishment of local or municipal authorities therein," being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday week.

Chambly Cot-
ton Factory.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*, being read,

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

Séminaire de
Ste. Therese.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "*Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Therese de Blainville*" in the district of *Montreal*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on private Bills.

Macadamized
Roads, U.C.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill to repeal a certain part of an Act of *Upper Canada*, relating to macadamized roads, and to revive with reference to such roads, part of a certain other Act, relative to public highways and roads in *Upper Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

Reporter Court
of Chancery.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the appointment of a Reporter in the Court of Chancery, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *Morin* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made

several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Ordered, That *William H. Horton*, of the town of *London*, Esquire, *George S. Tiffany*, of the town of *Hamilton*, Esquire, and *Thomas D. Warren*, of the village of *St. Thomas*, Esquire, be appointed Commissioners to take the evidence of the witnesses in the respective lists of witnesses given in by the Sitting Member for the county of *Middlesex*; and of the Petition against his return, to be laid before the Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition against the return of the said Sitting Member, and that the said *William H. Horton* be the chairman of the said Commission.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the reports of the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, of the city of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Honoré Tanguay*, of *Quebec*, writer, and the letter of *G. W. Wicksteed*, Esquire, Law Clerk, and English translator to the Assembly, being read,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Report into consideration, and the said Report being again read,

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

That the House do concur in the report of the said Committee.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Christie, DeWitt, Franchère, Guillet, Jobin, Lucoste, Lafontaine, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott and Taché—(22.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, LeBoutillier, Laurason, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, Watts, Webster and Williams—(30.)

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to remove certain difficulties with regard to the conveyance of lands in *Upper Canada*, of which the grantor may not have possession, or of which a third party may be in adverse possession, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Cauchon* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cauchon* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Voting of
Clergymen at
Elections.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to indemnify clergymen who have voted at the last general election in ignorance of the Law, be postponed until tomorrow, and that it be then the fifth Order of the Day,

Petition of the
Rev. J. Paquin
and others.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *J. Paquin* and others, of the parish of *St. Eustache*, be postponed until Thursday next.

Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the members of the *Quebec Library Association*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

Quebec Library
Association.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the members of the "*Quebec Library 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 Thursday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 22^o die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Jantier*, the Petition of *William Duncan*.

By Mr. *Leslie*, the Petition of *William Conolly* and others, citizens of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, the Petition of *Peter Anderton*, of the *Eastern* district.

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *Michael Mitchell* and others, of the township of *Shefford*, in town-meeting assembled.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, of the parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, Member representing the county of *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *Thomas White* and others, of the township of *Trafalgar*, in the district of *Gore*; and the Petition of *Daniel McLeod* and others, of the townships of *Nelson* and *Trafalgar*, in the district of *Gore*.

By the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the parish of *St. Martin*, in the county of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of *Samuel Andres* and *Stephen R. Andres*, of *Chambly*, in the district of *Montreal*.

Macadamized
Roads, U. C.

An engrossed Bill to repeal a certain part of an Act of *Upper Canada*, relating to macadamized roads, and to revive with reference to such roads, part of a

certain other Act, relative to public highways and roads in *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to enable the trustees holding a certain lot in the town of *Simcoe*, for the use of a Church, to sell or convey the same, or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to enable the trustees holding a certain lot in the town of *Simcoe*, for the use of a Church, to sell and convey the same, or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use."

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hale* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *William Barrett* and others, the commissioners of Common Schools in the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*; praying that certain amendments be made to the common School Act.

Of *James Wilson*, of the township of *Murray*, praying to be indemnified for the destruction of his property at *Windmill Point*, by Her Majesty's Forces, during the late rebellion.

Of *Robert E. Burns* and others, members of the Legal profession, praying for the establishment of two Superior Courts of common law; and that three judges be appointed to preside over the Court of Chancery in lieu of one, as at present; or that such other measures be adopted as will improve the present administration of the law.

Of *Ambroise Lépine* and others, of the parish of *St. Barthelemi*, in the district of *Montreal*, praying that no alteration be made in the law relative to winter roads.

Of *Barnard Young*, of *Compton*; and of *Alanson Cummings* and others, of *Compton*, praying that their petitions of 1842, and the accompanying documents relating to the damage which they sustained while in defence of Her Majesty's territory against the people of the State of *New Hampshire*, may be taken into consideration.

Of *William Binkley* and *Edward Lyons*, of the township of *Ancaster*, in the county of *Westworth*; and of *George Rolph*, of the township of *West Flamborough*, in the county of *Hutton*, praying that the limits of the village of *Dundas* may not be extended, in the event of its being incorporated, as petitioned for.

Of the *Home* District Mutual Insurance Company, praying for the passing of an Act to render any member of the said Corporation, not being individually interested in any suit at law in which the Company is concerned, competent to give evidence in such suit.

Petitions read.

Of *Thomas R. Brock* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Guolph*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *S. S. Strong* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Bytown* and its vicinity; and of *John Johnstone* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Caradoc* and parts adjacent, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church of *England* such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *George Rowe* and others, of the villages of *Chippewa* and *Drummondville*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying for a protective duty on carriages, harnesses, boots and shoes, leather, and other articles imported from the *United States*.

Of *H. Williams*, of *North Augusta*, praying to be naturalized.

Of *John Bacon* and others, of *Brockville* and its vicinity, in the district of *Johnstown*, praying for an increase of the duty upon leather and leather manufactures imported from the *United States*.

Of *R. P. Coltair* and others, of *Brockville* and its vicinity, praying for an increase of the duty upon iron castings imported from the *United States*.

Of *William W. Whittier* and others, of the district of *Prince Edward*, praying that no new survey be made of the third concession of *Hillier*, as petitioned for.

Of *H. Mittelberger* and others, of *St. Catherines*, in the *Niagara* district, praying that the said town may be incorporated.

Of *S. Crane* and others, of the district of *Johnstown*, praying for the construction of a plank road from *Prescott* to *Bytown*.

Of *W. W. Hutelle* and others, of the township of *Mosa*, in the district of *London*, praying for the construction of a bridge over the river *Thames*, near *Wardsville*, and a harbour at the mouth of *Creek No. 16*, in *Aldborough*.

Of *Charles Smith* and *Anthony Anderson*, of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of a Law to authorize the transfer to the Corporation of *Quebec*, of the right of Her Majesty to assume the bridge over the river *St. Charles*, near *Quebec*.

Of *Mrs. Jennet Roy*, widow of the late *Thomas Roy*, Civil Engineer, of the city of *Toronto*, praying remuneration for her late husband's services, in furnishing to the Government a Geological Section of the Province.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, praying for further amendments to the Act incorporating that city.

Of *Jacob Smith* and others, of the *Midland* district, praying for the construction of a road from *Kingston* to the *Ottawa* river.

Of *George Wright* and others, of the *Home* and *Simcoe* districts, praying for an aid to plank *Huronario* street, leading from *Port Credit* to *Lake Huron*.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, of the parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*,

Member representing the county of *Yamaska*, be now read, and that the rule of this House of the 28th June, 1841, be dispensed with as to the present Petition.

Yamaska Election.

The said Petition was accordingly read, and is as follows:—

Province of *Canada*.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*;

The humble Petition of *Léon Rousseau*, of the parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, in the district of *Three Rivers*, Physician, and one of the Sitting Members of the said Legislative Assembly, for the county of *Yamaska*, respectfully represents to your Honourable House:—

That at the last election for the said county, your Petitioner was duly elected to represent the said county in the present Parliament of the said Province.

That during the present Session of the said Parliament, a Petition was presented to your Honourable House from *Joseph Guillaume Barthe*, one of the Candidates at the said election, and others, calling themselves electors of the said county, for the purpose of contesting your Petitioner's said election.

That the said Petition ought by your Honourable House to be thrown out and set aside, for the following, among several other reasons:—

1st. Because no mention is made in the body of the Petition of the names, titles, and residence of at least ten of the electors.

2dly. Because, even supposing the Petition to be really signed by the electors of the said county, or by at least ten of the said electors, there is no allegation made in the said Petition that those electors were electors of the said county at the time of the said election, and that they had a right to vote as such at the said election.

3dly. Because none of the said electors, or persons whose names are affixed to the said Petition, took the oaths by law required in such case, from electors signing any Petition complaining of an election; and that supposing the said electors or persons had taken the said oaths or any of them, no certificate thereof was given by the Justice of the Peace by whom the said oaths may have been administered, or, at all events, the certificate by law required in such case is not annexed to the said Petition presented to your Honourable House.

4thly. Because the sureties furnished in support of the said Petition, that is to say, *Joseph Hilarion Jobin*, of the city of *Montreal*, and *John M'Donell*, of the said city of *Montreal*, were not, at the time of the said election, nor have they since been, nor are they yet, freeholders or electors of the said county of *Yamaska*, and they could not therefore be offered as legal sureties in support of the said Petition, besides which, the titles and residence of the said *Joseph Hilarion Jobin* and *John M'Donell* are not mentioned in the said bond or recognizance annexed to the said Petition.

5thly. Because the day on which the said bond or recognizance was given is not mentioned therein.

6thly. Because, after a strict examination of the said Petition of the said *J. G. Barthe*, the said *Léon Rousseau* has reason to believe, that it does not appear that *Joseph Smith*, *Moïse Lemire*, *François Côté*, *Cyrille Mazurette*, *Alarie Martin*, and *Charles Lemire*, six of those whose depositions under oath are annexed to the said Petition, have signed the said Petition.

That, for all the above reasons, no further proceedings ought to be had on the said Petition presented to your Honourable House, and that the said Petition ought to be thrown out and set aside.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that your Honourable House will take this present Petition into their most serious consideration, and determine as they see fit.

And your Petitioner will ever pray, &c.

LEON ROUSSEAU.

Yamaska
Election.

Mr. *Colville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

That one hundred copies of the said petition be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

That after the word "petition," in the said motion, the following words be added: "and of the resolution of this House, of the sixteenth of January instant, relating to the petition of *Peter Dmu* and others, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* and the Honourable Mr. *DeBloury*, for the city of *Montreal*."

The question being put on the motion of amendment, it was agreed to by the House.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was also agreed to by the House, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Petitions
referred.

W. Whittier
and others.

Ordered, That the petition of *William W. Whittier* and others, of the district of *Prince Edward*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of *James Piersons* and others, of the township of *Hillier*.

Home District
Mutual In-
surance Com-
pany.

Ordered, That the petition of the *Home District Mutual Insurance Company* be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mayor, Alder-
men and
Citizens of
Montreal.

Ordered, That the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to further amendments to the Acts incorporating the said city) be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens, of the city of *Montreal* (relating to the ordinances incorporating the said city) and other references.

J. Johnstone
and others.

Ordered, That the petition of *John Johnstone* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Canada* and parts adjacent, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of the Church Society of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

G. Wright and
others.

Resolved, That the petition of *George Wright* and others, of the *Home* and *Simcoe* Districts, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Duggan*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Chalmers*, and Mr. *Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:

Niagara Incor-
poration.

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *Daniel M'Dougall*, of the town of *Niagara*, praying that that town may be incorporated, and beg to recommend the same to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House.

With respect to the Petition of *Adolphus Williams*, praying for relief in the matter of an action against him for fulfilling his duties as a Pound Keeper, your Committee are of opinion that the matter of the application is one in which it is not in the power of the Legislature to interfere.

Canada Bapti-
st Missionary
Society.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, and have agreed to the provisions of the Bill, with the addition of the following clause:—

After the 5th clause, insert "Clause A.—And be it enacted, that it shall be incumbent on the said Corporation to submit annually to each of the three branches of the Legislature during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof, a detailed Statement, showing the immoveable property held by them with the estimated value of the same, and the revenue derivable therefrom."

Canada Baptist
Missionary
Society.

Ordered, That Mr. *Armstrong* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of *John P. Waterson*, and others, licensed Deal Cullers of the city of *Quebec*, and other references.

Deal Callers.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* be added to the Special Committee to which was referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Public Income and Expenditure of the consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1843. And that Mr. *Merritt* be also added to the said Committee in the room of *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, whose seat has been declared vacant.

Consolidated
Revenue Fund

Resolved, That the petition of *N. H. Baird*, Civil Engineer, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Duggan*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, and Mr. *Chalmers*, to examine the contents thereof and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Civil
Petition of
N. H. Baird.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

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, copies of all communications between the Right Honourable the Lord *Stanley*, Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies, and the Provincial Government of *Canada*, and between the Government of *Canada*, and that of the Province of *New Brunswick*, in relation to the boundary between the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, together with copies of any reports or documents connected with the question of the boundaries of the said Provinces, which may be in the possession of the Provincial Government.

Boundary
Line, New-
Brunswick.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Resolved, 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 communications which have taken place between His Excellency and the Right Honourable the Lord *Stanley*, Her Majesty's Secretary for the Colonies, in relation to the recent election of Members to serve in this Parliament, for the city of *Montreal*, and more especially with reference to the conduct of *John Young*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said election.

Montreal
Election.

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

Megantic
Election.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the thirteenth of December last, viz:—"That the grounds and reasons of complaint, set forth in the Petition of *Richard Charles Porter* and others, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Dominick Daly*, as a Member to serve for the county of *Megantic*, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said Honourable *Dominick Daly*," being read,

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

And the said motion being again read,

Mr. *Gowan* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*,

That all the words after "That" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted, "the Petition of *Richard C. Porter* and others, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable *Dominick Daly* for the county of *Megantic*, be discharged."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LeBoutillier, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laurason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Tuschereau, Webster and Williams.—(71.)

NAYS.

Price and Thompson.—(2.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was unanimously agreed to, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the sixteenth of December last, viz:—"That the grounds and reasons of complaint set forth in the Petition of *Léonard Boivin* and others, electors of the county of *St. Hyacinthe*, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire, as a Member to serve for the county of *St. Hyacinthe* in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said *Thomas Boutillier*, Esquire," being read,

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

And the said motion being again read,

Mr. *Gowan* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Riddell*,

St. Hyacinthe
Election.

That all the words after "That" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted, "the Order of this House for taking into consideration the Petition of *Léonard Boivin* and others, against the return of the Sitting Member for the county of *St. Hyacinthe*, be discharged."

The question being then put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LeBoutillier, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laurason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Tuschereau, Webster and Williams.—(71.)

NAYS.

Price and Thompson.—(2.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the eighteenth of December last, viz:—"That the grounds and reasons of complaint, set forth in the petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, who have complained to this House of the undue election and return of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, as a Member to serve for the county of *Yamaska*, in this present Parliament, if such grounds and reasons be true, are sufficient to make void the election of the said *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire," being read,

Yamaska
Election.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said motion into consideration. And the said motion being again read,

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that all the words after "That" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "the petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, against the return of the Sitting Member for the county of *Yamaska*, be discharged."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LeBoutillier, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laurason, LeMoine,

St. Hyacinthe
Election.

Yamaska
Election.

Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *McConnell*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Roblin*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, Attorney General *Smith*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Taché*, *Taschereau*, *Webster* and *Williams*.—(71.)

NAYS.

Price and *Thompson*.—(2.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Indemnifica-
tion of Clergy-
men.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to indemnify clergymen who have voted at the last general election in ignorance of the law, being read.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *LeMoine* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *LeMoine* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Province Line.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the report made by *Alphonso Wells*, on the line of division between the two sections of this Province, which formerly constituted the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, with such information and documents as His Excellency may think proper to communicate with regard to the said line.

(For the said Return, see Appendix T.)

Also,

Damages,
Beauharnois.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be graciously pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of the valuation of damages sustained by the inhabitants of *St. Clément* and *St. Timothée de Beauharnois*, in the neighbourhood of the *Beauharnois* canal, as estimated by Captain *Wetherall* and *C. Manuel*, Esquire, together with such other information on the subject, as His Excellency may deem fit to communicate.

(For the said Return, see Appendix U.)

Commutation
of Tenure.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, the better to facilitate commutation of the tenure *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of free and common socage, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Monday, the tenth of February next.

Monopoly of
Streams.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to declare illegal the existing monopoly of streams, mill sites, and water powers, claimed and exercised in the Seigniories in *Lower Canada* by the respective seigniors and proprietors thereof, being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Monday, the tenth day of February next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prescribe the manner in which the Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature, being read, Public
Accounts.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Public Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1843.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to detach the parish of *St. Sylvester* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of Registration only, being read, Parish of St.
Sylvester.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to alter and amend the registry laws of that part of the Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, being read, Registry Laws.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday, the thirtieth instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate in that part of this Province, called *Upper Canada*, being read, Intestate
Estates.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Thursday, the thirtieth instant.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at *Three Rivers*, to acquire and hold additional real and immoveable property, to a certain amount, being read, Nuns, Three
Rivers.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Meyers* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Meyers* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the recovery of the rates or taxes, intended to be imposed by certain by-laws of the district Council of the district of *Huron*, being read, Taxes, District
of Huron.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Medical School
Montreal.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M.D., and others, lecturers and students in and of the medical school of the city of *Montreal*, called the College of Medicine and Surgery; and the Petition of *A. F. Holmes*, M.D., and others, the Faculty of Medicine, of the University of *McGill* College, being read,

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

And the said Report being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was unanimously agreed to by the House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Johnston*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 23° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

PRESENT:—

Mr. *Speaker*.

Armstrong, Bronks, Chauveau, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Jessup, Lafontaine, Leslie, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonell of Stoumont, Murney, Seymour, Stewart of Bytown, Stewart of Prescott, Thompson and Williams.

And at half-past three o'clock, P. M., Mr. *Speaker* adjourned the House for want of a quorum.

Veneris, 24° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

ON motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn until half-past three o'clock, this afternoon, in consequence of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, in this present Parliament, having adjourned to meet at three o'clock, P. M., this day.

The House adjourned accordingly.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

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

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *Adam Handyside*, of the city of *Montreal*, distiller.

By Mr. *Riddell*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Bettridge*, B. D., and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the rectory of *Woodstock*, in the district of *Brock*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves;) and the Petition of the Reverend *William Bettridge*, B.D., and others, mem-

bers of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the rectory of *Woodstock*, in the district of *Brock*, (relating to schools.) Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *David Caldwell* and others, of the township of *Esquesing*, in the *Gore* district.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Reverend *George S. J. Hill* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Perth* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *S. B. Ardagh*, M.A., and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Barrie*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *James Creage* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Tecumseth* and *West Gwillimbury*, and parts adjacent.

By Mr. *Lantier*, the petition of *Daniel A. Wilson*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*.

By Mr. *Taché*, the petition of *L. Blais*, and others, of the parishes of *St. Thomas*, *St. Pierre*, and *Cap St. Ignace*.

By Mr. *Hale*, the petition of *John Felton*, and others, of *Sherbrooke* and *Lennoxville*.

By Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the petition of *C. L. Bellows*, and others, of *McNab*, and other townships; and the petition of *Ruggles Wright*, and others, inhabitants on the *Ottawa* river, interested in the production of lumber.

By Mr. *Greive*, the petition of *John Whiteford*, and others, of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the petition of *William Baker*, and others, Trustees of *Dunham Academy*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the petition of *John Lyon*, and others, occupiers of Clergy Reserve Lots, in the township of *Esquesing*, in the county of *Haltim*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the petition of *Thomas Heyes*, and others, of *Essa*, and other townships.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the petition of *Noah Halladay*, and others, of the ninth concession of the township of *North Crosby*, in the district of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the petition of *William R. Douh*, and others, of the township of *Compton*, in the district of *St. Francis*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the petition of *John Curtain*, and others, Cullers of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Johnston*, the petition of *J. B. Lewis*, and others, of *Richmond* and its vicinity, in the district of *Dalhousie*.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*,

Resolved, That this House do nominate and appoint, under the hand and seal of Mr. *Speaker*, three Commissioners for the purpose of examining the witnesses of the parties in the matter of the controverted Election for the county of *Norfolk*, and that *Peter W. Rapeljie*, of the town of *Vittoria*, Esquire, *Frederick Thomas Wilkes*, of the town of *Brantford*, Esquire, and *Peter Young*, of the town of *Vittoria*, Merchant, be such Commissioners, who shall be authorized and empowered to hold their sittings at the town of *Simcoe*. The first sitting to be held at *Simcoe* aforesaid, on the fifteenth day of February next, with the said *Peter W. Rapeljie* as Chairman of the said Commission. Norfolk Election Commission.

Quorum.

Adjournment.

Petitions brought up.

North Lincoln
Election.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the petition of *Samuel Wood*, and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until Monday next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

Court of
Chancery.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the appointment of a Reporter in the Court of Chancery, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Toronto Board
of Trade.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of the city of *Toronto*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Clergymen
voting at Elec-
tion.

An engrossed Bill to indemnify Clergymen who have voted at the last general election, in ignorance of the Law, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to indemnify Clergymen and others, who have voted at the last general election in ignorance of the Law."

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Nuns, Three
Rivers.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at *Three Rivers*, to acquire and hold additional real and immoveable property to a certain amount, was read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at *Three Rivers* to acquire and hold additional real and immoveable property, to a certain amount."

Ordered, That Mr. *Greive* carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of the Honourable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*, praying for an aid to make a road from opposite the ferry at *Vaudreuil* to the city of *Montreal*.

Of *J. J. Maitland* and *J. C. Becket*, of the *Canada* Sunday School Union, praying that measures be adopted to establish a cheap and uniform rate of postage.

Of the Reverend *A. N. Bethune* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Cobourg*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *Jonathan Shortt* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the village of *Port Hope* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and of *Thomas Fidler* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the village of *Fenelon Falls*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the said Church

of *England* such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same, and to authorize the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *Jane Allsopp*, of the parish of *Cap Santé*, complaining that by the Act 59 *George III*, chapter 27, her late husband was unjustly deprived of certain rights and privileges, in the seignior of *Jacques Cartier* and *d'Auteuil*, and praying relief.

Of the Honourable *James Kerr*, of *Quebec*, praying for a grant or pension for his long services as Judge of the Court of *King's Bench*, so as to enable him to make provision for his daughter before his decease, or that an allowance or pension may be granted to her after his death.

Of *Albert Furniss*, of *Montreal*, praying for a certain amendment to the Act incorporating "the city of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company."

Of the Reverend *John Cordner* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, belonging to the religious denomination, commonly called Christian Unitarians, praying to be admitted to the enjoyment of certain civil rights and privileges.

Of *Thomas A. Corbett*, Sheriff, and others, of the *Midland* district, and of *Thomas W. Robinson*, Esquire, Mayor and others, of the town of *Kingston*, in the *Midland* district, praying for aid to construct a road from *Kingston* to the *Ottawa*.

Of *William Dixon* and others, of the township of *Smith*, in the district of *Colborne*, praying that the Act establishing Municipal Councils, may be repealed.

Of *George Jones* and others, of the *Midland* district, praying for an aid to construct a road from *Kingston* to the *Ottawa*.

Of *Robert Froste*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of certain damage to his property by the construction of the *St. Lawrence* canal, and praying relief.

Of *John Vauloon* and others, landholders, in the tenth and eleventh concessions of the township of *Leeds*, in the district of *Johnstown*, praying that the eastern boundary of the said concessions may be established as the governing point, from which lands are to be surveyed.

Of *James Brooks* and others, of the district of *Johnstown*, praying for an increase of the duty on leather, and leather manufactures imported from the *United States*, and for certain alteration in the mode of imposing such duty.

Of *W. Duncan*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable him to collect the balance yet due him, for the erection of a bridge across the river *Delisle*, in the parish of *St. Polycarpe*.

Of *William Connelly* and others, citizens of *Montreal*, praying that the *St. Mary's*, *St. Lawrence*, and *Queen's* Wards may be so divided, as to render the Municipal representation of the said Wards, more just and equal.

Of *Peter Anderton*, of the *Eastern* district, praying that his unpaid claim as contractor on the *St. Lawrence* canal, may be submitted to the investigation and final decision of Mr. *Mills*, acting Engineer on the said canal.

Of *Michael Mitchell* and others, of the township of *Shefford*, in town meeting assembled, praying that the present system of Common Schools may be amended.

Petitions read.

Of *Thomas White*, and others, of the township of *Trafalgar*, in the district of *Gore*, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may not be assigned, as petitioned for; but that they may be sold agreeably to the provisions of the Imperial Statute, 3 and 4 *Victoria*, chap. 78.

Of *Daniel M. Leal*, and others, of the townships of *Nelson* and *Trafalgar*, in the district of *Gore*, praying for an aid to complete the main road leading from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*.

Of *Louis Bélanger*, and others, of the parish of *St. Martin*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, praying that they may be allowed to use the old *Traines* on the winter roads: and that the turnpike on the road from the said parishes to *Montreal*, may be at a certain place.

Of *Samuel Andres*, and *Stephen R. Andres*, of *Chambly*, in the district of *Montreal*, praying for the payment of the sum of £10,616 17s. 6d., with interest from the 12th December, 1841; being the amount for which they have obtained judgment against the Commissioners of the *Chambly Canal*.

Petitions referred.

T. R. Brock and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas R. Brock*, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Guelph*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Rev. R. Blakey and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Robert Blakey*, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Prescott*, and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the said Committee.

J. Shortt and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jonathan Shortt* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the village of *Port Hope* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the said Committee.

Reverend A. N. Bethune and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *A. N. Bethune* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Coburg*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, be referred to the said Committee.

Rev. J. Cordner and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *John Cordner* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, belonging to the religious denomination commonly called "Christian Unitarians," be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

P. Anderton.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Peter Anderton*, of the *Eastern* district, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Reil* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*.

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

Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *Theobald Schneider* and others, of the district of *Niagara*, be discharged from the further consideration of the said Petition, and that the said Petition be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That so much of the Petition of *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the parish of *St. Martin*, in the county of *Terrebonne*, as relates to winter roads and vehicles, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters; and other references.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend *Michael Power*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*, and of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrha*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Carrha.

Your Committee have carefully examined and weighed the contents of the said Petition, and they are of opinion, and therefore recommend, that the prayer of it should be granted, and that a Bill should be introduced and passed for that purpose.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*, for erecting certain new townships, for detaching townships from some counties and attaching them to others, and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts, and other references, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Districts and Counties in Upper Canada.

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

Mr. *Dickson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Charles Richardson* and others, inhabitants of the town and district of *Niagara*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Petition of C. Richardson and others.

Your Committee have examined the contents of the said Petition, agreeably to the order of reference, and have agreed to recommend, for the favourable consideration of your Honourable House, a Bill, the provisions of which are to carry into effect the prayer of the Petitioners.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John S. McPherson* and others, inhabitants of *Crane Island*, and of the parishes of *St. Thomas*, *Cap St. Ignace*, and other places; and the Petition of *E. L. Hayden* and other inhabitants of *Sorel* and *Yamaska*; with an instruction to the said Committee; and with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Petition of J. S. Macpherson and others, of Crane Island.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Petitioners' prayer ought to be acceded to, and that a Bill should be passed in accordance with such prayer.

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Contingencies.

Your Committee have examined the Account Current of the Clerk of your Honourable House, comprising receipts and expenditure from the time of the audits of last Session, on the 28th September, 1843, to the 16th December, 1844. The Account embraces the amount of Warrants from His Excellency, the Governor General, agreeably to the Address of your Honourable House, of the 20th October and the 2d December, 1843, for the sum of £17755 14s. 7d.; also deposits on thirteen private Bills of twenty pounds each, making a sum of £260, which, with the Warrants, amount to £18015 14s. 7d., against which, with the balance of £501 11s. 11½d. in favour of the Clerk at the last audit, there are vouchers which have been laid before your Committee for an expenditure of £16551 11s. 11½d., leaving a balance in the hands of the Clerk, and in favour of your Honourable House, of the sum of £1464 2s. 7½d.

Railroad, Province Line.

Mr. *Brooks*, from the Special Committee to which was referred so much of the Petition of *Hollis Smith* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *Sherbrooke* and *Stanstead*, and other places, as prays for a Charter being granted to a Company to establish a Railroad from the Province Line to the city of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Honourable Baron *Grant de Longueuil* and others, inhabitants of the counties of *St. Hyacinthe*, *Richelieu*, and *Chambly*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Your Committee are of opinion that the contemplated Railroad would materially tend to the prosperity of the Province, and would command advantages giving fair prospect of a remunerating return, and they therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petition be complied with, and a charter granted to a Company to construct a Railroad from the River *St. Lawrence*, near to the city of *Montreal*, to the Province Line, at such point in the township of *Stanstead*, as to the said Company may seem expedient, with provision for a branch being established communicating with the said Railroad from the city of *Quebec*.

Civil and Political Rights.

Mr. *Powell*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intitled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural-born British subjects;" with an instruction to the said Committee, and other references, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Petition of A. Irvine and others.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Adam Irvine* and others, of the village and township of *Ancaster*, in the district of *Gore*, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Your Committee have read the Petition referred to them, praying for the removal of a certain Toll Gate in the vicinity of *Ancaster*, and have to remark that though the ground of complaint may be a reasonable one, they forbear to recommend any interference on the part of your Honourable House, as this work, in common with other macadamized roads, is about shortly to be placed by Government under the control of the Board of Works, by whom any complaint of this nature might be more properly investigated and redressed.

Administration of Justice in Gaspé.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill, supplementary to an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* District, and to extend the provisions of the said Act, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Seat vacated.

Lawrence Laurason, Esquire, rose in his place and informed Mr. *Speaker* and the House, that it was his intention to vacate his seat as a Member of this House, for the town of *London*, and in consequence of the provisions of the Act of the 7 *Victoria*, cap. 65, he now vacated his seat accordingly.

Leave of absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *LeBoutillier* have leave to absent himself from this House, during the remainder of the present session, on urgent business.

Ordered, That Mr. *LeBoutillier* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the local authorities in the district of *Gaspé* to provide Bye-laws, Rules, and Regulations, for the preservation of the Salmon and other fisheries therein, and for certain other local and municipal purposes therein mentioned. Salmon Fisheries in Gaspé.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Scott* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* College of Medicine and Surgery. Medical College, 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, the twenty-ninth instant.

Ordered, That one hundred and fifty copies of the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, (on the subject of broken lot, letter O, in *Nippon*.) presented to the House on the fourteenth instant, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House. Broken Lot, (O.)

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Ordered, That the order of this House, of the twenty-first instant, for appointing a Commission to take evidence on the matter of the contested election for the county of *Middlesex*, be discharged. Commission Middlesex Election.

Resolved, That this House do nominate and appoint, under the hand and seal of Mr. *Speaker*, three Commissioners for the purpose of examining the witnesses of the parties in the matter of the controverted election for the county of *Middlesex*, and that *William H. Horton*, of the town of *London*, Esquire, *George S. Tiffany*, of the town of *Hamilton*, Esquire, and *Thomas D. Warren*, of the village of *Saint Thomas*, Esquire, be such Commissioners; who shall be authorized and empowered to hold their sittings at the village of *Saint Thomas*, and at the town of *London*. The first sitting to be held at *Saint Thomas* aforesaid, on Saturday, the twenty-second day of February next, with the said *William H. Horton*, Esquire, as Chairman of the said Commission.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons, as the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek* Plank Road Company, for the purpose of constructing a plank road from a certain place in *Niagara*, to the *Ten Mile Creek* in *Grantham*. Niagara Plank 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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brooks* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the river *St. Lawrence*, near *Montreal*, to the Province Line, in the township of *Stanstead*. Railroad, Province Line.

He accordingly presented the said 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 tenth day of February next.

Niagara Incorporation.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police 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.

Roman Catholic Bishops Incorporation.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto* and *Kingston*, in *Canada*, in each diocese.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

North Riding Lincoln Election.

Ordered, That this House do adjourn from half-past six until half-past seven o'clock, this evening, to give time to the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, in this present Parliament, to meet for the purpose of adjournment.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to protect wild fowl, and to prevent them from being destroyed at improper 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, the thirtieth instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boutillier* have leave to absent himself from this House for ten days, from this date, on urgent business.

Ordered, That the Bill to set apart certain parts of the townships of *Loughborough*, *Pittsburg*, and *Kingston*, in the *Midland District*, and form the same into a new township, be read a second time, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to regulate the fees of certain district officers in that part of this Province, called *Upper Canada*, be read a second time on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Taché*, seconded by Mr. *Bertraul*,

Crown Timber.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to pray that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before this House, a statement, in tabular form, of all licenses issued during the last two years, for cutting timber on the waste lands of the Crown, in the counties of *Bonaventure*, *Gaspé*, *Kimouski*, *Kamouraska*, *L'Islet*, *Bellechasse*, and *Saguenay*; exhibiting the quantities of timber actually made in each of the said counties, and exported therefrom.

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

Colonial-built Shipping

Resolved, That the Address of this House of the 20th ultimo, to Her Majesty, in relation to Colonial-built shipping, and also the Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, of the same date, praying that he will be pleased to

transmit the said Address to Her Majesty, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, be presented to His Excellency, by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honourable 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.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said county of *Norfolk* in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until Saturday, the fifteenth day of March next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*, be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company, of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, be read a second time on Thursday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker*, two Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmit a Return of certain claims brought against the late Commission of the *Chambly Canal*, amounting to £763 9s. 1d., which have been allowed by the Commissioners, and which he recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 24th January, 1845.

(COPY.)

BOARD OF WORKS,
20th November, 1844.

SIR,

I have the honour to enclose you a Return of the claims, brought against the late Commissioners of the *Chambly Canal*, stating those which were allowed, disallowed and disputed by the Commissioners.

There is likewise the claim of Messrs. *Andrés*, who were the original Contractors for the works, in the year 1833. This claim was submitted to arbitration and a award made in their favour, for the sum of £16,616 17s. 6d., which being objected to by the Commissioners, was taken into the Court of Queen's Bench, and confirmed by that tribunal, and therefore, the Board presume it is intended to include the amount with the other "allowed claims."

I have, &c.,

(Signed) THOMAS A. BEGLEY,
Secretary,

The Honourable
DOMINICK DALY,
Provincial Secretary.

Claims, Cham- A STATEMENT of outstanding Claims, shewing those
 bly Canal. allowed and disallowed by the Commissioners of the
 Chambly Canal :—

ALLOWED CLAIMS.		£	s.	d.
Erection of Line Fence.	1 Adam Armstrong	20	16	0
	2 Joseph Coustemaruche	21	15	0
	3 Joseph Bisette	13	0	0
	4 Joseph Malhiot	8	0	9
	5 Louis Duprées	3	16	9
	6 Reine Paquin	18	6	0
	7 Toussaint Minard	5	0	0
	8 Mareille Lamoreux	43	8	0
	9 Joseph Benoit	20	0	0
	10 Antoine Duprées	6	4	9
	11 Joseph Pattemande	17	12	9
	12 François Bisette	20	6	9
	13 François Duprées Montpelier	50	0	0
	14 Louis Papineau	27	16	0
	15 Michel Benoit	5	0	0
	16 Charles Benoit	1	0	0
	17 L. D. Montpelier	1	0	0
	18 Isadore Charland	8	10	0
	19 F. Vaughen	15	0	0
	20 John M'Cutcheon	6	10	0
	21 John Glin	10	0	0
	22 John Robinson	17	10	0
	23 Joseph Harris	11	0	0
	24 Francis Dubuc	1	0	0
	25 David Beauvais	3	0	0
	26 George Ingleden	8	10	0
	27 Paul Kanutz, Arbitrator	1	0	0
	28 ——— Ward, do	0	10	0
	29 Joseph Beauvais	1	0	0
	30 Lewis Boucher	7	10	0
	31 Jean Baptiste Gabourseault	7	10	0
	32 Jacques Arnault	7	10	0
	33 Joseph Arnault	7	10	0
	34 Charles D. Day, as per account,	31	3	10
	35 James M'Hugo	5	0	0
	36 Messrs. Lauder & Co.	300	0	0
	37 Charles Atherton	30	12	6
		£763	9	1
DISALLOWED CLAIMS.				
1 Messrs. Lauder & Co.	682	8	11	
2 William Ryan	134	15	0	
3 James M'Hugo	6	0	0	

(Copy.)
 C. T. METCALFE.

King's College. The Governor General transmits, for the information of
 the Legislative Assembly, in reply to their Address of the
 21st instant, copies of the correspondence on the subject of
 King's College University, that has taken place between
 Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Governor General.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 Montreal, 24th January, 1845.

SCHEDULE OF DESPATCHES accompanying the Governor General's
 Message of the 24th January, 1845:—

SIR C. METCALFE TO LORD STANLEY, No. 162, 26th December, 1843.	Requesting opinion of Law Officers in England, on the question whether the Bishop of Toronto or the Judges in Upper Canada are Visitors of King's College University.
LORD STANLEY TO SIR C. METCALFE, No. 162, 3d February, 1844.	Judges of Queen's Bench are Visitors of King's College, with opinion of Law Officers.
SIR C. METCALFE TO LORD STANLEY, No. 89, 13th May, 1844.	Requesting that a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy may be appointed from Home.
Ditto, No. 103, 8th June, 1844.	Requesting, with reference to the above, that the matter be for the present suspended.
LORD STANLEY TO SIR C. METCALFE, No. 249, 1st July, 1844.	Acknowledges Receipt of Nos. 89 and 103.

(Copy.)

No. 162.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
 Kingston, 26th December, 1843.

King's College.

My Lord,

Circumstances connected with a plan for the extension of the benefits of King's College University, render it desirable that the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown in England should be obtained on the question propounded in the enclosed memorandum as to who is legally the visitor of the College, or who are the visitors, the question being between the Bishop of Toronto, and the Judges of Upper Canada.

The Judges, I am told, on a reference heretofore made to them, decided that they were, by law, the Visitors, and I am not aware that the Bishop is disposed to dispute this decision; but it is of public importance that the point should be ascertained, as greater facility or difficulty in accomplishing the purpose desired, may depend on the solution of this question.

I therefore trouble your Lordship with the enclosure, to be referred or not to Her Majesty's Law Officers, as you may be pleased to determine.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honourable LORD STANLEY,
 &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 162.

DOWNING STREET,
 3rd February, 1844.

Sir,

Having, in pursuance of the request contained in your Despatch of the 26th December, No. 162, submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown, the question whether the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in Upper Canada are legally the Visitors of King's College, or whether that office devolves upon the Bishop of Toronto, I have received from the Law Officers a report, stating, that in their opinion, the Judges are the Visitors of the College, and not the Bishop of Toronto.

I enclose for your information a copy of that opinion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
 Sir C. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B,
 &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

TEMPLE, 1st February, 1844.

My Lord,

We had the honour to receive a letter from James Stephens, Esquire, on the 22nd ultimo, wherein he stated, that by direction of your Lordship, he transmitted to us the accompanying copies, first of the Charter of King's College, Upper Canada; secondly, a Statute of Upper Canada, 7th William IV., cap. 16; and thirdly, of a case which has been transmitted to your Lordship by the Governor of Canada, in a Despatch of the 26th of December last; and fourthly, a copy of that Despatch.

Mr. Stephens further stated that your Lordship desired that we would report to you our opinion on the question of Law adverted to in Sir Charles Metcalfe's Despatch of the 26th December, and in the accompanying case.

In humble obedience to your Lordship's commands, we have read the various documents transmitted to us, and have fully considered the question submitted to us, and beg leave to report to your Lordship, that in our opinion, the Judges are the Visitors of the said College, and not the Bishop of Toronto.

We are, &c.

(Signed) FREDERICK POLLOCK.
 W. W. FOLLETT.

Right Honourable LORD STANLEY,
 &c. &c. &c.

King's College. (Copy.)

No. 89.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Kingston, 13th May, 1844.

MY LORD,

A Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy being required for the University of *King's College* at *Toronto*, I beg leave to recommend that one may be selected and sent out from the United Kingdom.

I submit a memorandum relating to the duties, vacations, and emoluments of the office, for the information of such gentlemen as may be disposed to undertake it.

It is necessary that the gentleman who may be appointed, should be at *Toronto*, ready to commence his duties on the first Thursday in October, when the Michaelmas Term begins.

Cæteris paribus, it is very desirable that the gentleman selected should be of the Church of *Scotland* or Presbyterian, for there is a great clamour against the University, especially on the part of the Presbyterians, on account of the almost exclusive possession of the University Offices by Church of *England*-men.

The object in selecting a member of the Church of *Scotland*, would, in some degree, be attained, by the nomination of any one not of the Church of *England*, but a Church of *Scotland* man is the most desirable, because the Presbyterians form a numerous and influential body in the country, and are, more than any others, not only dissatisfied with the present arrangements in the University, for the reason above noted, but also bent in having a share in the management of the Institution and the advantages thereunto attached. It appears to me to be very advisable that their expectations should be gratified; as any confirmed exclusiveness in the Institution will mar its utility and produce extensive discontent.

I need hardly allude to the other qualifications which the Professor ought to possess. A thorough knowledge of the subjects on which he is to lecture, is, of course, indispensable. And it is important that he should also have the reputation of knowing them, of which the attainment of high University honours would be a signification. It is essential that he should have been in the habit of teaching or delivering lectures either as a private or public Tutor, or as a Professor; and a gentleman who has facility in communicating knowledge would be more valuable than one of higher attainments who could not readily explain and illustrate his subject. He ought not to be eccentric in his habits or manners, and especially not irritable in temper.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honourable
Lord STANLEY,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 103.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Kingston, 5th June, 1844.

MY LORD,

If no steps requiring completion should have been taken under your Lordship's orders, in consequence of my recent application for the selection of a Member of the Church of *Scotland* to be a Professor in *King's College* University at *Toronto*, I would beg leave to request that, for the present, that matter may be suspended, as there is a prospect of my being able to fill the Chair about to be vacated, not only in the manner proposed in my application, but also with additional benefit to the public interests.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honourable
Lord STANLEY,
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 249.

DOWNING STREET,

1st July, 1844.

SIR,

I have received your Despatches, Nos. 89 and 103, of the 13th of May and 8th June, on the subject of the appointment of a member of the Church of *Scotland* to the Professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the University of *King's College* at *Toronto*. In compliance with the request contained in the first of those Despatches, I was on the point of applying to the Heads of the respective Universities in *Scotland* to recommend for my selection competent persons to fill that situation, when I received your second Despatch, stating the probability that you may be able to find within the Province a fit person for the office.

I shall in consequence take no further steps in the matter until I hear again from you.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Sir C. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by the Hon- Orders of the
ourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Day.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day, lost by the adjournment of the House yesterday, be revived, and that the said Orders be postponed until Monday next, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to Order, the House adjourned until this hour.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Still-Duty Bill. the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Hale*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Ordered, That the Petitioner complaining of the Middlesex
undue election and return of *Edward Erma- Election.*
tinger, Esquire, for the county of *Middlesex*, and the Sitting Member, do exchange, on or before the hour of four o'clock, P.M., on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of February next, lists of the voters objected to, giving the several heads of objection, and distinguishing the same against the names of the voters excepted to by them respectively; such lists to be delivered to the parties or their agents at the office of *Edward Ermatinger*, Esquire, in the village of *St. Thomas*, in the said county.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee Provincial
on the Bill to repeal the Acts, Ordinances, and pro- Customs.

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Customs.

ions of Law therein mentioned, relative to the management and regulation of the Provincial Customs, and to duties of Customs, and other duties imposed by Provincial Laws: and to the licensing of tavern keepers and venders of spirituous and other liquors, auctioneers, distillers, hawkers and pedlars, and keepers of billiard tables, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

Still-Duty Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to impose a duty on persons selling spirituous or fermented liquors, or keeping houses or places of public entertainment, and to provide for the collection of the said duty, and for the regulation of such persons, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

Hawkers and
Pedlars.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to impose duties on hawkers and petty chapmen, and on persons keeping billiard tables for profit, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

Auctioneers.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to impose a duty on auctioneers, and on goods sold by auction, and to provide for the collection thereof, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged; and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

Duty on Bank
Notes.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for granting a duty on Bank notes issued and in circulation in this Province, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute Mariners, in certain cases therein mentioned, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of granting a further sum of money towards completing the Geological Survey, and ascertaining the mineral resources of this Province, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the twentieth of December last, viz:—

“That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, renewing the expression of the faithful attachment of this House to Her Majesty's person and Government; setting forth, that sensible of the advantages we enjoy from Her Majesty's care and protection, and which this House trusts may long be continued to us, under Her Majesty's parental sway, it is at all times the duty of this House to submit, for Her Majesty's most gracious consideration, such matters as may have a tendency, with any class of Her Majesty's subjects, to diminish that contentment, which this House is well assured Her Majesty desires should exist in every portion of her dominions.

Representing, that the French is the native language of a very large class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province; of this class the great mass indeed speak no other language. In it the largest portion of their laws and the books on their system of jurisprudence are written: their daily intercourse with each other is conducted; it is the language in which alone they can invoke the blessings of Heaven on themselves and all that is dear to them. A language indispensable to so many of Her Majesty's faithful people, cannot, they will believe, be viewed by their Sovereign, as foreign, when used by them.

Stating, that Her Majesty's Royal Predecessors placed the languages spoken by the two great classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, on the same footing: affording, in this respect, equal justice and equal facility to all.

Pointing out, that this principle was never departed from until the Act re-uniting these Provinces was passed; that this House do not question that the best intentions and designs influenced the minds of those who enacted the provision which declared:—

“That all writs, proclamations, instruments for summoning and calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for proroguing and dissolving the same, and all writs of Summons and Election, and all writs and public instruments whatever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all returns to such writs and instruments, and all journals and entries, and

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written or printed proceedings of what nature soever of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively, and all written or printed proceedings and reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, shall be in the English language only."

Stating, that in the very first Session of the Legislature, under that Act, it was indispensable to translate into French every public record and document. That the debates were not and could not, unless a portion of the Representatives of the people were silenced, be carried on without its use; that in Courts and judicial proceedings it was found equally necessary as before the Union, and for every other practical purpose, it is as much used as it ever has been.

Urging, that the only distinction which exists then, is, that the French is not permitted to be the legal language of Parliamentary records; a distinction of little value perhaps in itself,—one which cannot produce any beneficial result on the feelings or habits of the people using it, while it gives rise to a feeling among them injurious to the peace and tranquillity of the Province, namely, that this limited proscription of their language conveys, however undesignedly, an imputation of unfavourable distinction towards themselves.

Representing, that desirous that the hearts of all men in this Province may be joined in unity, in their attachment to and support of Her Majesty's person and Government, this House humbly petition Her Majesty to endeavour to remove this cause of discontent, and to recommend to Her Imperial Parliament the repeal of that portion of the law which has given rise to it; assuring Her Majesty that such a course will be hailed, by Her Majesty's loyal Canadian people, as an additional mark of her solicitude for their welfare.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Friday next.

Registration.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, still further to facilitate the Registration of Titles to Real Property or Incumbrances thereon, in Lower Canada, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Christie, the Honourable Mr. LaFontaine, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Taché, and Mr. Colville, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Prince,

West Halton
Election.

Ordered, That the time fixed for the delivery of lists of objected votes, with the nature of the objections thereto, between the parties on the contested election for the West Riding of the county of Halton, fixed by Order of this House, for the first Monday of February next, be extended; and that the said lists be mutually delivered at the places, hour, and in the manner, and by and to the persons named in the said order, upon the eighth day of February next, instead of upon the said first Monday in February; and that notice thereof be sent to the Petitioner and to the Sitting Member.

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Christie,

Middlesex
Election.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery be directed to transmit to the Commissioners appointed to take evidence in the contested election for the county of Middlesex,

the original Poll Books, and all other documents connected with the said election.

Then, on motion of Mr. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 27° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

THE Honourable Marc Paschal De Sales Laterrière, Member for Saguenay. Member for the county of Saguenay, 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 statements of the affairs of the Canadian Branches of the Bank of British North America. Bank Statements.

Also,

General statement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada, received in conformity to an Order of the House, of the tenth instant.

(For the said Statements, see Appendix Q.)

And also,

Reports of the Agricultural Society for the county of Two Mountains, for 1841, 1842, and 1844; of the county of Drummond, for 1843 and 1844; and for the county of Chambly, for 1844. Agricultural Societies.

(For the said Reports see Appendix V.)

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

By Mr. De Witt, the Petition of Amable Archambault and others, of L'Assomption and other parishes, in the county of Leinster.

By Mr. Chalmers, the Petition of Jonathan Adamson and others, of Nelson and other townships, in the districts of Gore and Wellington.

By Mr. Brooks, the Petition of Alexander Rea, of the township of Compton.

By the Honourable Mr. Baldwin, the Petition of Simon Frayr and others, of Sophiasburgh.

By Mr. Powell, the Petition of Aaron Slight and others, inhabitants of Townsend, in the district of Talbot.

By the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, the Petition of Jeffery Hale, Esquire, and others, officers and members of the Quebec British and Canadian School Society.

By the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of Quebec.

By Mr. Meyers, the Petition of Thomas Eyre and others, of the town of Cobourg, in the district of Newcastle.

By Mr. Prince, the Petition of W. A. Dixie and others, of the township of Malden, in the Western district; the Petition of John Dawson and others, of the township of Romney, in the Western district; and the Petition of Prideaux Girty and others, of the township of Gosfield, in the Western district.

By Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, the Petition of Daniel Daly, of the town of Cornwall, in the Eastern district.

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tion.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *Joseph Varin* and others, students of medicine, in the city of *Montreal*.

Mr. *Jantier*, chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln* in the present Parliament, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, as followeth:—

Resolved, That *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, is duly elected as a Member to serve in this present Parliament, for the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*.

Resolved, That neither the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, nor the opposition to it, appear to this Committee to be frivolous or vexatious.

Destitute
Mariners.

An engrossed Bill for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute Mariners, in certain cases therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Adam Handyside*, of the city of *Montreal*, distiller, praying that a Select Committee be appointed to obtain information relative to the subject matter of several clauses of the Bill now before the House, to impose a duty on distillers and brewers.

Of the Reverend *William Beltridge*, B.D., and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the rectory of *Woodstock*, in the district of *Brook*; of the Reverend *S. J. Hill* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Perth* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *James Creage* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Tecumseth* and *West Guillinbury*, and parts adjacent; and of the Reverend *S. B. Ardagh*, M.A., and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Barrie*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying that the said Church of *England*, in the said diocese, may have the controul over her share of the Clergy Reserve Lands.

Of the Reverend *William Beltridge*, B.D., and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the rectory of *Woodstock*, in the district of *Brook*, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and for certain alterations in the present system of schools.

Of *David Caldwell* and others, of the township of *Esquesing*, in the *Gore* district, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may not be assigned as petitioned for, but that they may be sold according to the provisions of the Imperial Statute, 3rd and 4th *Victoria*, cap. 78.

Of *Daniel A. Wilson* and others, of the parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*, praying that the Ordinance and Acts, preventing the use of certain carriages on winter roads, be repealed.

Of *L. Blais* and others, of the parishes of *St. Thomas*, *St. Pierre*, and *Cap St. Ignace*, praying an aid to improve the road between the said parish of *St. Thomas*, and the river *St. Johns*.

Of *John Felton* and others, of *Sherbrooke* and *Lennoxville*, praying that no action may be taken relative to the charters of *King's College* and *M. Gill College*, which shall not comprehend all other chartered institutions of learning in the Province.

Of *C. L. Bellows* and others, of *M. Nab* and other townships, praying for an aid to improve the line of mail route between *Castleford* and *Westmeath*.

Of *Ruggles Wright* and others, inhabitants on the *Ottawa* river, interested in the production of lumber, praying that no alteration be made in the Act 7 *Victoria*, cap. 25, in so far as relates to the office of Supervisor, and the independence of the cullers.

Of *John Whiteford* and others, of *Three Rivers*, praying that the said town be incorporated, and the Common thereof vested in the corporation.

Of *William Baker* and others, trustees of *Dunham Academy*, praying for an aid in support of the said institution.

Of *John Tyon* and others, occupiers of Clergy Reserve Lots, in the township of *Esquesing*, in the county of *Halton*, praying that their rights may be protected in any Legislative measures, adopted in relation to the Clergy Reserve Lands.

Of *Thomas Hayes* and others, of *Essa*, and other townships, praying for an aid to improve the main road leading to the town of *Barrie*.

Of *Noah Halladay* and others, of the ninth concession of the township of *North Crosby*, in the district of *Johnstown*, praying that the tenth concession line of the said township may be surveyed and run according to the posts and marks set up in the front and back lines of the original survey of the said township.

Of *William R. Doak* and others, of the township of *Compton*, in the district of *St. Francis*, praying that no action may be taken relative to the charters of *King's College*, and *M. Gill College*, which shall not comprehend all other chartered Institutions of Learning in the Province.

Of *John Curtain* and others, cullers of *Quebec*, praying that no alteration may be made in the Act 7 *Victoria*, chapter 25, in so far as relates to the office of Supervisor, and the independence of the cullers.

Of *J. B. Lewis* and others, of *Richmond* and its vicinity, in the district of *Dalhousie*, praying for the construction of a plank road from *Kingston* to *Bytown*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *David Caldwell* and others, of the township of *Esquesing*, in the *Gore* district, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references. Petitions referred.
D. Caldwell and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Ruggles Wright* and others, inhabitants on the *Ottawa* river, interested in the production of Lumber, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed deal cullers of the city of *Quebec*, and other references. R. Wright and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Adam Handyside*, of the city of *Montreal*, distiller, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, and other references. A. Handyside and others.

Lord Bishop of
Toronto, and
others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto*, (relating to schools), be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Boulton*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Duggan*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Cayuga Glass
Company.

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Richard Brown* and others, inhabitants of *Cayuga*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to revive an Act passed in the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, to incorporate certain persons therein named, and their associates, under the style and title of "The *Cayuga* Glass Manufacturing Company," which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Sherbrooke
and St. Francis.

Mr. *Hale*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to extend to the town of *Sherbrooke* the provisions of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of peace officers and constables; and also to explain the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the district of *St. Francis*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Library.

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Standing Committee, appointed to assist Mr. *Speaker* in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relative thereto, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee, in the performance of the duties assigned to them by your Honourable House, have carefully examined the Library with a view to ascertain its present condition, and the necessity for making additions thereto.

Your Committee have ascertained that no special order for the purchase of Books has been made by your Honourable House, since the Union of the Provinces, and that in the Houses of Assembly of *Lower* and *Upper Canada*, prior to that time, many years had elapsed without any such order being made.

It appears, that in the *Lower Canada* Legislature a resolution was adopted by the Assembly, on the 13th of April, 1807, ordering the purchase of a list of books then reported to the House, and authorizing the Clerk to import annually for the future, the continuation of the periodical works contained in the Library. No subsequent order for the purchase of Books, appears upon the Journals of that House; but your Committee are informed, that by a general understanding among the Members of the Assembly, the Clerk was empowered to expend annually for that purpose a sum not exceeding £300. This amount therefore seems occasionally to have been expended in that way, though generally it would appear, that for years in succession but little addition to the Library took place beyond the annual importation of Periodicals.

In the Upper Province, still less attention was bestowed on this subject, for until the year 1836, the Library merely consisted of a few hundred volumes on various subjects, many of them incomplete. In that year, however, an Act was passed, authorizing the expenditure of £1000 for the purchase of Books, which was very judiciously expended, and the foundation commenced of a useful and valuable Library. But from thence to the Union of the

Provinces, no further appropriation was made. The *Upper Canada* Library, it may be observed, was attached conjointly to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, while that in the other Province was the sole property of the Assembly; it accordingly became necessary, when the Provinces were united, to divide the books contained between the Legislative Council and your Honourable House. This division was effected, and the result communicated to your Honourable House, in 1842. Since then, no distinct appropriation for the purchase of books has been made; though a few have been added yearly, as appears from the lists laid on the table by the Clerk, at the commencement of each session.

Your Committee therefore feel justified in recommending that additions be made to the various classes of literature now in the Library, to supply to a certain extent, the existing deficiencies therein. They accordingly subjoin a list of Books marked A, which they recommend should be procured without delay, under the direction of the Honourable the *Speaker*.

Your Committee also recommend the purchase of a set of Maps, of recent date, which has been offered for sale to them by Mr. *Glackemeyer*, as those at present in the Library are old, and comparatively useless.

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- 1.—Continuation of the Periodical Works already in the Library.
- 2.—The following Books to re-place missing Volumes:—
 - 96th Volume Journal House of Commons.
 - 2d Volume Cleveland on Mineralogy.
 - 1st Volume on Vegetable Substances. (Library of Entertaining Knowledge.)
 - 19th Volume Law Magazine.
 - 10th and 12th Volumes Imperial Statutes.
 - 67th and 68th Volumes Journals House of Lords. (Never received.)
 - 8th Volume Statutes of Irish Parliament. (Never received.)
 - 12th and 13th Volumes Swift's Works.
 - Wilcocks on Municipal Corporations.
- 3.—Books recommended to be procured for the Library.
 - Smith's Wealth of Nations, by M'Culloch. *Modus tenendi Parliamenta in Hibernia.*
 - Tables of the Revenue, Commerce, Population, &c. of the United Kingdom and its Dependencies.
 - Haydn's Dictionary of Dates and Universal Reference.
 - Barron and Austin's Election Reports, 1842-3.
 - Crabb's Digest and Index to the Statutes, 2 Parts, 1841-3.
 - Harrison's Digest of Reports, 3 Volumes, 1843.
 - Stephen's New Commentaries on the Laws of England, 4 Volumes, 1841-5.
 - Bolin's Catalogue of Books for 1841.
 - Smith's Parliaments of England, 1844.
 - West's Inquiry into Mode of Creating Peers, 1782.
 - Carew's Rights of Election, 1755.
 - Burgh on the Errors and Defects in Government, 3 Volumes, 1774.
 - Twiss's Life of Lord Eldon, 3 Volumes, 1844.
 - Correspondence of Edmund Burke, 4 Volumes, 1844.
 - Harris' Highlands of Ethiopia, 3 Volumes, 1844.
 - Drummond's Noble British Families, 1844-5.
 - Burke's Armory of Great Britain and Ireland, 1842.
 - Dowling on the Legal Rights of British Subjects in Foreign Countries, and of Foreigners in Britain, 1841.
 - Hallam's Introduction to the Literature of Europe, 4 Volumes, 1839.
 - Marshall's Digest of British Statistics.
 - Bramwell's Table of Private Statutes, 2 Volumes, 1834.
 - Precedents of Private Acts, 1835.
 - Rickman's Speeches of Mr. Speaker Abbot.
 - Hooly's History of English Councils and Convocations.
 - Stanley's Life of Dr. Arnold, 2 Volumes, 1844.
 - Austin's Province of Jurisprudence Defined, 1832.
 - Butt on County Contested Elections.
 - Gordon's Digest of American Laws.
 - Gordon's History of Parliament, 2 Volumes, 1731.
 - Lye and Manning's Saxo i Dictionary, 2 Volumes.
 - Nicolas' Synopsis of English Peerage, 2 Volumes.

Library.

Fleta, with Selden's Dissertation.
 Townsend's Historical Collection, 1687.
 Wight's History of Parliament of Scotland, 2 Volumes, 1806.
 Phillip's Election Cases, 1782.
 Braude's Dictionary of Science, Literature, and Art, 1842.
 McCulloch's Geographical, Historical, and Statistical Dictionary, 1841-3.
 Ure's Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines, 1844.
 Clifford's Election Cases, 1802.
 Bridall's Privileges of the Lords, 1704.
 Merewether & Stephen's History of Boroughs and Corporations, 3 Volumes, 1835.
 Kyd on the Law of Corporations, 2 Volumes, 1796.
 Angell & Ames on Corporations, 1843.
 Willis' Noticia Parliamentaria, 3 Volumes, 1730.
 Modern Report, 5th edition, 12 Volumes.
 Bell on Scottish Election Laws
 Hands on Election Petitions, 1812.
 Memoirs de Napoleon, écrits sous sa dictée, par les Généraux qui ont partagé sa Captivité, 9 Tomes.
 Débats de la Convention Nationale, 5 Tomes.
 Œuvres choisies du Cardinal Maury, 5 Tomes.
 Grand Dictionnaire Français, Anglais et Français, par Fleming et Tibbins.
 Dupin's Works.
 Professor Liebig's Works.
 McCrie's Works.
 Princep's India.
 Statistical Account of Scotland.
 Brougham's Work on the French Revolution.
 Thiers' History of the Consulate and Empire.
 Woodrow's History of the Church of Scotland.
 Beck's Medical Jurisprudence.
 Dunlop's Backwoodsman.
 Transactions of the Geological Society.
 May's Parliamentary Practice, (two copies).
 French Law Books. (latest editions).
 Cours de Droit Français, par Duranton.
 Le Droit Civil Français, par Touillier.
 ————— par Davengier.
 Le Droit Civil Expliqué, par Troplong.
 Questions de Droit, par Merlin, (if later than 1819).
 Répertoire de Droit, par Merlin.
 Cours de Droit Commercial, par Pardessus.
 ————— par Boulay Paty.
 Traité du Domaine Public, par Prudhomme.
 Dictionnaire du Contentieux Commercial.
 Les lois de la procédure civile, par Carié, Emérigou; Edition de Boulay Paty.

University of
King's College.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, together with the correspondence on the subject of the University of *King's College*, between Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and His Excellency, the Governor General, presented to the House on the twenty-fourth instant, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Marriages,
Births, Baptisms, &c.,
Gaspé.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill, to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof, of certain marriages, formerly had before Justices of the Peace in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*, births, baptisms, and burials therein.

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

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*,

North Riding
Lincoln
Election.

Ordered, That the whole evidence and other proceedings, taken before the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the contested election for the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, be attached to the Report of the said Committee, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Resolved, That this House doth now concur in the amendments made by the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill supplementary to an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* district, and to extend the provisions of the said Act. Administration of Justice, Gaspé.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the cause of the present state of the Agricultural interest in many parts of *Lower Canada*, and to report whether in their opinion any Legislative enactment can be brought to its relief, without prejudice to the general interests of the Province; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Agriculture, Lower Canada.

Ordered, That Mr. *Watts*, Mr. *Tuché*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Colville*, the Honourable Mr. *Latterrière*, Mr. *McConnell*, and Mr. *Roblin*, do compose the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on private Bills, presented to this House the sixth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *Eden Colville*, Esquire, praying for the passing of an Act to empower the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*, to employ and invest a portion of their capital in loans on real securities within this Province; and they conceive the granting of this power would prove beneficial to a great extent, but at the same time, precaution should be taken to prevent the Company from speculating in landed property, which, however, the Company declare it is not their intention to do: Your Committee, therefore on the whole, see no objection to the introduction of a Bill, the details of which may be considered hereafter by Your Honourable House. Private Bills.

As respects the Petition of the *Home District Mutual Insurance Company*, praying that its Members may be permitted to give evidence in any suit by the Company, in which they may not be personally interested. Your Committee cannot find any precedent granting this power to Members of any similar Corporation, and as it is altogether repugnant to the Common Law of the Province, they cannot recommend that it be allowed in this instance.

The Petition of the Rev'd. *John Cordner* and others, of *Montreal*, Christian Unitarians, praying that the rights and privileges enjoyed by other religious bodies may be extended to them; has also been considered by Your Committee, and they beg to recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted; and that the Rule of Your Honourable House, under which the time for receiving Private Bills has expired, be extended so far as respects the matter of this Petition, and that of Mr. *Colville*, reported on above.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, to provide for the recovery of the rates or taxes, intended to be imposed by certain by-laws of the district Council of the district of *Huron*, being read. District of Huron, Rates.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Cauchon* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cauchon* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

District of
Huron Rates.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*, that the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Bertrand, Cauchon, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Desautier, DeWitt, Duggan, Dunlop, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Lawrason, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Steuart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster and Williams—(50.)

NAYS.

Boulton, DeBleury, Drummond, Ermatinger, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Petrie, Robinson, and Smith of FRONTENAC—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Geological
Survey.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of granting a further sum of money towards completing the geological survey, and ascertaining the mineral resources of this Province, reported according to order, the resolution of the said Committee, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision for continuing and completing the geological survey of this Province, and for collecting specimens relative to the geology and mineral resources thereof; and for that purpose to appropriate a sum not exceeding two thousand pounds in each year, for the five years now next ensuing.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for a geological survey 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.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, 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 follows:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the House of Assembly, the accompanying Copies of Reports, that have been received from Mr. *W. E. Logan*, who is employed on a Geological Survey of the Province.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Montreal, 27th, January, 1845.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix W.)

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal so much of the Act therein mentioned, as prevents Clergymen from voting at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read,

Notice was taken that the Bill contained matter not authorized by the resolution of the House of the fifteenth instant, under which leave was given to introduce the same.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of line fences and water courses, in *Upper Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *DeWitt* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *DeWitt* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons, under the name of the members of the *Quebec Library Association*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain parts of the first and second sections of an Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *William IV.*, intituled, "An Act to afford relief during a limited time to Insolvent Debtors," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal certain parts of the first and second sections of an Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William IV.*, chapter 4, intituled, "An Act to afford relief during a limited time to Insolvent Debtors."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* have leave to bring in a Bill to afford relief to Insolvent Debtors.

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

Conveyance of
Lands in Up-
per Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to remove certain difficulties with regard to the conveyance of lands in *Upper Canada*, of which the grantor may not have possession, or of which a third party may be in adverse possession, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Williams* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Williams* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, 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 Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *J. Paquin* and others, of the parish of *St. Eustache*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that it do concur in the Report of the Select Committee.

Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, that this House doth concur with the Committee in the said resolution.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, that all the words after "that," in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "the consideration of the question be postponed."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Bertrand, *Boulton*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Cummings*, *DeBleury*, *DeWitt*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hule*, *Jessup*, *Laterrière*, *Lawrason*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell*, of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Attorney General *Smith*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Taché*, *Thompson*, *Watts*, *Webster* and *Williams*.—(35.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, *Berthelot*, *Cauchon*, *Dunlop*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Méthol*, *Morin*, *Prince*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, and *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*.—(18.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was agreed to by the House, and

Ordered, That the consideration of the said question be postponed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to detach the parish of *St. Sylvester*, from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of registration only, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to erect the county of *Haldimand* into a separate district, by the name of the *Albert* district, and the northern townships of the county of *Kent* into a separate district, by the name of the district of *Moore*, being read,

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, that the words "now" in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "this day six months," substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, *Chalmers*, *Daly*, *Dickson*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *Lawrason*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Attorney General *Smith*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, and *Webster*—(28.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cauchon*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *DeWitt*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Méthol*, *Morin*, *Taché*, and *Thompson*—(17.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was agreed to by the House, and

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of a certain Act of Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George IV.*, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned," to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Petition of the
Reverend G.
Paquin, and
others.

Parish of St.
Sylvester.

Haldimand
County.

Religious
Societies.

Dog Tax.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to empower the District Councils in *Upper Canada*, to impose a tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses within their respective districts, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Johnston* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Johnston* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Wednesday next.

Payments by District Treasurers.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent district Treasurers in *Upper Canada* from making any payments as such, otherwise than in current money, and for other purposes, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Mr. *Speaker* having put the question,

Shall the Report be received?

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

YEAS.

Cauchon, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Lacoste, Laurin, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, Macdonell of Dundas, M. Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Prince, Stewart of Bytowns, Webster, and Williams—(24.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Bertrand, Boulton, De Witt, Jobin, Lantier, Macdonell of Stormont, Powell, Robinson, Seymour, Smith of Wentworth, Taché, and Thompson—(13.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Report be received tomorrow.

Gaspé and Gulf Fisheries.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to take into consideration the expedience of affording encouragement to the *Gaspé* and Gulf Fisheries, carried on from this Province, by exempting salt and other articles, indispensable to the fisheries, from duties, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday, the sixth day of February next.

Landholders Gaspé.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, for the relief of certain landholders in the *Gaspé* district, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday next.

Incorporation des Sœurs.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to incorporate "*La Communauté des Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et Marie*," of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Petrie*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 28° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House a General Statement of the affairs of the *Gore Bank*, received in conformity to an order of the House, of the tenth instant.

(For the said General Statement, see Appendix Q.)

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

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of *V. Guillet* and others, Commissioners of the House of Correction, for the district of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to duty on distillers); and the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to goods sold at Auction.)

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *W. H. Waters* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of *P. T. Masson* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas Syer* and others, of the township of *Cavan*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto*, relating to Schools.

Resolved, That the Petition of *S. Crane* and others, of the district of *Johnstown*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Jessup*, Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, Mr. *Gowan*, and Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *J. B. Lewis* and others, of *Richmond* and its vicinity, in the district of *Dalhousie*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, Mr. *Gowan*, and Mr. *Stewart*, of

Bytown, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Reverend W. Bettridge and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *William Bettridge*, B.D., and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the rectory of *Woodstock*, in the district of *Brook*, (relating to Clergy Reserves), be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Petition of J. Whiteford and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Whiteford* and others, of *Three Rivers*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Greice*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Lantier*, and Mr. *Hale*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of W. Connolly and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Connolly* and others, citizens of *Montreal*, be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city), and other references.

Attachment of Salaries.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to authorize, to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of Official Salaries, towards payment of the incumbents debts, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Meetings of Relations and Friends.

Mr. *Lavoie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereunto specially appointed or authorized by a Judge, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

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

Date of Writs of certain Elections.

Ordered, That the proper officer be directed to lay on the table of this House, the following statement respecting the elections for the counties of *Simcoe*, *Saguenay*, *Kent*, *Lanark*, and the town of *London*, lately pending, or now pending: That is to say: the day on which each writ was moved for; the date of the *Spyker's* warrants; the date of the letter from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to the Government, informing them of the issue of each writ; the date of the announcement to him of the appointment of a Returning Officer; the day on which the respective writs bear date, and when returnable; and when each writ was transmitted to the Returning Officer.

On motion of Mr. *Lantier*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*,

Province Line between Upper and Lower Canada.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause the proper officer to lay before the House, copies of all documents, papers, records, protests, protesta-

tions, reports of Commissioners, and reports of surveys, factums, orders in council, now in the hands of the Executive of the Province, referring to the line between *Upper and Lower Canada*, together with a copy of all correspondences between the Executive Government and Mrs. *Widow DeBeaujeu*, *G. R. S. DeBeaujeu*, the Honourables *DeLotbinière*, *DeLongueuil*, and *DeBeaujeu*, in reference to the said line.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal that portion of the Act therein mentioned, which prevents members of the Clergy from voting at elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

Clergymen voting 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 Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, have leave to bring in a Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "Christian Unitarians."

Christian Unitarians.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, praying their Honours will permit the Honourable *James Morris*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*, relating to their claim against the Commissioners of the *St. Lawrence Canal*, on Thursday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Reid and Shepherd.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to detach the parish of *St. Sylvester* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of registration only, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Parish of St. Sylvester.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to prevent District Treasurers in *Upper Canada* from making any payments as such, otherwise than in current money, and for other purposes, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Payments by District Treasurers.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Complaint being made to the House of a printed newspaper, intitled, "*Montreal Herald, and Daily Commercial Gazette*," dated Tuesday morning, January 28, 1845, printed and published by *Robert Weir & Co.*, at No. 23, *St. Gabriel Street*, in respect of a

Reflections by a certain Newspaper.

Reflections by
a certain News-
paper.

paragraph containing reflections on certain Members of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara*, complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, in the present Parliament.

The said paper was delivered in, and the paragraph complained of read.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, that the said paragraph reflecting upon the conduct of Members of this House acting in a judicial capacity, is a gross breach of the privileges of this House.

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hall*, the previous question, viz.:

Shall the question be now put on the said motion?

Upon which the House divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson—(31.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Graive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Mofall, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(36.)

So it passed in the negative.

Physic and
Surgery.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Study and Practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, within this Province, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Jessup*, Mr. *Taché*, and the Honourable Mr. *Laterrière*.

Counties and
Districts in
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties and attaching them to others; and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Colvile* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Colvile* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Counties and
Districts in
Upper Canada.

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, that the said Report be not received, but that the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow, for the purpose of striking out that part which relates to the division of the county of *Haldimand*.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Hale, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Roblin, Small, Taché, and Thompson—(19.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Colvile, Daly, DeBleury, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Webster, and Williams—(29.)

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon the said amendments,

And the said amendments being again severally read, and the question of concurrence being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the relief of insolvent debtors, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Duggan*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, and Mr. *Roblin*, 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 extend to the town of *Sherbrooke*, the provisions of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of Peace Officers, and Constables; and also to explain the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the district of *St. Francis*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Petrie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Petrie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Then on motion of Mr. *Gowan*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 29^o die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of the Reverend *Lewis D. Charland* and others, of the parish of *Rigaud*, in the county of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Armstrong*, the Petition of *W. Morrison* and others, of the township of *Brandon*, in the county of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*, county of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Michael McDonagh*, and others, of the township of *Mara*, in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *Thomas McAllister* and others, of the township of *Vaughan*, in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *Conrad Frymer*, and *Henry Merkle*, trustees of the Lutheran congregation of *Williamsburg*.

Town of Sher-
brooke.

An engrossed Bill, to extend to the town of *Sherbrooke* the provisions of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of Peace Officers, and Constables, and also to explain the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the district of *St. Francis*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hale* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

District Treasurers,
U.C.

An engrossed Bill to prevent District Treasurers in *Upper Canada*, from making any payments as such, otherwise than in current money, and for other purposes, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Rates and
Taxes, District
of Huron.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the recovery of the Rates or Taxes, intended to be imposed by certain By-laws of the District Council of the district of *Huron*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

St. Sylvester.

An engrossed Bill to detach the parish of *St. Sylvester* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of registration only, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be,
"An Act to detach the parish of *Saint Sylvester* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of registration only."

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Administration
of Justice,
Gaspé.

An engrossed Bill, supplementary to an Act of the last session of the Legislature relating to the administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* District, and to extend the provisions of the said Act, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons, under the name of the "Members of the *Quebec Library Association*," was read for the third time. Quebec Library Association.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be,
"An Act to incorporate the Members of 'The *Quebec Library Association*.'"

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate "*La Communauté des Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et Marie*," of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education, was read for the third time. Sœurs des Saints.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be,
"An Act to incorporate '*La Communauté des Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jésus et Marie*,' of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education."

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *Amable Archambault* and others, of *L'Assomption* and other parishes in the county of *Leinster*, praying that no change may be made in the limits of the said county.

Of *Jonathan Adamson* and others, of *Nelson* and other townships, in the districts of *Gore* and *Wellington*, praying for an aid to improve a road through the said townships.

Of *Alexander Rea*, of the township of *Compton*, representing that he still suffers from the effects of a violent assault and outrage, by an armed mob from *New Hampshire*, one of the *United States*, in the year 1835: and that he was carried off a prisoner into the State of *Vermont*: and praying for an investigation and redress.

Of *Simon Fraye* and others, of *Sophiasburgh*, praying that no alteration may be made in the original survey of the western part of the said township, and the eastern part of the township of *Ameliasburgh*.

Of *Aaron Slight* and others, inhabitants of *Townsend*, in the district of *Tulhot*, praying for a branch road from *Townsend* to the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* plank road.

Of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, and others, officers and members of the *Quebec British and Canadian School Society*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Society.

Of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the said Society a share of the Clergy Reserves, corresponding with their proportion of the income arising from the same.

Of *Thomas Eyre* and others, of the town of *Cobourg*, in the district of *Newcastle*, praying that such a specific duty may be imposed upon Iron Castings imported from the *United States*, as shall afford protection to those of Provincial manufacture.

Petitions read. Of *W. A. Dixie* and others, of the township of *Malden*, in the *Western* district; of *John Dawson* and others, of the township of *Romney*, in the *Western* district; and of *Prideaux Girty* and others, of the township of *Gosfield*, in the *Western* district, praying that encouragement may be afforded to the growers of tobacco in the said district.

Of *Daniel Daly*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* district, praying to be indemnified for the loss of his property, destroyed by a party of the labourers on the *St. Lawrence* canal.

Of *Joseph Varin* and others, Students of Medicine, in the city of *Montreal*, praying that the Legislature may be pleased to support the *Montreal* School of Medicine against the pretensions of the *McGill* College.

Petitions referred.
J. Wettenhall and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Wettenhall* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Chalmers*, *Mr. Dunlop*, *Mr. Price*, *Mr. Petrie*, and *Mr. Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of T. White and others; and of John Lyon and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas White* and others, of the township of *Trafalgar*, in the district of *Gore*; and the Petition of *John Lyon* and others, occupiers of Clergy Reserve Lots, in the township of *Esquesing*, in the county of *Halton*, be referred to the said Committee.

D. McIntosh and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Donald McIntosh* and others, of the parishes of *St. Polycarpe*, *St. Ignace*, and *St. Joseph*, in the county of *Vaudreuil*; and the Petition of the Honourable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references.

Hon. R. U. Harwood and others.

An engrossed Bill for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties and attaching them to others; and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petition of D. A. Wilson and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Daniel A. Wilson* and others, of the parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references.

Maitland and Becket.

Resolved, That the Petition of *J. E. Maitland* and *J. C. Becket*, of the *Canada* Sunday School Union, praying that measures be adopted to establish a cheap and uniform rate of Postage, and all other Petitions presented to this House upon the subject of the Post Office, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Hale*, the Honourable *Mr. Baldwin*, the Honourable *Mr. Robinson*, the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, the Honourable *Mr. Moffatt*, the Honourable *Mr. Morin*, and *Mr. Williams*, to examine the con-

tents thereof, and to report thereon, from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, presented to this House on the fourteenth instant, with the accompanying copies of correspondence upon the subject of the Post Office, be referred to the said Committee. Post Office.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address of the seventeenth October, 1843, for various information connected with the Post Office Department in this Province, be also referred to the said Committee.

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 following Bills, without any amendment:—

“An Act to enable the Trustees holding a certain lot in *Simcoe Church* the town of *Simcoe*, for the use of a Church, to sell and convey the same or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use.” Lands.

“An Act to indemnify Clergymen and others, who have voted at the late General Election, in ignorance of the Law.” Clergymen voting at Elections.

Also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Wednesday, 29th January, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council do give leave to the Honourable *James Morris* to go to the Committee to which is referred the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, relating to their claim against the Commissioners of the *St. Lawrence* Canal, on Thursday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit. Reid and Shepherd.

And then he withdrew.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker two Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Reports, and other papers connected with Outrages that have been committed in the vicinity of certain Public Works now in progress, and recommends to the consideration of the Assembly, the expediency of adopting some measure for the more effectual preservation and protection of the lives and property of Her Majesty's subjects. Outrages. Public Works.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 24th January, 1845.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix Y.)

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, with reference to their Address of the 22nd instant, the accompanying Copies of Communications that have passed between Her Majesty's Secretary of State and the Governor General, relating to the Montreal Election.

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recent election of Members to serve in this Parliament for the city of *Montreal*, and to the conduct of the Returning Officer at the said Election.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 24th January, 1845.

(COPY.)

No. 308.

DOWNING STREET,
16th November, 1844.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 162, of the 28th October, inclosing the copy of a Report from Captain *Wetherall*, Stipendiary Magistrate, detailing the proceedings which took place at the recent election of Members to represent the city of *Montreal* in the new Parliament.

You will signify to the Returning Officer, Mr. *Young*, and to Captain *Wetherall*, my approbation of the efforts so successfully made by them for the preservation of the peace of the City on that occasion.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Sir *Charles Metcalfe*, Baronet,
&c. &c. &c.

(COPY.)

No. 162.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 28th October, 1844.

MY LORD,

I have the honour to submit for your Lordship's information, the copy of a Report from Captain *Wetherall*, Stipendiary Magistrate, detailing the proceedings that took place during the two days of polling for Members to represent the city of *Montreal* in the new Parliament.

I consider that the preservation of the peace, and of the lives and property of the inhabitants, is in no small degree to be attributed to the admirable arrangements of Mr. *Young*, the Returning Officer, and to the efficient services of Captain *Wetherall*, a most valuable public servant.

The polling proceeded throughout without interruption, notwithstanding the repeated attempts made to disturb it; and I feel that it will be as gratifying to your Lordship to learn, as it is to me to state, that no life has been sacrificed. Great credit is due to the troops employed, both officers and men, for their temperate and judicious conduct; and I am of opinion that, without their assistance, neither the peace of the City could have been maintained, nor the free exercise of their franchise secured to the voters, in consequence of the inroads made by the labourers, non-voters, who are congregated upon the Public Works in this vicinity.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honourable Lord *Stanley*,
&c. &c. &c.

(COPY.)

LACHINE POLICE OFFICE,
26th October, 1844.

SIR,

I have the honour to state, for the information of the Governor General, that a few days previous to the nomination of Candidates to represent the City of *Montreal*, I

was called on by the Returning Officer to assist him in *Montreal* making arrangements for the preservation of the Peace of Election. that City.

I felt it my duty to comply with this request, and I beg now to report the occurrences which took place under my observation, as well as the general arrangements during the two days of polling.

The polling booths were fixed in the centre of streets, running at right angles with two great thoroughfares: strong barriers were erected at the polling booths, to prevent the collision of the contending parties, there being an understanding between the Candidates, made at the suggestion of the Returning Officer, that their respective voters should approach the polling booths at the opposite ends of the street.

At each booth two Magistrates, and a strong body of Special Constables, were posted, to assist the Deputy Returning Officer in maintaining peace.

In this order all the polls were opened.

I was occupied throughout the two days in continually visiting the several polling places, and in no instance except that hereinafter mentioned, did I perceive any difficulty whatever, to the free and peaceable access of voters to the polls.

Two days previous to the polling, information reached the Returning Officer that bodies of strangers were expected from the Gore of *Chatham* and *Quebec*, to endeavour to carry the election by violence, and arrangements were made to prevent them, if possible, from entering the City.

I can confidently assert that no bodies of men came from the former place, as I had placed Police on the road, and at the landing places, to ascertain the fact. Two hundred men, however, apparently Irish labourers, arrived in *Montreal* in the Steamboat "*Charlevoix*" from *Quebec*, who were engaged, as I since have had reason to believe, to assist in the return of Mr. *Drummond*.

On the morning of the first day of polling an unusually large body of strangers, evidently Irish labourers, congregated in *McGill* Street, one of the largest thoroughfares, and flanking the streets leading to the polling booths in the *Queen's* Ward, one of the principal Wards in the City.

Amongst these people, I recognized a large number of labourers from the *Lachine* Canal, non-voters, and it was very evident, from their manner and local disposition, that they meditated an attack on the booth with a view of taking and keeping forcible possession of it, a plan which they had successfully practised at the last election for *Montreal*.

Shortly after the poll was opened an attack was made by these people on the voters of Mr. *Moffatt*, who had assembled near the poll at the *Queen's* Ward, in the street assigned to them; and the Deputy Returning Officer found it necessary to call in the Troops.

The riot was speedily repressed, and the Troops were retained in the vicinity of the poll, to allow free access to it, and prevent further rioting.

Polling continued throughout the day uninterruptedly.

On the close of the Poll, on the first day, an attempt was again made by the labourers to create a disturbance, by attacking the voters of the opposite party, which was again checked.

The labourers finding their object defeated, returned to the Canal, and in passing through *Griffintown*, demolished the windows of a Wesleyan Chapel, besides committing various other depredations.

During the night, it was thought necessary to place detachments of Troops in different parts of the town, to protect the property of individuals of both parties, who had taken prominent parts in the election.

On the second day, the polling commenced at the usual hour, and continued without interruption.

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Early on that day I received information from the Police, stationed on the line of Canal, that Agents for Mr. *Drummond* had proceeded along the line of Canal, stating to the labourers, (many of whom had returned to their work) among other inflammatory matter, that the "Tories" had burned the Recollect, (an Irish Roman Catholic Church,) and that their comrades had been abused; and were bleeding in the streets, and urging them to proceed to *Montreal* immediately.

A party, amounting to between three and four hundred, many of whom were armed, marched in military array with scouts and flankers, on *Montreal*, augmenting their numbers, as they proceeded; this body made their appearance at the foot of *St. Gill* street, and continued their march in the direction of the polling place, in the *Queen's Ward*, and refusing, on the command of the Magistrates to halt, the Riot Act was read, and the Cavalry directed to disperse the crowd, and assist the Civil Power in the capture of as many as possible: thirty men were arrested and committed to Jail.

Although I believe that the several Deputy Returning Officers found it necessary to require the presence of Troops in the vicinity of their respective polling places, yet they were not called upon to act offensively, except in this instance, and then, I am happy to say, without any loss of life or serious injuries being inflicted.

The same Military protection of property was afforded during the night, on the requisition of the Returning Officer, and was continued until the final close of the election, and the city now remains in a state of apparent tranquillity.

There can be no doubt that riot and bloodshed to a frightful extent, would have ensued, and the election could not have been proceeded in, but for the admirable and humane arrangements of the Returning Officer, and the timely and temperate interference of the Troops.

In proof of the necessity for Military assistance in this contest, I would remark, that Mr. *Drummond* spoke to me a few days previous to the election, on the propriety of commencing polling under Military protection, a measure to which the Returning Officer would not consent until all ordinary means had failed, and in no case was Military aid resorted to until then.

In conclusion, I would remark, that every effort and arrangement was made by Mr. *Young*, the Returning Officer, to ensure the preservation of order, and the free access of voters to the Polls, which he succeeded in effecting without the loss of a single life, under peculiar circumstances, and a want of co-operation from the Municipal authorities, which rendered his duty most arduous, and which, I have no doubt, he will find it necessary to bring to the notice of the Governor General.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. WETHERALL, J. P.
Stipendiary Magistrate
in charge of Public Works.

Hon. D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary,
Montreal.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the foregoing Messages, and of the documents accompanying the same, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Post Office.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, copies of the last four quarterly returns, made by the Deputy Post Master General in *England*, or a detailed statement, shewing the Receipts and Expenditures of the Post Office Department in this Province, for the same period.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix I.)

Also,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, as soon as possible, detailed Accounts of all moneys received and expended by the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike roads*, under the authority of the Ordinance to provide for the improvement of the Roads in the neighbourhood of and leading to the city of *Quebec*, and to raise a fund for that purpose; and also detailed reports of all the doings of the said Trustees under the said authority, from and since the date of the Reports and Accounts laid, on that subject, before the House, in the last Session of the last Parliament.

(For the documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix X.)

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the district of *Montreal*, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the District of *Montreal*, and have agreed to recommend the following amendments thereto:—

Page 1, line 4.—Expunge "Rector," and insert "Curé."

" 1, " 19.—After "be," insert "in the possession of the present proprietor thereof."

" 1, " 34.—After "1stly," expunge to "2dly," and insert "The Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*."

" 1, " 39.—After "3dly," expunge to "And" in page two, line nine, and insert "of the Curé of the said Parish of *Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*; 4thly, of all Members who may be regularly admitted (*aggrégés*) into the said Corporation, provided the number should not exceed thirty."

After the first Clause, insert Clause A:—Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the property which shall at any time belong to the said Corporation, as well as the Revenue thereof, shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the advancement of Education in the said *Petit Séminaire*, and to no other object, institution or establishment, whatsoever."

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *H. B. Bostwick*, of the village of *Port Stanley*, in the district of *London*; and the Petition of *A. McKinnon*, and *William F. Wallace*, on behalf of the inhabitants of *Bayham* and the adjoining townships, in the district of *London*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the contents of the Petition of *Henry R. Bostwick*, and are of opinion that the Harbour Tolls, leviable at *Port Stanley*, are immoderately high; and beg leave to recommend that they be reduced to the following scale:—

Port Stanley
Harbour dues.

Fort Stanley Harbour Dues.

	s.	d.
Ashes, per barrel.....	0	6
Pork and Beef, do.....	0	4
Flour, do.....	0	3
Wheat, and other Grain, per 60 lb.....	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Salt, per barrel.....	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Merchandize, per ton.....	3	4
Boats, Vessels, or other Craft, fifty tons or under, for each trip.....	2	6
Do. do. 50 to 100.....	5	0
Do. do. 100 tons and upwards..	7	6

Your Committee further beg leave to state, that in their opinion it is advisable to equalize the Tolls to be collected as Harbour dues, at the different Ports in *Canada West*.

In reference to the Petition of *Neil McKinnon* and *W. F. Wallace*, in behalf of the inhabitants of *Bayham* and the adjoining Townships in the *London* District, soliciting that the attention of the Government may be directed towards the completion of the Harbour at the mouth of *Big Otter Creek*, commonly known as *Port Barwell*, your Committee beg leave to recommend the prayer of the Petitioner to the favourable consideration of Your Honourable House.

Beverly Navigation Company.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Ephraim Webster* and others, inhabitants of *Gananoque, Leeds, and Landsdown*; and the Petition of *Edward Webster* and others, of *Leeds* and other townships, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the said Petition, and have agreed to an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, which they respectfully recommend for the concurrence of Your Honourable House:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES THEOPHILUS MERCALFE, Baronet, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to represent to Your Excellency that in the year 1837, an Act was passed in the Parliament of the then Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled, "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of *The Beverly Navigation Company*;" and again, in the year 1836, another Act was passed by the Legislature of the said Province, intituled, "An Act to incorporate sundry persons under the style and title of *The Gananoqui and Wiltzie Navigation Company*." That the object and tendency of those Acts go to prove the great importance attached by the Legislature of *Upper Canada* to the improvement of the internal water communication of the *Johnstown* District, by means of the *Gananoqui* and *Whitefish* waters.

That owing to the unfortunate disturbances which subsequently occurred, and to the unsettled state of the public affairs of the Province consequent upon the Legislative Union, the intentions of the *Upper Canada* Parliament were not then carried out, and the contemplated works of improvement have not since been entered upon.

That a Board of Works being now established, under the direct authority of the Executive Government, for the superintendence and management of all public works within the Province, we respectfully pray your Excellency that a survey and examination of the proposed route may be made by a competent Engineer, under the direction of the said Board, to the end, that if upon due enquiry and examination, the proposed improvement be found beneficial and necessary, it may be undertaken by the Province and completed as a public work.

Gananoqui and Wiltzie Navigation Company.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts in the several Districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, be read a second time on Monday next. District Courts Upper Canada.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned for the establishment and encouragement of "Savings Banks." 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 this day week.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* College of Medicine and Surgery, be read a second time this day week, and that it be then the first Order of the Day. Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery.

Resolved, That all the statements furnished by the Chartered Banks and Insurance offices of this Province, pursuant to the order of this House of the tenth instant, be referred to a Special Committee of seven Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Bank Statements.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Webster*, the Honourable Mr. *Laterrière* and Mr. *De Witt*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That one hundred and twenty five copies of the proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, electors of the North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, district of *Niagara* complaining of the undue election and return of *William Hamilton Merritt*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the said North Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, in this present Parliament, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House. North Riding Lincoln Election.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber* Harbour and Road Company, be read a second time on Monday next. Humber Harbour and Road Company.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Geological Surveys and Report by Mr. *Logan*, as transmitted to this House on the twenty-seventh instant, by Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, be printed in pamphlet form with marginal notes, in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House. Geological Survey.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House of the thirteenth instant, for quarterly statements of the receipts and expenditure of the Post Office Department in this Province, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *J. H. Mailland* and *J. C. Becket*, of the *Canada* Sunday School Union, praying that measures be adopted to establish a cheap and uniform rate of postage. Post Office Department Civil and Political Rights.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain Inhabitants of this Province

the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British Subjects," be postponed until Monday next.

Stormont
Election.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Alexander McLean*, Esquire, and others, electors of the county of *Stormont*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Donald Aeneas Macdonnell*, Esquire, to represent the said county of *Stormont*, in this present Parliament, have leave to stand adjourned until Thursday, the sixth of February next, to enable the Sitting Member to procure the attendance of witnesses.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Jessup*,

District
Officers' Fees.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the fees of certain district officers in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, be discharged, and that leave be granted to withdraw the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Report on
Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Bill and Report into consideration.

And the said Bill being again read, and the question of concurrence being separately put upon the amendments made by the Committee to the same, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Fees of Office
to be Funded.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to reduce, in accordance with the circumstances of the Province, certain salaries not on the Civil List thereof, and to fund fees of office, allowing the incumbents fixed salaries in lieu, being read,

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, DeBleury, DeWitt, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENCARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Murney, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Seymour, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, Triché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts and Williams.—(35.)

NAYS.

Bouillon, Brooks, Chalmers, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Lawrason, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Webster.—(23.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Special Committee of seven Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, the Honourable Mr. *Laterrière*, Mr. *Duggan*, Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Leslie*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Committee to expunge the first clause of the said Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to Clerks of the Commissioners' Courts for the trial of Small Causes in *Lower Canada*, and to prevent their arbitrary dismissal, being read,

Clerks of Com-
mission Courts.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to exempt the district of *Gaspé* from the operation of an Ordinance of the Governor, and Special Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, intituled, "an Ordinance to provide for the better internal Government of this Province, by the establishment of local or municipal authorities therein," being read,

Municipal
authorities,
Gaspé.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate the *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*, being read,

Chambly Cot-
ton Manufac-
tory.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to empower the District Councils in *Upper Canada*, to impose a Tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance Houses within their respective Districts, being read,

District Coun-
cils U. C.
Tax on Dogs.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Johnston* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Johnston* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again,

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*.

Resolved, That the Sitting Member for the county of *Stormont*, have leave to add the following names to the list of witnesses, put in by him at the striking of the Committee, to try the contested Election for the said county of *Stormont*.

Stormont con-
tested Election.

John Whittaker, of the township of Williamsburg, yeoman,
Joseph Suthers, of the same place, innkeeper, and
John Sandfield Macdonald, Esquire, Member for Glengarry.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of official salaries towards payment of the incumbents' debts, being read,

Attachment of
Salaries.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Attachment of Salaries. Mr. *Meyers* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Meyers* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered. That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Then, the House adjourned.

Jovis, 30° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ. 1845.

THE House being informed that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was at the door, he was admitted, and at the Bar delivered the following Return, pursuant to an Order of this House of the twenty-eighth instant:—

Dates of certain Writs of Election.

PROVINCE OF CANADA,

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CROWN IN CHANCERY,
MONTREAL, 29th January, 1845.

Dates of certain writs of Election.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Legislative Assembly, bearing date the 28th January instant, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery has the honour to lay on the table of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, the following statement respecting the Elections for the Counties of SIMCOE, SAGUENAY, KENT, LANARK, and the TOWN of LONDON.

	Date of the Speaker's Warrant.	Date of Letter of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.	Date of the announcement to him of the appointment of Returning Officer.	Date of Writ.	When returnable.	When transmitted.
County of Simcoe, 1844 ...	20th December	20th December	20th December	20th December	5th February	20th December
County of Saguenay, 1844 ...	13th December*	17th "	19th "	19th "	5th "	21st "
County of Kent, 1845 ...	10th January	11th January	11th January	11th January	15th March	13th January
County of Lanark, 1845 ...	21st "	22d "	27th "	28th "	19th "	29th "
Town of London ...	24th "	25th "	25th "	25th "	15th "	26th "

* This Warrant was received late on the 16th December, 1844.

FELIX FORTIER,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brookville*, the Petition of the Reverend *Edward Desroche* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Brookville*, (relating to Common Schools.)

By Mr. *Murney*, the Petition of *William Ketcheson*, junior, and others, of the county of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Meyers*, the Petition of *Bayes M. Eddy* and others, of the township of *Haldimand*, in the district of *Newcastle*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of the Reverend *W. Taylor* and others, ministers of the Gospel, resident in the city of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *A. Lynd* and others, of the district of *Simcoe*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Common School Act); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to a destitute idiot child.)

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of *William Baker*, Esquire, Warden, and others, inhabitants of the Municipal district of *Missisquoi*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Pentland* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Whitby* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *P. Wright* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the district of *Ottawa*; the Petition of *William Morse* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Paris* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Absalom Shade*, Esquire, and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Gall* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of *James O. Bouchier* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Georgina*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *George C. Street* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, of the village of *Newmarket*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *George Petrie* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Barford* and parts adjacent; the Petition of the Reverend *Abraham Nelles* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the *Mohawk* mission, in the diocese of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *W. H. Hobson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Chatham* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Right

Petitions brought up.

Petitions
brought up.

Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to Clergy Reserves.)

By Mr. *Désautier*, the Petition of the Reverend Messire *Lebourdais* and others, of the parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the parish of *St. Léon Le Grand*, in the county of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *Joseph Southworth* and others, of the county of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, of the townships of *Kingsey* and *Durham*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *V. Guillet* and others, Commissioners of the House of Correction, for the district of *Three Rivers*, praying for an aid, and an annual grant, in support of the said Institution.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying that the effect of the proposed duty upon spirituous liquors, and distillers, and brewers, may be favourably considered by the House.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, stating that the tax, which the Corporation of the city of *Montreal* contemplate imposing upon all goods sold at auction within the said city, will be injurious to trade, and praying that the House will take the matter into consideration, and do justice in the premises.

Of *P. J. Masson* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*, praying that the Ordinances respecting winter carriages, may be carried into full operation.

Of *W. H. Waters* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*, praying for the completion of the entire line of road between the *Cascades* and *Montreal*, on the same scale of improvement as the road between the *Cascades* and *Coteau du Lac*.

Petitions
referred.

P. J. Masson
and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *P. J. Masson* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references.

M. T. O'Beirne
and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *M. T. O'Beirne* and others, Catholics of the city of *Toronto*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto*, (relating to schools), and other references.

W. H. Waters
and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. H. Waters* and others, of the county of *Vaudreuil*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references.

Rev'd. *J. C.*
Leonard.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Jean C. Léonard*, of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the county of *Chambly*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Toll-Bridge,
Richelieu.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have gone through the provisions of the Bill to authorise *John Yule*, the younger, to build a Toll Bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of

St. Joseph de Chambly; to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon; and to provide regulations for the same; and they have made certain amendments thereto; which they beg to submit for the adoption of your Honourable House, as follows:

Toll-Bridge,
Richelieu.

Clause 3, line 10.—After "for," expunge the remainder of the clause, and insert "the term of fifty years from the passing of this Act; and at the end of the said term of fifty years, the said bridge, toll-house, turnpike and dependencies, and the ascents and approaches thereto, shall be vested in Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, and be free for public use; and it shall then be lawful for the said *John Yule*, the younger, his heirs, executors, curators, and assigns, to claim and obtain from Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, the full and entire value which the same shall at the end of the said fifty years, bear and be worth, exclusive of the value of any toll or privilege, the said value to be ascertained by three arbitrators, one of whom to be named by the Governor of the Province for the time being, another by the said *John Yule*, the younger, his heirs, executors, curators, or assigns, and the third by the said two arbitrators: Provided that at any time before the expiration of the said term of fifty years it shall and may be lawful for Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, to assume the possession of the said bridge, and of the dependencies thereof, and the tolls thereon, upon paying to the said *John Yule*, the younger, his heirs or assigns, the full and entire value which the rights and privileges hereby granted to him and them may be worth for that portion of the said term of fifty years then remaining unexpired; such value to be ascertained, in case of difference of opinion, in the manner provided by law with regard to property taken by the Board of Works for the public service, the said payment not to be less than the value at the time, of the bridge and dependencies, exclusive of the toll and privilege."

" 7, " 4.—After "for," insert "the said term of fifty years from the passing of this Act, and no longer, and subject during the said term, to be taken possession of by Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in the manner hereinbefore provided."

" 8, last line.—Expunge "forty shillings," leaving a blank in lieu thereof.

" 9.—At the end of this clause insert, "Provided also, that it shall be lawful for any Railroad Company incorporated by law, to erect or cause to be erected, within the said limits, a bridge for the purposes of the said Railroad, and to convey over the same all persons, vehicles, cattle, goods, wares, or merchandize, transported along the line of the said Railroad, but on no other account, and in no other way whatever."

" 14.—At the end of this clause, insert, "and an account thereof shall be annually submitted to each branch of the Provincial Legislature, during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof."

Petition of
Reverend
J. Carr and
others.

On the Petition of the Reverend *Jacob Carr* and others, and the Reverend *T. Schneider* and others, styling themselves the "Evangelical Association," and praying that the rights and privileges extended to other denominations, may be extended to them, your Committee could not obtain much information; but having examined *Mr. Thompson*, a Member of your Honourable House, (whose evidence is hereto appended), and having also ascertained from other sources, that the Petitioners compose respectable and moral communities, they see no objections to their recommending the prayer of the Petitioners, and the introduction of a Bill for their relief, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for receiving Private Bills.

Your Committee would remark that they have been waiting sometime for further information upon the subject, but have not been able to obtain it.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
30th January, 1845.

David Thompson, Esquire, a Member of the House, called in, and examined:—

You presented to the House a Petition from certain persons, styling themselves "The Evangelical Association," can you give the Committee any information on the subject of that Petition? I know many of the Petitioners to be good, moral, and religious people. There may be from twenty to forty families of them residing in the township of *Rainham*, county of *Haldimand*, who are very industrious: they have been residing there for more than twenty years. On looking at another petition from members of the same Association, residing in the districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*, and seeing by the signatures that they are of the same description as those in my neighbourhood, I consider them equally entitled to the advantage prayed for.

Private Bills.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Private Bills and Reports from Select Committees upon Private Bills, be extended fifteen days beyond the respective periods last limited for the reception of the same.

On motion of the Honourable *Mr. Moffatt*, seconded by *Mr. Boulton*,

Canada Baptist
Missionary
Society.

Ordered, That the Order of this House of yesterday, to engross the Bill, to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, be discharged.

Resolved, That the said Bill be now taken into further consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Bill into further consideration.

And the said Bill being again read, several amendments were made thereto.

And the said amendments being again severally read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

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 following Bills, without any amendment:—

Macadamized
Roads.

"An Act to repeal a certain part of an Act of *Upper Canada*, relating to Macadamized Roads, and to revive with reference to such Roads, part of a certain other Act relating to Public Highways and Roads in *Upper Canada*."

Also

Shipwrecked
Mariners.

"An act for the relief of Shipwrecked and Destitute Mariners in certain cases therein mentioned."

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That *Mr. Tuschereau*, *Mr. Méthot*, *Mr. Lacoste*, and *Mr. Cauchon*, be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill, still further to facilitate the registration of titles to real property, or incumbrances thereon in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, to empower the District Councils in *Upper Canada*, to impose a Tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses within their respective districts, be discharged. Tax on Dogs.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Cummings*, *Mr. Printer*, *Mr. Sherwood* of *Brockville*, *Mr. Williams*, and the Honourable *Mr. Small*, to report thereon with all convenient speed: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. Macdonell, of *Dundas*, moved, seconded by *Mr. Williams*, that it be an instruction to the said Committee to strike out of the said Bill, that part which relates to Temperance houses. Temperance Houses.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Brooks*, *Cauchon*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Ermalinger*, *Foster*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Hull*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lalonde*, *Laurin*, *Lawrason*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *GLENCARRY*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Morin*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Roblin*, *Scott*, *Symour*, *Solicitor General Sherwood*, *Smith* of *WESTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESGOTT*, *Taché*, *Thompson*, and *Williams*.—(49.)

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Boulton, *Colvile*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Gowan*, *Guillet*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Moffatt*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Attorney General Smith*, *Tuschereau*, *Watts* and *Webster*.—(17.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, of the fifth ultimo, for detailed accounts of the transactions of the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*. Quebec Turnpike Road.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company*, for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from a certain place in *Niagara* to the *Ten Mile Creek* in *Grantham*, be read a second time, on Wednesday next, and that it be then the second Order of the Day. Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road.

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

Ordered, That the entry in the Journals of this House, of the twentieth October, 1843, containing the appointment of a Select Committee to take into consideration the system of granting Indian lands, in the districts of *Niagara* and *Gore*, be now read. Indian Lands.

The said entry was read accordingly.

Indian Lands.

Resolved, That the said entry, together with the proceedings of the said Committee, be 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. *Thompson*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Merritt*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, and Mr. *Johnston*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Contested Election, Third Riding York.

Ordered, That an order do issue from this House, directed to *Robert Easton Burns*, *John Hector*, and *John Shuter Smith*, Commissioners appointed to take evidence in the contested election for the Third Riding of the county of *York*; as well on the part of the Petitioners as on behalf of the Sitting Member, commanding them forthwith to return to this House the Commission and all the evidence taken by the said Commissioners in connection with the said election for the said Third Riding of the county of *York*, as well as any documents pertaining thereto, which may have been produced before them.

Limited Partnership.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of limited partnerships 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, on Monday, the tenth of February next.

On motion of Mr. *Hale*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*,

Toll-Bridge, Richelieu.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on that part of the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, reporting favourably on the Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a Toll Bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*; to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Taschereau*,

Petit Jurors.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of remunerating Petit Jurors for their attendance at the Criminal Court of Queen's Bench, and the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Ermatinger* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Ermatinger* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, this day fortnight.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, 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:—

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying documents, and recommends to their attention the claim of the Imperial Government for reimbursement of a balance remaining unpaid of advances in 1838 from the Military Chest for Civil Services, and amounting to £13,513 10s. 3d. sterling.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 27th January, 1845.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 27th August, 1842, and approved by His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council on the same day, on the subject of the Debt due from the late Province of *Lower Canada* to the Imperial Treasury, on account of the advance from the Military Chest in 1838, of the sum necessary to pay the arrears due to the Civil Officers of that Province on account of their salaries:—

His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council, is of opinion that the law does not admit the payment of the balance of £13,513 10s. 3d. due to Her Majesty's Treasury, under the Ordinance of *Lower Canada*, 1st *Victoria*, cap. 11, and that therefore a necessity exists of submitting the matter to Parliament. It is therefore agreed, that a Message on the subject be communicated to the Legislative Assembly, at such period of the next Session as His Excellency shall find convenient.

Certified.

J. G. HURD,
Acting Clerk Executive Council.

Extract from a Statement furnished by the Commissary General on the 28th December, 1843, of Advances from the Military Chest in *Canada*, on account of the Colonial Government, and which are still outstanding.

DATE.	PARTICULARS.	Amount Sterling, at 4s. 2d. per Dollar.
1838. October.	Balance due on the amount advanced from the Military Chest, on account of Salaries of the Colonial Officers, at the rate of exchange ruling at the time of payment ...	£ s. d. 13513 10 3

(Signed,) WILLIAM FIELDER,
Commissary General.

COMMISSARIAT, CANADA,
MONTREAL, 28th December, 1843.

IN COUNCIL,
20th January, 1845.

On a letter from the Commissary General, dated 28th December, 1843, relating to a balance of £13,513 10s. 3d. due to the Commissariat:—

The Committee have had reference to the approved Minute of Council of the 27th August, 1842, and would recommend to your Excellency to refer the subject of this claim, by Message, to both Houses of the Legislature.

Certified.

(Signed,) E. PARENT.

To the Civil Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

Education.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause the proper officer to lay before the House, copy of the Statistical Report of the Superintendent of Education, for the year 1843.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Report, see Appendix Z.)

And

Colonial-built Shipping.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly* also acquainted Mr. *Speaker* and the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, will receive this House, with its Addresses of the twentieth ultimo, on the subject of Colonial built shipping, to-morrow, at three o'clock, P. M., at the Government House.

Intestates Estates.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the more equal distribution of the property of persons dying intestate, in that part of this Province, called *Upper Canada*, being read.

Mr. *Roblin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Johnston* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

That the word "now," in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day six months" substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowin, Hale, Hall, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWS, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, and Williams.—(28.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laterrière, Merrill, Methol, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, and Thompson.—(28.)

And the votes being equally divided, Mr. *Speaker* gave his casting vote in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Berthelot, Boulton, Cauchon, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowin, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Methol, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWS, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Webster, and Williams.—(43.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, DeWitt, Merritt, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, and Thompson.—(10.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on this day six months.

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

Then, the House adjourned.

Veneris, 31° die Januarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

At the hour appointed Mr. *Speaker* and the House attended upon His Excellency, the Governor-General, with the Addresses of the House.

And being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, the Governor-General, with their Address to the Queen, on the subject of Colonial built shipping, and the Address to His Excellency, praying that he will transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Government in *England*, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I shall have pleasure in transmitting to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in order that it may be laid before the Queen, your Address, in relation to Colonial built shipping.

No intimation has reached me, of any intention on the part of the Imperial Government, to impose the duties referred to.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, January 31st, 1845.

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

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of *Richard Graham* and others, farmers, of the township of *Bertie*, in the district of *Niagara*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade*, (relating to the usury laws.)

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *Aaron Silverthorn* and *James Eakins*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Anderson* and others, of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Meyers*, the Petition of *R. Heney* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Cobourg* and its vicinity.

An engrossed Bill, to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, to authorize to a certain extent the seizure and attachment of official salaries towards payment of the incumbent's debts, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*,

That the following engrossed Clause, marked A, be added to the said Bill by way of *Ryder*, and make part thereof:—

Colonial-built Shipping.

Petitions brought up.

Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

Attachment of Salaries.

CLAUSE A.

Attachment of Salaries.

"And be it enacted, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to enable creditors to seize or attach pensions payable to militia men or others out of the Consolidated Revenue of the province."

The said Clause being thrice read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read.

Of the Reverend *Louis D. Charland* and others, of the parish of *Rigaud*, in the county of *Vaudreuil*; praying an aid to enable them to establish a model school in the said parish.

Of *W. Morrison* and others, of the township of *Brandon*, in the county of *Berthier*, praying that they may obtain titles in free and common socage, to certain lands occupied by them in the said township, as originally surveyed and marked out by Government.

Of *William Evans*, of *Côte St. Paul*, county of *Montreal*, praying that an agricultural survey of the Province may be made, for the purpose of ascertaining the best means of promoting agriculture.

Of *Michael M'Donagh* and others, of the township of *Mara*, in the *Home* District, praying for the construction of a road between the narrows of lake *Simcoe* and lake *Ontario*.

Of *Thomas M'Allister* and others, of the township of *Vaughan*, in the *Home* District, praying for the appointment of a surveyor, to establish the line of the eleventh concession of the said township.

Of *Conrad Freymer* and *Henry Merkle*, trustees of the Lutheran congregation, of *Williamsburg*, praying compensation for their church and property which has been granted by patent to the Church of *England* through misrepresentation.

Petitions referred.

R. Froste.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert Froste*, of the city of *Montreal*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *J. O. Archambeault* and others, of the parishes of *St. Timothée* and *St. Clément*, and other references.

D. Daly.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Daniel Daly*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* District, be referred to the said Committee.

Montreal Board of Trade.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to duty on distillers), be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on distillers and brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to goods sold at auction), be referred to the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Ordinances incorporating the said city, and other references.

Mr. *Hale* moved, seconded by Mr. *Petrie*,

That the Petition of *Samuel Andres* and *Stephen R. Andres*, of *Chambly*, in the district of *Montreal*, be referred to the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of dues on the *Chambly* canal.

Petition of S. Andres of Chambly.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* rose in his place, and informed the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, being acquainted with the purport of the said Petition, gives his consent that the House may proceed thereon as they shall think fit.

The question being then put on Mr. *Hale's* motion, it was unanimously agreed to by the House, and

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, of the twenty-fourth instant, relating to certain claims against the late Commission of the *Chambly* canal, and allowed by the Commissioners, be referred to the said Committee.

Claims on Chambly Canal Commission.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, be added to the said Committee.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills without any amendment:—

An Act to incorporate the Board of Trade of the city of *Toronto*.

Board of Trade, Toronto.

An Act to extend to the town of *Sherbrooke*, the provisions of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of peace-officers and constables, and also to explain the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace, for the district of *St. Francis*.

Peace Officers, Sherbrooke.

Also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties, and attaching them to others; and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts;" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Counties and Districts in Upper Canada.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas M'Allister* and others, of the township of *Vaughan*, in the *Home* district, be referred to the Standing Committee on private Bills.

Petition of T. M'Allister and others referred.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

Resolved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a table of fees, for the payment of Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace, Constables, and other district officers, in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, for certain duties imposed by Law and for which no remuneration is allowed; and also the propriety of regulating the payment of costs in cases of Assault and Battery in the Court of Quarter Sessions.

Table of Fees to Sheriffs, &c.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Foster* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Foster reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received, on Monday next.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor-General Sherwood, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney-General Smith.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled; "An Act for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in Upper Canada: for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties, and attaching them to others; and for other purposes relative to the division of Upper Canada into townships, counties, and districts, be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 8, line 28.—Leave out the word "Montague."

" 9, " 23. After "Oneida" insert the words, "and (except for the purpose of representation in the Legislative Assembly) the town of Hamilton."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill to organize the Notarial profession in that part of the province called Lower Canada, be read a second time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate certain laws, and an ordinance, now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the corporation of the Trinity House of Montreal, to pilots and pilotage in the port of Montreal, and to the Montreal Decayed Pilot Fund, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the laws and ordinances now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of Quebec, to pilots and pilotage in the port of Quebec, and to the Quebec Decayed Pilot Fund, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonald, of Glengarry, have leave to bring in a Bill, to remove doubts as to the right of any person to vote at any county

election in Upper Canada, upon property lying in any city or town represented in the Provincial Parliament.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Laurin have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal two certain ordinances therein mentioned, relating to winter roads, in that part of the Province heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the district of Quebec, the Inferior district of Gaspé, and that part of the district of Three Rivers which extends from the district of Quebec to the parish of Nicolet, on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, and to the town of Three Rivers inclusively on the north sides.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Honourable Mr. Papineau have leave to bring in a Bill 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 Friday next.

The Order of the Day for the second Reading of the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation for the city of Toronto, by providing for the establishment of a Court of Record therein, to be called the Recorder's Court, in lieu of the Mayor's Court now established therein—by providing that the Recorder shall preside over the Division Court for the recovery of small debts within the said city and liberties, and by vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the said city, the power of laying out and opening new streets within the limits of the said city and liberties, and making a better and more convenient division of the said city into Wards, and for other purposes connected therewith, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to make provision for a Geological Survey of this Province, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to regulate elections in Lower Canada, of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the town of Niagara, and to establish a Police therein, being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston in Canada, in each diocese, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Counties and Districts in Upper Canada.

Notarial Profession.

Trinity House, Montreal.

Trinity House, Quebec.

Voting at County Elections.

Winter Roads.

Elementary Instruction.

Toronto Incorporation.

Geological Survey.

Elections Lower Canada.

Niagara Incorporation.

Roman Catholic Bishops.

French
Language.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a motion made on the twentieth of December last, viz:—“That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, renewing the expression of the faithful attachment of this House to Her Majesty's person and Government; setting forth, that sensible of the advantages we enjoy from Her Majesty's care and protection, and which this House trusts may long be continued to us, under Her Majesty's paternal sway: it is at all times the duty of this House, to submit, for Her Majesty's most gracious consideration, such matters as may have a tendency with any class of Her Majesty's subjects, to diminish that contentment, which this House is well assured Her Majesty desires should exist in every portion of Her Majesty's dominions:”—

Representing that the French is the native language of a very large class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province; of this class the great mass indeed speak no other language. In it the largest portion of their laws and the books on their system of jurisprudence are written—their daily intercourse with each other is conducted; it is the language in which alone they can invoke the blessings of Heaven on themselves and all that is dear to them. A language indispensable to so many of Her Majesty's faithful people, cannot, they will believe, be viewed by their Sovereign as foreign, when used by them.

Stating that Her Majesty's Royal predecessors placed the languages spoken by the two great classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, on the same footing; affording, in this respect, equal justice and equal facility to all.

Pointing out that this principle was never departed from until the Act re-uniting these Provinces was passed; that this House do not question that the best intentions and designs influenced the minds of those who enacted the provision which declared:

“That all writs, proclamations, instruments for summoning and calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for proroguing and dissolving the same, and all writs of Summons and Election, and all writs and public instruments whatever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all returns to such writs and instruments, and all journals and entries, and written or printed proceedings of what nature soever of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively, and all written or printed proceedings and reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, shall be in the English language only.”

Stating that in the very first Session of the Legislature, under that Act, it was indispensable to translate into French every public record and document. That the debates were not and could not, unless a portion of the Representatives of the people were silenced, be carried on without its use; that in Courts and judicial proceedings it was found equally necessary as before the Union; and for every other practical purpose, it is as much used as it ever has been.

Urging, that the only distinction which exists then, is, that the French is not permitted to be the legal language of Parliamentary records; a distinction of little value perhaps in itself,—one which cannot produce any beneficial result on the feelings or habits of the people using it; while it gives rise to a feeling among them injurious to the peace and tranquillity of the Province, namely, that this limited proscription of their language conveys, however undesignedly, an imputation of unfavourable distinction towards themselves.

French
Language.

Representing, that desirous that the hearts of all men in this Province may be joined in unity, in their attachment to and support of Her Majesty's person and Government, this House humbly Petition Her Majesty to endeavour to remove this cause of discontent, and to recommend to Her Imperial Parliament the repeal of that portion of the law which has given rise to it; assuring Her Majesty that such a course will be hailed, by Her Majesty's loyal Canadian people, as an additional mark of Her solicitude for their welfare, being read,

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

And the said motion being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was unanimously agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, renewing the expression of the faithful attachment of this House to Her Majesty's person and Government; setting forth, that sensible of the advantages we enjoy from Her Majesty's care and protection, and which this House trusts may long be continued to us under Her Majesty's parental sway: it is at all times the duty of this House to submit for Her Majesty's most gracious consideration, such matters as may have a tendency, with any class of Her Majesty's subjects, to diminish that contentment which this House is well assured Her Majesty desires should exist in every portion of Her Majesty's dominions.

Representing, that the French is the native language of a very large class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province; of this class the great mass indeed speak no other language. In it the largest portion of their laws and the books on their system of jurisprudence are written, their daily intercourse with each other is conducted; it is the language in which alone they can invoke the blessings of Heaven on themselves and all that is dear to them. A language indispensable to so many of Her Majesty's faithful people, cannot, they will believe, be viewed by their Sovereign as foreign, when used by them.

Stating, that Her Majesty's Royal predecessors placed the languages spoken by the two great classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, on the same footing; affording, in this respect, equal justice and equal facility to all.

Pointing out, that this principle was never departed from until the Act re-uniting these Provinces was passed; that this House do not question that the best intentions and designs influenced the minds of those who enacted the provision which declared:

“That all writs, proclamations, instruments for summoning and calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for proroguing and dissolving the same, and all writs of Summons and Election, and all writs and public instruments whatever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all returns to such writs and instruments, and all journals and entries, and written or printed proceedings of what nature soever of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively, and all written or printed proceedings and reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, shall be in the English language only.”

Stating, that in the very first Session of the Legislature, under that Act, it was indispensable to translate into French every public record and docu-

French
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ment. That the debates were not, and could not, unless a portion of the representatives of the people were silenced, be carried on without its use; that in Courts and judicial proceedings it was found equally necessary, as before the Union; and for every other practical purpose, it is as much used as it ever has been.

Urging, that the only distinction which exists then, is, that the French is not permitted to be the legal language of Parliamentary records; a distinction of little value perhaps in itself,—one which cannot produce any beneficial result on the feelings or habits of the people using it; while it gives rise to a feeling among them injurious to the peace and tranquillity of the Province, namely, that this limited proscription of their language conveys, however undesignedly, an imputation of unfavourable distinction towards themselves.

Representing, that desirous that the hearts of all men in this Province may be joined in unity, in their attachment to, and support of Her Majesty's person and Government, this House humbly petition Her Majesty to endeavour to remove this cause of discontent, and to recommend to Her Imperial Parliament the repeal of that portion of the law which has given rise to it; assuring Her Majesty that such a course will be hailed, by Her Majesty's loyal Canadian people, as an additional mark of Her solicitude for their welfare.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Maffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, and the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, in conformity with the foregoing resolution.

Wild Fowl
protect' n.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to protect Wild Fowl, and to prevent them from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, being read.

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

Humber
Harbour.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons, under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the Humber Harbour and Road Company, being read.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Clergy voting
at Elections.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal that portion of the Act therein mentioned, which prevents members of the clergy from voting at elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, being read.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Dunlop* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Dunlop* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Registry Laws
of Upper Ca-
nada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be the first Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to extend the provisions of a certain Act of Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned," to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated, being read,

Relief of Rel-
igious Societies.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

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

Then, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Luncæ, 3° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By the Honourable Mr. *Latterrière*, the Petition of *J. Birch* and others, of the city of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Hall*, the Petition of *William H. Moore* and others, of the district of *Colborne*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of Mrs. *Dorothy E. Spurn*, of the town of *Hamilton*, in the district of *Cote*, widow of the late *Jacob Spurn*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *Jacob Rombough* and others, of the townships of *Camden* and *Ferrestown*; and the Petition of *John Black* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves in the township of *Camden*, in the *Midland* District.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Board of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of *James Perchard*, *Abraham Coffin*, and others, of *Gaspé Bay*, engaged in the Whale, Cod, and other fisheries, of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*.

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of *Alexander Ferguson* and others, of the township of *Mariposa*, in the district of *Colborne*.

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of *Levi Cleveland* and others, of the townships of *Kingsey*, *Shipton*, and *Tinguicik*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*, the petition of *F. X. Lachance* and other pilots for the river *St. Lawrence*, in and below the harbour of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *John Kilborn* and others, proprietors of lands on the *Rideau Canal*, in *Crosby* and other townships, in the district of *Johans-town*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *McConnell*, the Petition of *David Connell* and others, of Hatley and vicinity, in the district of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *Alexander McGregor*, late Sergeant in Her Majesty's 71st Highland Regiment of Light Infantry.

Clergy voting
at Elections.

An engrossed Bill to repeal that portion of the Act therein mentioned, which prevents members of the Clergy from voting at elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Price* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

That the following clause be added to the said Bill, and make part thereof:—

Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any clergyman, priest, or minister, of any religious denomination to vote at any election for a Member, or Members, of the Provincial Legislature upon any land, glebe, or estate, which he may hold, use, occupy, or enjoy, in virtue of his Office, Clerical duties, or Ministerial functions.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Bertrand, Chauveau, DeWitt, Jobin, Lacoste, Lantier, Morin, and Price.—(9.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Boulton, Brooks, Cuchon, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Greiver, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, LaFontaine, Laurin, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Glengarry, Macdonell of Dundas, McConnell, Moffatt, Papineau, Powell, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Smith of Westworth, Stewart of Prescott, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(45.)

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Geological
Survey.

An engrossed Bill to make provision for a Geological Survey of this Province was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Religious
Societies.

An engrossed Bill, to extend the provisions of a certain Act of Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act for the relief of the religious societies therein mentioned," to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to extend the provisions of a certain Act of the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, (passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of the religious societies therein mentioned,') to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated."

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, Accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Williams* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions read. Petitions were read:—

Of the Reverend *Edward Denroche* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Brockville*; and of *R. Itney* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Cobourg* and its vicinity; praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system under which religious instruction may be provided.

Of *William Ketcheson*, junior, and others, of the county of *Hastings*; praying for the repeal of the Municipal Council Act; the Common School Act; and the Act relating to the collection of Small Debts.

Of *Bayes M. Eddy*, and others, of the township of *Haldimand*, in the district of *Newcastle*, praying for the repeal of the existing Division Court Act, and for the passing of a law based on the Court of Requests Act.

Of the Reverend *W. Taylor* and others, ministers of the Gospel, resident in the city of *Montreal*, praying that the Bill now before the House, to extend the provisions of the Act for the relief of certain religious societies therein mentioned, to other religious denominations, may not pass into a law in its present form.

Of *A. Lynn* and others, of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that the aid petitioned for by the Warden and others of the said district, to improve the East branch of the *Holland River*, be not granted.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that means may be devised for the relief of a destitute idiot child, now under their charge, and for all similar cases in future.

Of *William Baker*, Esquire, Warden, and others, inhabitants of the Municipal district of *Missisquoi*, praying for certain alterations in the present system of Judicature.

Of the Reverend *John Pentland* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Whitby* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *P. Wright* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the district of *Ottawa*; of *William Morse* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the village of *Paris* and its vicinity; of *Absalom Shade*, Esquire, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Galt* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of *James O. Bouchier* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in the township of *Georgina*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *George C. Street* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the village of *Newmarket*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *George Petrie* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Burford* and parts adjacent; of the Reverend *Abraham Nelles* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the *Mohawk Mission*, in the

Petitions read. diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *W. H. Hobson* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Chatham* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act, to assign to the said Church of *England*, such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands, as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same, and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of the Reverend Messire *Lebourdais* and others, of the parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*; and of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the parish of *St. Leon Le Grand*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, praying that the Ordinance 4 *Victoria*, chapter 33, entitled "An Ordinance to amend the Laws relating to winter roads," may not be altered.

Of *Joseph Southworth* and others, of the county of *Dundas*, praying that a road may be opened through the said county, leading to the town of *Bytown*.

Of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, of the townships of *Kingsey* and *Durham*, praying that no action may be taken in respect of the charters of *King's College* and *M-Gill College*, which shall not include all other chartered institutions of learning in the Province.

Of *Richard Graham* and others, farmers of the township of *Bertie*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying that their interests may be protected by the adoption of measures for preventing smuggling.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying for the repeal of the Usury Laws.

Of *Aaron Silverthorn* and *James Eakins*, praying to be reimbursed a certain sum of money expended by them, in building a bridge over the *Etobicoke* creek, beyond the amount granted for the purpose.

Of the Reverend *William Anderson* and others, of *William Henry*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, a share of the Clergy Reserves, corresponding with their proportion of the income arising from the same.

Petitions referred.

W. Morrison and others.

Resolved. That the petition of *W. Morrison* and others, of the township of *Brandon*, in the county of *Berthier*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Armstrong*, the Honourable *Mr. Attorney General Smith*, the Honourable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Christie*, and *Mr. Dundlop*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

J. Paterson and others.

Ordered. That the Petition of *John Paterson* and others, of the village of *Dundas*, in the district of *Gore*; the Petition of *George Rolph*, of the township of *West Flamborough*, in the county of *Haltou*; and the Petition of *William Binkley* and *Edward Lyons*, of the township of *Ancaster*, in the county of *Wentworth*; be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Rev. Messire *Lebourdais*.

Ordered. That the Petition of the Reverend Messire *Lebourdais* and others, of the parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the parish of *St. Leon Le Grand*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle*

and others, of the city of *Montreal*, carters, and other references.

Ordered. That the Petition of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, of the townships of *Kingsey* and *Durham*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *Fallières de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*. Rev. J. Butler and others.

Mr. Christie, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Bill to reduce, in accordance with the circumstances of the Province, certain salaries not on the Civil List thereof, and to fund fees of office; allowing the incumbents fixed salaries in lieu; with an instruction to the said Committee, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table. Funding Fees of Office.

Ordered. That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. Watts, from the Special Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relative to the encouragement of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, presented to the House, the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:— Agriculture, Lower Canada.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have confined their inquiries to the operation of the said Laws, and find that they have almost entirely failed to produce the desirable effect intended by their enactment.

They further beg leave to offer certain suggestions or amendments, which are hereunto annexed, upon which a new Act for the above purpose may be based with advantage to the interest of the Agriculturists, if they receive that protection which so overwhelming and valuable a portion of our population absolutely requires, and without which agricultural encouragement can be of little avail.

4 *William IV.* chapter 7.—Amendments to the 3d clause:—

Instead of twice, insert four times.
Instead of £80, insert £200.

Besides the County Societies, District Societies may be established whenever there are two or more County Societies established in the district of *Montreal*, or in the district of *Quebec*, or in the districts of *Three Rivers* and *St. Francis*, which are to be united for this purpose.

The first office-bearers of the said District Societies shall be the office-bearers of the oldest County Society in the said district; that the office-bearers of the County Societies shall compose the Committee of the Society for the district in which they are situated.

That the successors of the first office-bearers, shall be the office-bearers of the County Society in that district which is the next in seniority, and so on with the officers of the other County Societies in such districts in rotation; that the President of each District Society shall determine and communicate to the office-bearers of all the County Societies in his district, at least three months beforehand, the time and place of the annual meeting for the competition for and distribution of premiums which will be there distributed.

That the office-bearers of any County Society, the members of which have not subscribed at least £25 for each of the two years immediately preceding the year then current of the show, as well as during the then current year, shall be entitled to claim the right and privilege of being the office-bearers of a District Society.

That the office-bearers of the District Societies shall go out of office in the month of February every two years.

That, on the application of the President of the District Society, the Governor to issue his warrant for the sum of _____ on his producing the certificate of his predecessor that he is the person entitled to claim the same, and on his making oath that the county he represents has ful-

Agriculture,
Lower Canada.

filled the requirements of clauses. It shall be incumbent on the President of each District Society and of each County Society, to see that proper and separate pens are erected free of charge to the owners of competing animals, at the place he selects as the rendezvous for the exhibition.

That the office-bearers of the District Societies on going out of office, shall, within one month afterwards, account to their successors for the proper application of all moneys received by them, and shall be severally responsible to them for the same, and shall hand over to them any balance remaining unexpended in their hands at the time of going out of office.

The office-bearers, viz., President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be a body corporate, with power to sue and be sued.

That of the moneys for the District Societies, £ may be annually appropriated to the importation of animals of improved breeds.

That animals imported from the United Kingdom taking first prizes, shall be entitled to a premium double the amount offered by advertisement.

All premium lists, and disbursements, to be determined by the office-bearers and committee. Not less than five to be a quorum.

That no part of the moneys appropriated by this Act shall be paid for or on account of salary of any Secretary or writer, or for travelling expenses, nor for any other expenses whatever of any such Agricultural Society, expenses for stationery, printing, and postage, alone excepted.

No charge for toll-gates, without prejudice to private rights, for animals going to or returning from Exhibitions or Ploughing Matches held under this Act.

Office-bearers of Agricultural Societies now in existence to remain in office until relieved under the provision of this Act.

- Acts 58 George III. chapter 6.
 " 1 George IV. chapter 5.
 " 9 George IV. chapter 48.
 " 4 William IV. chapter 7.

to be repealed if in force.

Dog Tax.

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to empower the district Councils in *Upper Canada* to impose a Tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses within their respective districts, with an instruction to the said Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Statistical Report of the Superintendent of Education, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, laid before the House on the thirtieth of January last, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the benefit of a certain Act of *Upper Canada*, therein mentioned, to the Clergyman or Minister of the Evangelical 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 Monday next.

Report on
Education.Evangelical
Association.

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

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of reviving and amending a certain Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for imposing a Tax on the lands adjoining the *Canboro'* and *Simcoe* road. Canboro' and
Simcoe Road
Tax.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Watts* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to oblige Corporations and others, specially empowered by any Act or Charter to hold Real Estate, to lay before the Legislature Annual Statements of the property so holden. Statements
from Corpora-
tions.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, for the relief of certain landholders in the *Gaspé* district, be discharged. Landholders,
Gaspé.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

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, an Official Return and Account of all claims for lands and damages claimed by the inhabitants of the county of *Dundas*, arising from the *St. Lawrence* canal; and shewing a detailed Statement of the names of claimants; for what portion of land; the nature and amount of their respective damages; how, if so settled, whether by arbitration under the statute, or private agreement with the Board of Works; what, and whose claims are yet unsettled; and the reasons of such claims being yet unsettled. Claims, St.
Lawrence
Canal.

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

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

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, for its information, all documents and correspondence in the power of His Excellency to cause to be furnished, had between the Pastors, Trustees, and Elders, of the Lutheran Congregation of *Williamsburgh*, county of *Dundas*, or any person or persons on their behalf and the Executive Government of the Lutheran
Congregation,
Williamsburgh

Commons
granted to
Lutheran
Congregation
Williamsburgh

late Province of *Upper Canada*, or of this Province, since the Union, respecting the Easterly half of the centre commons of the township of *Williamsburgh* aforesaid, described as granted to the Lutheran congregation in 1799, and of which the said congregation was in the undisturbed possession of till 1811; also all correspondence on the same subject, between the Lord Bishop of *Quebec*, and the then Archdeacon of *York*, now the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*, or of any minister of the Church of *England*, or of any person or persons on behalf of the said Church of *England* and the Executive Government of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, or of this Province since the Union, relative to the same lands: and also that His Excellency will be further pleased to cause a copy of the patent, under which the same is now held, 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Christian
Unitarians.

Ordered, That the Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal* denominated "Christian Unitarians," be read a second time, on Thursday next.

Table of Fees
for Sheriffs, &c.

Mr. *Foster*, from the Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a table of Fees for the payment of Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace, Constables, and other district officers in that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, for certain duties imposed by Law and for which no remuneration is allowed: and also, the propriety of regulating the payment of Costs in cases of Assault and Battery in the Court of Quarter Sessions, reported according to order the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to establish a table of Fees payable out of the district Funds, for the remuneration of Sheriffs, Clerks of the Peace, and Constables, in the respective Districts of that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, for services imposed upon them by Law, and for which no remuneration is allowed, and also to regulate the payment of costs in cases of Assault and Battery tried in the Courts of Quarter Sessions in *Upper Canada*.

Sheriff's Fees.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Fees of Sheriffs and other officers in that part of this Province called *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.

Preservation of
Salmon, Gaspé

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the local authorities in the district of *Gaspé* to provide Bye-laws, rules, and regulations, for the preservation of the Salmon and other fisheries therein, and for certain other local and municipal purposes therein mentioned, being read,

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

Cayuga Glass
Company.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive an Act passed in the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, to incorporate certain persons therein named, and their associates, under the style and title of the *Cayuga Glass Manufacturing Company*, being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to afford relief to Insolvent Debtors, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of Line fences and Water courses in *Upper Canada*, being read, Line Fences.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *DeWitt* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *DeWitt* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects," being read, Civil and Political Rights.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a Toll Bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide Regulations for the same, being read, Toll-Bridge, Richelieu.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereunto specially appointed or authorized by a Judge, being read, Meetings of Relations.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Laurin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Laurin* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to exempt the district of *Gaspé* from the operation of an Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the better internal government of this Province, by the establishment of local or municipal authorities therein," being read, Municipal Authorities, Gaspé.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Chauveau* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Chauveau* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Le Petit Séminaire de St. Thérèse.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de St. Therese de Blainville*, in the district of *Montreal*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker* two Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

C. T. METCALFE.

Claims of Judges, Lower Canada.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying documents, relating to a claim on the part of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, in *Lower Canada*, to the continuance of the travelling allowance heretofore enjoyed by them, which the Governor General recommends to the favourable consideration of the House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 30th January, 1845.

[TRANSLATION.]

(COPY.)

Quebec, 15th May, 1844.

SIR,

About the twenty-second day of February last, I had the honour to address a letter to the Inspector General of Accounts, informing him that I was on the point of starting for the *Sherbrooke* Circuit, after which I intended going the *Three Rivers* Circuit, and requesting him to forward me the ordinary allowance for each of these Circuits—in all £50 sterling. In doing so, I adopted the course which had been followed, to my knowledge, since 1836. I was not honoured with an answer.

I have just by chance heard that I ought to have addressed myself to the Secretary, and not to the Inspector General; and that the Local Government had come to a resolution not to pay the allowances until after the Circuits were over.

I have now the honour to inform you that I went the *Sherbrooke* and *Three Rivers* Circuits last year, and to claim the ordinary allowance.

I must also take the opportunity to state to you, that, as the Law requires the presence of the Circuit Judges, one of them at *Quebec*, and another at *Leeds*, and another at *Lotbinière*, at the same time, I was obliged to supply the place of one of them, and to repair to, the County of *Portneuf*, to hold the Court at *Cap Sante*, from which I have just returned.

The Circuits oblige the Judge to reside seven days at the different places, without including the time necessary to travel perhaps to *Rimouski* or *Les Eboulements*, and to return. Claims of Judges, Lower Canada.

As I presume it is not the intention of the Government that the expenses occasioned by these Circuits should be borne by the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, which would in fact diminish a salary secured to them by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, and violate the faith given them on their accepting office, and ever since sanctioned by the Government, I request that a warrant may be issued in my favour for such amount as the Government, in its discretion, may think fit.

With reference to the resolution which the Government has adopted, (if I am rightly informed,) not to advance the costs of Circuit, as hitherto has been the practice, and without calling into question the wisdom and the propriety of such a general rule, I most respectfully venture to observe that in some cases an exception might and should be made to this rule. I speak, for instance, of the *Gaspé* Circuit, at which I shall be obliged to attend on the 21st of August, and to go to *Carlisle* until the thirteenth of September, without well knowing how to return; the *Boston* route will perhaps be the most expeditious. It may happen that a Judge, obliged unexpectedly to undertake a voyage which must necessarily occasion heavy expenses, might not have the necessary funds at his disposal; and I respectfully submit that he ought not to be subjected to the inconvenience of negotiating a loan, or of interfering with his private affairs, when he is fulfilling the duty prescribed to him by Law. I would therefore inquire, in order to prepare myself for the *Gaspé* Circuit, whether I will be permitted before starting for *Gaspé*, to ask for the amount which the Government intends to appropriate for that purpose, or if I will be informed what the amount will be, in order that I may negotiate a loan, in case the Government should not wish to advance it?

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. BEDARD, J. K. B.

Honourable D. DALY, Secretary,
Kingston.

(COPY.)

Remarks of the Deputy Inspector General on that portion of Mr. Justice *Bedard's* letter, which relates to allowance for Circuits in future:—

As respects the allowance for Circuits, for the future, it is to be observed, that under the late Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*, the Justices of the Courts of King's Bench for the districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, as well as the Resident Judge at *Three Rivers*, had to perform certain Circuits within these districts, and some of the Judges of *Quebec* and *Montreal* had to attend the Assizes at *Three Rivers*, twice in each year, as well as the Provincial Court in the Inferior District of *St. Francis*. For each of these Circuits an allowance was made to the Judge performing the same of £25 sterling for each Circuit or Assize, but no provision was made for that expense by any Provincial Act; previous to the Union, the sum required to meet the expense was included in the annual estimate laid before the Legislature.

Since the Union, the allowance has been paid out of that portion of the Civil List Fund, appropriated to the payment of the contingencies of the administration of justice. Schedule A.

The new Judicature Act of the last Session repeals the former Acts of *Lower Canada*, establishes new Courts, among which are Circuit Courts, within the districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, which are to be held either by Justices of the Courts of Queen's Bench of these districts, or by Circuit Judges appointed by the authority of that Act; whose salaries are thereby established, and provided to be in lieu of all fees, emoluments, or allowances whatever, whether for travelling expenses or otherwise.

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Judges, Lower
Canada.

In the district of Three Rivers the Circuit Courts are to be held by the resident Judge for that district, and in the district of *St. Francis* by the Provincial Judge of the district. No provision is made for the expenses of these districts by the Act.

The Resident Judge at *Three Rivers* was also, of late, a District Judge, and as such, had Circuit Courts to hold under the Act 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 20, for which he received no allowance.

The Provincial Judge of the district of *St. Francis* held Circuit Courts under former Acts of *Lower Canada*, without any allowance for his travelling expenses.

The two district Judges of the district of *Gaspé*, appointed under the Act 7 *Victoria*, chapter 17, are to hold Circuit Courts without any provision for their travelling expenses being made. The late Provincial Judge of that district, it may be observed, also held Circuit Courts within the district, without any allowance being made to him for his travelling expenses.

Under the provisions of this latter Act, providing for the administration of Justice in the district of *Gaspé*, by the fourteenth section, it is provided that a Court of Queen's Bench is established in that district, to be held by one or more Justices of the Court of Queen's Bench for the district of *Quebec*, or the resident Judge of *Three Rivers* and the two resident Judges of the district. Consequently, one or more Judges of the district of *Quebec* or *Three Rivers* will have to perform this journey or voyage once a-year, for which no provision is made.

It may be remarked that provision is made by Acts of the late Legislature of *Upper Canada* for the travelling expenses of the Judges in that portion of the Province, at the rate of £25 Currency for each district; there being two Circuits within the year for each, the amount is now paid out of the Civil List Fund.

I would take the liberty to suggest, that it is necessary to establish what Circuits are to be provided for, and the amount of the allowance for that purpose. It is provided by the Act 7 *Victoria*, chapter 16, that the Circuit Judges thereby appointed, may hold the Circuit Courts in the districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, which they are bound to do, without any allowance, other than their salaries.

When a Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of either of those districts is required to hold the Circuit Court, it is submitted that the same allowance of £25 sterling be made to them for that service, as was allowed for the Circuits under the former Acts. It does not appear by what authority a Judge of the Queen's Bench, or a Circuit Judge, is selected for that duty.

Under the provisions of the Acts, establishing the Courts in the district of *Gaspé*, it is provided, that the Courts of Queen's Bench to be holden once in each year, is to be held by any one or more of the Justices of the Queen's Bench, for the district of *Quebec*, or the resident Judge of *Three Rivers*. As the attendance of that Court by the Judges from *Quebec* or *Three Rivers* would require them to travel a considerable distance both by land and water; the Court to be held at two several places in the district for a term of ten days for each place. Considering the distance to be travelled, and the time taken up, a less sum than £36 sterling would not cover the expenses of the Judge.

In the case of Judges from either of the districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, or *Three Rivers*, attending the Court of Queen's Bench, in the district of *St. Francis*, the former allowance for each term, £25 sterling, is recommended. All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Kingston, 31st May, 1844.

C. T. METCALFE,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, an extract of a report by a Select Committee of the Honourable the Legislative Council, upon the claims to pensions of *Pierre Lacroix*, and *Joseph Bolduc*, Messengers, of the late Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, and recommends that pensions at the rate of £18 Currency per annum, from the date of the Union of the Provinces, be granted to them.

Claims for
Pension,
Lacroix and
Bolduc.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 30th January, 1845.

Extract from a Report by a Select Committee of the Honourable the Legislative Council, upon the claims to Pensions of *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Bolduc*, dated 1st October, 1842:—

“ That *Pierre Lacroix* has been a Messenger to the Legislative Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada* for twenty-two years, and *Joseph Bolduc* in a similar capacity for fifteen years. That after the suspension of the Constitution, they received an allowance equal to one-half of their former pay, which was discontinued at the time of the Union. As the petitioners are recommended as faithful servants, and are encumbered with large families; your Committee recommend them to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House, for such retired allowance as their services entitle them to.”

“ The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.”

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a detailed Statement of the annual Receipts and Expenditure of the Trinity House, of *Quebec*, for the last four years: the sums of money lent from the Pilot's stock; the sums remitted; the loss incurred by the Bankruptcy of the borrowers, or otherwise, in case such loss may have been incurred; and if such sums, or any part of them, have been lent to members or officers of the said Trinity Board of *Quebec*; and the names of the persons to whom such sums have been lent; the amount of the revenue produced by the loan of these sums, for the last four years; and the amount of the money now in the chest of the Trinity Board of *Quebec*.

Trinity House,
Quebec.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return,
See Appendix C.C.)

Also,

Return to an Address to the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House; a Return of the income of each Seigniorie held or possessed by the Government, in *Eastern Canada*, together with the names of the Agents of each Seigniorie; amount of salary and expenses paid to Agents for collection; and also, the amount of *Droit de Quint* received by the Government, since the year 1830.

Government
Seigniories.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return,
See Appendix B.B.)

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 4° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Election, Third
Riding York.

MR. TACHE, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House that the Committee met this morning at eleven o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of *Mr. Lawrason*. They accordingly waited until twelve o'clock, and adjourned until five o'clock this evening; and he further reported, that the Commission appointed to take evidence in the matter of the said election has not yet been returned.

Resolved, That *Mr. Lawrason* be excused from further attendance upon the said Committee, in consequence of a member of his family being severely indisposed; and that the Committee be authorized to proceed to business, notwithstanding his absence.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday, the thirteenth instant, to give time for the return of the Commission appointed to take evidence in the matter of the said election, to make its report.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By *Mr. Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of *John Hammill*, of the town of *Brantford*, in the district of *Gore*.

By *Mr. Seymour*, the Petition of the Reverend *Job Deacon* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the parishes of *Adolphustown* and *Fredericksburgh*, in the *Midland* District, (relating to schools); and the Petition of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* District, (relating to District Councillors).

By *Mr. Dunlop*, the Petition of *Robert Atchison* and others, of the townships of *Ashfield* and *Wawanosh*, in the district of *Huron*; and the Petition of *Leonard H. Dunlop*, late sub-contractor on the *Beauharnois* Canal.

By *Mr. Brooks*, the Petition of *T. J. Taylor* and others, of the township of *Eaton*, in the district of *St. Francis*.

By *Mr. Meyers*, the Petition of *James Calcutt*, of the town of *Cobourg*, distiller and brewer.

By the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Quebec*, (relating to the Marine Hospital); and the Petition of the Reverend *George Mackie* and others, Directors of the High School of *Quebec*.

By *Mr. Ermatinger*, the Petition of *James Ruthven* and others, of the township of *Aldbrough*.

By *Mr. Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *William Donaldson* and others, of *Kingston*.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the district of *Montreal*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. LaFontaine* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to afford relief to Insolvent Debtors, was read for the third time. Insolvent Debtors.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. DeBleury* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to enable Notaries to call meetings of relations and friends in certain cases, without being thereunto specially appointed or authorized by a Judge, was read for the third time. Meetings of Relations.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That *Mr. Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Orange Schryer*, of the township of *Bertie*, in the district of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Richard Graham* and others, farmers, of the township of *Bertie*, in the district of *Niagara*, be severally referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on Distillers and Brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, and other references. Petitions referred. O. Schryer, R. Graham and others.

Mr. Hall moved, seconded by *Mr. Cummings*,

That the Petition of *John Gilchrist*, of *Peterborough*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Hall*, *Mr. Merritt*, *Mr. Roblin*, *Mr. Seymour*, and *Mr. Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. J. Gilchrist.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. Macdonald, of *Kingston*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*, and of the Very Reverend *Angus Macdonell*, on behalf of the Corporation of the College of *Regiopolis*, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estates to the College of *Regiopolis*, and to enable said College to acquire and hold real property to a certain amount; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next. Corporation of the College of Regiopolis.

The Honourable *Mr. Morin*, from the Standing Committee on private Bills, to which were referred the Bill to incorporate the High School of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Thomas M'Allister* and others, of the township of *Vaughan*, in the *Home* district; and the Bill to authorize the community of religious ladies, called *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montréal*, to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount, presented to the House the ninth Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

"The Petition of *Thomas M'Allister* and others, has been considered by your Committee, which prays for the appointment of a Surveyor to establish the 11th Concession line of *Vaughan*: your Committee cannot ascertain whether an original survey of the line mentioned was ever made, but if no survey has taken place, the action of the Executive Government will be sufficient, and if the lines have actually been run, without any trace of them being now in existence, the laws now in force provide a remedy; and in either case, a general Bill, which your Committee understand is intended to be proceeded upon during the present Session, will, if it become law, render any special Legislative interference in a matter of this kind, unnecessary. Petition of T. M'Allister and others.

High School,
Montreal.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the High School of *Montreal*, and have agreed to submit the following amendment:—

At the end of the third clause, insert "Provided always that a detailed account of the property to be holden by the said institution, under the authority of this Act, and of the Revenues arising therefrom, shall be submitted every year to each of the three branches of the Legislature, during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof."

Les Sœurs de
Notre Dame.

They have also examined the Bill to authorize the community of religious ladies, called "*Le Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montréal*," to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount, and have agreed to the same with an amendment, which they respectfully submit, as follows:—

At the end of the Bill, insert "Provided also, that a detailed account of the property hereafter so holden, under the authority of this Act, and of the Revenue arising therefrom, shall be submitted every year to each of the three branches of the Legislature, during the first fifteen days of each Session thereof."

Preservation of
the Peace,
Public Works.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, have leave to bring in a Bill for the better preservation of the Peace, and the prevention of Riots, and violent outrages, at, and near Public Works, while in progress of construction.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Registration of
Voters.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, have leave to bring in a Bill, to provide for the registration of persons entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly 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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Harbour dues,
Toronto.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to direct the proper officer to cause to be laid before this House, an account of the Harbour Dues attested at the port of *Toronto*, during the years 1843, and 1844, together with an abstract of the account of the said Harbour with the Provincial Government, shewing the balance of the said Harbour dues unpaid at the end of the year 1843.

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

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Library.

Resolved, That this House doth now concur in the first Report of the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. *Speaker* in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Taschereau*, be added to the Special Committee, to which was referred the Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of making provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasions of *Upper Canada*--and of appropriating the moneys arising from Tavern licenses for local purposes, applying such portion thereof as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims until the same be fully paid, or the money to be advanced to pay them, be reimbursed to the Province.

Ordered, That the Bill to secure the right of property in British plantation vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William the Fourth*, 28th August, 1833, and intitled, "An Act for the registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the limitation of actions; for avoiding suits at law; and for rendering a written memorandum necessary to the validity of certain promises and engagements in that part of the Province which heretofore constituted the Province 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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to pray that His Excellency will be pleased to direct a survey to be made, under the direction of the Board of Works, of the river *St. Charles*, between the confluence of that river with the *St. Lawrence*, at *Quebec*, and the General Hospital, with a view to ascertain the practicability of forming a safe and secure dock and harbour for the reception of shipping arriving at the port of *Quebec*.

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

Resolved, That the House do now adjourn for half an hour, to give time to the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, to meet for the purpose of adjournment.

Legal claims
on Executive
Government.

Rebellion
Claims.

Inland Navigation,
by
British Plantation
vessels.

Limitation of
Actions at
Law.

Survey of the
River *St.*
Charles.

Election, Third
Riding *York*.

Pursuant to Order, the House adjourned until this hour.

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Local Taxes on certain Lands.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cummings* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain lands in *Upper Canada*, to be charged with local taxes.

He accordingly presented the said 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 thirteenth instant.

Regulation of the Office of Sheriff, U.C.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, have leave to bring in a Bill for the better regulation of the office of Sheriff in that part of *Canada*, formerly *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.

Leave of absence, Mr. *Boutillier* and

Ordered, That Mr. *Boutillier* have further leave of absence from this House, for one month, on account of illness.

Mr. *Laurin*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to absent himself from this House until the thirteenth instant, to enable him to appear and give evidence before Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for the district of *Quebec*, holding criminal pleas in a certain suit pending before the said Court, between our Lady, the Queen, and *F. X. Lapointe*.

Providing Fuel for Poor.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to withdraw the Bill, to incorporate the Right Reverend *George Selosaphat*, Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, and divers others, as a charitable association for providing fuel to the poor and destitute in the winter season.

The said Bill was accordingly withdrawn.

Notarial Profession.

Ordered, That the Bill to organize the Notarial profession in that part of the Province called *Lower Canada*, be read a second time, on Wednesday the twelfth instant.

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That the Bill to repeal two certain ordinances therein mentioned, relating to winter roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec* to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the South side of the River *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers* inclusively, on the North side, be read a second time on Thursday, the thirteenth instant.

Independence of Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," be read a second time on Friday next.

Line Fences.

Mr. *DeWitt*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of Line fences and Water courses in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for receiving the report of the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of reviving and amending a certain Act passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for imposing a Tax on the lands adjoining the *Canboro'* and *Simcoe* Road, being read,

Tax on Lands, Canboro' and Simcoe.

Ordered, That the said Report be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to make further regulation for holding the Courts of Assize, and *nisi prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the trial of Prisoners under certain circumstances, being read,

Courts of Assize, Upper Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Hale* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Hale* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts, in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, being read,

District Courts Upper Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Friday next,

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Friday next.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day of to-morrow, be postponed until Thursday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 6^a die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, a Statement of the affairs of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad, as required by the 49th section of the Act, 2nd *William IV.*, cap. 58, of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1844.

Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix D.)

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Colvile*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Morris* and others, members of the Church of England, at *Huntingdon*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, (relating to Clergy Reserves.)

By the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, the Petition of *E. Larue* and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Etienne Baillargeon* and others, of the parish of *St. Nicolas*, in the county of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Meyers*, the Petition of the Reverend *J. Wilson* and others, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the mission of *Colborne* and *Grafton*, in the diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *Nathaniel Bell*, of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, surgeon; and the Petition of the Reverend *George W. Warr* and others, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the township of *Trafalgar*, in *Upper Canada*, (relating to schools).

By the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, the Petition of *Barter Bowman*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, the Petition of *Robert McKay* and *Peter McKay*, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of *H. Nesbitt* and others, of the township of *Sherrington*, in the county of *Huntingdon*.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

That the engrossed Bill to make further regulation for holding the Courts of Assize and *nisi prius*, Over and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the trial of prisoners, under certain circumstances, be now read for the third time.

Mr. *Roblin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Purcell*, That all the words after "now" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of striking out the words *Prince Edward*, and *Talbot*, in the second enacting clause."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was unanimously agreed to by the House, and

Ordered accordingly.

The said Bill was then read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of Line fences, and Water courses in *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roblin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *J. Birch* and others, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the building erected for a Custom House in the said city, may not be appropriated to the purposes of a Marine Hospital, as petitioned for.

Of *William H. Moore* and others, of the district of *Colborne*, praying that the assignment of the Clergy Reserve Lands petitioned for, may not be granted, but that the said Lands may be sold, in accordance with the Imperial statute, 3 and 4 *Victoria*, chapter 78.

Of Mrs. *Dorothy E. Spain*, of the town *Hamilton*, in the district of *Gore*, widow of the late *Jacob Spain*, praying for the payment of a certain sum due to her late husband as a Contractor for the *Burlington Bay Canal*.

Of *Jacob Rombaugh* and others, of the townships of *Canden* and *Ernestown*; and of *John Black* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves, in the township of *Canden*, in the *Middle* district, praying that the assignment of the Clergy Reserve Lands petitioned for may not be granted.

Of the Board of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, praying that the Act 41 *George III.* chapter 17, may be so amended as to allow them to alienate and dispose of a part of the real property belonging to *McGill College*, for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the same.

Of *James Perchard*, *Abraham Coffin*, and others, of *Gaspé Bay*, engaged in the Whale, Cod, and other fisheries of the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, praying the House to determine how far the pretensions of the Lessees of the *King's Posts*, and other places on the North shore of the River and Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, to exclusive rights in the said places, are legal.

Of *Alexander Ferguson* and others, of the township of *Mariposa*, in the district of *Colborne*, praying for aid to improve the district line of road from the *Talbot* river to the village of *Prince Albert*, including the *Nonkwan* bridge.

Of *Levi Cleveland* and others, of the townships of *Kingsey*, *Shipton*, and *Tingwick*, praying for aid to complete the road from *Sydenham* to *Glen Douglas*.

Of *F. X. Lachance* and other pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*, in and below the Harbour of *Quebec*, praying that no change may be made in the laws affecting them, without affording them an opportunity of making known their views.

Of *John Kilborn* and others, proprietors of lands on the *Rideau Canal*, in *Crosby* and other townships in the district of *Johnstown*, praying that the boundary lines of their lands may be defined.

Of *David Connell* and others, of *Hatley* and vicinity, in the district of *St. Francis*, and of *T. J. Taylor* and others, of the township of *Eaton*, in the district of *St. Francis*, praying that no action may be taken as regards the charters of *King's College*, and *McGill College*, which shall not include all other chartered institutions of learning in the Province.

Of *Alexander McGregor*, late a serjeant in Her Majesty's 71st Highland Regiment of Light Infantry, praying for a grant of land in consideration of his past services.

Of *John Hammill*, of the town of *Brantford*, in the district of *Gore*, praying for the payment of an amount yet due him, as contractor, for building the bridge across the *Grand River* at *Brantford*, and the small channel on the west side of the River.

Courts of Assizes, Upper Canada.

Line Fences.

Petitions read.	<p>Of the Reverend <i>Job Deacon</i> and others, members of the United Church of <i>England</i> and <i>Ireland</i>, in the parishes of <i>Adolphustown</i> and <i>Frederichsburgh</i>, in the <i>Midland</i> district, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system under which religious instruction may be provided.</p>	<p>county of <i>Stormont</i>, complaining of the undue election and return of <i>Donald Aeneas Macdonell</i>, Esquire, to represent the said county of <i>Stormont</i>, in this present Parliament, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—</p>	Stormont Election.
	<p>Of the Chairman of the Municipal Council of the <i>Midland</i> district, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Council Act.</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, Committee Room, 6th February, 1845.</p>	
	<p>Of <i>Robert Atchison</i> and others, of the townships of <i>Ashfield</i> and <i>Wawanosh</i>, in the district of <i>Huron</i>, praying for the reduction of the price of Government Lands, and that a certain time may be allowed to emigrants to pay for the same.</p>	<p>The Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of <i>Alexander M'Lean</i> and others, complaining of the undue election and return of <i>Donald Aeneas Macdonell</i>, Esquire, to represent the county of <i>Stormont</i>, have the honour to report their final decision thereon, as embodied in the following resolutions:—</p>	
	<p>Of <i>Leonard H. Dunlop</i>, late sub-contractor on the <i>Beauharnois</i> canal, praying for the payment of an amount yet due him as a sub-contractor on the <i>Beauharnois</i> canal.</p>	<p><i>Resolved</i>, That <i>Donald Aeneas Macdonell</i>, Esquire, was duly elected a Member to represent the county of <i>Stormont</i>, in the present Parliament.</p>	
	<p>Of <i>James Calcutt</i>, of the town of <i>Cobourg</i>, Distiller and Brewer, praying that no duty may be imposed on beer, or otherwise that such duty may be regulated by the quantity of malt used; that the duty upon whiskey may be regulated by the quantity of spirits produced; and that steps may be taken effectually to prevent the introduction of smuggled whiskey from the <i>United States</i>.</p>	<p><i>Resolved</i>, That neither the Petition, nor the defence of the Sitting Member, is frivolous or vexatious.</p>	
	<p>Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the City of <i>Quebec</i>, praying that a law be passed, granting further aid towards completing the Marine Hospital, converting it into a General Hospital, and establishing therein professorships in the different branches of medicine and surgery.</p>	<p>A. P. METHOT, Chairman.</p>	
	<p>Of the Reverend <i>George Muckie</i> and others, Directors of the High School of <i>Quebec</i>, praying for the incorporation of the said institution.</p>	<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the Petition of <i>William Donaldson</i> and others, of <i>Kingston</i>, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. <i>Macdonald</i>, of <i>Kingston</i>, Mr. <i>Williams</i>, Mr. <i>Petrie</i>, Mr. <i>Meyers</i>, and Mr. <i>Stewart</i>, of <i>Bytown</i>, 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.</p>	Petition of W. Donaldson and others.
	<p>Of <i>James Ruthven</i> and others, of the township of <i>Aldborough</i>, praying for the construction of a bridge across the river <i>Thames</i>, and the improvement of a road leading to the shores of lake <i>Erie</i>.</p>	<p>The Honourable Mr. <i>LaFontaine</i>, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend <i>Raphaël Neyron</i>, <i>Curl</i> of <i>St. Benoit</i>; and the Petition of <i>Jean Bte. Richer</i>, senior, and others, inhabitants of <i>St. Benoit</i>, in the district of <i>Montreal</i>, presented to the House, the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—</p>	R. Neyron and others.
	<p>Of <i>William Donaldson</i> and others, of <i>Kingston</i>, praying to be incorporated under the name of "The Merchant Seamen's Society."</p>	<p>Your Committee has examined several witnesses, and several documents produced by the Reverend Mr. <i>Neyron</i> in support of his evidence.</p>	
Petitions referred.	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Petition of <i>James Calcutt</i>, of the town of <i>Cobourg</i>, Distiller and Brewer, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on Distillers and Brewers, and on spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, and other references.</p>	<p>The Church and Presbytere of <i>St. Benoit</i> were destroyed by fire in the month of December, 1837, when the village of that parish was burnt, while in the occupation of Her Majesty's Troops, under the command of Lieutenant General Sir <i>John Colborne</i>.</p>	
J. Calcutt and others.		<p>Immediately after the battle of <i>St. Eustache</i>, the Troops were marching upon the village of <i>St. Benoit</i>, situated at a distance of about four leagues from that of <i>St. Eustache</i>. Just as they were leaving the latter village, a deputation of the inhabitants of <i>St. Benoit</i> went up to Lieutenant General Sir <i>John Colborne</i>, informed him, on the part of their co-parishioners, that they were not in a state of insurrection, and solicited his protection for themselves and their property. The members composing the deputation obeyed without delay the order given them by Sir <i>John Colborne</i>, to tell the inhabitants of <i>St. Benoit</i> to repair to the village, and bring with them all the arms they might have in their possession. When the Troops entered the village, they found the inhabitants assembled; and the few who had arms gave them up. No resistance whatever was made to the Troops. On the morrow the houses and buildings of the village were set fire to, and the Church, Presbytere, and their appurtenances, were destroyed in the conflagration. The ornaments and moveables of the Church disappeared, either from having been consumed or carried off. The Church and Presbytere were stone buildings, and had cost at least £6000 currency. The value of the Church and Presbytere was estimated at about £5000 currency, by Mr. <i>Joseph Bronsdon</i>, who was employed in 1839 for this object by the Commissioners appointed to carry into effect an Ordinance of the Special Council. But he has not included in that estimate, the value of the ornaments and other moveables belonging to the Church. It appears, from the evidence taken before your Committee, that the Parish of <i>St. Benoit</i> has not sufficient means to rebuild those edifices.</p>	
L. H. Dunlop.	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Petition of <i>Leonard H. Dunlop</i>, late sub-contractor on the <i>Beauharnois</i> canal, be referred to the Special Committee appointed to inquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of dues on the <i>Chambly</i> canal.</p>		
J. Kilborn and others.	<p><i>Resolved</i>, That the Petition of <i>John Kilborn</i> and others, proprietors of lands on the <i>Rideau</i> canal, in <i>Crosby</i> and other townships, in the district of <i>Johnstown</i>, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. <i>Gowan</i>, Mr. <i>Smith</i>, of <i>Frontenac</i>, Mr. <i>Sherwood</i>, of <i>Brockville</i>, and Mr. <i>Stewart</i>, of <i>Bytown</i>, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.</p>		
Stormont Election.	<p>Mr. <i>Méthot</i>, chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of <i>Alexander M'Lean</i>, Esquire, and others, electors of the</p>		

R. Neyron and others.

Upon mature deliberation, your Committee is unanimous in expressing its opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners, under such favourable circumstances, deserves to be granted by your Honourable House, and Her Majesty's Government; and that the Fabrique of St. Benoit ought therefore to be indemnified, in order to enable it to rebuild the Church and Presbytère of that Parish, consumed as aforesaid in 1837.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 1.

Estimate of the Value of the Church at St. Benoit, and of the Presbytère and Immoveables belonging to the said Church, which were all destroyed by fire on the 16th December, 1837:—

I, the undersigned, Curate of St. Benoit, do hereby certify, that I summoned Messrs. François Vézina and Pierre Raby, the only remaining Trustees for the erection of the Church at St. Benoit, in order that I might inquire of them what sum had been expended for the said Church. The said Trustees stated to me that the total amount of the cost of the Church, and its appurtenances, was one hundred and five thousand livres, old currency 105,000

Whereof eighty-six thousand were expended in the construction of the Church, including the masonry and the roof, and the remainder in the construction of the Presbytère and its appurtenances, which would make the body of the Church, and of the Presbytère and out buildings, worth the sum of one hundred and five thousand livres.

According to the extracts from the Registers of the Fabrique, the exterior and interior decorations amounted to forty-four thousand livres, old currency, making, together with the one hundred and five thousand livres, the sum of one hundred and forty-nine thousand livres, old currency. 44,000

I moreover certify, that I inquired of Messrs. Basile Joron, Amable Labrosse, Joseph Charlebois, and others, Church Wardens, who were in office before the fire, and who assured me that the Church of St. Benoit was in possession of costly furniture, as well in silver as in ornaments, linen, &c., the value whereof could not be less than twenty thousand livres, old currency 20,000 making, together with the sum of one hundred and forty-nine thousand livres, a total sum of one hundred and sixty-nine thousand livres, old currency 169,000

In testimony whereof, I have given the present certificate.

R. NEYRON, Priest.

St. Benoit, 14th January, 1841.

[TRANSLATION.]

No. 2.

Extract from the Registers of the Parish of St. Benoit, County of the Lake of Two Mountains.

By an Act passed at a meeting of the Church Wardens, and dated the thirtieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, it was unanimously decided that the Curé and the three Church Wardens in office (en curre) should enter into an agreement with Sculptors, Architects, and Joiners, for the work required in the interior of the Church and in the Vestry (Sacristie.) And the three Church Wardens in office, to wit, Michel Lalonde, (Marquiller en charge) Jean Baptiste Dumouchel and Jean Baptiste Richer dit Louveteau, entered into a contract with Messrs. St. James and Dugal, Sculptors, for the work as above, for the sum of thirty-eight thousand pounds, (old currency.) which contract was passed be-

ONSET. Deliberations of the Council of the Fabrique, on the subject of a bargain contracted with Messrs. St. James & Dugal, for the interior decorations of the Church.

tween the said Church Wardens and the said Sculptors, R. Neyron and before Maitre. Jean Joseph Girouard, Notary Public for this Province, and dated the ninth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

On this twenty-first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, the "ancient" Church Wardens and the Church Wardens in office, having been called together for this purpose, according to the ordinary form, considering the urgent necessity of painting the steeple anew and covering it with sand; lengthening the roof of the Church, so as to make it project further, and prevent the walls from being damaged by the water; of painting and repairing the porch of the Church, the steps, the covertway; of painting the windows; of painting the Church doors and covering them with sand, and of making other small repairs detailed at greater length in the estimate, did authorize the Curé and the Church Wardens in office to contract for the said repairs with Mr. Révé St. James, contractor for the interior decorations of the Church, for a sum not exceeding six thousand livres, (old currency.)

Present—Jacques Massy, Basile Joron and Joseph Charlebois, Church Wardens in office, Amable Labrosse, Jean Baptiste Richer, Pierre Bruges, Joseph LaMagdeleine, François Vézina, Joachim Boyer and Paul Boyer, who declared that they could not sign their names, and Ignace Raetzime who hath signed with us.

(Signed,) RAETZIME AND CHARTIER, Priest.

I, the undersigned, Curé of St. Benoit, do certify that the above extracts are entirely in conformity with the original.

R. NEYRON, Priest.

St. Benoit, 14th January, 1841.

Mr. Christie, from the Special Committee, to which was referred the Bill to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table. Legal recourse on Executive Government.

Ordered. That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The House being informed that there was a mistake in the Return made by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to this House, on the 30th January last, respecting the elections for the counties of Simcoe, Saguenay, Kent, and Lanark, and the town of London, Mistake in Election Returns.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, do attend this House forthwith, with his Return book.

And he attended accordingly.

And the entries in the said Return book, relating to the last Writ for the county of Kent were read, by which it appeared that the said Writ is returnable on the twenty-eighth of February instant.

Ordered, That the said Return of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, be amended by raising out the words "15th March," in the sixth column, and inserting the words "28th February" instead thereof.

And the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery amended the said Return accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Canada Com-
pany's Expen-
diture.

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, the Report of Captain Jones, ordered by the Lieutenant Governor of *Upper Canada*, on the expenditure of upwards of forty-eight thousand pounds, by the *Canada Company*, the same being public money, and all documents thereto relating.

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

Culling and
Measurement
of Timber.

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart, of *Bytown*, have leave to bring in a Bill, to regulate the culling and measurement of timber, masts, spars, deals, staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7 *Victoria*, chapter 25.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Honourable Mr. LaFontaine, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Baldwin,

Statement of
Public Works.

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 Public Works, as required by the 30th section of the 4th and 5th *Victoria*, chapter 38.

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

Pilots.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Latourrière have leave to bring in a Bill to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for piloting vessels through all the channels of the river *St. Lawrence*, below *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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mr. Greice,

Montreal
High School.

Ordered, That that part of the Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, which relates to the Bill to incorporate the High School of *Montreal*, be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the same into consideration.

And the amendment made by the Committee to the said Bill, being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the blank in the first clause of the said Bill, be filled up with the words, "one thousand."

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Office of Sur-
veyor General.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Papineau have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the office of Surveyor General, and to provide for the performance of the duties of that office, by the Commissioner of Crown 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 Friday, the fourteenth instant.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee Registry Laws. on the Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Merritt took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Merritt reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.

Mr. Prince moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, that the said Order of the Day be discharged, and the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Prince, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, the Honourable Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Macdonald, of *Kingston*, Mr. Macdonald, of *Cornwall*, and Mr. Sherwood, of *Brockville*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. Johnston moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Dunlop,

That the Honourable Mr. Moffatt and Mr. Dickson, be added to the said Committee.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was unanimously agreed to, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Marrriages. the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation Gaspé. thereof, of certain marriages formerly had before Justices of the Peace, in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*; births, baptisms, and burials therein, being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Elections in the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and Lower Canada. to regulate elections in *Lower Canada*, of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read,

The Honourable Mr. LaFontaine moved, seconded by Mr. Christie, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Daly, That the word "now" in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day six months," substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greice, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of *CORNWALL*, Macdonald of *KINGSTON*, Macdonell

Elections in Lower Canada. of DUNDAS, *McCannell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Pineau, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General *Sherwood, Smith* of FROSTENAC, Attorney General *Smith, Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Webster* and *Williams*.—(37.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Jabin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Macdonell of STORMONT, *Merritt, Methot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Small, Smith* of WESTWORTH, *Taché, Taschereau* and *Thompson*.—(30.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding division.

So it was also carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, this day six months.

Fees of Sheriffs *Ordered*, That the Bill to regulate the fees of Sheriffs and other officers in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sherwood* of Brockville, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Hull*, Mr. *Roblin*, and the Honourable Mr. *Small*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Christian Unitarians. *Ordered*, That the Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "Christian Unitarians," be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Montreal College of Medicine. *Ordered*, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* College of Medicine and Surgery, be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Scott*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Dunlop*, Mr. *Jessup*, and the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, 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, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then the House adjourned.

Veneris, 7^o die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIE REGINÆ, 1845.

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

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *Michael Aikman* and others, of the township of *Barton*; and the Petition of the Directors of the *Bronté* Harbour Company.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBlury*, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Clerk of weights and measures.)

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the High School of *Montreal*, was read for the third time. High School, Montreal.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Perchard*, *Abraham Coffin* and others, of *Gaspé Bay*, engaged in the Whale, Cod, and other fisheries, of the Gulf of *St. Laurent*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *Laterrière*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Bertrand*, Mr. *Williams*, and Mr. *Petrie*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Petitions referred.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the Special Report of the Commissioners of Enquiry into the Indian Department, made some time in the month of January, 1844, together with any other Report on the same subject, in the possession of the Government. Indian Department.

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

On motion of Mr. *Petrie*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications that may have passed between the Provincial Government, and the Deputy Post Master General, subsequent to the first day of January, 1844, relative to the conveyance of the Mail between *Montreal* and *Bytown*. Post Office, Bytown.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the tenth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:— Private Bills.

Your Committee have considered the Petition of the Reverend *Jean C. Leonard*, praying for the incorporation of the community of "*Reverends Pères Oblats de L'Immaculée Conception de Marie*," and being satisfied by the evidence of the Petition, (which is hereto appended) that the objects of the community have a beneficial tendency, they beg to recommend that the prayer of the Petition be complied with. Pères Oblats.

Upon the Petitions of *John Paterson* and others, for the incorporation of the village of *Dundas*; and of *George Rolph*, and *W. Binkley*, and *E. Lyons*, against any extension of the limits of that village, your Committee were disposed to report favourably, but having been informed by Mr. *Chalmers*, a Member of your Honourable House, that Mr. *William Miller*, one of the Petitioners, whom he knows to act as Agent for all of them, has stated that unless it was provided by the Bill, that in the election for Members of the Corporation, the voting be by ballot, the Bill was not desired by the Petitioners; your Committee do not feel authorized to give an opinion on the matter. Dundas Incorporation.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
7th February, 1845.

Private Bills.
Pères Oblats. The Reverend *Jean Claude Leonard*, one of the Religious Community, denominated "*Pères Oblats*," called in and examined.

You are the Petitioner, and one of the Religious Community mentioned in the Petition? I am.

How many of the Members of your Community mentioned in the Petition, are British subjects, and how many are not? Six of them are British subjects, and ten are not.

Ought not those who are not British subjects to take the oath of allegiance and be naturalized, to enable them to be, and remain Members of the Community? I have not the slightest objection to their doing so.

Would you have any objection to a distinction being made between your Community in this country, as regards its temporal concerns, and all foreign Communities? None whatever.

It would seem by your Petition, that you wish the powers of the Corporation to extend throughout the whole Province? Such is our desire, as we wish to form establishments in several parts of the Province.

Duty on Still. The Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on Distillers and Brewers, and on the spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, and other references, reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

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

Registration of Votes. Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the registration of persons entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly in *Upper Canada*; and the Bill to amend an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of small debts, and to make other provision therefor;" be severally read a second time, on Tuesday next, and that they be then the first and second Orders of the Day.

Small Debts. Toronto Incorporation. Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation for the city of *Toronto*, by providing for the establishment of a Court of Record therein, to be called the Recorder's Court, in lieu of the Mayor's Court now established therein; by providing that the Recorder shall preside over the Division Court for the recovery of small debts within the said city and liberties; and by vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the said city, the power of laying out and opening new streets within the limits of the said city and liberties: and of regulating the mode of building therein, and defining the limits of the said city and liberties, and making a better and more convenient division of the said city into wards, and for other purposes connected therewith; be postponed until Tuesday next, and that it be then the third Order of the Day.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts, in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*; be read a second time, on Tuesday next, and that it be then the fourth Order of the Day. District Courts Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police therein; and the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company*; for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from a certain place in *Niagara*, to the *Ten Mile Creek*, in *Grantham*; be severally read a second time, on Wednesday next. Niagara Incorporation. Ten-Mile Creek Plank Road.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate certain laws and an ordinance now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the corporation of the *Trinity House of Montreal*; to pilots and pilotage in the port of *Montreal*; and to the *Montreal Decayed Pilot Fund*; and for other purposes, being read, Trinity House, Montreal.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday, the eighteenth instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the laws and ordinances now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the corporation of the *Trinity House of Quebec*; to pilots and pilotage in the port of *Quebec*; and to the *Quebec Decayed Pilot Fund*; and for other purposes, being read, Trinity House, Quebec.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Tuesday, the eighteenth instant.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision for Elementary instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read, Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

Notice was taken, that the Bill contained provisions authorizing the imposing of taxes, and was not founded upon any previous resolution of this House.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *DeBlairy*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of imposing a tax, or rate, for the purposes of providing for Elementary instruction, in *Lower Canada*.

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 any amendment:—

An Act to authorize the Nuns of the Ursuline Convent at *Three Rivers* to acquire and hold additional real and immovable property to a certain amount. Convent, Three Rivers.

An Act to make provision for a Geological Survey of this Province. Geological Survey.

An Act to repeal that portion of the Act therein mentioned which prevents members of the Clergy from voting at elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province. Clergy voting at Elections.

An Act to afford relief to Insolvent Debtors. Insolvent Debtors.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts, granting duties on Customs, and enacting others in lieu thereof.

Duties on Customs.

Outrages, Public Works.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at, and near public works, while in progress of construction, being read,

Notice was taken that the Bill contained provisions authorizing the imposing of taxes, and was not founded upon any previous resolution of this House.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of providing for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at, and near public works, while in progress of construction, and of granting a sum of money for the purpose of carrying into effect the same.

Independence of the Assembly.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," being read,

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Gaspé and Gulf Fishery.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to take into consideration the expedience of affording encouragement to the *Gaspé* and Gulf fisheries, carried on from this Province, by exempting salt and other articles, indispensable to the fisheries, from duties, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Armstrong* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Armstrong* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Cayuga Glass Company.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to revive an Act passed in the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, to incorporate certain persons therein named, and their associates, under the style and title of the *Cayuga Glass Manufacturing Company*, being read,

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*, that the said Bill be now read a second time, and

that the seventy-first rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as relates to this motion. Cayuga Glass Company.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chalmers, Cummings, Desauquier, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Morin, Powell, Price, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Taché and Thompson.—(27.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Brooks, Chauveau, Christie, Colvile, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hule, Hall, Johnston, Lantier, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Scott, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Tuschereau, Watts, Webster and Williams.—(38.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to empower the District Councils in *Upper Canada*, to impose a Tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses within their respective districts, being read, Tax on Dogs.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Mr. *Speaker* having put the question,

Shall the Report be now received?

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, that the words, "this day six months," be substituted for the word "now."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Chauveau, Christie, Gowan, Greive, Hule, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Méthot, Meyers, Scott, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Stewart of BYTOWN.—(17.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Brooks, Cauchon, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, DeWitt, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, McConnell, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Small, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart, of PRESCOTT, Taché, Tuschereau, Thompson, Webster, and Williams.—(37.)

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Report be received, on Monday next.

Toll-Bridge,
Richelieu.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a toll bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*; to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon; and to provide regulations for the same, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.

Savings
Banks.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned, for the establishment and encouragement of Savings Banks, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Dunlop took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And *Mr. Dunlop* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendments thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Right of voting
at County
Elections.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts as to the right of any person to vote at any county election in *Upper Canada*, upon property lying in any city or town represented in the Provincial Parliament, being read,

Mr. Macdonald, of *Glengarry*, moved, seconded by *Mr. Johnston*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Smith, of *Frontenac*, moved, in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Williams*, that the words "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "this day six months" substituted.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Sherwood of Brockville, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Webster, and Williams.—(26.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Christie, Cummings, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of Glengarry, Macdonell of Dundas, McConnell, Merrill, Methot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of Wentworth, Stewart of Bytown, Stewart of Prescott, Taché, and Thompson.—(34.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read.

Mr. Macdonald, of *Glengarry*, moved, seconded by *Colonel Prince*, that the said Bill be now engrossed.

Mr. Gowan moved, seconded by *Mr. Hale*, that the further consideration of the question be postponed until Friday next.

The question having been put on *Mr. Gowan's* motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. Macdonald, of *Cornwall*, then moved, in amendment, seconded by *Mr. Williams*, That all the words after the word "Bill" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted, "be now committed to a Committee of the whole House, in order to enable him to move that the following words be added after the word "thereof" in the fourth line of the enacting clause, viz.: "and entitled to vote for a member of Parliament for the said town."

Right of voting
at County
Elections.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Robinson, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Webster, and Williams.—(23.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of Glengarry, Macdonell of Dundas, Merrit, Methot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of Wentworth, Stewart of Bytown, Stewart of Prescott, Taché, and Thompson.—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to protect wild fowl, and to prevent them from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, being read,

Protection of
Wild Fowl.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The Honourable *Mr. Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before the House copies of the several Instruments of transfer and sale, under which the present and the late proprietors of the seigniority of *Beauharnois* came into possession thereof; and to pray further for a Statement of the amount paid to the Crown as *droits de quint* upon the said transfers.

Seigniority of
Beauharnois.

Report of the Honourable *Francis Ward Primrose*, Inspector General of Her Majesty's Domain, and Clerk of the Land Roll, bearing date the 1st of February, 1845, relative to certain Instruments, &c., asked for by an Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 13th January, 1845:—

I have the honour to state, that the Right Honourable *Edward Ellice*, the late proprietor of the Seigniority of *Beauharnois*, came into the possession thereof under the will of the late *Alexander Ellice*, Esquire, his father, and an arrangement made with his brothers and sisters, Co-legatees under the same will, on which transfer and mutation of the said Seigniority, no *quint* accrued to the Crown, and none was therefore either demanded or paid: that the said *Edward Ellice*, having in the year 1831, made application to the then Governor-in-Chief for commutation of the tenure of the said Seigniority, under the provisions of the Imperial Acts in such case made and provided, the same was referred to me as Inspector General of Her Majesty's Domain, and Clerk of the Land Roll, for a certificate as to whether any objection existed to the granting

Seigniorie of
Beauharnois.

of the said Petition, and whether all arrears of dues, for, and in respect of the same, had been duly paid and satisfied; upon which reference I reported on the 18th November, 1831, that all arrears of dues had been paid, and that I was humbly of opinion that the prayer of the said Petition might be granted.

It appears by an Act of Fealty and Hommage rendered for the said Seigniorie, by the said *Alexander Ellice*, on the 21st May, 1798, and recorded in my office, that the said *Alexander Ellice*, paid on the 2nd May, 1798, to the Receiver General, the sum of £1200 currency, for *quint*, upon the sum of £9000 currency, the consideration of his purchase of the said Seigniorie from Mr. *Michel Chartier de Lotbiniere*, one third deducted as customary. I have the honour further to state, that there are no other documents or information in my office with reference to the subject matter in question, my duty at the period when this application was made, being confined to what I have already stated. I should add, however, that Mr. *Edward Ellice*, I believe, completed the commutation of tenure of the said Seigniorie in the usual manner, and on the usual terms, and subsequently to such commutation, sold it to the present proprietors. On such subsequent sale and transfer, no *droit de quint* could of course accrue to the Crown, and the title by which such transfer was made, has consequently never been exhibited at my office.

Certified a true Copy.

D. DALY,
Secretary.

Roman Catho-
lic Bishops of
Toronto and
Kingston.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto* and *Kingston*, in *Canada*, in each diocese, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Monday next.

Reduction of
Salaries.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to reduce, in accordance with the circumstances of the Province, certain salaries, not on the Civil List thereof; and to fund fees of office, allowing the incumbents fixed salaries in lieu, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Powell* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Powell* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day, be postponed until Monday next, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 10° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

A MESSAGE from His Excellency, the Governor General, by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

MR. SPEAKER,

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

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

And being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported, that agreeable to the commands of His Excellency, the Governor General, the House had attended 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 provide more effectually for the collection of Taxes, District certain arrears of Taxes on lands, in the district of *Wellington*, and other districts, and better to define the limits of the said district of *Wellington*. of Wellington.

An Act to approve and confirm an Act of the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain*, relating to the *Gaspé* Fishery and Coal Mining Company. Gaspé Fishing and Coal Mining Company.

An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the relief of parties claiming lands in *Upper Canada*, for which no patent hath issued as representing the original nominees of the Crown. Landholders, Upper Canada.

An Act to enable the Trustees, holding a certain lot in the town of *Simcoe*, for the use of a Church, to sell and convey the same, or any portion thereof, and to appropriate the proceeds to a like use. Church Lands, Simcoe.

An Act to indemnify Clergymen and others, who have voted at the last general election in ignorance of the law. Clergymen voting at Elections.

An Act for the relief of shipwrecked and destitute Mariners, in certain cases therein mentioned. Destitute Mariners.

An Act to repeal a certain part of an Act of *Upper Canada*, relating to Macadamized Roads, and to revive, with reference to such roads, part of a certain other Act, relative to public highways and roads in *Upper Canada*. Macadamized Roads, U. C.

An Act to extend to the town of *Sherbrooke*, the provisions of a certain ordinance therein mentioned, relating to the appointment of Peace-officers and Constables; and also to explain the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace for the district of *St. Francis*. Peace Officers, Sherbrooke.

An Act to incorporate the Board of Trade, of the city of *Toronto*. Board of Trade Toronto.

An Act for better defining the limits of the counties and districts in *Upper Canada*; for erecting certain new townships; for detaching townships from some counties, and attaching them to others; and for other purposes relative to the division of *Upper Canada* into townships, counties, and districts. Counties and Districts, U. C.

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

By Mr. *Webster*, the Petition of *William Reynolds* and others, of that part of the township of *Woolwich*, in the district of *Wellington*, commonly called the *Pilkington Block*; the Petition of *D. Henderson* and others, of the township of *Nichol*; the Petition of *A. D. Fordyce* and others, of the township of *Nichol*, in the district of *Wellington*; and the Petition of *William C. Boyd* and others, of the township of *St. Vincent*, and other places.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Charles Colquhoun* and others, of *St. Thomas* and vicinity, in the district of *London*.

Petitions
brought up.

By the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of the Reverend *F. P. Porlier* and others, Commissioners of Schools for the parish of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the Petition of *Edward Malloch*, Esquire.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *J. Brazeau* and others, residing in the Province, and engaged and concerned in the Timber trade of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, the Petition of *James Coin* and others, of the second concession of the township of *Winchester*, in the county of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Archibald Mason*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* district, mason.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Jones* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Eaton* (relating to Clergy Reserves); and the Petition of the Reverend *William King* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the township of *Bury*.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *Caleb Truax*, of *Cornwall*, on behalf of himself and *Andrew Key*.

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of the township of *Tingwick*, and parts adjacent, in the district of *St. Francis*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, (relating to a Railroad).

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of the Reverend *A. O. Giroux*, Curé of *L'Isle Perrot*.

Mr. *Speaker* acquainted the House that he had received the Report of the Commissioners appointed to take evidence in the matter of the contested election for the Third Riding of the county of *York*.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House, the following letter:—

To the Honourable Sir *Allan MacNab*, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly:—

SIR,

I take the liberty of addressing myself to you as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to inform you that I have in my possession, the portrait of Her Majesty, *Queen Victoria*, drawn at full length, and that I would be willing to dispose of it, should it meet the views of that branch of the Legislature to authorize the purchase thereof, in order to place it in the House of Parliament, according to the practice followed by the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*. This portrait is a copy of one by the celebrated *Sully*, and has been considered by good judges, as a faithful reproduction of the excellent original; and it is very probable that had it not been for the events which brought on a change in the Capital of *Canada*, the Legislature would have purchased it.

I addressed, in August last, a letter to the Honourable Mr. *Cuvillier*, who gave me a favourable answer, which has, I believe, been communicated to you; may I presume that in renewing my offer to you, it will be favourably entertained, and that you will be pleased, should you not take upon yourself to purchase this portrait, to lay my request before the Honourable Body over which you preside, and to lend me, with that Body, your influence.

The price at which I would sell the portrait, would be £75.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my distinguished regard.

JOS. LEGARE, Jr.

Quebec, 1st February, 1845.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned, for the establishment and encouragement of Savings Banks, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the resolution of this House of the ninth of September, 1842, the engrossed Bill to remove doubts as to the right of any persons to vote at any county election in *Upper Canada*, upon property lying in any city or town represented in the Provincial Parliament, was brought up to be read for the third time. Right of voting
at County
Elections.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, that the said Bill be read for the third time, on this day five months.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Ermulinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, Macdonell of Dundas, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of Bytown, Stewart of Prescott, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(35.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Désautier, De Witt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Latrrière, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of Glengarry, Macdonnell of Stormont, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, Roblin, Rousseau, Small, Smith of Wentworth, Taché, Tuschereau, and Thompson.—(34.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Bill be read for the third time, this day five months.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions read. Petitions were severally read:—

Of the Reverend *William Morris* and others, members of the Church of *England*, at *Huntingdon*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a share of the Clergy Reserves, as shall correspond with their proportion of the income arising from the same.

Of *E. Larue* and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*, praying that the Registry office of the said county be transferred to *St. Antoine de Tilly*.

Of the Reverend *Etienne Baillargeon* and others, of the parish of *St. Nicolas*, in the county of *Dorchester*, praying that they may be separated from the county of *Dorchester*, and annexed to the county of *Lotbinière*.

Of the Reverend *J. Wilson* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the mission of *Colborne* and *Grafton*, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and of the Reverend *George W. Warr* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Trafalgar*, in *Upper*

Petitions read. *Canada*; praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system under which religious instruction may be provided.

Of *Nathaniel Bell*, of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, surgeon, praying that he may be paid certain arrears of his pension as a Militia-man, having served during the late war with the *United States*, and received a wound, from which he has always suffered.

Of *Baxter Bowman*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Ottawa*, praying that the Canadian Lumber trade may be protected by equalizing the duties, and imposing a duty of twenty-five per cent. on the actual value of all American sawed lumber.

Of *Robert McKay* and *Peter McKay*, of *Montreal*, praying for the payment of an amount still due them as contractors on the *St. Lawrence Canal*.

Of *H. Nesbitt* and others, of the township of *Sherington*, in the county of *Huntingdon*, praying that the said township may be set apart from the parish of *St. Edward*, as a separate electoral division.

Of *Michael Aikman* and others, of the township of *Barton*, praying for aid to macadamize the road leading from *Hamilton* to *Grimsby*.

Of the Directors of the *Bronte Harbour Company*, praying for an extension of the time allowed by their charter to complete the said harbour.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that a provision be introduced into the proposed Bill relative to the incorporation of the said city, giving to the City Surveyor similar power to that which he exercised under the Act 39 *George III.* chapter 9; and clearly defining the duties of the office of Clerk of Weights and Measures, and conferring the nomination to the said office upon the Council of the said city.

Petitions referred.

Rev. W. Morris and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *William Morris* and others, members of the Church of *England* at *Huntingdon*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Ballwin*,

Ordered, That the several Petitions received by this House during the present Session in reference to duties of Customs, be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a duty on Distillers and Brewers, and on the spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties; and on the amendments made by the said Select Committee to the Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial revenue, and other references.

Printing and Binding.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Standing Committee on Printing and Binding, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

That since their last Report your Committee have proceeded to advertise for the Printing and Binding of the Journals and Appendix of your Honourable House, for the present Session. On the 10th instant the following Tenders were received for that work, viz:—

	Composition, per 1000 ems.		Press-work, per Token.	Binding, per vol.	Printing and Binding.
	English.	French.			
Derbshire and Desbarats, { Journals	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 2 0	s. d. 1 3	s. d. 4 6	
{ Appendix	1 5	1 5	1 1		
Chapleau and Lamothe ...	...	...	...	3 11½	
Edward John Barker (Kingston) ...	1 4½	1 4½	1 6	4 6	
Lovell and Gibson ...	1 6	1 6	1 6	4 0	
Campbell and Perrault ...	1 5	1 5	0 10	3 6	
J. B. Frechette, senior, (Quebec) ...	...	1 8	2 6	4 0	
N. Aubin (Quebec)...	...	2 10	...	4 0	

On a careful computation of these Tenders, taking the quantity of matter contained in the Journals and Appendix of the last Session as the basis, the result is as follows:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
DESBARATS AND DERBISHIRE.						
<i>Journal.</i>						
Composition, at 2s. per 1000 ems, 125 sheets, being 40s. each sheet, is	250	0	0			
Press-work, 708 token, at 1s. 3d., is	44	5	0			
<i>Appendix.</i>						
Composition, at 1s. 5d. per 1000 ems, 1000 sheets, being 24s. 4d. each sheet, is	1416	13	4			
Press-work, 3858 token, at 1s. 1d., is	208	19	6			
				1919	17	10
EDWARD JOHN BARKER.						
<i>Journal and Appendix.</i>						
Composition, at 1s. 4½d. per 1000 ems, 1125 sheets, at 27s. 6d. per sheet, is	1546	17	6			
Press-work, 4566 token, at 1s. 6d., is	342	9	0			
				1889	6	6
LOVELL AND GIBSON.						
<i>Journal and Appendix.</i>						
Composition, at 1s. 6d. per 1000 ems, on 1125 sheets, is	1687	10	0			
Press-work, 4566 token, at 1s. 6d., is	342	9	0			
				2029	19	0
CAMPBELL AND PERRAULT.						
<i>Journal and Appendix.</i>						
Composition, at 1s. 5d. per 1000 ems, or 28s. 4d. per sheet, for 1125 sheets, is	1593	15	0			
Press-work, 4566 token, at 10d., is	190	5	0			
				1784	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
Desbarats and Derbshire ...	1919	17	10
E. J. Barker ...	1889	6	6
Lovell and Gibson ...	2029	19	0
Campbell and Perrault ...	1784	0	0

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Derbshire and Desbarats ...	4	6		405	0	0
E. J. Barker ...	4	6	do	405	0	0
Lovell and Gibson ...	4	0	do	360	0	0
Chapleau and Lamothe ...	3	11½	do	356	5	0
Campbell and Perrault ...	3	6	do	315	0	0

Of which Tenders your Committee accepted the lowest, viz:—

That of **CAMPBELL and PERRAULT.**

Your Committee have to add that should your Honourable House concur with them in accepting the Tender of the said **CAMPBELL and PERRAULT**, they intend to call on the parties to enter into good and sufficient sureties for the due and faithful performance by them of the work, based upon their Tender.

Petition of J. D. McKenzie and others.

Mr. *Dickson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John D. McKenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverley*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *John D. McKenzie*, which sets forth, that in the year 1804, a grant was made to *John Clement*, of a certain tract of land in the township of *Beverley*, in the *Gore* district, called the *Gore*, between that township and *Dumfries*, which said land subsequently became the property of the Petitioners. The township of *Beverley* was originally surveyed by one *Stegman*, a Deputy Provincial Surveyor, by order of the Government. In the year 1838, a Provincial Statute was passed for the purpose of settling the differences and disputes existing in the various districts of that part of this Province, formerly called *Upper Canada*, whereby Commissioners were appointed in each district, for the purpose of settling the said disputes, and to establish boundaries.

The Commissioners appointed by the said Statute for the *Gore* district, entered upon the discharge of their duties, and in the course of their investigation, ascertained that a deficiency existed in the quantity of land which certain concessions of the said township should have contained had the original survey been correct, and which deficiency was supplied by taking 668 acres of the land of the Petitioners in the *Gore* aforesaid, in accordance with the award of the Commissioners, which has been valued with the buildings and improvements, at one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two pounds, ten shillings, and for which they have received no compensation.

Your Committee are of opinion that this case is one of peculiar hardship, inasmuch as the Government, in the first place, directed an individual to survey the township of *Beverley*, through whose inattention or ignorance, the errors are committed, which cause the difficulties that exist; and in consequence the Government, in the year 1804, make certain grants of land in the said township to various persons; and among others, the *Gore*, to the said *John Clement*. It becomes the property of the Petitioners, they possess it, improve it, and render it valuable; thirty-five years afterwards the land belonging to the Petitioners is taken to make up a deficiency existing in the quantity granted by the Crown, in certain concessions of the said township of *Beverley*. And the Commissioners considering it an act of injustice, taking the said land without compensation, suggested in the Report, that unless the Government indemnified the parties, they could have no compensation within the knowledge of the Commissioners.

Your Committee have also examined the copy of a reply to the application of the Petitioners from the Executive Council, during the administration of *Sir George Arthur*, when administering the Government of *Upper Canada*, in the year 1839, and also the reply of the Executive Council of *United Canada*, in February, 1843, during the administration of the late *Lord Sydenham*; and your Committee cannot concur in the reasons therein assigned, for refusing the claim of the Petitioners. True it is, that they might have appealed from the decision of the Commissioners within the time allowed by law, and might also have successfully resisted any attempt to put them out of possession; yet your Committee cannot approve of a principle so subversive of justice, as to bar the Petitioners of that equitable claim they have upon the Government, in consequence of the non-observance of certain requisitions of the law, with which it is not to be supposed the yeomanry of the country are conversant, and to the operation of which, they quietly submitted, under the impression that they would receive that consideration from the Government, to which they are entitled.

Your Committee are of opinion, that as the Government granted a greater quantity of land than they possessed in certain concessions of the said township of *Beverley*, it is expedient they should indemnify the Petitioners whose land was taken up the deficiency, and grant them that remuneration, to which they are, in the opinion of your Committee, entitled; and your Committee, therefore,

would respectfully recommend, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, expressive of the opinion of this House, that the claim of the said *John D. McKenzie* and others, is founded in equity and justice, and to solicit His Excellency to send down to this House a recommendation that the relief prayed for be granted.

Ordered, That the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the Management and Collection of Dues on the *Chambly Canal*, have leave to report from time to time.

Collection of Dues on the Chambly Canal.

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the Management and Collection of Dues on the *Chambly Canal*, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Samuel* and *Stephen R. Andres*, praying for the payment of their claim, for work done in the construction of the *Chambly Canal*, and also the Message from His Excellency, relating to certain claims against the Commissioners of the said Canal, and they find that the Petitioners have obtained a judgment against the said Commissioners, in a Court of competent jurisdiction, for the sum of £16,616 17s. 6d. currency, with interest and costs, which judgment remains as yet unrendered and unsatisfied, save in so far as the Commissioners are creditors of the Petitioners, under an award made in another cause, for the sum of £6000.

Your Committee, therefore, feel themselves precluded from entering into an investigation of the original merits of the case, so adjudicated upon, and can now only report that the Petitioners appear to have a legal claim against the said Commissioners for the sum of £10,616 17s. 6d., with interest from the 12th December, 1840, and costs as awarded by the said judgment.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause a return to be laid, as early as convenient, before this House, of the Tonnage and number of Ships and other vessels owned in this Province in the year 1844, distinguishing, as nearly as may be, those employed on the Lakes, those in the River *St. Lawrence*, above *Quebec*, and those in the coasting trade below *Quebec*, and the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and those in trade beyond the seas, as nearly as can be ascertained; Steamers from vessels navigated by sails—the ports or places in this Province to which such vessels respectively belong, and the number of Seamen employed.

Number of Ships and Tonnage, &c., owned in 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from the River *St. Lawrence*, near *Montreal*, to the Province Line, in the township of *Stanstead*, be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill, to incorporate the *Quebec Charitable Firewood Society*.

Quebec Firewood 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 tomorrow.

School Society,
Quebec.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the district 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.

High School,
Quebec.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the High School 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.

Aprons to
Mill Dams.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* have leave to bring in a Bill, to provide more effectually for the construction of aprons to mill-dams on streams 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. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, have leave to absent himself from this House for one week, from this day, on urgent business.

Civil and
Political Rights

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill, to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled "An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects," being read.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Claims by
Rebellion.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of making provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasions of *Upper Canada*; and of appropriating the moneys arising from tavern licenses for local purposes, applying such portion thereof as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada* to the payment of the said claims, until the same be fully paid, or the money to be advanced to pay them, be reimbursed to the Province, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday, the eighteenth instant, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Orders of the
Day.

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they take precedence in the order in which they stand of the Orders of that Day.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the recommitted Report of the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of reviving and amending a certain Act, passed by the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for imposing a Tax on lands adjoining the *Canboro'* and *Simeoe* road, being read,

*Canboro' and
Simeoe Lands.*

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Armstrong* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker* three Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:--

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying documents, shewing that the appropriation made by the Provincial Act, 7 *Victoria*, chapter 34, to enable the Provincial Government to purchase the *Welland Canal* stock, held by private parties, falls short of the sum required, and the Governor General recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, that the deficiency, amounting to £2779 18s. 9d. may be provided for, to enable the Government to satisfy the just claims of the Shareholders.

*Welland Canal
Stock.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 7th February, 1845.

(Copy.)

LONDON, 3rd September, 1844.

SIR,

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th August, informing us that the *Welland Canal* Debentures, Nos. 98, to 134 inclusive, lately taken up by the Honourable *George Moffatt*, have been erroneously issued, by computing the rate per share of that Stock, at £11 5s. sterling each, instead of at £12 10s. currency of the Province, and requesting "that the Debentures may be returned and corrected." The Debentures had already been distributed to the several Shareholders, dispersed in different parts of *England*, the dividend due in July last, which is equally affected by the miscalculation, had been received, and several of the Debentures had been sold in the market before your letter arrived. We found it, therefore, quite impracticable to procure the return of the Debentures, and to replace the matter as it stood before their distribution. We will, however, immediately communicate the contents of your letter to the several parties, and from the high respectability of them all, there can be no fear of any improper advantage being taken by them of a mere oversight.

We beg leave, to submit, however, that this should not be treated as a question merely of oversight. Our instructions to Mr. *Moffatt* in forwarding to him the power of Attorney, were to demand payment of the sums due to the English shareholders in the *Welland Canal*, at the rate of £11 5s. sterling per share, and to withhold the delivery of the memorial of transfer of shares into the name of the Receiver General of *Canada*, at his discretion, should this demand not be acceded to. The claim of the English shareholders to repayment at this rate, we conceive cannot be denied. The following is our view of the question, and we beg the favour of you to cause it to be submitted to the consideration of the Governor in Council at the earliest opportunity:—

Welland Canal Stock.

In the year 1828, the duly accredited Agent of the Company, (which was then composed of the Governments of *Upper and Lower Canada*, together with certain private shareholders,) came to *England* to raise money for the furtherance of the Canal, by the issue of new shares.

The English shareholders then subscribed, at the rate of £11 5s. sterling, for each share, and an agreement was made by him, with them, that they should stand possessed of shares in the Company of that value. It matters not whether the Company were at liberty by their Acts of Incorporation to issue such shares, as between the old and new shareholders such a contract was then made: as is shewn by the following copy of a certificate, No. 22:—

B. TURQUAND, Esquire,
Receiver General of Canada.

WELLAND CANAL COMPANY'S OFFICE,
St. Catharines, Upper Canada,
1st December, 1828.

This Certificate entitles *Joseph Raedon*, Esquire, to thirty shares of stock in the *Welland Canal Company*, of the value of eleven pounds five shillings sterling per share.

The said shares are transferable in the books of the Company at the office of their Bankers in *London*, (where the Dividends will be payable,) upon surrender of this certificate only.

Entered.

J. BLACK,
Secretary.
JOHN M. DUNN,
President.

It cannot be denied, therefore, that the claim of the English proprietor against his co-proprietor in *Canada*, is for capital stock, at the rate of £11 5s. sterling per share, which cannot be affected by any change in the value of Provincial currency; while the claim of the Canadian proprietor is for stock, at the rate of £12 10s. Provincial currency, only.

By the Act lately passed, it is enacted, that there shall be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, for the benefit of the private shareholders in the said *Welland Canal*, the sum of £117,800 currency of the Province, &c.; "and it is also enacted," that it shall and may be lawful for the Governor of this Province, in Council, to direct the issue of the said Debentures to the private shareholders, according to their respective claims.

The spirit and intention of the Act is no doubt that all the shareholders should be repaid at par; and the particular arrangement with the English shareholders having been overlooked, £117,800 currency, was considered sufficient for the purpose. It is clear, however, that this sum is less than the joint claims of the English and Canadian shareholders amount to together. To apportion the sum, therefore, according to the strict letter of the Act, it became necessary that a division of the sum granted should be made to each class of shareholders, in proportion to their respective claims. In this view, somewhat less than £11 5s. sterling would have been due to the English shareholders, but the deduction would not have been so great as it is now proposed to make. In the meantime, acting upon the spirit of the Act, the Canadian shareholder has been paid without deduction; and we respectfully submit that the English shareholder should be dealt with upon the same footing, even should it be found necessary to introduce a new Act for the purpose.

Should it be contended that all the shares, both English and Canadian, should be computed at the rate of £12 10s. currency each, then is the claim of the English shareholder even stronger. For he will, in that case, be a claimant on the Company, or his co-proprietors, for the difference over-paid by him in the first instance, beyond the now reduced value of his share. But the Government of *Canada*, which originally held stock, will now become, by purchase of the stock of private shareholders, nearly the sole proprietor of the Canal, and in fact, constitute the Company. Either in the capacity, therefore, of Government, or Company, it appears to us that the sum of £11 5s. sterling, is due from them to the English

stockholders, and it would seem useless to draw the distinction.

Welland Canal Stock.

The shareholders in *England* may perhaps think it advisable to take the opinion of Counsel upon the question; but before that is done, we trust that it will be taken into re-consideration by the Government in *Canada*, and decided according to the plain equity of the case.

We have, &c.

(Signed,) BOSANQUET, FRANKS & Co.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 27th September, 1844.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge your reference of the 23rd instant, by command of the Honourable the Executive Council, of a letter from the Honourable the Receiver General, addressed to the Honourable *D. Daly*, Provincial Secretary, enclosing a letter from Messrs. *Bosanquet, Franks & Co.*, to Mr. *Turquand*, late Acting Receiver General, on the subject of certain *Welland Canal Debentures*.

I have the honour to report, for the information of that Honourable Board, that after due consideration of the contents of Messrs. *Bosanquet, Franks & Co's* letter, it does appear, that, as represented by them, the English stockholders have an equitable claim to debentures for the same amount in sterling as was subscribed and paid by them, that is, £11 5s. sterling, per share; but, unfortunately, the provision made by the Provincial Act, 7th *Victoria*, cap. 4, will not admit of debentures being given for more than at the rate of £12 10s. currency, per share.

	£	s.	d.
That Act appropriates for the purpose the sum of, Currency	117800	0	0
According to the Books of the Welland Canal Company, the number of Shares held by private Stockholders are,			
Within British North America ...	1245		
In England	2814		
In the United States	5365		
Total number of Shares	9424		
Which, at £12 10s., Currency, each, amount to, Currency	117800	0	0
Should the Debentures for all the Shares held in England be issued at £11 5s., Sterling, each, the amount would be in Currency	38516	12	6
1245 in the British Province, at £12 10s., Currency	15562	10	0
5365 in the United States, at the same rate	67062	10	0
Forming a total of	121141	12	6
The appropriation, as above, being	117800	0	0
Shewing a deficiency of, Currency,	3341	12	6

At the time of the passing of the Act, the question was fully discussed in the Legislative Assembly, and Mr. *Merrill*, who was particularly interested as Agent for the greater number of Stockholders, done his utmost, during the passage of the Act, to have what he conceived to be justice done to the Shareholders in *England*, by providing for their shares in sterling, ineffectually.

In the stock ledger of the *Welland Canal Company*, the shareholders in *England* are credited with £11 5s. sterling, but that sum is converted into currency by adding one-ninth, making it £12 10s., as previous to the new currency Act coming into operation, was the case in all transactions within the Province.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

To the Clerk of the Executive Council,
&c. &c. &c.

Welland Canal
Stock.

	£	s.	d.
MEMORANDA.—The number of Shares of Welland Canal Stock taken up in England, is 2341, for which £11 5s., Sterling, per Share, was there paid, forming on the total number of Shares the sum of British Sterling ...	26336	5	0
Equal in Provincial Currency to ...	32042	8	9
The appropriation made by the Provincial Act 7 Victoria, chapter 34, to enable the Provincial Government to purchase the Stock held by private parties in the Welland Canal, at £12 10s., Currency, per share, forming for the above number of Shares a total of Currency...	29262	10	0
Leaving a deficiency, to pay the holders of Stock taken up in England, the same rate as paid by them of Currency ...	2779	18	9

For which sum a provision is to be required.

(Signed) JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 27th January, 1845.

C. T. METCALFE.

J. Lonney,
Cascades Road.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a minute of the Board of Works, in the case of *James Lonney*, contractor, claiming remuneration for losses sustained by him, and recommends his claim to the consideration of the House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 10th February, 1845.

(Copy.)

BOARD OF WORKS,
Montreal, 24th January, 1845.

Sir,

I am directed to forward to you the enclosed minute of the Board, relative to a claim put forward by Mr. *Lonney*, the Contractor for the earth-work of the *Cascades* road, and to request that you will be pleased, at your earliest convenience, to lay the same before His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council.

I have, &c.

THOMAS A. BEGLEY,
Secretary.

The Honourable D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy)

CASCADES ROAD.

In the case of *James Lonney*, Contractor upon the *Cascades* road, claiming remuneration for losses sustained by him, under the following circumstances:—

At the time of the acceptance of his tender by the Board, *Lonney*, being then at *Kingston*, was directed to proceed to the road and commence operations, and was informed that his contract would be sent to him within a day or two, and that the Power of Attorney from the President to the Board's officer, which it was necessary to have previous to taking possession of the land for the new road, would likewise be forwarded to the latter, so soon as Mr. *Killaly*

would arrive at *Montreal*, where he was then about to *J. Lonney*, proceed; this document having to be drawn out by Mr. *Cascades Road*, *Jobin*, the Notary, whom the Board was directed by the Council to employ.

In the meantime, the Contractor proceeded to the road with men and teams, some of them from *Cornwall*, and was ready to proceed to work; but the Power of Attorney having arrived at *Kingston*, was examined by the Attorney and Solicitor Generals East, and declared to be "not drawn out according to Law;" they likewise stated, that it was necessary the Power should be signed and sealed by the President, at the office of the Board, in *Kingston*. As this could not be done until Mr. *Killaly's* return, the Contractor, after remaining several days at the road with his men and teams, was obliged to return home.

The Contractor, after the proper Power of Attorney had been obtained, again proceeded to the road, with his men, &c.; but a Petition having been received by Council, from the inhabitants of the village of *Cedars*, praying that the more direct and shorter line, as laid out by the Board, might be changed to the old and indirect one running through that village; the Board were directed to delay proceedings until the case would be decided by the Council, and the Contractor was again obliged to return to his home, with his men, horses, &c.

From the best estimate which the Board are able to obtain, it would appear that the Contractor had, from the foregoing circumstances, been put to an extra cost of £140; and the Board would respectfully recommend the case to the favourable consideration of the Executive Council.

C. T. METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, a Petition from *Henry Weeks*, claiming compensation for loss sustained by him by reason of an incorrect survey of certain land in the township of *Yonge*, and recommends that authority may be granted to the Executive Government, to issue Scrip to the Petitioner, to the amount of four hundred pounds.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 10th February, 1845.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated 3rd February, 1845, approved by His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council, on the same day:—

On the Petition of *Henry Weeks*, claiming compensation for loss sustained in a suit at Law, arising out of an incorrect survey, by which he was ejected from Lot No. 19, in the 5th concession of the township of *Yonge*, and on which he erected mills, houses, and made other improvements.

By the late Act for the disposal of Public Lands, no allowance can be made in the case of the Petitioner by the Executive Government; but under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Committee recommend that a Special Message be transmitted to Parliament during the present Session, for authority to grant Scrip to the Petitioner, to the amount of £400, which the Committee think would be a fair allowance, referring therein to the Report of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly of the 17th August, 1841, on the Petition of *Henry Weeks*.

Certified,

(Signed) E. PARENT.

To the Civil Secretary.

Henry Weeks. Copy.

To His Excellency, the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES BAGOT, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

The Petition of Henry Weeks, of Yonge, in the district of Johnstown, in the Province of Canada, gentleman:—

HUMBLY SHEWETH—

That your Petitioner obtained a title of lot No. 19, in the 5th concession of Yonge, in the district of Johnstown, and took possession in 1816, of what he ascertained, and what in fact was the right lot, and erected mills and houses, and made improvements thereon; that a person of the name of Edward Murphy afterwards obtained a grant of lot Number 18, in the same concession, knowing that there was an error in the numbering, and by an ejectment succeeded in 1827 in turning your Petitioner out of possession, although your Petitioner made it clearly appear to the Court that a mistake had been made, not in the original survey, but in the numbering of the East corner posts, the true lot, No. 19, having been erroneously numbered 18, and although such error in the numbering had, immediately afterwards, been corrected by Reuben Sherwood, Esquire, (the surveyor who had employed the person by whom the original survey had been made,) and the then Surveyor General made acquainted therewith; that in 1828, and subsequently, your Petitioner applied to the Provincial Legislature for redress, and in 1830 an Act, entitled, "An Act to correct the Survey of the Fifth Concession Line of the Township of Yonge," was passed; that thereupon your Petitioner brought an action of ejectment, and in September of the same year re-obtained possession of the lot of which he had been so dispossessed by Murphy; that your Petitioner soon after applied to the then Lieutenant Governor of the Province for remuneration for damages he had sustained, and understood that an Order in Council had passed, stating in effect, "that upon satisfactorily shewing the actual amount of damages sustained," your Petitioner should "be recommended by His Excellency to the favourable consideration of His Majesty's Government;" that your Petitioner afterwards furnished the Lieutenant Governor with an attested statement of his damages, but not having obtained any compensation, your Petitioner applied to the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly to grant him relief; that two or three years having elapsed, and your Petitioner still remaining uncompensated for the very serious losses and damages he had sustained, renewed his application by Petition to the House of Assembly, dated in January, 1836; that your Petitioner petitioned Sir F. B. Head during the early part of his Administration of the Government of Upper Canada, and received an answer that his case would be referred to the consideration of the Home Government; that notwithstanding the continued efforts of your Petitioner to obtain compensation for his damages, and the hope which from time to time has arisen that his just claims would be satisfied, he has hitherto been disappointed; that your Petitioner, however, still indulges the expectation that, although justice has been deferred, it will eventually be awarded him, and he looks with confidence to your Excellency's Administration of the Government of Canada for a realization of his wishes.

Wherefore, your Petitioner humbly prays your Excellency to take his case into favourable consideration, and to grant him such relief in the premises as to Your Excellency may seem meet and reasonable.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) HENRY WEEKS.

STATEMENT of damages sustained by the Petitioner, up Henry Weeks, to the 22nd July, 1830; the premises being then in possession of Edward Murphy, in whose possession they remained until September, 1830.

(Copy.)

22nd July, 1830.

The following is an account of damages sustained by Henry Weeks, of the township of Yonge, in the district of Johnstown, in consequence of an error lately recognized in the original survey of the fifth concession line of the township of Yonge, as in the opinion of us the undersigned, is correct and just:—

	£	s.	d.
Barn destroyed by the present occupant ...	17	12	0
Use of saw mill for three seasons lost ...	262	10	0
Use of farm, two years and seven months ...	70	0	0
Expenses of moving lumber ...	7	10	0
Moving hay, goods and chattels ...	7	10	0
A quantity of apple trees sold and destroyed ...	12	10	0
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	£377	12	0

(Signed) VINCENT BOOTH, } Appraisors.
SAMUEL LEE, }

Further damages sustained by Petitioner. Account of sundry expenses of defending Ejectment, &c.:—

	£	s.	d.
Cash paid on Execution taken out for Plaintiff's costs ...	34	7	0
Ditto Attorney's, for defending suit ...	8	5	0
Ditto Witnesses, as per Subpoena ...	1	5	0
Ditto Petition and postage ...	1	10	0
Loss of time and expenses attending Court ...	2	10	0
Loss of time and expenses of four journeys to Toronto or York ...	20	5	0
Cost of Ejectment brought by Petitioner to regain possession ...	5	0	0
Paid publishing notice of application to Legislature ...	1	15	0
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Brought down ...	377	12	0
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Interest from September 1830 to June 1841, 10½ years ...	452	9	0
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Amount ...	£744	5	9

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
22nd December, 1842.

Referred to the Honourable Executive Council for consideration.

By command,

(Signed) J. HOPKIRK.

Certified,

E. PARENT.

The Honourable Mr. Daly, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, then laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 4th instant, requesting "An account of the Harbour Dues collected at the Port of Toronto, during the years 1843 and 1844, together with an Abstract of the Account of the said Harbour with the Provincial Government, shewing the balance of the said Harbour Dues unpaid at the end of the year 1843."

(For the Documents accompanying the said Report, see Appendix D.D.)

Toronto Harbour Dues.

Tax on Dogs.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to empower the district Councils in *Upper Canada* to impose a Tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses within their respective districts, reported according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *Small*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 11° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Methot*, the Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliat* and others, of the parish of *St. Pierre Les Bequets*, in the county of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of *Thomas Fortier*, M. D. and others, of the parish of *St. Edouard de Gentilly*, in the county of *Nicolet*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of *H. O'Hara*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Gaspé*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Balbrin*, the Petition of *Dugald Munro* and others, of the township of *Southwold*, in the district of *London*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *Thomas Dury* and others, of the townships adjoining the *Holland Landing* in the county of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Taché*, the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *Robert Fleming Gourlay*.

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of *Oliver Hammond*, of *Springfield*, in the township of *Toronto*, in the *Home* district; and the Petition of *William Smith* and others, of *Toronto*, and other townships in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *George P. Rulout*, Esquire, and others of the city of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Reverend *Frederick Much* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Amherstburgh* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto* (relating to Clergy Reserves); the Petition of the Reverend *W. S. Darling* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Scarboro* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to Clergy Reserves); the Petition of the Reverend *Adam Townley* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Dunnville*, and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to Clergy Reserves); and the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Thorold* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to Clergy Reserves.)

Ordered, That the Petition of *Baxter Bowman*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Ottawa*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to impose a Duty on Distillers and Brewers, and on the spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, and to provide for the collection of the said duties, and other references. Petitions referred.
B. Bowman, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Job Deacon* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the parishes of *Adolphustown* and *Fredericksburgh*, in the *Midland* district, (relating to schools,) be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto* (relating to schools.) Rev. J. Deacon and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *George W. Warr* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Trafalgar*, in *Upper Canada*, (relating to schools;) the petition of the Reverend *J. Wilson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the mission of *Colborne* and *Grafton*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to schools), be severally referred to the said Committee. Rev. G. W. Warr and others.
Rev. J. Wilson and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert McKay* and *Peter McKay*, of *Montreal*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*. R. & P. McKay.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gowan* and Mr. *Jessup* be added to the said Committee.

Resolved, That the petition of *William Dickson* and others, inhabitants of the district of *Gore*, residing on the *Grand River*: be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Duggan*, and Mr. *Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. W. Dickson and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the Clerk of Weights and Measures,) be referred to the Special Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the city of *Montreal*, (relating to the ordinances incorporating the said city,) and other references. Mayor, &c., of Montreal.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Board of the Royal Institution for the advancement of learning, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of the Honourable *Fallières de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*, and other references. Royal Institution of Learning.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references. Church Society of Quebec.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William H. Moore* and others, of the district of *Colborne*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Wetenhall* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, and other references. W. H. Moore and others.

Letter of Jon.
Legere.

Ordered, That the letter of *Joseph Légaré*, the younger, Esquire, communicated to this House, yesterday, by Mr. *Speaker*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Petition of N.
H. Baird.

Mr. *Duggan*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the petition of *N. H. Baird*, Civil Engineer, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully investigated the claim of the Petitioner for the sum of £77 8s. 4d., due him for attending before a Committee of the House of Assembly, and find satisfactory proof and vouchers to establish a just claim to the above sum.

Your Committee respectfully recommend to your Honourable House the payment of the same, and that the same may be included in the contingencies of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Chambly
Canal.

Ordered, That the first Report of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of dues on the *Chambly* canal, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Board of
Works.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

A Report of the Board of Works in accordance with the 30th Section of the Act 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 38, dated December, 1844.

(For the said Report, see Appendix A.A.)

District Courts
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, being read.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again 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 the following Bills, without any amendment:—

Quebec Library
Association.

An Act to incorporate the members of "The Quebec Library Association."

Canada Baptist
Missionary
Society.

An Act to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*.

Sœurs des
Jésus et Marie

An Act to incorporate "La Communauté des Sœurs, des St. Noms de Jésus et Marie," of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to take into consideration the propriety of providing for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at, and near public works, while in progress of construction, and of granting a sum of money for the purpose of carrying into effect the same, being read.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Johnston* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Johnston* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then the House adjourned.

Mercurii, 12^o die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

By Mr. *Armstrong*, the Petition of *Jacques Lemlin* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of steamers, and other river craft, residing in the county of *Richelieu*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of *Louis E. Picaud*, Esquire, Commissioner of Bankrupts for the district of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of *Love Newlove* and others, of the Second Riding of the county of *York*, and the Petition of *William Thompson*, Esquire, and others, of the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of *Thomas Proudlock*, shipwright and master mariner, residing at *Point Fortune*, on the *River Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *John Healey*, of the city of *Toronto*, messenger to the House of Assembly.

By Mr. *Price*, the Petition of *William Peacock*, of the city of *Buffalo*, in the state of *New York*, one of the *United States of America*, formerly of the township of *Etobicoke*, in the *Home* district.

An engrossed Bill, to empower the district Councils in *Upper Canada*, to impose a Tax on dogs, and to regulate Temperance houses within their respective districts, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to empower the district Councils of municipal districts, and boards of police of incorporated towns, in *Upper Canada*, to impose a Tax on dogs within their respective districts and towns."

Ordered, That Mr. *Cummings* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Outrages, Pub-
lic Works.Petitions
brought up.

Tax on Dogs.

Petitions read.

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

Of *William Reynolds* and others, of that part of the township of *Woolwich*, in the district of *Wellington*, commonly called the *Pilkington Block*; and of *D. Henderson* and others, of the township of *Nichol*, praying that the *Pilkington Block*, in the township of *Woolwich*, may be united to the township of *Nichol*.

Of *A. D. Fordyce* and others, of the township of *Nichol*, in the district of *Wellington*, praying that the annexation of a certain part of the township of *Woolwich* to the township of *Nichol*, as petitioned for, may not be granted.

Of *William C. Boyd* and others, of the township of *St. Vincent* and other places, praying that the townships of *St. Vincent*, *Collingwood*, *Ephrasia*, and *Proton*, may be erected into a separate district.

Of *Charles Colquhoun* and others, of *St. Thomas* and vicinity, in the district of *London*, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may continue to be sold and granted by the Crown in the usual manner.

Of the Reverend *F. P. Parlier* and others, Commissioners of Schools for the parish of *Terrebonne*, praying for a grant of money to aid them in completing a School House, which they have commenced.

Of *Eduard Mallock*, Esquire, praying for the confirmation of his title to certain lots in the town of *Bytown*, formerly owned by the Honourable, the Board of Ordnance.

Of *J. Brazean* and others, residing in the province and engaged and concerned in the Timber trade of *Canada*, praying that they may be allowed sufficient time to bring their present stock of lumber to market, and to fulfil certain contracts before any additional duty upon the said articles take effect.

Of *James Cain* and others, of the second concession of the township of *Winchester*, in the county of *Dundas*, praying that no alteration may be made in the present established boundary between the second and third concessions of the said township.

Of *Archibald Mason*, of the town of *Cornwall*, in the *Eastern* district, Mason, praying for the payment of a certain amount due for work done by him on the *St. Lawrence* canal.

Of the Reverend *William Jones* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Eaton* (relating to Clergy Reserves); and of the Reverend *William King* and others, members of the Church of *England* in the township of *Bury*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, a share of the Clergy Reserves, corresponding with their proportion of the income arising from the same.

Of *Caleb Truax*, of *Cornwall*, on behalf of himself and *Andree Key*, praying to be paid for work performed by them on the *St. Lawrence* canal according to the measurement of the said work, when it was taken out of their hands.

Of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of the township of *Tingwick* and parts adjacent, in the district of *St. Francis*, praying that no action may be taken in regard to the charter of *King's College*, or *McGill College*, which shall not comprehend all other chartered Institutions of learning in the Province.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying that any measure having for its object the construction of a Railroad from *Montreal*, through the *Eastern* town-

ships, ultimately to communicate with the *Atlantic*, may be favourably considered.

Of the Reverend *A. O. Giroux*, Curé of *L'Isle Perrot*, praying for a grant in aid of a School House, erected at his own expense.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of the township of *Tingwick*, and parts adjacent, in the district of *St. Francis*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *Vallières de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*.

Mr. *Scott*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* College of Medicine and Surgery, reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. *Lantier*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, a copy of the last Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Board of Education, on the general state of education.

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

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

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 setting forth, in detail, the amount of War losses awarded to individuals, or persons, in *Upper Canada*, and remaining unpaid; together with the causes why such claims have not been paid; the names of Indians entitled to such remuneration; whether it has been paid to them; and if so, by whom, and when; and also, a detailed statement of the kind of evidence of such payments.

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

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Printing and Binding.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, a Return of all persons holding a plurality of offices in *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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Montreal
Board of Trade.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade, in favour of the projected Railroad from the river *St. Lawrence* to the *Atlantic*, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Private Bills.

Ordered, That that part of the Ninth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills, which relates to the Bill to authorize the Community of Religious Ladies, called *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montréal*, to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Les Sœurs de
Notre Dame.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Le Petit Sé-
minaire de Ste.
Thérèse.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, An Act to incorporate *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste Thérèse de Blainville*, in the District of *Montreal*, without any amendment.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly:—

Attachment of
Salaries.

An Act to authorize to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of official Salaries, towards payment of the Incumbent's debts.

Administration
of Justice,
Gaspé.

An Act supplementary to an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* District, and to extend the provision of the said Act.

And then he withdrew.

Outrages on
Public Works.

Mr. *Johnston*, from the Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the propriety of providing for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at and near public works, while in progress of construction, and of granting a sum of money for the purpose of carrying into effect the same, reported according to Order, the resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the better preservation of the peace and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at and near Public Works, while in progress of construction, and to grant a sum of money towards carrying into effect the above purpose.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, have leave to bring in a Bill for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at and near public works, while in the progress of construction.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on to-morrow; and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

District Courts
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts, in the several districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. District Courts
Upper Canada.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the regulation of persons entitled to vote at elections of Members of the Legislative Assembly in *Upper Canada*, being read, Right of voting
at Elections.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Price*, that the word "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "this day six months" substituted,

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laterrrière, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Scott, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson.—(33.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(38.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House again divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General SHERWOOD, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(38.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Laterrrière, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Scott, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Taschereau, and Thompson.—(33.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the said Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Right of voting
at Elections.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Rousseau*, and Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that it be an instruction to the said Committee to inquire and report whether, in their opinion, the principle of the said Bill shall apply to the late Province of *Upper Canada* generally, or to the cities and towns alone.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*.

That all the words after the words, "said Committee," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted, "to leave out that part of the said Bill which relates to counties."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, it passed unanimously in the negative.

Mr. *Hale* then moved, in amendment to the main motion, seconded by Mr. *Stewart*, of *Prescott*,

That all the words in the said motion be struck out after the word "records."

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, moved, in amendment to Mr. *Hale's* motion of amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*,

That the following words be added to the said motion, "and that it be an instruction to the said Committee to amend the said Bill, so as to make it applicable to cities and towns alone."

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Laterrière*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARRY*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Small*, *Smith* of *WESTWORTH*, *Taché*, and *Thompson*—(33.)

NAYS.

Boulton, *Brooks*, *Chalmers*, *Colville*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Gowan*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Solicitor General Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Attorney General Smith*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Watts*, *Webster* and *Williams*.—(32.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on Mr. *Hale's* motion of amendment, as amended, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Laterrière*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARRY*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Roblin*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Small*, *Smith* of *WESTWORTH*, *Taché*, and *Thompson*.—(34.)

NAYS.

Boulton, *Brooks*, *Chalmers*, *Colville*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Gowan*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Solicitor General Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Attorney General Smith*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Watts*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(34.)

And the votes being equally divided, Mr. *Speaker* gave his casting vote in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, *Boulton*, *Brooks*, *Chalmers*, *Colville*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Greive*, *Guillet*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Johnston*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, *Solicitor General Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Attorney General Smith*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Watts*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(38.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Franchère*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Laterrière*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARRY*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Roblin*, *Scott*, *Small*, *Smith* of *WESTWORTH*, *Taché*, and *Thompson*.—(32.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Rousseau*, and Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, to report thereon, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that it be an instruction to the said Committee to enquire and report, whether, in their opinion, the principle of the said Bill shall apply to the late Province of *Upper Canada* generally, or to cities and towns alone.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to secure the right of property in British plantation vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William* the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intitled, "An Act for the registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intitled, "An Act to repeal the laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of small debts, and to make other provision therefor," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Ermatinger*, and Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, to report thereon, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Right of voting
at Elections.British Plantation
Vessels.Small Debts,
Upper Canada.

Toronto Incorporation.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation for the city of *Toronto*, by providing for the establishment of a Court of Record therein, to be called, the Recorder's Court, in lieu of the Mayor's Court, now established therein; by providing that the Recorder shall preside over the Division Court for the recovery of small debts within the said city and liberties; and by vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the said city, the power of laying out and opening new streets, within the limits of the said city and liberties: and of regulating the mode of building therein; and defining the limits of the said city and liberties; and making a better and more convenient division of the said city into wards; and for other purposes connected therewith," being read,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the said Committee.

Management of Customs.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Seymour* took the chair of the 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 had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, 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:—

C. T. METCALFE.

Boundary Line

The Governor General communicates to the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Reports, relating to the boundary between the Province of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in reference to the Address of the 22nd ultimo, that as the subject is still under discussion, between the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor of *New Brunswick*, he considers it advisable to defer for the present, the communication of the correspondence.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Montreal, 10th February, 1845.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix B.)

Duties on Customs.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts, granting duties on Customs, and enacting others in lieu thereof, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Coleile* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Coleile* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Charitable Fire-wood Society*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, the better to facilitate commutation of the *Tenure en roture*, in the seignories and fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of free and common soccage, being read,

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

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

Then the House adjourned.

Jovis, 13° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of the Reverend C. B. *Fleming* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Shipton, Melbourn*, and parts adjacent in the diocese of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Méhot*, the Petition of the Reverend C. *Dion* and others, of the parish of *Béancour*, in the county of *Nicolet*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of Messrs. *Miller & Brothers* and others, of *Picton, Canada West*, manufacturers of leather.

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Buller* and others, of *Kingsey and Durham*.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *P. Fortin* and others, students of medicine in *M'Gill College*, and the Petition of *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*, Esquire, late Lieutenant-Colonel of Militia, (relating to a grant of land.)

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of the Reverend *George Pyke* and others, members of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *J. Pangman* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Mascouche*, and places adjacent; the Petition of the Reverend *William Davies* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *St. John*, in the county of *Chambly* and diocese of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *M. Willoughby* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Trinity Church of Montreal*.

By Mr. *Laurin*, the Petition of *Daniel Byrne* and others, of the parish of *St. Sylvester*, in the county of *Lotbinière*; the Petition of *D. Trudel* and others, of the seignory of *Batiscan*; and the Petition of *William Thurber*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*.

Quebec Fire-wood Society.

An engrossed Bill, to incorporate the *Quebec Charitable Firewood Society*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of the Reverend *P. Pouliot* and others, of the parish of *St. Pierre des Bequets*, in the county of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of *Thomas Fortier*, M. D. and others, of the parish of *St. Edouard de Gentilly*, in the county of *Nicolet*, praying for a repeal of all the laws regulating winter carriages.

Of *Dugald Munro* and others, of the township of *Southcote*, in the district of *London*, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may not be taken from under the control and management of the Government, but that they may be sold by the Crown in the usual manner.

Of *Thomas Drury* and others, of the townships adjoining the *Holland Landing*, in the county of *Simcoe*, praying that the aid petitioned for, to improve the navigation of the East branch of the *Holland River*, may not be granted.

Of *Joseph Pinchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a school for the study of medicine in the city of *Quebec*.

Of *Robert Fleming Gourlay*, praying that the proceedings had upon his case during the years 1841, 1842, and 1843, may be revised and re-considered, in order that justice may be done to him.

Of *Oliver Hammond*, of *Springfield*, in the township of *Toronto*, in the *Home* district, praying that a Special Commission may be appointed to investigate the alleged unjust and oppressive conduct of the Deputy Post Master, at the *Credit Office*, towards the Petitioner and others.

Of *William Smith* and others, of *Toronto* and other townships, in the *Home* district, praying for the planking of *Hurontario Street*, from *Port Credit* through the townships of *Toronto* and *Chinguacousy*.

Of *George P. Ridout*, Esquire, and others, of the city of *Toronto*, praying that, should it be found necessary to levy an excise duty upon stills and breweries, it may be done in such a manner as not to injure those interested in the manufacture of spirituous liquors, or to encourage fraud or smuggling.

Of the Reverend *Frederick Mack* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the town of *Anherstburg* and its vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *W. S. Darling* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Scarboro* and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Toronto*; of the Reverend *Adam Townley* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the village of *Dunville* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*; and of the Reverend *J. B. Fuller* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Thorold* and vicinity, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the Church of *England* such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize

the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto* to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

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, *Line Fences*. "An Act to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of *Line Fences*, and *Water Courses* in *Upper Canada*," without any amendment.

And also—

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, *Relief of Religious Societies*. "An Act to extend the provisions of a certain Act of the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, (passed in the ninth year of the Reign of His late Majesty, King *George the Fourth*, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned,') to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Reynolds* and others, of that part of the township of *Woolwich*, in the district of *Wellington*, commonly called the *Pilington Block*; the Petition of *D. Henderson* and others, of the township of *Nichol*; the Petition of *W. C. Boyd* and others, of the township of *St. Vincent* and other places; the Petition of *A. D. Fordyce* and others, of the township of *Nichol*, in the district of *Wellington*; and the Petition of the Directors of the *Bronte Harbour Company*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the third Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have, since their last Report, proceeded in examining and auditing outstanding Accounts of Tradesmen and Mechanics, and have ordered the liquidation of such as have been duly certified. An account from *Armour & Ramsay*, Booksellers of this city, was laid before your Committee, amounting to £279, being for a certain description of books furnished the Library, under the sanction of the late Speaker, by the request of an individual Member of the House. Your Committee are gratified to notice that your Honourable House have deemed it expedient to appoint a Select Committee, with the Speaker as Chairman, to superintend the department of the Library, as it relieves the Honourable Speaker from an onerous and individual responsibility.

Upon the subject of the Accounts for Printing and Binding the Journals and Appendix for the last Session, your Committee have ascertained that the work has been performed in a satisfactory manner, by the contractor, Mr. *Barker*, and have ordered the payment of the balance due him, agreeably to his contract. A claim of £83 has been made by him, as remuneration for loss of time and delay, occasioned by the irregular and inconvenient manner in which the copy for the printing of the French language was furnished him; your Committee have investigated the nature of the claim, but do not consider themselves justified in recommending any remuneration exceeding the sum of £35 for its liquidation. Your Committee cannot allow this subject to pass, without expressing a hope, that such care may be taken in future, by the proper officer, as will prevent a recurrence of similar circumstances, in reference to the supply of copy to the printers of the French Journals.

Your Committee, in passing an account of £32 5s., being for a copy of the *Upper Canada Gazette*, furnished to each of the Members of your Honourable House, from that part of the Province formerly *Upper Canada*, beg to recommend the discontinuance of that paper in future.

Contingencies.

Your Committee have examined the contents of the Petition of *Alfred Patrick*, second Clerk of Committees to your Honourable House, which was referred to them on the 17th ultimo, and they find that from the present division of the duties of the Department to which the Petitioner belongs, an increased share of labour and responsibility necessarily falls upon him. They therefore have agreed to recommend to your Honourable House, an addition of £25 to his yearly salary, commencing with the present quarter.

Your Committee have examined the prayer of the Petition of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and beg to recommend that £50 be granted him, as an addition to his salary, this being the usual Sessional vote to that officer.

In reference to the Petition of *Robert Defries*, the Post Office messenger to your Honourable House, your Committee recommend that he be allowed 12s. 6d. per day, instead of 10s. as at present, to bear date from the commencement of the present Session.

Your Committee have enquired into the merits of the Petition of *Julia Bell*, and do not find any evidence to justify them in recommending an allowance or remuneration to the Petitioner.

The Petition of *Alexander McDonald*, praying to be employed as a Committee Clerk, was considered by your Committee, and they beg to refer the matter to the Officers of your Honourable House, to whom has been committed the appointment of persons for such duties.

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *Guillaume D'Eschambault*, and ascertain that an account is due him of £32 5s. for his services as a Commissioner for taking evidence relative to the election of *Oliver Berthelet*, Esquire, as a Member of the Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the East Ward, of the city of *Montreal*, in 1833 and 1834; the said sum was awarded to him by a Resolution of the House of Assembly of that Province, on the 26th February, 1836, but was never paid. Your Committee therefore, recommend its payment out of the contingencies of your Honourable House.

Your Committee having taken into their consideration the various matters at present referred to them, beg to submit the same with their observations and opinions thereon, for the approval of your Honourable House.

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

Registry Laws,
Upper Canada.

Mr. Prince, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Election, Third
Riding York.

Mr. Taché, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, Electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning at eleven o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of *Mr. Macdonell*, of *Dundas*; they accordingly waited until twelve o'clock, and adjourned.

Resolved, That as *Mr. Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, has absented himself from the said Committee, on account of urgent business, he be excused.

Petition of M.
Houle and
others.

The Honourable *Mr. DeBleury*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*,

carters, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee, owing to the great variety of opinions expressed before them, as to the best mode of constructing the winter vehicles, are unable to recommend any general measure as applicable to the whole country; at the same time seeing that in the counties of *Montreal*, *Ottawa*, *Tico Mountains*, *Terrebonne*, *Vaudreuil*, *Beauharnois*, *Huntingdon*, *Chambly*, and *Rouville*, the population is a mixed one, and that the majority are unable to use their winter vehicles for the purpose of reaching the market, your Committee are of opinion, that so far as regards those counties, the Act 6 *Victoria*, chapter 12, should be amended by renewing so much of the Ordinance of 3 *Victoria*, chapter 25, as required "that the horse or horses, or other beast of draught, drawing any winter vehicle, be harnessed abreast, or be so attached, that one or both of the runners shall follow in the track or tracks, made by such horse or horses, or other beast of draught;" and also that the district of *Quebec*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which has been exempted from the operation of former laws on this subject, shall continue to be so exempt.

On motion of the Honourable *Mr. Baldwin*, seconded by *Mr. Price*,

Ordered, That the entries in the Journals of the Second Session of the Twelfth Provincial Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, which relate to the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the North Riding of the county of *York*; and the Report of the Select Committee to which the same was referred, dated 12th April, 1836, be now read.

Petition of D.
Cameron of
Thorah.

The said entries were read accordingly.

Resolved, That the said entries, and the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the *Home District*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable *Mr. Baldwin*, *Mr. Roblin*, *Mr. Powell*, and *Mr. Chauveau*, to examine into the circumstances complained of, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Report of the Special Committee, appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Laws relative to the encouragement of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Agriculture,
Lower Canada.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill for the regulation of "Benefit Building Societies."

Building
Societies.

Resolved, That the 68th Standing Rule of this House be suspended in so far as regards the present Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "*Les Révérends Pères Oblats de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie*," in the Province of *Canada*.

Pères Oblats.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Honourable *Mr. Latrière*, *Mr. Taché*, *Mr. Cauchon*, *Mr. Leslie*, and the Honourable *Mr. Moffatt*, be added to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the present

Crown, Clergy
and School
Lands.

method of disposing of the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands; the amount collected and paid from year to year, into the Public Revenue, or any other fund, from the proceeds thereof; expenses attending the same, and from what fund paid, including the receipt and expenditure of the Territorial Revenue; and that the said Committee be empowered to report on the best method of appropriating the proceeds of the same.

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

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize, to a certain extent, the seizure and attachment of official salaries towards payment of the incumbent's debts be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded, accordingly, to take the said amendment into consideration.

And the said amendment was read, and is as followeth:—

Press 2, line 46.—After "jurisdictions," insert the following clause, "And be it enacted, that in the event of any claim or demand upon a public officer, or any portion thereof, having been contracted, or bearing date at a period longer than twelve months prior to application for arrest of salary, then and in that case, the arrest so required shall be refused, and held null and void."

And the said amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

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, copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Warden and Magistrates of the district of *Niagara*, relative to the calling out and payment of a portion of the Militia force of this Province, called the fifth *Lincoln* Dragoons, in July 1842; together with a statement of the amount claimed by the pay and allowance lists of said troop, and the men actually paid, and the reasons (if any) why the said troop was not fully paid, in accordance with the Militia general order regulating the payment of such force when called out on active service; and such other information relative to the same, as His Excellency may deem fit to lay 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of district Courts in the several districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Colville*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts granting duties on Customs, and enacting others in lieu thereof, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal certain Acts, relating to the Customs, with a view to consolidate the same, and also for the purpose of granting duties of Customs.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to consolidate the laws relating to the Customs, and for granting 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 Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at, and near Public Works, while in the progress of construction, being read.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Brooks, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Franchère, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laferrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Merrill, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Nelson, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Taschereau, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(64.)

NAYS.

Aylwin and Cauchon—(2.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn for half an hour.

Official Salaries

Fifth Lincoln Dragoons.

District Courts

Provincial Revenue.

Duties on Customs.

Outrages, Public Works.

Pursuant to Order, the House adjourned until this hour,

8 Horâ, P. M.

Mr. *Williams*, Chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Jame. Durand*, Esquire, of Dundas, in the county of *Hutton*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, pursuant to adjournment; and in conformity with the provisions of the statute, they reported the absence of Mr. *Lacoste*, one of their Members.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Thursday, the sixth day of March next, at ten o'clock, A. M., to meet then in the Committee Room, No. 3.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Bill for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots, and violent outrages at, and near Public Works, while in progress of construction, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Roblin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Roblin* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 14^a die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of the Honourable *L. Fiset* and others, of the county of *Gaspé*.

By Mr. *Jessup*, the Petition of *A. Jones* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Augusta*, in the district of *Johnstown*, (relating to the School Act.)

By Mr. *McConnell*, the Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Johnson* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Abbotsford* and *Rougemont*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of the Honourable *James Crooks*, of the district of *Gore*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Henry Gold* and others, of the township of *Reach*, in the *Home* district; the Petition of *L. Davidson* and others, of the township of *Brock*, in the *Home* district; and the Petition of *Alexander Campbell* and others, of the township of *Therah*, in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Méthat*, the Petition of *Stephen Payment* and others, of the parish of *St. Grégoire*, county of *Nicolet*.

An engrossed Bill, to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue, was read for the third time. Management of Customs.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be
“An Act to provide for the management of the Customs and matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue.”

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *Jacques Lemlin* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of steamers, and other river craft, residing in the county of *Richelieu*, praying that their craft may not be taxed at so high a rate as other craft plying between *Montreal* and *Quebec*.

Of *Isaac Buchanan*, Esquire, and others, praying that a protecting duty may be imposed upon American manufactured goods, imported into this Province; and that the raw material for manufacture may be admitted at as low a rate of duty as possible.

Of *Louis E. Pacaud*, Esquire, Commissioner of Bankrupts for the district of *Three Rivers*, praying that certain duties imposed upon him, by virtue of the Act 7 *Victoria*, chapters 16 and 18, may be abolished; or that an indemnity be granted him for the performance of the same.

Of *Lore Newlove* and others, of the Second Riding of the county of *York*, representing that the erection of a bridge at a certain part of the Mail road, called “Governor’s Road,” would obviate the danger which now exists in travelling the said road; and praying relief.

Of *William Thompson*, Esquire, and others, of the *Home* district, praying for the completion of *Huron-tario* Street, and the improvement of the bridge over the river *Credit*.

Of *Thomas Proudlock*, shipwright and master-mariner, residing at *Point Fortune*, on the river *Ottawa*, praying for a grant to enable him to lay before the public, plans of certain inventions for the Improvement of navigation.

Of *John Healy*, of the city of *Toronto*, a Messenger to the House of Assembly, praying for a retiring allowance, in consideration of his past services, and the present ill state of his health.

Of *William Peacock*, of the city of *Buffalo*, in the state of *New York*, one of the *United States of America*, formerly of the township of *Etobicoke*, in the *Home* District, praying that his right to a certain lot of land, in the said township, may be protected.

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 High School of *Montreal*,” without any amendment. High School, Montreal.

And then he withdrew.

Petitions referred.
Jos. Painchaud and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Taché*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Mr. *Dunlop*, the Honourable Mr. *Laterrière*, and Mr. *Jessup*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

William Sheppard, Esquire.

Ordered. That the Petition of *William Sheppard*, Esquire, and others, trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *R. G. Bellan* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*, and other references.

Election 3rd Riding York.

Mr. *Taché*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* and Mr. *Laurin*.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* absented himself in consequence of illness, he be excused.

Resolved, That Mr. *Laurin* having sufficiently explained the cause of his absence, he be excused.

Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the eleventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Humber Harbour and Road Company.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to Incorporate certain persons, under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company, of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to recommend for the consideration of your Honourable House, as follows:—

IN THE BILL.

Page 1, line 34.—After "Directors," insert "and Company." After "Road," expunge "Company."

" 2 " 1.—Expunge "and."

" 2 " 2.—After "Directors," insert "and Company." After "Road," expunge "Company."

" 2 " 50.—After "Aforesaid," expunge to "and," in page 3, line 2, and insert, "upon payment or tender, within one month to the owner, or owners thereof, or party entitled to receive the same, the value of such property so required; and the said value shall be ascertained by the award of the said Commissioners, and by three persons to be chosen by the party whose property is to be taken, and in case they cannot agree, they shall choose an umpire, and the decision of the majority shall be final; and that reasonable notice shall be given to the person or persons whose property is intended to be taken, and if such person or persons fail to appoint three persons to act as Arbitrators, or the said Arbitrators neglect to act, then it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the district, together

with the said three Commissioners, to make the said valuation, and the same shall be binding and final." *Humber Harbour and Road Company.*

Page 3, line 16.—Expunge "to the Commissioners herein before named," and insert "in the manner aforesaid."

" 3 " 37.—Expunge "according to," and insert "not exceeding."

" 3 " 41.—Expunge "and not to exceed."

" 4 " 9.—Expunge this line, and insert "not exceeding."

" 4 " 42.—Expunge "thirty," and insert "ten."

" 4 " 47.—Expunge "ten," and insert "six."

" 4 " 51.—Expunge "three," and insert "seven."

" 5 lines 16, 21, and 27.—Expunge "three," and insert "seven," in each line respectively.

" 5 " 44.—After "ten," insert "but no person to have more than ten votes."

" 6 " 18.—Expunge "three," and insert "seven."

" 6 " 52.—After "thereon," insert "not exceeding one instalment."

" 7 " 30.—Expunge "five," and insert "four."

" 7 " 40.—After "shares," insert "as paid up."

" 7 " 46.—After "stockholders," expunge to "and," in line 52.

" 8 " 49.—After "aforesaid," expunge to "the," in line 51, and insert "to have the same valued by award, in the manner herein before provided in the fourth section of this Act, which award shall determine."

" 8 " 53.—After "same," expunge to "shall," in page 9, line 2, and insert "the arbitrators named."

" 8 " 7.—After "interested," expunge the residue of the 21st clause.

" 8 " 19.—Expunge "twelve months," and insert "one month."

" 8 " 28.—After "company," insert "and to have redress from the said company, for any damages done by them."

" 8 " 48.—Expunge "other."

IN THE TITLE,

Line 4, expunge "company."

Your Committee have also considered the Petitions of *William Reynolds* and others; and *D. Henderson* and others, praying that *Pilkington Block*, in *Woolwich*, may be annexed to the township of *Nichol*; and the Petition of *A. D. Fordyce* and others, against the annexation; and they beg to remark, that the notice given by the Petitioners in the Gazette, is scarcely definite enough, the name of the township of *Nichol* being incorrectly stated; but that irrespective of this objection, the late period of the Session places it out of the power of the Committee to obtain the information necessary to enable them to pronounce an opinion on the matter.

With regard to the Petition of *William Boyd* and others, praying that the townships of *St. Vincent*, *Coltingwood*, *Euphrasia*, and *Proton*, may be constituted a separate district; your Committee have no doubt that that section of the country will eventually become very populous, and will require a separate establishment for local and judicial purposes; but they do not think the time has yet come to effect it, for, besides the opinion of your Honourable House, already pronounced, in declining to

Private Bills. constitute the new districts prayed for in the counties of *Haldimand* and *Kent*, your Committee think that the population about *Owen's Sound*, of which the Petitioners form part, have not yet sufficient means to give proper effect to the wish expressed by them.

Bronte Harbour Company. The Petitions of the Directors of the *Bronte Harbour Company* is signed, your Committee perceive, by only one person, styling himself Secretary to the Company, without any apparent authority from the Directors. The works already completed on the Harbour, are stated to be worth £900; but the time within which the Harbour should have been completed, having just expired, the Charter has become forfeited, and the Petitioner now applies for an extension of the time for completing the works; he does not, however, state the number of Shareholders, the amount of Capital subscribed and paid up, nor any of that detailed information which could have enabled your Committee to proceed in the matter; under these circumstances, they are of opinion, that the Company should have come better prepared before the Legislature, although they fully admit the public advantages that would result from the completion of the Harbour, and the propriety of extending the time hereafter, upon a satisfactory investigation.

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

Administration of Justice, Gaspé. *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act supplementary to an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the administration of Justice in the *Gaspé* District, and to extend the provisions of the said Act," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

IN THE BILL,

Press 2, line 9.—Leave out from "and" inclusively, to the end of the Bill.

IN THE PREAMBLE,

Line 13.—Leave out from "as well," to "*Gaspé*," in the 16th line, both inclusively.

IN THE TITLE,

Leave out the words "and to extend the provisions of the said Act."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*,

Religious Societies Relief. *Ordered*, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of a certain Act of the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, (passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of the religious societies therein mentioned,') to other denominations of Christians, than those therein enumerated," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

IN THE PREAMBLE,

Line 12.—After "mentioned," insert "as amended by a certain other Act, of the Parliament of the said Province, passed in the third year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to amend an Act, passed in the ninth year of the Reign of King *George* the Fourth, chapter 2, intituled, 'An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned,'" **Religious Societies Relief.**

IN THE TITLE,

Line 1.—Leave out "a certain Act," and insert "two certain Acts."

Line 2.—Leave out from "passed" to "mentioned," in the 4th line inclusively.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police therein; and the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara* and *Ten Mile Creek* Plank Road Company, for the purpose of constructing a plank road from a certain place in *Niagara*, to the *Ten Mile Creek*, in *Grantham*; be severally read a second time on Monday next, and that they be then the first and second Orders of the Day. **Niagara Incorporation. Niagara Plank Road Company.**

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Report of the Board of Works, laid before this House, on Tuesday, the eleventh instant, and of the Appendix accompanying the same, be printed in pamphlet form, with marginal notes, in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the members of this House. **Board of Works.**

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Cauchon*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Mr. *Dunlop*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Taché*, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing Public Chairs for the teaching of practical sciences to the mechanical classes of the cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*. **Practical Sciences.**

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*. **North American Colonization Association of Ireland.**

He accordingly presented the said 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-fourth instant.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the better preservation of the Peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at, and near, Public Works, while in the progress of construction, being read. **Outrages on Public Works.**

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Drummond* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Drummond* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to oblige Corporations and others, specially empowered by any Act or Charter to hold real estate, to lay before the Legislature annual statements of the property so holden, be read a second time on Monday, the twenty-fourth instant.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of repealing the existing Municipal Laws, and adopting new provisions on that subject.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hale* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hale* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stornont*, be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Entries in the Journals of the Second Session of the Twelfth Provincial Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, which relates to the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the North Riding of the county of *York*; and the Report of the Select Committee, to which the same was referred, dated 12th April 1836, and other references.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of imposing a tax or rate, for the purposes of providing for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Watts* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Watts* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to secure the right of property in British plantation vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William the Fourth*, 28th August, 1833, and intitled "An Act for the registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, being read,

British Plantation Vessels.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Macdonald* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the office of Surveyor General, and to provide for the performance of the duties of that office by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, being read,

Office of Surveyor General.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the laws relative to the encouragement of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, being read.

Agriculture, Lower Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Cobrite* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cobrite* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received, on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal two certain ordinances therein mentioned, relating to winter roads in that part of the Province, heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec*, to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the south side of the river *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers* inclusively, on the North side, being read,

Inferior district of Gaspé.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday, the twenty-fourth instant.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, the House adjourned until Monday next.

Statements from Corporations.

Municipal Laws.

Petition of Donald Cameron, of Thorah.

Humber Harbour Company.

Elementary Education.

Lunæ, 17° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Member for
County of
Kent.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House, that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election of a Member for the county of *Kent*, in the room of the Honourable *Samuel B. Harrison*, who, since his election, hath accepted the office of Judge of the *Home District Surrogate Court*.

Province of Canada.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE
CROWN IN CHANCERY,
Montreal, 15th February, 1845.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of election, dated the eleventh day of January, last passed, issued by His Excellency, the Governor-in-Chief, and directed to the Returning Officer, for the county of *Kent*, (*George W. Foote*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the county of *Kent*, in the present Parliament, in the room of the Honourable *S. B. Harrison*: *Joseph Woods*, Esquire has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said Writ, dated the seventh day of February instant, which is 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. Colville*, the Petition of the Reverend *W. Brethour* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Ormstown*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By *Mr. Gowan*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Johzstown*, (relating to assessment of lands).

By *Mr. Smith*, of *Witworth*, the Petition of *John Henry* and others, of the township of *Glanford*, in the district of *Gore*; and the Petition of *John Steele* and others, of *Braunford*.

By *Mr. Murney*, the Petition of *Miles O'Reilly* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Hamilton*, (relative to Common Schools).

By the Honourable *Mr. Robinson*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to the "Old survey").

By the Honourable *Mr. Attorney General Smith*, the Petition of the Reverend *James Reid* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the parish of *St. Armand, East*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves); and the petition of the Reverend *James Reid* and others, of the parish of *St. Armand, East*, (relating to *King's College* and *McGill College*).

By *Mr. Dunlop*, the Petition of Messieurs *Thomas Hallett & Brothers*, and others, Distillers of the city of *Toronto*, in the *Home District*; and the Petition of *Leonard H. Dunlop*, of *Montreal*, (relating to the Board of Works).

By the Honourable *Mr. DeBleury*, the Petition of *Jean F. Ouellette*, of the city of *Montreal*.

By *Mr. Bertrand*, the Petition of the Reverend *E. G. W. Ross* and others, of the Church of *England*, at *Rivière du Loup-en-bas*, and parts adjacent, in the county of *Rimouski*.

By *Mr. Méthot*, the Petition of *Etienne P. Nour-* Petitions
rie and others, of the parishes of *St. Jean Baptiste De* brought up.
Nicolet and *Ste. Monique*, in the county of *Nicolet*.

By *Mr. Hall*, the Petition of *John Gilchrist*, Esquire, of *Peterboro'*.

By *Mr. Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the Petition of *L. T. Besserer*, Esquire, and others, of the town of *Bytown*.

By the Honourable *Mr. Aylwin*, the Petition of the Reverend *W. Chaderton* and others, members of the Church of *England* of the chapelry of *St. Peter's, Quebec*, and the Petition of the Reverend *R. R. Burrage* and others, members of the Church of *England*, at *Point Levi* and *New Liverpool*, in the diocese of *Quebec*.

By *Mr. Johnston*, the Petition of *Nicolas De Voyan*, alias *Laframboise*, of *Bytown*.

By *Mr. Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* district; and of the *Gore* Bank.

By *Mr. Seymour*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district (relating to assessments).

By *Mr. Watts*, the Petition of the Reverend *G. M. Ross* and others, members of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*.

By *Mr. Hale*, the Petition of the Reverend *George Slack* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the townships of *Granby* and *Milton* (relating to the Clergy Reserves); and the Petition of the Reverend *George Slack* and others, of the townships of *Granby* and *Milton*, (relating to *King's College* and *McGill College*).

An engrossed Bill to amend, consolidate, and re- District Courts
duce into one Act, the several laws now in force, es- Upper Canada
tablishing or regulating the practice of district Courts, in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, for the better preservation of Outrages,
the peace and prevention of riots and violent outrages Public Works.
at and near Public Works, while in the progress of construction, was read for the third time.

The Honourable *Mr. Attorney General Smith* moved, seconded by the Honourable *Mr. Robinson*, that the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act for the better preservation of the Peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages at and near Public Works, while in the progress of construction."

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Brooks, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of Kingston, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Price, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Smith of Westworth, Stewart of Bytown, Stewart of Prescott, Taschereau, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(57.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Cauchon, and Merritt.—(3.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Office of Surveyor General.

An engrossed Bill to abolish the office of Surveyor General, and to provide for the performance of the duties of that office by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of the Reverend *C. B. Fleming* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Shipton, Melbourne*, and parts adjacent, in the diocese of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *John Butler* and others, of *Kingsey and Durham*; of the Reverend *George Pyke* and others, members of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*; of *J. Pangman* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Mascouche* and places adjacent; of the Reverend *William Davies* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *St. John*, in the county of *Chambly*, and diocese of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *M. Willoughby* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Trinity Church, Montreal*; and of the Reverend *Thomas Johnson* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Abbotsford and Rougemont*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a share of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their proportion of the income arising from the same.

Of the Reverend *C. Dion* and others, of the parish of *Béancour*, in the county of *Nicolet*, praying for a repeal of all the laws regulating winter carriages.

Of Messieurs *Miller and Brothers*, and others, of *Pictou, Canada West*, Manufacturers of leather, praying that a certain fixed scale of duties on foreign leather may be substituted for the present *ad valorem* scale; and that the duty upon foreign hides may be abolished.

Of *P. Fortin* and others, Students of Medicine in *McGill College*, praying that the incorporation of the *Montreal College of Medicine*, petitioned for by certain medical men of the city of *Montreal*, be not granted.

Of *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*, Esquire, late Lieutenant-Colonel of Militia, praying that a grant of land may be made to those who served in the militia during the late rebellion and invasion of the Province.

Of *Daniel Byrne* and others, of the parish of *St. Sylvester*, in the county of *Lotbinière*, praying that the said parish may be annexed to the county of *Mégantic*, for registration purposes only, or that the parish of *St. Nicholas* may be annexed to, and made the *chef lieu* of the county of *Lotbinière*.

Of *D. Trudel* and others, of the seigniorship of *Batiscan*, praying for a repeal of the Ordinance, to provide for the improvement of winter roads in this Province, and for other purposes.

Of *William Thurber*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*, praying that the Circuit Court be transferred from *St. Croix* to *Lotbinière*.

Of the Honourable *L. Fiset* and others, of the county of *Gaspé*, praying for the continuation of the road leading from *Perce* to the head of the *Bay Des Chaleurs*.

Of *A. Jones* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Augusta*, in the district of *Johnstown*, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system under which religious instruction may be provided.

Of the Honourable *James Crooks*, of the district of *Gore*, praying to be indemnified for the loss of a vessel, owned by him, and destroyed during the late war with the *United States*.

Of *Henry Gold* and others, of the township of *Reach*, in the *Home* district, praying for a grant to improve their main market road, called *Simcoe Street*; of *L. Davidson* and others, of the township of *Brook*, in the *Home* district; and of *Alexander Campbell* and others, of the township of *Thorah*, in the *Home* district, praying for an aid to improve the road along the *Home and Colborne* boundary line, from the *River Talbot* to the village of *Prince Albert*, in *Reach*, including the *Nonkwan Bridge*.

Of *Stephen Payment* and others, of the parish of *St. Grégoire*, county of *Nicolet*, praying for a repeal of all the Laws regulating winter carriages.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. Pangman* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Mascouche* and places adjacent; the Petition of the Reverend *William Davies* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *St. John*, in the county of *Chambly* and diocese of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *M. Willoughby* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Trinity Church, Montreal*, be severally referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *A. Jones* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Augusta*, in the district of *Johnstown*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Jessup, Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, Mr. Gowan, Mr. Seymour, and Mr. Webster*, 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 *John Healy*, of the city of *Toronto*, a Messenger to the House of Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered, That the Petition of *P. Fortin* and others, Students of Medicine in *McGill College*, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *George Pyke* and others, members of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Thurber*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of

Mr. Laurin, Mr. Jobin, Mr. Lantier, Mr. Guillet, and Mr. Colvile, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

D. Byrne and others.

Mr. Laurin moved, seconded by Mr. Bertrand, That the Petition of Daniel Byrne and others, of the parish of St. Sylvester, in the county of Lotbinière, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker having refused to receive the said motion, on account of its being written in the French language and contrary to the forty-first clause of the Union Act,

An appeal was made to the House from Mr. Speaker's decision.

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

For Mr. Speaker's decision,

Boulton, Brooks, Chalmers, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Solicitor General SHERWOOD, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, and Williams.—(31.)

Against Mr. Speaker's decision.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthlot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Guillet, Hale, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, M'Connell, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Small, Taschereau, and Watts.—(30.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

D. Trudel and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of D. Trudel and others, of the Seigniorship of Batiscan, be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter roads in that part of this Province heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the district of Quebec, the Inferior district of Gaspé, and that part of the district of Three Rivers which extends from the district of Quebec, to the parish of Nicolet on the South side of the River St. Lawrence, and to the town of Three Rivers, inclusively, on the North side

T. Proudlock.

Ordered, That the Petition of Thomas Proudlock, Shipwright and master mariner, residing at Point Fortune, on the River Ottawa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

On motion of Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Merritt,

Ordered, That the subjoined List of Witnesses (in number 334 and signed by the Petitioner James Durand) be added to the List of Witnesses of the said Petitioner, in the contested election for the West Riding of the county of Halton, and that the same be forwarded to the Petitioner forthwith at Guelph:—

LIST OF ADDITIONAL WITNESSES

Halton contested Election.

Required by the Petitioner, JAMES DURAND, Esquire, on the Trial of the Contested Election for the West Riding of HALTON, before the Commissioners:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
William Henry, Farmer	Waterloo.
Thomas M'Bride, Gent.	Preslinch.
James Geides, Gent.	Hamilton.
John Martin	do
Francis Esson	do
George Grey	do
Fearlie Milne	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Robert Peters	Hamilton.
Peter Grassie	do
George Reives	do
Hugh Black	do
John Mutier	do
Samuel Owens	do
Ephraim Land	do
Peter Burkhart	do
William Kilpatrick	do
Alex. Moir	do
Thomas M'Quaker	do
William M'Kay	do
Gregor M'Gregor	do
James Girry	do
Edward Kesson	do
Peter Dealie	do
John Minnie	do
James Foster	do
Robert Mallagon	do
Alex. Cowie	do
James Haliken	do
Samuel Broadfoote	do
Archibald Cummings	do
Robert Scott	do
William Cooper	do
John Masson	do
Barney M'Carlo	do
James Gill	do
Thomas Watt	do
William Beattie, senior	do
Bartholomew O'Conner	do
Robert Wilson	do
Thomas Dow	do
James Dow	do
John Orr	do
Abraham J. Flewelling	do
John Stoven	do
Francis Maitland	do
Henry Smith	do
William Everett	do
Mzurico Cushing	do
Robert Scott, (2d)	do
James Skinner	do
John Beattie	do
John Miller	do
James Miller	do
Francis Headley	do
Samuel Cunningham	do
Kenedy Orr	do
Archibald Patterson	do
Peter M'Claren	do
James Cowie	do
Lewis Felker	Garrasfraxa
John Felker	do
George Stewart	do
John Wilkie	do
David Black	do
George Mathews	do
John Wilkie (2d)	do
John Moffatt	do
John Bishop	do
Francis Esson	do
John Strachan	do
Andrew Gerrie, junior	do
Jesse Meredith	do
Alexander Hutchenson	do
Robert Nichol	do
Archibald M'Millan	do
John Corbet	do
John Campbell	do
John Wilson	do
William Campbell	do
John Craig	do
Robert Collier	do
William Carson	do
Robert Brash	do
Richard King	do
James Donaldson	do
Isaac Woolner	do
John Wallace	do
Richard Patterson	do
William G. Price	do
Philander M'Gregor	do

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NAMES,	RESIDENCE.
Alexander Barr	Garrafraxa.
James Hill	do
William Hamilton	Eramosa
William Lark	do
James Gerow	do
Hugh M'Donald	do
John Blakely	do
John Goble	do
Idan Goble	do
George Sacket	do
David Sheltiz	do
William Brown	do
Robert Grindal	do
Robert M'Williams	do
Doctor Cobbin, land in Eramosa, lives in Trafalgar.	
Samuel Balls	Eramosa.
Hugh M'Culloch	Guelph.
John Wilson	do
Richard Greet	do
William Wilson	do
Jonas Eby	do
Joseph Cook	do
Edward Thompson	do
Richard Jones	do
William Gibson or Gibbon	do
Daniel Linderman	do
Robert Day	do
Robert Hadding	do
David Allen	do
William Armstrong	do
Frederick Wilson	do
Richard Whitesides	do
John O'Hatt	do
Hugh Henry	do
Isaac Newton	do
Samuel Moore	do
William Jones	do
Jeffry Lynch	do
Samuel Wilson	do
Thomas Orr	do
William Henry Parker	do
Thomas Hanslip George	do
James Hough	do
Walter King	do
John Lynch	do
Joseph Dyson	do
George Davis, junior	do
Robert Smith	do
Archd. M'Kerkiudale	do
George Norris	do
John H. Saunders	do
Andrew M'Crae	do
Francis Marriott	do
James Davie	do
Robert Hadding	do
Thomas Wood, junior	do
Pringle Speirs	do
Nathaniel Croft	do
Thomas Hinds	do
Ralph Hinds	do
William Bridget	do
James Thorpe Dundas	do
Thomas Keating	do
James Nevills	do
James Wilson	do
Arthur Oliver	do
Jonathan Green	do
Edward Harland	do
Thomas Rees Brock	do
William Harland	do
William M'Ewen	do
Robert Moffatt Richardson	do
John Fife	do
Henry Richardson	do
Charles Watson	do
Henry Heard	do
Edward M'Ellistram	do
Thomas Jones	do
Alexander M'Intosh	do
Thomas Lindsay	do
Daniel Gilkerson, lives at Hamilton, Woolwich.	
Daniel Wallace	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	Halton con- tested Election.
William Mann	Woolwich.	
Robert Smith	do	
William Craig, lives at Ancaster, land in Waterloo.		
George Davidson	do	
William Jardins	do	
John Sherrington	do	
William Dalman	do	
Stephen Washburne	do	
James Macklem	do	
Archibald Vance	do	
Andrew Ferguson	do	
William M'Kersey	do	
James Hewer	Puslinch.	
Ebenezer Reede	do	
John Segrist	do	
Conrad Swalzenberger	do	
George Weltzedon	do	
George Stetter	do	
Simon Patterson	Dumfries.	
John H. Parsons	do	
Thomas Westwood	do	
James Geddes	do	
Aaron Patten	do	
William M'Kenzie	do	
Duncan M'Kenzie	Beverley.	
Jonathan Craig	Dumfries.	
Robert Middelman	do	
Henry Aussunu	do	
Godlove Mort	do	
John Patten	do	
James Callagan	do	
John L. Babcock	do	
John M'Adam	do	
Walter Granlock	do	
John Evans	do	
John Eadon	do	
Richard Steadsheard	do	
James Wilson, E. R.	Guelph.	
Edward Newton	do	
Francis Hinds	do	
John M'Intosh, junior	do	
John Smith, Lot 8, 3d Con.	Dumfries.	
M. J. Squires, Merchant	Guelph.	
M. David Sturton	Puslinch.	
John Hamilton	Guelph.	
Martin Simson	Dumfries.	
Edward Marsh	do	
Andrew Prentiss	do	
William Batters	do	
Benjamin Wright	do	
Robert Snowball	do	
Friend Daton	do	
John Linderman	Puslinch.	
Jacob Greybill	Wilmot.	
Christopher Foster	do	
John S. Smith	do	
Thomas Johnson	do	
John Johnson	do	
Francis Carsin	do	
John Summerville	do	
John Hewett	do	
William Wallace	do	
George Smith	do	
James Brown	do	
Andrew Geddes	Dumfries.	
John R. Smith	Wilmot.	
Abel Miller	do	
Joseph Grasser	do	
Adam Durst	do	
Jacob Erb	do	
Richard Hook	do	
Jacob Prill	do	
Ludieny Eidt or Erb	do	
John Eidt or Erb	do	
John Wilson	Guelph.	
John Mitchell	do	
Joseph Larason	Dumfries.	
Purvis Larason	do	
Isaac Vansickle	do	
Abraham Vansickle	do	
Abraham Steel	do	
Joseph Steel	do	

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Joseph Briggs	Dumfries.
John Banhan	do
Thomas Blacklock	do
Robert M'Dougall	do
Stephen Pemberton	do
David Cargill	do
William Bardell	do
Martin Simson	do
Andrew Prentiss	do
James Jackson	do
William Philip	do
Thomas Edwards	do
Anthony Marshall	do
Cornelius Clump	do
Elam Starson	do
Hugh Girvin	do
James Harris	do
David K. Davis	do
James W. Davis	do
George Lee	do
Simon Smith	do
Richard Stewart	do
Augustus A. Honis	do
James Swan	do
James Nelson	Garrafraxa.
George Simson	Dumfries.
Robert Sheil	do
James Hagget	do
John Veitch	do
Dr. Sowden	do
James Hill, senior	Eramosa.
James Hill, junior	do
Levi Hawell	Dumfries.
John M'Kenzie	Beverley.
Samuel Shontz	Waterloo.
John Brabacker	do
Joseph Erb	do
John Erb	do
Joseph Morten	do
Thornton Copeman	Dumfries.
Christopher Cough or Keough	Guelph.
Thomas Louchrin	do
William Beatie	do
Timothy Quinlin	do
John Herning	do
Jonah Hawkins	Eramosa.
George Brown, Esquire	Esquering or Trafalgar.
Edward Huxtable	Eramosa.
Thomas Calligan, Surveyor	Garrafraxa.
George Wilson	Guelph.
William Orr	do
Robert Orr	do
M. C. Keough	do
James Sturton	Paslinch.
James Hamilton	do
Robert Cranston	Dumfries.
John Mallen	do
Daniel Stannaman	do
H. V. S. Mans	do
William Graham	do
Nelson Amos	do
Benjamin Newstead	do
Simon Smith	do
Patrick Chambers	do
William Little	do
Robert Shiel	do
Robert King	do
Thomas Duncan	do
John Anderson	do
James Robertson	Nichol.
Joseph Wood	Eramosa.
Thomas Lochim	Nichol.
George Robertson	do
John Mennie	do

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Petrie,

Ordered, That the subjoined list of witnesses (in Halton con-
number 392, and signed by the Sitting Member, tested Election.
James Webster, Esquire,) be added to the list of
witnesses of the said Sitting Member, in the
contested election for the West Riding of the
county of Halton, and that the same be for-
warded to the Sitting Member's agent forthwith.

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On the part of JAMES WEBSTER, the Sitting Member for
the West Riding of the county of HALTON:—

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Benjamin B. Bowman, Yeoman	Waterloo.
Abraham Toman	do
David Sharrick	do
David Gingrich	do
Isaac Y. Shantz	do
Samuel Bricker, senior,	do
Adam Brown	do
David Shantz	do
Jacob Snider	do
Christian J. Snider	do
John Y. Shantz	do
John Bergey	do
Joshua Wilmer	do
William Miller	do
Joshua Huk, or Hook,	do
Jacob Jans	do
John Golman	do
Jacob Click, or Glick,	do
Jacob Lattschaw	do
John Stafford	do
Francis Ament	do
Joseph Swobe	do
Christian Enslin, Printer,	do
Lawrence Bertz	do
Simon Haast	do
Eli Clemens	do
Christian German	do
Anselm Wagler	do
Jacob Haas	do
Joshua Haast	do
Abraham Biehn, senior	do
Henry Brooksbank	do
John Betzner	do
Xavier Weiler	do
Jacob Clemens	do
Moses Bowman	do
Samuel Cornell	do
Valentine Gildner	do
Peter Weber	do
John Green	do
Adam Winters	do
John Henry Stroh	do
Jacob Hons	do
Abraham S. Clemens	do
Henry Moyer	do
Jacob Shantz, junior	do
Martin Shiedel	do
John Snider	do
Jacob M. Clemens	do
Levi Clemens	do
Jacob Witmer	do
Adam Shupe	do
Gotlieb Broomer	do
John Thomason	do
Henry Clymer	do
Jacob Turningworth	do
Christian Musser	do
Charles Wait	do
Jacob Huckler	do
Joshua Wendling	do
Amos M. Clemens	do
Abraham T. Moyer	do
Joseph Lanber	do
Hermanus Smith	do
Samuel Harner	do
Samuel Bowman	do
William Young	do
William Harlot	do
John Elsley	do
Charles Aluens	do
Abraham Clemens	do
David Keist	do
David B. Weaver	do
Abraham Moyer	do
Abraham Cressman	do
Levi Snider	do
Henry Brower	do
Christian Erb	do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Levi Bechtel	Waterloo.
Michael Rose, Brewer,	do
Jabez Miller	do
Abraham Kenzie	do
James Hamilton	do
John Durrant	do
Lawrence Koth	do
Henry Beamer	do
John Guggenberg	do
Christian Detwiler	do
James Atiss	do
Michael Stoltz	do
Christian Fry	do
Abraham D. Shoemaker	do
Daniel D. Shoemaker	do
Jacob Brewer	do
Henry Truer	do
John Erb	do
Thomas Hillborn	do
George Israel	do
Charles Israel	do
Stafford Clemens	do
David Shoemaker	do
Jacob D. Shoemaker	do
John S. Roads	do
Henry Croft	do
Isaac Bergey	do
George Sneller	do
Jacob Rose	do
George Huron	do
Peter Leibler	do
George Rose	do
Vincout Mozer	do
Lewis Haebale	do
Barnabas Devitt	do
Abraham Ebz	do
Samuel Fricker	do
Abraham Stauffer	do
John Zink	do
Jacob Hagez	do
John Good	do
Joel Good	do
Henry N. Clemer	do
John Brubacker	do
Jacob S. Shoemaker	do
Henry Bowman	do
Christian S. Kellar	do
Henry Wismer, junior	do
Jacob Culp	do
Henry M'Nellz	do
Joshua Erb	do
Joshua Martin	do
Henry Snider	do
Henry Levargood	do
Benjamin Martin	do
Abraham D. Clemens	do
William Myers	do
Daniel K. Levan	do
Jacob Betzner	do
Samuel Bowman	do
Christian Shantz, junior, or senior,	do
George Baltzer	do
Frederick Gankel	do
Samuel Bower	do
Andrew Kauffman	do
Lewis Beesby	do
George Warner	do
John Shoemaker	do
Christian Shantz, junior	do
Michael Dunkey	do
Samuel Eshelman	do
Peter Erb	do
Christian C. Snider	do
John Ebs	do
George D. Shoemaker	do
John Rose	do
James Willfound	do
Isaac Clemens	do
Joshua E. Snider	do
Ignatius Barnhard	do
Tobias Warner	do
Samuel Bricker	do
Elias Ebz	do
Samuel Ebz, senior	do
Peter Erb, junior	do
Peter Davis	do
Henry Ernst	do
Rudolph Detwiler	do
John Benjeman	do
Jacob Lutz	do
John Clemens	do
Jacob Meroer	do
Samuel Bowman	do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Daniel Erb	Waterloo.
Henry Overholtzer	do
Michael Stumpfel	do
Jacob Stauffer	do
John Warner, junior	do
Christian Reist	do
Jacob Keemer	do
Henry Stricker	do
Peter Hamaker, junior	do
Isaac C. Shantz	do
Tobias Kolb	do
Peter Dunky	do
Abraham C. Clemens	do
Solomon Kutz	do
Jacob Toman	do
Perer Lebingorth	do
Isaac Masters	do
Davie Kife	do
Charles Godbold	do
John Jones, Tavernkeeper,	do
Hiram Capron	Dumfries.
Michael Charlton	do
Alexander Buchanan	do
Wendal Bowman	do
Jonathan Wait, junior	do
Philo Hull	do
Solomon Gehman	do
William Sexton	do
John Bricker	do
Calvin Pine	do
Henry Clemens	do
John Bray	do
James Lawson	do
Richard Kitchen	do
Joshua Boehmer	do
Henry Kitchen	do
Phillip Kelly	do
William Sovereign	do
Henry Nellis	do
Henry Latschaw	do
William Buchanan	do
Adam Klinton	do
William Mullin	do
George Turnbull	do
Bradford Arthur	do
John Smith	do
Thomas Gad	do
Michael Showers	do
Laban Crandel	do
Hugh Finlayson	do
Horace Capron	do
John Smith	do
James Smith	do
Patrick Green	do
Thomas Davidson	do
Charles Mitchell	do
David Shantz	do
Sylvanus Whitford	do
Henry Crumback	do
Samuel Snider	do
Benjamin Rosenberger	do
Robert Carrick	do
David Brecker	do
Benjamin Hallman	do
James Bawtinhimer	do
Norman Hamilton	do
Carlton C. Smith	do
Nathaniel V. Cory	do
Eli Smith	do
Nathan Howell	do
George German	do
Samuel Latschaw	do
James Tenant	do
Benjamin Snider	do
Daniel M'Pherson	do
David Ingles	do
Benjamin C. Hearle, Printer,	do
John Foster	Wilmot.
Joseph Shantz	do
John Shantz	do
Elias Snider	do
Lawrence Snider	do
John C. Shantz	do
Jonas Shantz	do
Jacob Mornner	do
Jacob Durst	do
John Martin	do
Caspar Rantel	do
Hugh Jackson	do
Jacob Croft, senior	do
Christian Lichty	do
Jacob Snider	do
Peter Sommer	do

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
William Bieldstine ...	Wilmot.
John Erb ...	do
Christian Ebersoll ...	do
Michael Swartzenstrouber ...	do
Jacob Gingrich ...	do
Henry Wispler ...	do
John Shantz ...	do
Christian Moyer ...	do
Isaac Motter ...	do
Martin Marklinger ...	do
Henry Wall ...	do
David Snider ...	do
Peter Littwiler ...	do
Henry Harber ...	do
George Shultz ...	do
Christian Doringier ...	do
Michael Brand ...	do
David Geiger ...	do
Daniel Crofinan ...	do
Peter Wilker ...	do
Michael Stayner ...	do
George Multer ...	do
Anthony Chopfin ...	do
John Shilliter ...	do
Christopher Norgang ...	do
Thomas Rodbrh ...	do
Jacob Gardner ...	do
Matthias Shafer ...	do
John Brememan ...	do
Reinard Kook ...	do
Michael Roods ...	do
Christian Weber ...	do
Jacob Brill ...	do
Jacob Martz ...	do
Peter Bricker ...	do
Michael Karrar ...	do
John Masters ...	do
Ignatius Gatchney ...	do
Alexis Snider ...	do
Christian Gardner ...	do
John Bain ...	do
Ulrich Geiger ...	do
Gottlib Grim ...	do
George Fray ...	do
Abraham Beam ...	do
Nicholas Lichty ...	do
Bernard Braner ...	do
Jaram Koll ...	do
Nicholas Detrich ...	do
John Stauffer ...	do
Frederick Kunter ...	do
Jacob Leibler ...	do
John Christner ...	do
Samuel Crossman ...	do
Jacob Walker ...	do
Joseph Mozer ...	do
Michael Kraat ...	do
John Ernst ...	do
John Myers ...	do
James Argo ...	do
Elisha Hewitt ...	do
George Cummings ...	do
John Nieglin ...	do
Arthur Wright ...	do
John B. Bowman ...	do
Moses Weaver ...	do
Samuel Reist ...	do
Lewis Cook ...	do
John Detwiler ...	do
Levi Bowman ...	do
Samuel Hoffman ...	do
Jacob Cress ...	do
Ephraim Cress ...	do
Henry Musser ...	do
Burton Curtis ...	do
Martin C. Halfpenny ...	do
Peter Winger ...	do
John Lieter ...	do
Arthur Nicklin ...	do
John Bristowe ...	do
Jacob J. Snider ...	do
Benjamin Good ...	do
David Hurst ...	do
Benjamin Snider ...	do
Jacob Martin ...	do
Daniel Weaver ...	do
Christian Martin ...	do
Christian Kranter ...	do
Joshua Shantz ...	do
Jesse Swartz ...	do
Benjamin W. Bowman ...	do
Samuel Ebz ...	do
David Mussleman ...	do

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
Peter Weaver ...	Woolwich.
Rhodes Letson ...	do
Michael Canagher ...	Guelph.
Bernard M'Tague, junior, ...	do
Thomas Tolton ...	do
James Keogh ...	do
Mrs. Kane ...	do
John Burke ...	do
James M'Gar ...	do
Robert Hadden junior, ...	do
John Gaffney ...	do
James Hudson ...	do
Abraham Witmer ...	do
Joshua Wilson ...	do
James Fanel ...	do
Samuel Rife ...	do
William Sunley, (voted in Eramosa)	do
Thomas Parkinson ...	Eramosa.
William Sunley, (voted in Guelph)	do
John Hefferman, junior, ...	do
Levi Hill ...	do
Joshua Parkinson, junior, ...	do
Robert Ramsay ...	do
John A. Armstrong ...	do
James Parkinson ...	do
John Parkinson ...	do
William Oliphant ...	do
David Oliphant ...	do
Abraham Osborne ...	do
Jeremiah O'Connor ...	do
Felix M'Gin ...	do
Patrick Hefferman ...	Puslinch.
Daniel Totten ...	Dumfries.

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Mr. *Berthelot*, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House that the Committee met on Saturday last at ten o'clock, A. M., but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of their chairman, Mr. *Taché*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*; and that Mr. *Berthelot* was accordingly appointed chairman *pro tem*, and directed to report the same to the House.

That the Committee also met this morning at eleven o'clock, but could not proceed to business on account of the absence of Mr. *Taché*, and Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*.

Resolved, That as Mr. *Taché* absented himself on account of illness, he be excused.

Resolved, That as Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, absented himself, from unavoidable circumstances, he be excused.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* absented himself, on account of illness, he be excused.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the city of *Montreal*, merchant, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have attentively examined the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the city of *Montreal*, referred to them by your Honourable House, and perused the documentary evidence submitted to them in support thereof, and beg leave respectively to report:—

That the Petitioner has convinced your Committee of the truth of the statements contained in his Petition, viz: that his father, *John Donegani*, an Italian by birth, emigrated to *Lower Canada*, with his family, and among other members of it, the said *Joseph Donegani*, the Petitioner; that the said *John Donegani* settled at *Montreal*, where he resided until the year 1802, having in the interval acquired considerable property.

Petition of J.
Donegani.

That by his last Will, dated at *Montreal*, the 23rd July, 1800, and a Codicil, bearing subsequent date, he constituted his three sons, one of whom is the Petitioner, his residuary Legatees, and left to his daughter, *Thérèse Donegani*, who had intermarried in *Canada*, a bequest of five hundred pounds, as her share in his Estate. That the Testator, *John Donegani*, departed this life at *Moltrazio*, in *Italy*, in, or about the year 1809. That under the Will and Codicil above mentioned, the Petitioner took possession of the property, real and personal, which had been bequeathed to him, and enjoyed the same uninterruptedly until the month of February, 1827, when a suit was commenced against him, in the Court of King's Bench at *Montreal*, by his nephews, *J. A. Donegani*, *Joseph Donegani*, and *Guillaume Benjamin Donegani*, the children of his sister, *Thérèse Donegani*, born in *Lower Canada*, issue of the marriage between her and the late *Joseph Donegani*, her husband, both deceased: by which suit, the nephews, as grand-children, and heirs at law of their grandfather, *John Donegani*, claimed to the prejudice of the Petitioner, the whole of the real estate which he had taken under the said Will, Testament, and Codicil of his father.

That this claim was made to rest upon the fact, that the Petitioner was born in *Italy*, out of the allegiance of the Crown of *Great Britain*, and was precluded from taking and holding the real property of his father, under the said Will, Testament, and Codicil, being an alien born.

That the said nephews of the Petitioner prevailed in the suit, and the real estate held by him, under the Will, Testament, and Codicil of his father, was awarded to them, together with the rent, issues, and profits, by a judgment given in the said Court of King's Bench, on the 18th June, 1831.

That the Petitioner appealed from this judgment to the Provincial Court of Appeals, which Court, on the 30th April, 1832, affirmed the judgment.

That the Petitioner again appealed to the King in Council from both of these judgments, but that he was again unsuccessful in this appeal, in this last resort. The report of their Lordships, composing the judicial committee of the Privy Council, recommending the affirmance of the two judgments of the Canadian Courts, having been confirmed by His Majesty, on the 17th February, 1835.

That in making their Report their Lordships adverted to the arguments urged by the Council for the Petitioner, and from the to the Statute of the 1st *William IV.* chapter 53, hereinafter mentioned, which had been given subsequently to the rendering of judgment in the King's Bench. But that their Lordships conceived, that sitting as a Court of Appellate Jurisdiction merely, they were precluded from giving to the Petitioner the benefit of that Act.

Previously to the rendering of judgment in the King's Bench at *Montreal*, a Bill, intitled, "An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects," being the Act above referred to, passed both branches of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, and was presented for His Majesty's assent, and reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure thereon: this was on the 31st March, 1831. His Majesty's assent was given to the Bill on the 12th April, 1832, and signified by proclamation on the 5th June, 1832.

The Petitioner, after the return of the proceedings at Law from the Cockpit, applied to the Court of King's Bench for redress, under the Statute 1st *William IV.* chapter 53, but his proceedings, which were in the nature of an *audit à querelâ*, were again unsuccessful.

It is necessary to advert now to the scope and object of this Statute, which stands on the Statute Book as the 1st *William IV.* chapter 53. It commences with a recital, "that it is expedient to remove by law, doubts that may have arisen as to the civil rights and titles to real estate of some of the persons hereinafter mentioned," viz: "all persons who have at any time received grants of land in this Province from the Crown, and all persons who have held any public office in the Province, under the great

Seal of the Province, or under the Seal at Arms, and Person administering the Government of this Province, and all persons who have taken the oath of allegiance, or being of the persons, who by the laws of this Province are allowed to affirm in civil cases, have made the affirmation of allegiance to His Majesty, or His Majesty's predecessors, before any person duly authorized to administer such oath, or affirmation, and all persons who had their settled place of abode in this Province, before the year of Our Lord, 1823, and are still resident therein, shall be, and are hereby admitted and confirmed in all the privileges of British birth, and shall be deemed adjudged, and taken to be, and so far as respects their capacity at any time heretofore, to take, hold, possess, enjoy, claim, recover, convey, devise, impart, or transmit, any real estate in the Province of *Lower Canada*, or any right, title, privilege, or appurtenance thereto, or any interest therein, to have been natural born subjects of His Majesty, to all intents, constructions, and purposes whatsoever, as if they, and every of them, had been born in His Majesty's United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and that the children or more remote descendants of any person or persons of either of the foregoing descriptions who may be dead, shall be, and are hereby admitted to the same privileges, which such parents or ancestors, if living, could claim under this Act."

The words "deemed, adjudged, and taken to be," as respects their capacity at any time heretofore to take, hold, and possess any real estate, as natural born British subjects of His Majesty, to all intents, constructions, and purposes whatsoever, as if they and every of them had been born in His Majesty's United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, prove beyond the possibility of doubt, that the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, in passing this Act, intended that its operation should be retrospective.

There is abundant proof before your Committee of the long residence of the Petitioner in *Lower Canada*, prior to 1823, and of his full compliance with the provisions of the Statute, to qualify him for naturalization.

The proceedings before the Courts of Justice, notwithstanding the express terms of this Statute, will have the effect of depriving the Petitioner of the rights of a British subject, to which he is by law as fully entitled as if he had been born in the United Kingdom, and of ousting him of the possession of land of which he had been in the peaceful enjoyment for nearly twenty years.

Independently of the Statute, and to view the position of the Petitioner as at law, it can be considered only as one of extreme hardship. The claims of his nephews to defeat their grandfather's will, and to demand for themselves that which he earned by his labour, and which he bequeathed and designed to give to his son, their uncle, and not to them, is inequitable on its front, and repugnant to the common principles of justice. But whatever might have been the hardship of the case, your Committee would not have deemed it competent to them to recommend the intervention of the Legislature in his behalf, if the Statute of 1st *William IV.* chapter 53, had not passed both branches of the Legislature before the rendering of judgment against the Petitioner, by the Court at *Montreal*, and if it had not actually been proclaimed and sanctioned before the affirmance by the Privy Council of that judgment. The Statute is declaratory of the law, and is confirmatory of the past; unlike other reserved Statutes, it did not commence to take effect from and after the Proclamation by the Governor, but it related back to the very day of the birth of the Petitioner, and made him a British subject in contemplation of law, instead of an Italian, as he was born in point of fact.

Your Committee, after full consideration, conceive that the case of the Petitioner affords one of the few exceptions to the rule, that the Legislature ought not to interfere with the rights of parties litigant before the ordinary tribunals of the country. If technical forms are not only insufficient to give due protection to the rights of the Petitioner, when not only equitable and strongly based on natural justice, but confirmed by an Act of Parliament, and if, as is the case with the Petitioner, those technical forms oppose an insurmountable barrier to redress from

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the ordinary Courts of Justice. Your Committee consider, that the Legislature is called upon to interfere, and to meet the justice of the case, by carrying out the intention of the Lawgiver in framing the Statute.

Your Committee would therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Petition should be granted, and that the titles of all parties naturalized according to the true intent and meaning of the Statute of 1st William IV. chapter 53, should be quieted by a new Legislative enactment. But as legal expenses have been incurred to a large amount, and an award of costs has been made by the several Courts against the Petitioner, your Committee consider it to be equitable and just that these costs should be borne by the Petitioner, and that the remedy of his nephews for their recovery be left open to them, as well as to all other parties who may be similarly circumstanced.

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

Agricultural Societies.

Ordered, That Mr. Webster have leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act for the establishment of Agricultural Societies, and to encourage agriculture in the several districts 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.

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. DeBleury have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the laws relative to Winter Roads 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.

Law of Dower, Upper Canada.

Mr. Murney moved, seconded by Mr. Meyers, for leave to bring in a Bill, to alter, amend, and define the Law of Dower in that part of this Province formerly called Upper Canada.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Hall,

Valuation of Lands on Canal Reserve, in Murray.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House a statement in writing of the valuation made of the lands on the canal Reserve, and other lands, in the township of Murray, in the Newcastle district; if any such valuation has been made in pursuance of a Message of His Excellency. Sir F. B. Head, then Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, delivered on the 26th February, 1838, in reply to an Address of the Legislature of that Province, of the sixteenth of the same month, on the subject of the utility and importance of a canal to connect the waters of the Bay of Quinte with Lake Ontario, at or near Presqu'Isle Harbour.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. Price,

Windsor Harbour.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order to be laid before this House, with as little delay as

possible, copies of all Petitions or other communications made to the Executive Government and the Board of Works, or either of them, upon the subject of the construction of Windsor Harbour, in the township of Whitby, and the contemplated road leading therefrom to Lake Scugog; with any decision had thereon or answer thereto by the Executive Government or Board of Works; together with a statement of the contracts entered into for the completion of the said Harbour and Road, and to whom such contracts have been given; the several sums at which the same have been respectively taken, and a detailed statement of the several sums paid upon the said contracts respectively.

Windsor Harbour.

Road to Lake Scugog.

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

On motion of Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Hall,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House, an account, in detail, of all moneys expended under the authority of the Board of Works, in, and upon, the Cobourg harbour; and also, the orders in Council, or other authority under which that expenditure took place; and also, to inform this House, if any survey was made by or under authority of the Board of Works, to connect that harbour with the plank or macadamized road now being made between Port Hope and the Rice lake, and why such survey was made, and if the same proved practicable, why such connecting road was not constructed.

Cobourg Harbour.

Port Hope and Rice Lake.

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

On motion of Mr. Watts, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Morin,

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Agriculture, Mr. Watts, Mr. Hale, Mr. Taschereau, Mr. Lower Canada. Nelson, and Mr. Armstrong, be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Laws of Lower Canada, relating to the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture, to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to secure the Right of Property in British plantation vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, William the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, be postponed until to-morrow.

British Plantation Vessels.

Mr. Hale, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of repealing the existing Municipal Laws, and adopting new provisions on that subject, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Municipal Laws, Lower Canada.

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Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the existing Municipal Laws of *Lower Canada*, with a view of adopting other provisions in lieu thereof, and of authorizing Corporations to levy rates for local purposes.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in *Lower Canada*.

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

Elementary
Instruction,
Lower Canada.

Mr. *Watts*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of imposing a tax or rate, for the purposes of providing for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to Order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to make better provision for Elementary Education in *Lower Canada*, by empowering the local authorities to assess and levy rates for that purpose.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill 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 Friday next.

Agriculture,
Lower Canada.

Mr. *Colville*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the report of the Select Committee, appointed to enquire into the expediency of amending the Laws relative to the encouragement of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to Order, the resolution of the said Committee, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the several Acts of *Lower Canada*, relating to Agricultural Societies in the Counties and Districts, and to the allowance made out of the Provincial Funds for the support of such Societies, with a view to the substitution of other enactments on the same subjects, and a more ample provision out of the Public Moneys of the Province for the support of Agricultural Societies in the Counties and Districts of *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Watts* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein.

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

Niagara Incorporation.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to Incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police therein, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Colville* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Colville* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company*, for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from a certain place in *Niagara*, to the *Ten Mile Creek* in *Grantham*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Cauchon* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cauchon* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain lands in *Upper Canada* to be charged with local taxes, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Dickson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Dickson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the culling and measurement of *Culling &c., of Timber*, masts, spars, deals, staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chapter 25, being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for piloting Vessels through all the channels of the River *St. Lawrence*, below *Quebec*, being read,

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

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would cause the proper officer to lay before the House, a copy of any Lease that may have been granted for working the mines and minerals on the river *Gatineau*, for the purpose of ascertaining if any stipulations were entered into as to when they should commence to be worked:—

Mines and
Minerals,
Gatineau.

(COPY.)

DEPARTMENT OF CROWN LANDS,
Montreal, 18th January, 1845.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 16th instant, transmitting a copy of an Address of the House of Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying "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, a copy of any Lease that may have been granted for working the mines and minerals on the river *Gatineau*, for the purpose of ascertaining if any stipulations were entered into as to when they should commence to be worked."

In reply, I have to state that there is no record in this office or that of the Surveyor General's, of the existence of such a lease as the one referred to in the above mentioned address.

I have, &c.

(Signed) T. BOUTHILLIER.

Honourable D. DALY,
&c. &c. &c.

(COPY.)

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 28th January, 1845.

SIR,

Upon a careful examination of the Records in this office, commencing the search from the year 1764, I cannot discover any trace whatever of a "Lease of the mines and minerals on the *Gatineau* river," and I have consequently good reason to believe, that no such document exists among the records under my charge.

I have, &c.

(Signed.) R. A. TUCKER.

Honourable D. DALY,
&c. &c. &c.

Also,

Longueuil and
Chambly
Turnpike Road

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause the proper officer to lay before the House within the shortest possible delay, detailed Accounts of all sums of money expended and received by the Trustees of the Turnpike Road from *Longueuil* to *Chambly*, by virtue of the Ordinance of the Special Council, passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, chap. 16; and also detailed Statements of all transactions of the said Trustees, by virtue of the same authority, since the commencement of their trust.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix FF.)

Les Sœurs de
Notre Dame.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the community of religious ladies, called, "*Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montreal*," to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate commutation of the Tenure ^{Seigniorial Tenure.} *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of free and common soccage, being read,

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Taschereau*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Lantier*, Mr. *DeWitt*, and Mr. *Méthot*, 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 expunge from the Bill so much as provides for any compulsory commutation, leaving the commutation to be entirely free and optional with the parties, and in no case by constraint.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 18° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the table:— ^{Petitions brought up.}

By Mr. *Colville*, the Petition of *Joseph Braithwaite* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *Chambly*, in the district of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *Joseph Choat* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves, in the township of *Ameliusburg*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *James Coleman* and others, of *Adjala*, and other townships.

By the Honourable Mr. *Ballwin*, the Petition of *Thomas G. Coyne* and others, of the township of *Dunwich*; the Petition of *James Taunton* and others, of the township of *Southwold*, in the district of *London*; and the Petition of *Asahel Barnes* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserve Lands in the district of *London*.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Abbott* and others, on behalf of the members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *St. Matthew, Grenville*; and the Petition of *J. O. A. Turgeon* and others, of the parishes of *Terrebonne* and *St. Therèse*, in the county of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Jobin*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Bond* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *Lachine*.

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By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *P. Watier* and others, of the parish of *St. Joseph des Cedres*, and other places.

By Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the town of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of *James Little*, Esquire, and others, of *Seneca* and other townships, in the district of *Niagara*.

Les Sœurs de
Notre Dame.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the community of religious ladies, called *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montreal*, to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Pensions to
La Croix and
Baldue.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, laid before this House on the third instant, relative to an allowance or pension to *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Baldue*, heretofore Messengers of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of the said *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Baldue*, be severally committed to a Committee of the whole House, on to-morrow.

Election, Third
Riding York.

Mr. *Berthelot*, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Tuché*, their chairman.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Saturday next, on account of the illness of their chairman.

Petition of J.
Wetenhall and
others.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Wetenhall* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, and other references.

Legislative
Records of Up-
per Canada.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Gowan*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, and the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, be appointed to consider and report to this House, upon the best mode of completing the existing series of the Legislative Records of the late Province of *Upper Canada*; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*,

Petition of A.
Manahan, Esq.

Ordered, That so much of the entries in the 367th, 368th, and 378th pages of the Journals of the Assembly of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, for the year 1840, as relates to the Petition of *Anthony Manahan*, Esquire, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, as contained in the Appendix to the said Jour-

nals, (vol. i. part 2d. ;) and also those entries in the 494th, 511th, and 632d pages of the Journals of the Assembly of the Province of *Canada* for the year 1841, as relates to the same subject, be now severally read.

The said entries were read accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Cummings*.

Resolved, 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 a return of the amounts which have already been expended for completing the *Welland Canal*, from *Thorold* and Lock No. 18 respectively, to *Port Dalhousie*; the amount to be expended at *Port Dalhousie* for deepening the entrance, constructing piers, protecting works; the annual cost of keeping the entrance clear of sand; the depth of water there will be on the bar when the contemplated works are completed; and a statement of all necessary expenditures connected with said harbour at *Port Dalhousie*; with such observations on the shallowing of the water of the Lake, as may have been made by the officers of the Board; and also whether a certain survey or pretended survey made by the subordinate officers of the Board during the polling days of the late election of the town of *Niagara*, from *Thorold* to the said town, was made under the authority of the Board of Works; if so, the information derived by such survey; and the intention of the Board in making 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Colville*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police therein, reported according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara* and *Ten Mile Creek* Plank Road Company, for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from a certain place in *Niagara* to the *Ten Mile Creek* in *Grantham*, reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain lands in *Upper Canada*, to be charged with local taxes, being read.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be recommended to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of making provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of claims, arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasions

Liabilities of
certain Lands
to Taxes in
Upper Canada.

Claims for
Losses.

Niagara Incor-
poration.

Niagara and
Ten Mile Creek
Plank Road.

Claims for
Losses.

of *Upper Canada*; and of appropriating the moneys arising from Tavern licenses for local purposes, applying such portion thereof as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims, until the same be fully paid, or the money to be advanced to pay them, be reimbursed to the Province, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

Trinity House,
Montreal.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate certain Laws, and an Ordinance now in force relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Montreal*; to Pilots and Pilotage in the port of *Montreal*; and to the *Montreal* Decayed Pilot Fund; and for other purposes, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, and the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Election, Third
Riding York.

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn for half an hour, to enable the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, to take such measures, as may in this behalf appertain, conformably to the Order of this House, to that effect.

Pursuant to Order, the House adjourned until this hour.

6½ Horâ, P.M.

Trinity House,
Quebec.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws and Ordinances now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Quebec*; to Pilots and Pilotage in the port of *Quebec*; and to the *Quebec* Decayed Pilot Fund; and for other purposes, being read,

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

Corporation,
City of Toronto

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation for the city of *Toronto*, by providing for the establishment of a Court of Record therein, to be called, the Recorder's Court, in lieu of the Mayor's Court, now established therein; by providing that the Recorder shall preside over the Division Court for the recovery of small debts within the said city and liberties; and by vesting in the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the said city, the power of laying out and opening new streets, within the limits of the said city and liberties; and of regulating the mode of building therein; and defining the limits of the said city and liberties; and making a better and more convenient division of the said city into wards; and for other purposes connected therewith," being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed, until Tuesday next.

Laws relating
to Customs.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs, and for granting Duties of Customs, being read,

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, that the said Bill be now read a second time. Laws relating
to Customs.

Notice was taken that the alteration of the Duties proposed to be made in the Bill, should have been sanctioned by a Committee of the whole House, previous to its introduction.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Annual Report of the Superintendent of Education Report on
Education. for *Lower Canada*, on the present state of the schools in that part of the Province, and of education generally.

(For the said Report see Appendix Z.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee British Planta-
tion Vessels. on the Bill to secure the right of property in British Plantation vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's Reign, *William* the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Chauveau* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Chauveau* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The names of the Members present were taken down as followeth:—

Mr. *Speaker*,

Aylwin, Baldwin, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Gowan, Jessup, Macdonald of Kingston, Meyers, Moffatt, Robinson, Seymour, Attorney General Smith and Williams.

And at three quarters past midnight,

Mr. *Speaker* adjourned the House for want of a *Quorum*.

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

By Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, the Petition of *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law residing out of the city of *Toronto*, (relating to the Rules of Practice in the Queen's Bench,) and the Petition of *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law, residing out of the city of *Toronto* (relating to the Law Society.)

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Dalhousie* (relating to the assessor and collector).

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of the master and wardens of the Trinity House of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Huron* (relating to the township of *Williams*.)

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *Abraham Charost* and others, of the parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*.

Niagara Incorporation.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the town of *Niagara* and to establish a Police therein, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of the Reverend *W. Brethour* and others, members of the Church of *England* in *Ornstown*, in the county of *Beauharnois*; of the Reverend *James Reid* and others, members of the Church of *England* in the parish of *St. Armand*, East; of the Reverend *E. G. W. Ross* and others, of the Church of *England*, *Rivière du Loup en bas* and parts adjacent, in the county of *Rimouski*; of the Reverend *W. Chalerton* and others, members of the Church of *England* of the chapelry of *St. Peter's* of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *R. B. Barrage* and others, members of the Church of *England* at *Point Levi* and *New Liverpool*, in the diocese of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *G. M. Ross* and others, of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*; and of the Reverend *George Slack* and other members of the Church of *England*, in the townships of *Granby* and *Milton*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a share of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their proportion of the income arising from the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Johnstown*, praying that measures may be adopted to obviate the present difficulty in the assessment of lands in the said district.

Of *John Henry* and others, of the township of *Glanford*, in the district of *Gore*, praying that no assignment of the Clergy Reserve Lands may be made, but that they may be sold agreeably to the provisions of the Imperial Statute 3 and 4 *Victoria*, chapter 78.

Of *John Steel* and others, of *Brantford*, praying that any duty which may be imposed upon Distilleries and Breweries, may be levied in proportion to the quantity of grain used in each Distillery and Brewery.

Of *Miles O'Reilly* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Hamilton*, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system under which religious instruction may be provided.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that that part of *West Guilfinsbury*, called the "*Old Survey*," may not be separated from the said district.

Of the Reverend *James Reid* and others, of the parish of *St. Armand*, East; and of the Reverend *George Slack* and others, of the townships of *Granby*

and *Milton*, praying that no action may be taken with respect to the charters of *King's College* and *McGill College*, which shall not include all other chartered Institutions of learning in the Province.

Petitions read.

Of Messieurs *Thomas Hellewell & Brothers*, and others, Distillers, of the city of *Toronto*, in the Home district, praying that the proposed duty upon stills, may be levied in proportion to their respective capacities for producing spirits by a speedy distillation.

Of *Leonard H. Dunlop*, of *Montreal*, praying for an investigation into certain complaints against the Board of Works.

Of *Jean F. Ouellette*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that an Engineer may be deputed to examine and report upon a propelling Engine, invented by him; and that he may receive a patent, or other reward, for the same, should it be deemed worthy thereof.

Of *Etienne P. Norrie* and others, of the parishes of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet* and *St. Monique*, in the county of *Nicolet*, praying that the Sleigh Ordinance be not revived.

Of *John Gilchrist*, of *Peterboro'*, praying that his claim for damages, caused by certain public works, may be investigated.

Of *J. T. Bosserer*, Esquire, and others, of the town of *Bytown*, praying for the Incorporation of the said town, and the establishment of municipal authorities therein.

Of *Nicolas de Vogan*, alias *Laframboise*, of *Bytown*, praying to be indemnified and remunerated for his losses and services, during the late Rebellion.

Of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; of the *Commercial Bank* of the *Midland District*; and of the *Gore Bank*; praying for the repeal, or reduction of the tax imposed upon the circulating Bank paper.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district, praying that the said Council may have the controul over the assessments and collection of the district taxes, within the town of *Kingston*; and that all members of District Councils, may be exempted from serving on juries, during the tenure of their office.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. Baribeau* and others, Pilots for the port of *Montreal*; and between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend and consolidate certain Laws and an Ordinance now in force relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Montreal*; to Pilots and Pilotage in the port of *Montreal*; and to the *Montreal* Decayed Pilot Fund; and for other purposes.

Petitions referred.

J. Baribeau and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *E. G. W. Ross* and others, of the Church of *England*, at *Rivière du Loup en bas* and parts adjacent, in the county of *Rimouski*; the Petition of *Miles O'Reilly* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the town of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of the Reverend *W. Brethour* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Ornstown*, in the county of *Beauharnois*; be severally referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references.

Rev. E. G. W. Ross and others.

M. O'Reilly and others.

Rev. W. Brethour & others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Hall*, and Mr. *Roblin*, to examine the contents thereof, and

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to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Small Debts.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor," reported to the House that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Insolvent Debtors.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, reported to the House that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Friday next.

Petition of the Church Society Diocese of Toronto.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

The Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other Petitions, signed by many thousand persons, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, resident in the said diocese of *Toronto*, and the diocese of *Quebec*, praying to have the controul over, and the disposition and management of their respective shares of the Clergy Reserves, as is equivalent to the proportion of the funds assigned by the provisions of an Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign, for the support of the Church of *England*, beg leave respectfully to report:—

That by the said Act, entitled, "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 Government of this Province is empowered to sell all, or any of the Clergy Reserves, under regulations to be approved by Her Majesty in Council; and that the proceeds in money to be derived from the sale and leasing of the Clergy Reserves, after the deduction of certain allowances, which are specified in the said Act, and directed to be divided into two equal parts, one of which is to be distributed in certain proportions between the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, and the other part to be applied by the Governor of this Province, with the advice of His Executive Council, for purposes of public worship, and religious instruction in *Canada*.

From the foregoing provisions, it appears to your Committee, that it was not the policy of the Imperial Parliament at the time of the passing of the said Act, to apportion the said lands among the denominations of Christians, whose claims were therein recognized, but rather to place the Clergy Reserves at the disposal of the Government to be sold, and the proceeds to be divided in the proportions mentioned in the said Act.

Your Committee, however, have given the subject, and the matters set forth in the various Petitions referred to them, their best consideration, and they are led to doubt the utility or expediency of such a policy, and particularly when they cannot but consider, that at the time these lands were originally set apart for the support of religion, and

the maintenance of public worship, it was thereby intended to create an adequate fund, to form a permanent endowment for those important objects.

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And when it is further borne in mind, that the members of the Church of *England*, inhabiting the state of *New York*, are at this day enabled to erect their Churches, and station their Missionaries in every section of that extensive country, by the aid of funds provided by the pious care of a British Monarch, when that country was a British Colony; that the numerous Dutch population of the same State, are supplied with Pastors, from ample funds, provided also at an early day by the care of the Government; and that in both these cases, the foundation of the endowment was a grant of Land, insignificant in extent and value at the time it was made, compared with the Clergy Reserves set apart in this Colony, by His late Majesty, King *George III.*; but which grants being scrupulously preserved and respected by succeeding Governments, now yield most munificent resources for the support of religion.

When your Committee also take into consideration, that our Roman Catholic fellow subjects in *Lower Canada*, are enjoying at this day the most ample endowment for their Church and Colleges, arising from only grants of Land which, if alienated at the value they once bore, would have afforded but a nominal provision, wholly inadequate to the wants of the passing hour; they feel strongly the impolicy of the provisions of the Act to which they have referred, and the justice of the claims set forth by the Petitioners. Besides, it is stated in the Petition of the Church Society, "that the Petitioners have observed with great regret, that under the system which has been adopted for the sale of the Clergy Reserves, and from the great deduction from the proceeds for the expense of inspection and management, their share of the fund, which has been appropriated by the Legislature to the religious instruction of the people, is likely to be in a great measure consumed, in charges which to them appear unnecessary, and to so great an extent, that they are apprehensive that it will yield little more than a nominal provision for the support of the Church." To this portion of the Petition, your Committee have devoted a good deal of attention, and it appears to them, that a very large and unnecessary degree of expense has been incurred in the manner pointed out by the Petitioners.

By certain public returns made by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and by the Surveyor General, and laid before the Legislature, in compliance with an Address of the 9th October, 1843, it appears that the sums which are realized from the sales of the Reserves, are, in great measure, sunk in the expense of management, and in defraying the general charges of the Land-granting Department.

Your Committee find, that, in addition to a deduction of 5 per cent. out of all moneys received by the District Agents, and besides the charge of remunerating a large number of Inspectors of Clergy Reserves, who have been appointed to be paid by the day, at a rate not specified in the Returns, the proceeds of these lands are also charged, by an order of the Government made in August, 1841, with forty per cent. for the expense of the Crown Land Department. Up to the time of that return, it appears that in *Lower Canada* there had been no sales of Clergy Reserves since the 1st January, 1838, and that since the Union of the Provinces not more than about £1150 had been received on account of the funds, while £609, or more than one-half of the whole amount received, had been charged against it as disbursed for expenses.

In the first half of the year 1843, the whole moneys collected in *Lower Canada* seem not to have exceeded £75 16s. 6d., while the disbursements charged against the fund are £431 9s. 2d.

In *Upper Canada* it appears, by the same documents, that the sales of Reserves had been few for some time previously, though large sums had been received on account of previous sales.

In the year 1842, the collections amounted to £18,000, and the disbursements to £5196.

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For the year 1843, the amount collected up to the 1st July is stated at about £7000, and the charges at £1763 11s. 3d.; and while so large a sum as that above mentioned has been charged against the fund for disbursements, there appears to have been only a sale of two hundred acres effected during that period at the price of £90.

From the information above stated, it appears to your Committee that there is really no proportion or connexion whatever between the service rendered to the fund, and the charges which are imposed upon it.

Your Committee, therefore, for the considerations stated, beg leave respectfully to suggest to your Honourable House to adopt an Address to Her most Gracious Majesty, beseeching Her Majesty to recommend to the Imperial Parliament, to amend the said Act passed in the fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, so as to place at the disposal of the Church of England their share of the said Reserves in *Upper and Lower Canada*, to be controlled and managed by the respective incorporated Church Societies of the dioceses of *Toronto* and *Quebec*, and to intrust to other denominations entitled to a share of the Clergy Reserves fund, the same advantages should they so desire.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

The Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, beg leave to represent, that by an Act of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, passed on the 10th day of April, 1836, the said Company was incorporated with power to construct an iron or wooden railroad or way, between the city of *Toronto* and some portion of the navigable waters of *Lake Huron*, within the limits of the *Home* district.

That stock to a very large amount was taken up, and the Company proceeded with the necessary surveys, and had plans and specifications of the entire route made and completed at a very heavy expense. The undertaking having thus been commenced with every prospect of success, the unhappy troubles of 1837 began; and owing to the depressed state of the country consequent thereon, your Petitioners state they were compelled to abandon their intentions for some time. But that within the last twelve months public attention has been called to the subject, and that it has been suggested to them that a planked or blocked road would better suit the circumstances of the country—that it would at the same time have an almost equal tendency to develop its resources.

That a railroad would mainly depend for support on foreign travel and traffic, whilst a planked or blocked road would be of immediate benefit to the districts and countries through which it might pass; that it would be much less expensive, and might be brought into use at a much earlier period.

In this view of the case, your Petitioners pray for an amendment in their Act of incorporation, so as to put it into their power, if they think fit, to construct a planked or blocked road, or a railroad, in their discretion; which your Committee beg leave to recommend to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House.

Your Committee beg leave also to recommend, in pursuance of the prayer of the Petitioners, that the said Act may be further amended by leaving it in the discretion of the said Company to fix the terminus of the proposed road to *Lake Huron*, at such point as they may deem most advisable, without confining it to the *Home* district; and that the time limited for the completion of the said road, which will expire in less than two years, be extended to a period of four years.

Your Committee have been led to recommend the terminus of the said road to be in the discretion of the said Company, not only from a conviction that it will be important to make the route as short as possible, but that it will

be desirable to lay it down in such a manner as will, in addition to the benefit which will be derived from it in opening an unsettled country, be calculated to invite to the Province, and through it foreign travel and foreign commerce.

Upon the subject as regards its bearing in these respects, and with a view to the advantage of all sections of that vast and fertile portion of *Canada*, which lies between *Lakes Huron* and *Ontario* in a Northerly and Westerly direction from *Toronto*, your Committee have devoted a good deal of time and consideration. The prominent places on the Southern shore of *Lake Huron* within the limits of this Province, which are now attracting much attention, are *Penetanguishine*, *Owen's Sound*, *Sarnia*, and *Goderich*; the main travelled road leading from *Toronto* to the interior of the country in a Northerly direction is the natural line of communication in connexion with the inland waters of *Lake Simcoe*, with *Penetanguishine* on *Lake Huron*. This road has been much improved within the last four years, and from its being one of the main travelled roads of the Province, there can be little doubt but that this route in a short time will be made complete.

A road has been also laid out and made nearly passable by the Government from the township of *Nichol*, a distance Westerly of about 55 miles from *Toronto* to *Owen's Sound* on *Lake Huron*; and it has been suggested, and your Committee have reason to believe, that it is in contemplation to lay out another road from the township of *Woolwich*, about ten miles farther west, to *Sarnia* on *Lake Huron*, about twenty miles above *Owen's Sound*.

These two roads, when the latter is completed, will pass through a most fertile and eligible tract of country for settlement, and which is yet in the hands of Government, and in an entirely wild state. In the course of their inquiry, it was suggested to your Committee, and they see every reason to approve of the suggestion, that the contemplated road proposed to be constructed by the *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company should have its termination at *Goderich*, a town and harbour established by the *Canada* Company, upon the tract of land purchased by them from the Government some years ago, and that it ought to be undertaken and completed as a portion of the public works of the Province.

Should this route be ultimately determined on, and adopted, it would possess many and superior advantages over any other. The roads already mentioned from *Owen's Sound*, and *Sarnia*, in *Lake Huron*, would intersect it, and thereby afford the inhabitants who may hereafter occupy the section of country through which they may pass, the facility of an easy access to market; and besides, they will enhance four hundred fold the present value of the Public Lands in that section, which may be estimated in round numbers, at 5,000,000 of acres.

Such an understanding would unite all the various local interests in the North Western portion of this Province, which hitherto have been, as your Committee are willing to admit, of necessity neglected; the distance from *Toronto* to *Goderich*, in the probable direction which such a road would take, is about 127 miles. On extending it from *Toronto*, it would pass through the townships of *York*, *Etobicoke*, *Toronto*, *Esquesing*, *Trafalgar*, *Nasagaweya*, and *Eramosa*, a distance of about 55 miles. The Land in these townships is of the best quality, and the lots are almost all occupied, and in a state of advanced improvement. From thence it would pass through the township of *Nichol*, which is also thickly inhabited, having the flourishing town of *Guelph* about six miles to its South, and from thence it would pass through the townships of *Peel* and *Maryborough*, both of which are set apart for the support of the Clergy, though the former is as yet unsurveyed; thence its course would be through the unappropriated and unsurveyed Lands of the Crown, for the distance of about 50 miles, until it would reach the *Huron* tract, the property of the *Canada* Company, as before mentioned; through this part it would pass about 14 miles, till it reached the harbour at *Goderich*. The general advantages which this route would confer upon the country, by affording increased facilities to trade, commerce, and agriculture, would be immense, the foreign trade; as well as travel,

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which would by the construction of such a road, be drawn through the Province, would of themselves abundantly repay a much greater outlay than would be required. The course of trade from *Chicago* and the Western shores of *Lake Huron* is through *Lake Huron*, and *Lake St. Clair*, into *Lake Erie*; thence to *Buffalo*, or through the *Welland Canal*, into *Lake Ontario*. The length of time required to accomplish this journey, has been found a great drawback to trade. After passing through *Lake Huron* to *Sarnia*, at the head of the *St. Clair*, the distance to *Buffalo* is upwards of 400 miles, and by water to *Rochester* nearly 500 miles. The distance from *Chicago* to *Sarnia* is about the same as from *Chicago* to *Goderich*. The distance from *Goderich* to *Toronto* has already been stated at 127 miles, making in favour of the proposed route, over the present, a saving in distance of upwards of 200 miles. The ordinary time which is now taken by a Steamer to go from *Sarnia* to *Buffalo*, is from 72 to 84 hours; whereas a traveller by the way of *Goderich*, in the event of the proposed improvement being made, would be able to reach *Rochester* in 20 hours.

Besides, it is estimated, and your Committee believe correctly, that exclusively of the said townships set apart for the support of the Clergy, there would be at least 70,000 acres of Land, at present unsurveyed and ungranted, adjoining the said road, the value of which, even if an ordinary road were constructed through it, would not be more than 5s. an acre, or £17,500, would be immediately increased in value to £70,000 at least; and the Land six miles in depth on either side of such a road, comprising upwards of 400,000 acres, would be thereby trebled in value, and become densely populated; whereas it is now a perfect wilderness, and likely to remain so for many years to come, unless some efforts are made by the Government and Legislature, to bring about the improvement to which your Committee have now called the attention of your Honourable House.

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Dunlop,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery*, lost by the adjournment of the House of Monday last, be revived, and that this House do resolve itself into the said Committee on to-morrow.

Mr. Macdonell, of *Dundas*, moved, seconded by Mr. Macdonald, of *Glengarry*, that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the expediency of repealing the several laws relating to the Court of Chancery in *Canada West*, and to extend further equitable jurisdiction to the Court of Queen's Bench in *Canada West* aforesaid.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Boulton, Chabot, Chalmers, Cummings, DeBleury, DeWitt, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hull, Jessup, Laterrière, Laurin, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Scott, Seymour, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson and Williams.
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Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Brooks, Cauchon, Christie, Desautier, Dickson, Dunlop, Ermalinger, Jobin, LaFontaine, Leslie, Melhol, Morin, Robinson, Rousseau, Solicitor General Sherwood, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Taschereau.—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

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 the better preservation of the Peace, and the prevention of Riots and violent Outrages at and near Public Works, while in the progress of construction," without any amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Lantier be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine*, and other parishes, and other references.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Robinson have leave to withdraw the Bill, to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs, and for granting Duties of Customs.

The said Bill was withdrawn accordingly.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts imposing duties on Customs, and for other purposes connected with the Revenue, and for enacting others in lieu thereof.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Guillet,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Select Committees on Private Bills be further extended ten days, beyond the period to which it was last limited.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Aylwin have leave to bring in a Bill for securing Enchères or Biddings, and to determine the days of adjudication in judicial sales of land.

He accordingly presented the said 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. Brooks have leave to absent himself from this House for seven days from to-morrow inclusive.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the River *St. Lawrence*, near *Montreal*, to the Province Line, in the township of *Stanstead*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to authorize the formation of Limited Partnerships in this Province, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Merritt, the Honourable Mr. LaFontaine, the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, Mr. Leslie, and the Honourable Mr. Robinson, 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 enable the local authorities in the district of *Gaspé* to provide Bye-laws, Rules, and Regulations,

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for the preservation of the Salmon and other fisheries therein, and for certain other local and municipal purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Leslie*, the Honourable Mr. *Latterrière*, Mr. *Bertrand*, and Mr. *Taché*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

College of
Regiopolis.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estate to the College of *Regiopolis*, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold real property to a certain amount, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Limitation of
actions.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the limitation of actions, for avoiding Suits at Law; and for rendering a written memorandum necessary to the validity of certain promises and engagements in that part of the Province which heretofore constituted the Province of *Lower Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

Sheriff's Office,
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the better regulation of the office of Sheriff, in that part of *Canada*, formerly *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonnell*, of *Dundas*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenegarry*, Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, Mr. *Hall*, and Mr. *Williams*, 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 add a clause to the Bill, to fix the office-hours of the Clerks of the Peace, the District Treasurer, and the Clerk of the District Court.

Claims upon
Executive
Government.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Jessup* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Jessup* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Legal Proof of
Marriages.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof, of certain Marriages formerly had before Justices of the Peace, in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*; Births, Baptisms and Burials therein—being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to enable the local authorities in the district of *Gaspé*, to provide Bye-laws, Rules, and Regulations for the preservation of the Salmon and other fisheries therein; and for certain other local and municipal purposes therein mentioned.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to protect Wild Fowl, and to prevent them from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, being read, Protection of
Wild Fowl.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *De Witt* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *De Witt* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Mr. *Speaker* having put the question,

Shall the Committee have leave to sit again?

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

YEAS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Chalmers, DeWitt, Dunlop, Foster, Hale, Johnston, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Morin, Powell, Petric, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Thompson and Webster.—(19.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Guillet, Lacoste, Lantier, Latterrière, Laurin, and Méthot.—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. *Lantier* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the said Committee have leave to sit again on this day six months.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Guillet, Hale, Lacoste, Lantier, Latterrière, Laurin, M'Connell, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Robinson, Roblin and Williams.—(20.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Chalmers, DeWitt, Dunlop, Foster, Johnston, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Petric, Prince, Thompson, and Webster.—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on this day six months.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenegarry*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 20° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Affairs of Assurance Company, Montreal

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, statement of the affairs of the Montreal Fire, Life, and Inland Navigation Assurance Company, on the 31st December, 1844.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix S.)

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. Greive, the Petition of the Reverend Samuel Wood and others, members of the Church of England, in the town of Three Rivers.

By Mr. Gowen, the Petition of Thomas Vaux, second office Clerk to the Legislative Assembly.

By Mr. M'Connell, the Petition of the Reverend E. Jackson and others, members of the Church Society of the diocese of Quebec.

Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons as the Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company, for the purpose of constructing a plank road from a certain place in Niagara, to the Ten Mile Creek in Grantham, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Dickson do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Claims upon Executive Government.

An engrossed Bill, to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Christie do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of Joseph Braithwaite and others, members of the Church of England, in the parish of Chambly, in the district of Montreal; of the Reverend Joseph Abbott and others, on behalf of the members of the Church of England, in the parish of St. Matthew, Grenville; and of the Reverend William Bond and others, members of the Church of England, in the parish of Lachine, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of Quebec, for the benefit of the said Church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of James Coleman and others, of Adjala and other townships, praying for a grant to enable them to improve the road across a swamp in the said township.

Of Joseph Choat and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves in the township of Ameliaburg; of G. Coyne and others, of the township of Dunwich; of James Taunton and others, of the township of Southwold, in the district of London; and of Asahel Barnes and others, occupants of Clergy Reserve Lands in the district of London, praying that no alteration may be made in the present manner of disposing of the Clergy Reserve Lands; but that the said Lands may be sold and granted by the Crown in the usual manner.

Of J. O. A. Turgeon and others, of the parishes of Terrebonne and St. Therese, in the county of Terrebonne, praying that the amendments made to the Ordinance relating to winter vehicles, may be repealed. Petitions read.

Of P. Waitier and others, of the parish of St. Joseph des Cedres and other places, praying that an inquiry may be made into the transactions between them and the Board of Works, relative to certain lands which the Board has obliged them to sell.

Of N. Sparks and others, of Bytown, praying for the passing of an Act to restore to the said Nicholas Sparks, certain lands in Bytown, taken possession of by the Ordnance Department, for the purposes of the Rideau Canal, but not appropriated at present to the said purposes.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the town of Kingston, praying for an extension of the limits of the said town; and that it may be incorporated as a city, with an additional number of members in the City Council, and to have the assessments, now paid into the treasury of the Midland district, paid into the treasury of the said city.

Of James Little, Esquire, and others, of Seneca and other townships, in the district of Niagara, praying that the county of Haldimand may not be set apart as a separate district, but that the townships of Seneca, Oneida, and Cayuga, may be annexed to the district of Gore.

Resolved, That the Petition of N. Sparks and others, of Bytown, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Stewart, of Bytown, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, the Honourable Mr. Morin, the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Petitions referred. N. Sparks and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Bank of Upper Canada; of the Commercial Bank of the Midland district; and of the Gore Bank; be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, Mr. Thompson, Mr. LeMoine, Mr. Murney, Mr. Cummings, Mr. Chabot, and the Honourable Mr. Morin, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records. Bank of Upper Canada, &c. &c.

Mr. Dickson, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of William Dickson and others, inhabitants of the district of Gore, residing on the Grand River, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over certain bridges erected across the Grand River, in Upper Canada; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next. Riding over Bridges.

Mr. Christie, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill, relating to the fund formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund"; to fix the fees hereafter to be taken on marriage licenses; and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the Public Treasury, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:— Marriage License Fee Fund.

Your Committee have carefully gone through the Bill referred to them, and beg leave to report the same to your Honourable House, with several amendments thereto.

Marriage
License Fee
Fund.

They also deemed it their duty, while examining the Bill, to call for the instructions given the different Agents or distributors of those Licenses in the country parts of the Province, with respect to the fee they are to take for each License, but have not thought it necessary to extend their inquiry into the origin of the fee in question, nor as to the authority by which it was originally introduced into *Canada*, nor the precise time or circumstances of its introduction.

The fee of twenty shillings to the Governor, on each Marriage License, was authorised in 1780, by a temporary Ordinance of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Quebec*. The Ordinance was limited to two years, and was not renewed; the fee, however, was not only continued, but increased, and without, in so far as your Committee can see, any legal authority for the increase.

The fee on Marriage Licenses, your Committee have to observe, is not uniform throughout the Province; nor are they informed why it is not so, nor of the causes for the variance. In *Upper Canada*, it varies from 30s. to £5,—and even this, according to one of the witnesses called before your Committee, may be increased at the pleasure of the Agent, if he shall think proper to do so, provided he do but transmit to the Secretary 20s. for each License disposed of. In *Lower Canada*, the Agents have been instructed to take 40s., five shillings whereof the Agent keeps as his compensation, remitting the remaining 35s. to the Secretary's Office, whence, after undergoing a deduction for agency, postage, and other charges, the balance finds its way into the Treasury. The more recent instructions to the Agents in *Upper Canada*, authorize but 30s. for the fee on those Licenses, of which 10s. go to the Agent, and the remaining 20s. to the Secretary's Office; but these instructions have not, it seems, been forwarded to all the agents in that quarter, as your Committee collect from the evidence they have taken on the subject, and which they hereunto append for the information of your Honourable House, inasmuch as the Agents are not all guided by those instructions.

A perusal of the evidence appended to this Report, will suffice to show to your Honourable House the prevailing abuses on this subject, and the necessity of Legislative enactments to put an end to them. The Order in Council of the 4th October, 1843, by His Excellency, the Governor General, with respect to the Marriage License Fee Fund, stands already recorded on the Journals of your Honourable House; His Excellency having given it as his decided opinion, that there is no reason for regarding that fund otherwise than as public revenue, to be appropriated only by Parliament; it consequently remains but with the Legislature to give effect to the liberal and just views of the Governor General, and, by enactments, making the fee uniform throughout the Province, and fixing the periods of accounting for the receipts, and for redressing the abuses so long and justly complained of on this subject.

The fund constituted of those fees, though not previously treated as public revenue, has, since the Order above alluded to of His Excellency, the Governor General, been placed under the head of "Casual Revenue" on the Public Accounts, as it long ago ought to have been. The financial difficulties which preceded the Union, and the comprehensive terms of the 54th Section of the Union Act, giving up every branch of revenue in the Province at the disposal of the Crown, leave no room to doubt that the intention of the Imperial Legislature, in appropriating £75,000 annually, of the moneys levied upon the subject in this Province, and enacting "that the same shall be accepted and taken by Her Majesty by way of Civil List, instead of all Territorial and other revenues now at the disposal of the Crown, arising in either of the said Provinces of *Upper Canada* or *Lower Canada*, or in the Province of *Canada*," must have been to reserve none over which the Crown, or the authority representing it in the Colony, had any controul. It is scarcely probable that while the Imperial Parliament increased the Governor's salary from £4,500, at which it previously stood, to the more than ample allowance of £7,000 sterling a year, it also contemplated his retention of a fund drawing from the pockets of the subject upwards of £3,000 additional, by means of the sale of Marriage Licenses, either

for his own emolument, independently of Parliament, or for the benefit of others employed in the Public Service under him.

Marriage
License Fee
Fund.

The fees formerly allowed the Secretaries in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and to other principal officers of the Government, have, since the Union, been funded, and fixed salaries granted in lieu of them to the incumbents. This course appears to your Committee to have been a proper one, and they see no reason why this fund in particular should have been reserved three years beyond the period when properly it became public property, and as such ought to have been paid over to the Treasury.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1845.

James Sampson, Esquire, called in and examined:—

1. Do you reside at *Kingston*?—I do.
2. Have you the distribution of Marriage Licenses there, and from what office are they sent to you, and with what instructions; and for what district in particular do you distribute Licenses?—I have the distribution of Marriage Licenses at *Kingston*; they are sent to me from the Provincial Secretary's Office. I have had no instructions since the year 1829, when I was first appointed; the instructions I then received were to return for each License £1, and also to return every executed bond at the end of every six months; these instructions were conveyed to me in a private note. I distribute Licenses principally in *Kingston* and the neighbourhood.
3. You say you were directed to return 20s. for each License; have you charged more than that, and if so by what authority?—I never had any instructions as to charge, but I charged £2 in general, £1 of which I remitted to the Secretary. I charged soldiers but £1 10s. I had no authority but my own, and having found it to be the custom of my predecessor when I first took the distribution in hand, I thought myself justified in following it.
4. At what period do you usually account for the receipts on Marriage Licenses?—At present, when Mr. *Harrington* sends me 20 Licenses I return him £20 to cover the same number that have been sold.
5. Do you receive any other compensation for this service?—I do not.
6. How much do you on an average remit annually to the Secretary's Office?—Last year I remitted £120 to the Secretary, which is probably less than the average for the last three years.
7. Did you consider yourself free to demand more than the £2 on Licenses?—Yes, I did.
8. Have you in fact ever demanded or received more?—I never demanded more; but, on two occasions, I received five guineas each.
9. Do you make any charge for the Bonds entered into by applicants for Marriage Licenses?—No, I do not.
10. Is the charge on Marriage Licenses uniform throughout *Upper Canada*?—I think not; those who have been appointed lately as distributors, have been directed not to charge more than £1 10s., £1 of which they are to remit to the Secretary. I believe there is a competition among the distributors, and in some instances they have been given for less than £1 10s.
11. Have you any thing to suggest to the Committee, as to the best mode of providing Marriage Licenses to those having occasion for them, or with respect to the accounting for, and paying over the proceeds upon the sales thereof?—I believe the mode under the present system is a very good one, as far as the punctuality of return is concerned, and I cannot, while the present system exists, suggest any better.

TUESDAY, 30th January, 1845.

T. D. Harrington, Esquire, called in and examined:—

12. Are you employed in any public department of the Civil Government, and in which?—I am Chief Clerk in the Provincial Secretary's Office.

13. How long have you been employed in that Office?—Since November, 1832, here and in *Upper Canada*. Up to the Union it was the Provincial Secretary and Registrar's Office.

14. Have you, as an officer in that department, anything to do with the distribution or giving out of Marriage Licenses to applicants for such at your office?—Since the Union I have furnished them to the Agents.

15. You furnish them, then, to Agents in town, as well as to such in the rural parts of the Province?—I do.

16. How many on an average may you furnish annually to such Agents?—In *Upper Canada* about 2000, and in *Lower Canada* about 400.

17. What is the fee or charge upon each Marriage License, and is such fee or charge uniform throughout the Province?—Since the Union I have had the charge of the distribution; I have sent instructions to agents appointed by myself, authorizing them to charge each applicant 30s. currency, of which they retain 10s. for the filling up of the Bond, remitting me the remaining 20s. to be accounted for to the Government. In *Lower Canada* I found that the Agents charged 40s., 5s. of which they retained, and remitted me the remaining 35s., except in the case of soldiers, whom they charge 30s. retaining their own 5s. and remitting me 25s. In *Quebec*, the Agent, (who is Clerk in charge of Records), makes the same charge to applicants, but does not retain any of the amount himself.

18. Are you aware that a greater fee than 30s. on such licenses is demanded and taken by any of your Agents in *Upper Canada*?—I have heard that some of the Agents have charged more, but not having been brought officially before me, I could take no notice of it.

19. By what authority is the fee taken, and from whom do you yourself receive the authority or instructions under which you act?—The original authority I don't know. Before the Union the fees were received in what was called the Governor's Office in *Upper Canada*, and in *Lower Canada* the Civil Secretary's Office, to which I did not belong. My instructions were received from the Governor General through the Chief Secretary, now the Civil Secretary of the Province.

20. Can you produce to the Committee, a copy of those instructions, or are they merely verbal, and if so, from whom do you immediately receive them?—They may be called verbal, as they are but a rough memorandum. I receive the Licenses direct from the Civil Secretary.

21. How many Agents have you, and can you furnish their names, and the place of residence of each?—I can, and will hand in the statement to-morrow.

22. Have you ever drawn up any general instructions for the guidance of your agents; if so, produce a copy or copies of them?—I refer you to a previous question.

23. Are your Agents Clergymen or of the laity?—In *Lower Canada*, with the exception of *Montreal* and *Quebec*, they are all Clergymen, but in *Upper Canada* there are not more than two or three.

24. Are your Agents, that is to say, those previous to your having any thing to do in the giving out of such Licenses, as well as those of your own nomination, free to make just such charge as they please on Marriage Licenses, or are they restricted to a particular fee and no more?—For part of the answer I refer to No. 6. So

long as they remit to me 20s. upon each License, and no complaints are made, I do not consider myself authorized to interfere with those Agents appointed before my time. If a complaint were made I should report to the Government, and apply for proper instructions.

25. What may the remittances to your office for fees on Marriage Licenses annually have amounted to since the Union, at an average or near about?—At an average, about £2000 in *Upper Canada*, and in *Lower Canada* about £450.

26. How were the proceeds disposed of previous to the order of the Governor General directing them to be paid into the Treasury?—Up to the 3rd September, 1843, the two Provincial Secretaries received £250 Sterling, each, annually, and the remainder was at the disposal of the Governor General.

27. What remuneration do you receive for your agency or services relating to those Licenses?—Five per cent upon the gross receipts up to the end of 1843, and five per cent now, until it amounts to £100, for this service, and as accountant for the Contingencies of the Public Departments.

28. Do the proceeds of sales of the Marriage Licenses undergo any other deduction than your agency, previous to their going into the Treasury?—The postage for the transmission of the Licenses and Bonds, and the printing of the Licenses and Bonds, is charged out of these receipts.

29. There is a charge under the head of Marriage License Fees in the Public Accounts for 1843, laid before the House this Session, of £218 for postage. Is this solely for the transmission of Marriage Licenses, and Returns?—Solely.

30. Is the salary or allowance of £250 a year allowed the Honourable D. Daly, for being put upon a fixed salary, still paid him, or is it wholly discontinued, and since when?—It has been entirely discontinued since the 3rd September, 1843.

[The Witness subsequently handed in the following papers]:—

(COPY.)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF AGENTS FOR ISSUING MARRIAGE LICENSES IN UPPER CANADA.

The Agent, before issuing a License to an applicant, will be careful to ascertain that there exists no legal impediment to the marriage of the parties. He will then proceed to take a Bond from two good and sufficient sureties, to the amount of £200, which Bond (in blank) will be forwarded at all times with blank Licenses. If the parties contracting, or either of them, are under age, the Agent will require a certificate of consent to the marriage from the parents or guardians. The Bonds filled up, and the certificates of consent of parents, &c., are to be forwarded by the first safe private conveyance that may present itself, to save postage.

For every License issued, the Agent will account to the Receiver of Fees, Secretary's Office, at the rate of £1 currency; the charge for filling up the License and bond, and filling the certificate of consent, if required, is 10s. to the Agent, the 30s. to be paid by the applicant. The fees collected by the Agents are to be remitted to the Receiver from time to time, as each supply of Licenses is disposed of and new blanks required.

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,
Receiver of Marriage License Fees.

Montreal, 30th January, 1845.

Marriage License Fee Fund.

LIST OF MARRIAGE LICENSE AGENTS IN UPPER CANADA.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Adams, Elias S.	St. Catharines.
Alling, Robert	Guelph.
Alley, Gerald	Orillia.
Bellaire, J. P.	Port Burwell.
Bower, William	South Gower.
Burke, G. T.	Richmond.
Burke, G. R.	Bytown.
Buchanan, J. S.	Adelaide.
Barwick, H. C.	Woodstock.
Bell, Robert	Carleton Place.
Bridgford, David	Richmond Hill.
Conte, Dr. D.	Merrickville.
Chisholm, R. K.	Oakville.
Cameron, John	River Raisins.
Cameron, Malcolm	Sarnia.
Cosgrave, William	Chatham.
Campbell, Alexander	Napanee.
Cummings, J. H.	Chippawa.
Chep, James	Ancaster.
Davis, Joseph	Waterloo, Wellington District.
Daly, J. C. W.	Stratford, Huron.
Ewart, J. B.	Dundas.
Farrell, J. P.	Dunnville.
Hopper, Arthur	Huntley.
Harris, John	London.
Jarvis, F. Starr	Toronto Township.
Grinton, William	Blenheim.
Graham, Dr. James	Woodhouse.
Green, Rev. T.	Wellington Square.
Keefer, Jacob	Thorold.
Lawson, William	Cavan.
M'Cuig, John	Whitby.
M'Kenzie, Murdoch	St. Thomas.
M'Lean, Archibald	Lochiel.
M'Micken, Gilbert	Queenston.
M'Nab, Knight, Sir A. N.	Hamilton.
Malloch, George	Brockville.
Merigold, William	Beechville.
Mortimer, Cecil	Pictou.
M'Cormick, Thomas	Niagara.
M'Kay, William J.	Bath.
Morris, Alexander	Perth.
Mercer, Andrew	City of Toronto.
Nelles, R. F.	Grimsby.
Osler, Rev. F. L.	Tecumseth.
Pringle, J. D.	Corrwall.
Parker, Thomas	Belleville.
Patton, Andrew	Prescott.
Richardson, William	Brantford.
Rich, William B.	Goderich.
Ror, William	Newmarket.
Shaw, James	Smith's Falls.
Smith, John	Paris.
Sampson, Dr. J.	Kingston.
Stewart, T. A.	Peterboro'.
Stanton, Charles	Fort Erie.
Shade, Absalom	Galt.
Switzer, Tobias	Albion.
Switzer, Benjamin	Streetsville.
Tracy, Richard	Norval.
Throop, R. H.	Cobourg.
Thompson, David	Indiana.
Treadwell, Charles P.	L'Orignal.
Whitehead, G. W.	Burford.
Ward, Thomas	Port Hope.
Wilkinson, J. A.	Sandwich.
Young, Reuben	Carrying Place.
M'Mullan, Rev. D.	Illier.
Holden, James	Williamsburgh.

LIST OF MARRIAGE LICENSE AGENTS IN LOWER CANADA.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Anderson, Rev. J.	Melbourne.
Butler, Rev. J.	Kingsey.
Bottrell, Rev. E.	Dunham.
Balfour, Rev. A.	Waterloo, Shefford.
Doolittle, Rev. L.	Sherbrooke.
Fleming, Rev. C. B.	Melbourne.
Flanagan, Rev. J.	Leeds.
Hale, Rev. R. N.	Stanstead.
Jackson, Rev. C.	Hatley.
Johnston, Rev. J.	Aylmer.
Londsdell, Rev. R.	Dannville.
Milne, Rev. George	New Carlisle.
Parker, Rev. A. J.	Dannville, Shipton.
Reid, Rev. C. P.	Compton.
Ross, Rev. G. M.	Drummondville.
Stevenson, Rev. J.	Campbelltown, Ristigouche.
Slack, Rev. G.	Grandy.
Montzambert, C. N.	Three Rivers.
Ross, Arthur	Montreal. } These are the two
Roche, A. R.	Quebec. } principal Agents.

Any Clergyman applying for Licenses is supplied, but these are all that appear on my books. Marriage License Fee Fund.

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,
Receiver of Marriage License Fees.

Montreal, 30th January, 1845.

TUESDAY, 11th February, 1845.

D. Thompson, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, examined:—

31. The Committee perceive by the return laid before them by Mr. Harrington, that you are one of the Agents for the giving of Marriage Licenses to those in your neighbourhood applying for them; is such the case?—Yes, my name stands as such on the books.

32. How much do you charge for each Marriage License?—Never more than thirty shillings, and sometimes less.

33. By what authority do you claim the fee of thirty shillings?—By my instructions from the Governor's Private or Civil Secretary, which authorize me to receive upon each License thirty shillings, remitting twenty shillings to the office. I beg to explain, that although I appear on the books as the Agent, the matter is managed by my clerks, who have my authority to retain the fee of 10s. as a perquisite for the said service.

34. How many Licenses do you on an average issue annually?—Not exceeding two dozen.

35. Do applicants complain of this fee?—I cannot say they do, but I am satisfied that were it reduced to one half, the total of the receipts to the Treasury would be doubled.

36. Ought the fee on Marriage Licenses to be regulated by a law, or would it in your opinion be better to leave it as it is?—Decidedly, by a law, and to form a part of the Public Revenue, which would prevent the notorious system of extortion too lamentably practised by many of the issuers.

WEDNESDAY, 19th February, 1844.

Sir Allan N. MacNab, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, called in and examined:—

37. The Committee perceive by the Report before them, that you are one of the Agents for issuing Marriage Licenses, is such the case?—Yes.

38. How much do you charge for such License?—I cannot say, as I never issued a Marriage License myself; it was always done by those in my office. I lately called at the Secretary's Office, and had my name struck off the list of Agents for issuing Marriage Licenses.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the said Report and Evidence appended thereto, be printed in each of the English and French Languages for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Colvile, seconded by Mr. Méthot,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing so much of the Ordinance, 25th George III., chap. 4, as prohibits Notaries from acting as Clerks of Courts in Lower Canada. Notaries acting as Clerks of Courts.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Boulton took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Notaries acting
as Clerks of
Courts.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported, that the Committee had come to a resolution; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal so much of the Ordinance 25th *George III.*, cap. 4, as prohibits Notaries from acting as Clerks of Courts in *Lower Canada*, as far as regards Circuit and Commissioners' Courts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Colville* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal part of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, and to enable Notaries to act as Clerks of Circuit and Commissioners' Courts, 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 Mr. *Thompson*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the benefit of a certain Act of *Upper Canada*, therein mentioned, to the Clergyman or Minister of the Evangelical Association, lost by the adjournment of the House of yesterday be revived, and that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John D. McKenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverley*, in the district of *Gore* and other places, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. *Webster* moved, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending and continuing the Act of Parliament of this Province, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited period the certain Acts therein mentioned," and to grant for the encouragement of Agriculture, and Agricultural Societies, a sum of money in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly constituting the Province of *Upper Canada*.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* rose in his place, and informed the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, being acquainted with the purport of the said motion, gives his consent that the House may proceed thereon as they shall think fit.

The question being then put on Mr. *Webster's* motion, it was agreed to unanimously, and

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Sherwood* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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 any amendment:—

An Act to abolish the office of Surveyor General, and Surveyor General, to provide for the performance of the duties of that office, by the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

An Act to authorize the community of ladies, called *Sœurs Notre-Dame*, "Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame, de Montreal," to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Cummings*, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*,

Ordered, That the entries in the Journals of last Session, containing the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, upon the selection of a site for a new district town; the Petition of *John Harris* and others, inhabitants of *Grimby* and other townships in the district of *Niagara*; and the Reports of the Select Committee, to which the same were referred, be now read.

The said entries were read accordingly.

Resolved, That the said entries be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, and Mr. *Powell*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, have leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the assessment and collection of taxes in the township of *Gloucester*, for the year 1844.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Gowan* have leave to bring in a Bill, to provide for the collection of arrears of taxes, in the district of *Johnstown*, 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.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature; and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chap. 25, being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto*, and *Kingston*, in *Canada*, in each diocese, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Meyers* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

Evangelical
Association.

Report on Pe-
tition of John
D. McKenzie.

Agricultural
Societies.

Surveyor Ge-
neral.

Sœurs Notre
Dame.

Sherbrooke
Cotton Fac-
tory.

Niagara Muni-
cipal Council.
Site for new
District Town.

Taxes in
Gloucester.

Taxes in
Johnstown.

Culling of
Timber.

Roman
Bishops of To-
ronto and
Kingston.

And Mr. *Meyers* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Notarial Profession.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to organize the Notarial profession, in that part of the Province, called *Lower Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Foster* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Foster* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Toll Bridge, river Richelieu.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a toll bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*; to fix rates of tolls for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Price* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Funding fees of Office, &c.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to reduce, in accordance with the circumstances of the Province, certain salaries not on the Civil List thereof, and to fund fees of office, allowing the incumbents salaries in lieu, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Roblin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Roblin* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Civil and Political Rights.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to revive and continue for a limited time part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Chalmers* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Chalmers* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the first Report of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of dues on the *Chambly Canal*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday, the sixth of March next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *N. H. Baird*, Civil Engineer, 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 incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the district of *Quebec*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the High School of *Quebec*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Nelson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Nelson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended be engrossed.

Mill Dams. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams on streams in *Upper Canada*, being read,

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

Registry Laws. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hall* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hall* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Contingencies. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the third Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Thompson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Thompson* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Religious Societies' Relief. The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the Bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of a certain Act of the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, (passed in the ninth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Fourth, intituled "An Act for the relief of the Religious Societies therein mentioned") to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated," being read,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said amendments into consideration,

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Williams* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Humber Harbour and Road Company. Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour Road Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be postponed until Monday, the third of March next.

Agricultural Societies. Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to continue an Act for the establishment of Agricultural Societies, and to encourage Agriculture in the several districts of *Upper Canada*, be discharged.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to direct the proper officer to lay before the House, a Statement, in tabular form, of all Licenses issued during the last two years, for cutting Timber on the Waste Lands of the Crown, in the counties of *Bonaventure*, *Gaspé*, *Rimouski*, *Kamouraska*, *L'Islet*, *Bellechasse*, and *Saguenay*, exhibiting the quantities of Timber actually made in each of the said counties, and exported therefrom.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix G G.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the city of *Montreal*, merchant, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, laid before this House, on the third instant, relative to an allowance, or pension, to *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Bolduc*, heretofore Messengers of the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of the said *Pierre Lacroix* and *Joseph Bolduc*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed, until Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain lands in *Upper Canada*, to be charged with local taxes, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the third Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to secure the Right of Property in British plantation vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William* the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, 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 for the regulation of "Benefit Building Societies," being read,

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate "*Les Reverends Peres Oblats de l'Immaculee Conception de Marie*," in the Province of *Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the limitation of Actions; for avoiding suits at Law; and for rendering a written memorandum necessary to the validity of certain promises

and engagements in that part of the Province, which heretofore constituted the Province of *Lower Canada*, being read,

Ordered. That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Dundas*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Daly*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 21^o die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district, (relating to the Petition of the Corporation of *Kingston*.)

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Petition of *John Whitlow* and *William Tennant* of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *John Martin* and others, of the township of *Richmond*, in the *Midland* district.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Home* district, (relating to the Bill to incorporate the city of *Toronto*.)

British and Canadian School Society, Quebec.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the district of *Quebec*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

High School, Quebec.

An engrossed Bill, to incorporate the High School of *Quebec*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Roman Catholic Bishops, Toronto and Kingston.

An engrossed Bill, to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto* and *Kingston*, in *Canada*, in each diocese, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law, residing out of the city of *Toronto*, praying that the practice of the Courts may be so regulated, as to relieve them from the necessity of employing parties to perform services which they could render themselves; and that provision may be made for their just and liberal compensation for the duties performed by them.

Of *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law, residing out of the city of *Toronto*, praying that the Act incorporating the Law Society of *Upper Canada*, may be so amended as to give to all the members, of the degree of Barrister, a vote in the management of the affairs of the said Society.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Dalhousie*, praying that the Assessor and Collector of the township of *Gloucester*, last appointed, may be empowered to assess and collect the rates within the said township for the year 1844, as well as for 1845.

Of the Master and Wardens of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, praying that the 46th section of the Bill now before the House, relating to the said Corporation, which imposes a double duty upon vessels coming within the limits of the *Montreal* harbour, may not pass.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Huron*, praying that the township of *Williams* may not be separated from the said district.

Of *Abraham Charest* and others, of the parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, praying for a grant of money to enable them to construct a bridge over the *Rivière à Delisle*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Henry* and others, of the township of *Glanford*, in the district of *Gore*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Wetshull* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, and other references.

Mr. *Hall* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*, that the Petition of *John Gilchrist*, Esquire, of *Peterboro'*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Seymour*, and Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brackville*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Ermatinger, Gowen, Hall, Lanier, Macdonell of *Dundas*, *Small, Smith* of *Westworth*, and *Thompson*.—(11.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Christie, DeBleury, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Dunlop, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Johnston, LaFontaine, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of *Cornwall*, *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, *McConnell, Merrill, Methot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Price, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Sherwood* of *Brackville*, *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Attorney General *Smith, Stewart* of *Byrtons*, *Stewart* of *Prescott*, *Taschereau, Webster*, and *Williams*.—(44.)

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Venerable *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, proprietors of lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*, in the county of *Frontenac*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, Mr. *Johnston*, Mr. *Hall*, and Mr. *Seymour*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law, residing out of the city of *Toronto*, (relating to the Rules of Practice in the Queen's Bench): be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brackville*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, 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 *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law, residing out of the city of *Toronto*, (relating to the Law Society,) be referred to the said Committee.

Rev. P. Pouliot
and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliot* and others, of the parish of *St. Pierre les Becquets*, in the county of *Nicolet*; the Petition of *Thomas Fortier*, M. D., and others, of the parish of *St. Edouard de Gentilly*, in the county of *Nicolet*; the Petition of the Reverend *C. Dion* and others, of the parish of *Béancour*, in the county of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of *Stephen Payment* and others, of the parish of *St. Grégoire*, county of *Nicolet*; be severally referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to winter roads, in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec*, to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the south side of the River *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers*, inclusively, on the North side, and other references.

Master and
Wardens,
Trinity House,
Quebec.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Master and Wardens of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to amend and consolidate certain Laws, and an Ordinance now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, to Pilots and Pilotage in the Port of *Montreal*, and to the *Montreal* Decayed Pilot Fund, and for other purposes, and another reference.

Hon. James
Crooks.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Honourable *James Crooks*, of the district of *Cote*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dundas*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Petrie*, Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, and Mr. *Leslie*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Quebec Fire-
wood Society.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec* Charitable Firewood Society," without any amendment.

And also,

Savings Banks.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intitled, "An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned, for the establishment and encouragement of Savings Banks," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Fees of Sheriffs,
Upper Canada.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to regulate the Fees of Sheriffs and other district officers in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

French
Language.

The Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, from the Select Committee, appointed to prepare and report the draught of an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the French Language, in conformity with a resolution adopted by the House on the thirty-first January, 1845, presented to the House the Address prepared by the said Committee; which Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:

French
Language.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty, for the purpose of renewing the expression of our faithful attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, and of representing,—

That, sensible of the advantages we enjoy from Your Majesty's care and protection, and which we trust may long be continued to us under Your Majesty's parental sway, it is, at all times, our duty to submit for Your Majesty's most gracious consideration, such matters as may have a tendency, with any class of Your Majesty's subjects, to diminish that contentment which we are well assured, Your Majesty desires should exist in every portion of Your dominions.

That the French is the native language of a very large class of Your Majesty's subjects in this Province; of this class the great mass indeed speak no other language;—in it the largest portion of their laws and the books on their system of jurisprudence are written; their daily intercourse with each other is conducted; it is the language in which alone they can invoke the blessings of Heaven on themselves and all that is dear to them. A language indispensable to so many of Your Majesty's faithful People, cannot, they will believe, be viewed by their Sovereign as foreign, when used by them.

That Your Majesty's Royal Predecessors placed the languages spoken by the two great classes of Your Majesty's subjects in this Province, on the same footing; affording, in this respect, equal justice and equal facility to all.

That this principle was never departed from until the Act re-uniting these Provinces was passed.

That we do not question that the best intentions and designs influenced the minds of those who enacted the provision which declared:

"That all writs, proclamations, instruments for summoning and calling together the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, and for proroguing and dissolving the same, and all writs of Summons and Election, and all writs and public instruments whatever relating to the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, or either of them, and all returns to such writs and instruments, and all journals and entries, and written or printed proceedings of what nature soever of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, and of each of them respectively, and all written or printed proceedings and reports of Committees of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, respectively, shall be in the English language only."

But, that in the very first Session of the Legislature, under that Act, it was indispensable to translate into French every public record and document. That the debates were not and could not, unless a portion of the Representatives of the People were silenced, be carried on without its use; that in Courts and judicial proceedings it was found equally necessary as before the Union, and for every other practical purpose, it is as much used as it ever has been.

That the only distinction which exists then, is, that the French is not permitted to be the legal language of Parliamentary records; a distinction of little value perhaps in itself,—one which cannot produce any beneficial result on the feelings or habits of the People using it; while it gives rise to a feeling among them injurious to the peace and tranquillity of the Province, namely, that this limited proscription of their language conveys, however undesignedly, an imputation of unfavourable distinction towards themselves.

That desirous that the hearts of all men in this Province may be joined in unity, in their attachment to and support of Your Majesty's Person and Government, we humbly pray Your Majesty to endeavour to remove this cause of discontent, and to recommend to the Imperial Parliament the repeal of that portion of the law which has given rise to it; assuring Your Majesty that such a course will be

hailed, by Your Majesty's loyal Canadian people, as an additional mark of Your Majesty's solicitude for their welfare.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be communicated by Message, to the Honourable the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honours thereto.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Petition of the
Municipal
Council, Mid-
land District.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee: which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the prayer of the Petition referred to them, and have agreed to recommend to your Honourable House, that an Act be passed repealing so much of the 29th section of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the first year of Her present Majesty's reign, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston*, under the name of 'The Mayor and Common Council of the Town of *Kingston*,'" as relates to the appointment of a Collector, and the assessment and collection of the District Taxes within the limits of the town of *Kingston*; and to give to the Municipal Council of the *Midland* District the appointment of such Collector, and the control over such assessments.

Chambly Cot-
ton Factory.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the twelfth Report of the said Committee: which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to incorporate the *Chambly* Cotton Manufacturing Company, and have agreed to the same with certain amendments. They report, however, with some hesitation as to the limitation of liability; the object of such limitation, as far as the public interest is concerned, is to bring in capital from persons not directly engaged in the transaction of the business of such Companies. In this case the applicants are only three in number, all belonging to the same family; and it does not appear that a desire has been evinced anywhere on the part of the public to entrust them with capital in the shape of shares. They allege, however, that such will be the case. Under these circumstances, your Committee have thought proper to call the attention of your Honourable House to the above.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, have leave to bring in a Bill, to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Board of Police therein.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of titles to, and incumbrances upon 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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Johnston* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, that this House do adjourn at the hour of ten o'clock, no matter what the question be before the chair.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. *Hale*, seconded by Mr. *McConnell*, Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the *Sherbrooke* Cotton Factory," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, line 46.—Leave out "twelve," and insert "eight."

" 4, " 20.—Leave out "ten," and insert "six."

" 4, " 26.—Leave out "ten," and insert "six."

" 4, " 26.—Leave out "twelve," and insert "eight."

" 4, " 32 and 33.—Leave out the words ("not being contrary to this Act or Law,") and insert ("not being repugnant to the Laws of this Province, nor inconsistent with the true intent and meaning of this Act.")

" 4, " 38 and 39.—Leave out the words "five or more," and insert "not more than seven."

" 4, " 43.—After the word "arising," insert the following proviso: "Provided always that the Directors of the said Company, originally elected under the provisions of this Act, or subsequently elected in their stead, or elected for the purpose of filling any vacancies as aforesaid, and forming at any time the Board of Directors of the said Corporation, shall be possessed of shares therein to the amount of one-eighth of the stock of the said Corporation."

" 3, " 20.—After "them," insert the following proviso: "Provided always that no shareholder who shall not be a natural born, or naturalized subject of Her Majesty, or who shall be a subject of any foreign Prince or State, shall, either in person or by proxy, vote at any meeting whatever of the shareholders of the said Corporation, or shall assist in calling any meeting of the shareholders, any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding."

" 5, " 22 and 23.—Leave out the words "unless he be a shareholder possessed of at least two shares, nor"

" " 24.—After "Company," insert the following additional clause:—"And be it enacted, that before this Act shall have its full effect, and the said Company be operative, evidence satisfactory to the Governor of this Province, or person administering the Government thereof for the time being, shall be laid before him, that the requirements of this Act have been *bonâ fide* complied with, and that one-half at least of the said capital sum of eight thousand pounds has actually been paid up by the subscribers or stockholders of the said Company, and at the disposal of the Directors thereof, for the purposes of the Company, in accordance with this Act, and notice thereof given in the *Canada Gazette*, published by authority."

Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Agricultural
Societies.

Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending and continuing the Act of Parliament of this Province, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, the certain Acts therein mentioned," and to grant for the encouragement of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies, a sum of money in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly constituting the Province of *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend and continue the Act of the Parliament of this Province, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, the certain Acts therein mentioned," and to grant, for the encouragement of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies, a sum or sums of money, in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly constituting the Province of *Upper Canada*.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the expediency of granting an aid to Agricultural Societies in *Upper Canada*.

Notarial
Profession.

Mr. Foster, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to organize the Notarial profession in that part of the Province called *Lower Canada*, reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Toll Bridge,
River Richelieu.

Mr. Price, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to authorize John Yale, junior, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*; to fix rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Civil and Political
Rights.

Mr. Chalmers, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill, to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British subjects," reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Municipal
Authorities,
Lower Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in *Lower Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Papineau, the Honourable Mr. Maffitt, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Hale, the Honourable Mr. Marin, Mr. Taché, Mr. Jacoste, Mr. Colville, and Mr. Berthelot, 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 expunge the twentieth paragraph of the twenty-fifth section of the said Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read, Elementary
Instruction.

The said Bill was accordingly read and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Papineau, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, the Honourable Mr. Maffitt, the Honourable Mr. Marin, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Taché, Mr. Jacoste, Mr. Berthelot, and Mr. Petrie, 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 for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, being read, Insolvent
Debtors.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Colville took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Colville reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provision therefor," being read, Small Debts.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then, specially, the first Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts imposing Duties on Customs, and for other purposes connected with the Revenue, and for enacting others in lieu thereof, being read, Duties on
Customs.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Smith, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Boulton have leave to absent himself from this House for twelve days from this date.

British Plantation Vessels.

The Order of the Day, for the House in Committee, on the Bill to secure the right of property in British Plantation vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William the Fourth*, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

Building Societies.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the regulation of "Benefit Building Societies," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Trinity House, Quebec.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws and Ordinances now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, to Pilots and Pilotage in the Port of *Quebec*, and to the *Quebec* decayed Pilot Fund, and for other purposes, being read,

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 24^a die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of *Fleetwood Cabitt* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the townships of *Darlington* and *Clarke, Canada West*, (relating to Common Schools.)

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *William Dampier* and others, members of the Church of *England* in the township of *Shefford, Canada East*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *John Ostell* and others, for and in behalf of the Mechanic's Institute of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Lacoste*, the Petition of the Reverend *A. T. Whitten* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *L. Acadie*, county of *Chambly*, in the diocese of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *John Dolson*, Esquire, Warden, and others, of the *Western* district; and the Petition of *F. Baby*, Esquire, and others, of the *Western* district.

By Mr. *Murney*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, (relating to the Common School Act); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, (relating to the administration of justice); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, (relating to a road).

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, the Petition of *James Grant*, of *Martintown*, in the county of *Glenarry*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of *Thomas Brownlee* and others, Pilots for and below the harbour of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Morris* and others, of the county of *Portneuf*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *George A. Douglas* and others, of the district of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *Thomas Scott*, of the township of *Burgess*, in the district of *Bathurst*, Stone Mason.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *John Chapman* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserve Lands, in the township of *Nassagaweya*, in the district of *Gore*; and the Petition of *George Easton* and others, of the township of *Nassagaweya*, in the county of *Halton*, in the district of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of the Reverend *David Dunberry* and others, of *Durham, Kingsey*, and neighbouring townships; and the Petition of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of *Tingwick*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves).

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue for a limited time, part of the fourth clause of an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled, 'An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the civil and political rights of natural born British subjects,' and to make further provision regarding aliens."

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to organize the Notarial profession in that part of this Province, called *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to authorize *John Yule*, junior, to build a toll bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*; to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon; and to provide regulations for the same, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to authorize *John Yule*, the younger, to build a toll bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*; to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon; and to provide regulations for the same."

Ordered, That Mr. *Hale* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of the Reverend *Samuel Wood* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the town of *Three Rivers*; and of the Reverend *C. Jackson* and others, members of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Petitions read. Of *Thomas Vaux*, Second Office Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, praying for an increase of salary.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district, praying that certain powers asked for by the Corporation of the town of *Kingston*, relative to the collection of District Taxes within the said town, be not granted.

Of *John Whillaw* and *William Tennant*, of *Montreal*, praying for a settlement of their account, as contractors on the *Chambly* Canal.

Of *John Martin* and others, of the township of *Richmond*, in the *Midland* district, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands in *Upper Canada*, may not be divided amongst the different religious denominations, as petitioned for.

Of the Municipal Council of the *Home* district, praying that a more adequate sum may be paid by the Corporation of the City of *Toronto* for the maintenance of the city prisoners, in the gaol of the district.

Petitions referred. D. McIntosh and others. Ordered, That that part of the Petition of *Donald McIntosh* and others, of the parishes of *St. Polycarpe*, *St. Ignace*, and *St. Joseph*, in the county of *Vaudreuil*, which prays for amendments in the Common School Laws, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to make better provision for elementary instruction in *Lower Canada*.

Thomas Vaux. Mr. *Gowan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Greive*, that the Petition of *Thomas Vaux*, Second Office Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Berthelot, *Bertrand*, *Chalmers*, *Cummings*, *DeWitt*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hall*, *Lucoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Roblin*, *Seymour*, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, and *Webster*.—(27.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Dunlop*, *Guillet*, *Hale*, *Johnston*, *Lantier*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *CORNWALL*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Robinson*, *Scott*, *Small*, Attorney General *Smith*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, and *Williams*.—(24.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Albert Furniss. Resolved, That the Petition of *Albert Furniss*, of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Dickson*, and Mr. *Price*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

D. McIntosh and others. Ordered, That that part of the Petition of *Donald McIntosh* and others, of the parishes of *St. Polycarpe*, *St. Ignace*, and *St. Joseph*, in the county of *Vaudreuil*, which prays for amendments to the Ordinance, establishing municipal authorities in *Lower Canada*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned,

and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in *Lower Canada*, with an instruction to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Midland* district (relating to the Petition of the Corporation of *Kingston*) be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Venerable *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, proprietors of lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*, in the county of *Frontenac*.

Mr. *Berthelot*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met on Saturday, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Taché*, the chairman, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and Mr. *Scott*.

That they also met this day, but the absence of Mr. *Taché* prevented them from proceeding to business.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to proceed to try the merits of the said Election, in the absence of Mr. *Taché*, one of the Members of the said Committee, who is incapacitated by illness, from serving upon the same.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to enable local authorities in the district of *Gaspé*, to provide By-Laws, Rules, and Regulations, for the preservation of the Salmon and other Fisheries therein, and for certain other local and municipal purposes therein mentioned; and the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof, of certain Marriages formerly had before Justices of the Peace in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*, Births, Baptisms, and Burials therein, have leave to report separately on each of the said Bills.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof, of certain Marriages formerly had before Justices of the Peace in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*, Births, Baptisms, and Burials therein, reported to the House, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto*, and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company."

He accordingly presented the said 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 Bill to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*, be read a second time on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House, under the superintendence of Mr. *Speaker*, do prepare and

of Clerks and Officers of the House.

... before this House a Statement, shewing the several Officers and Clerks in its employ, in the receipt of annual Salaries; the period when they first entered its service, and the Salaries which it is expedient to allow to each of them, whether by increasing or diminishing their present allowance, with a view to render the amount apportioned, fixed and permanent for the future.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Papineau, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith,

Highways and Bridges.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider whether it is expedient to repeal and amend several Laws now in force relating to Highways and Bridges in that part of this Province heretofore called Lower Canada, and to substitute other provisions on the same subject, which may be more effectually carried into operation by means of local or municipal authorities.

Profanation of the Lord's Day.

Ordered, That Mr. Prince have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called Sunday.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Winter Roads.

Ordered. That the Bill further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in Lower Canada, be read a second time on Thursday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Driving over Bridges.

Ordered, That the Bill to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over certain Bridges erected across the Grand River, in Upper Canada, be read a second time, on Thursday next, and that it be then the second Order of the Day.

Petition of J. D. McKenzie and others.

Ordered. That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of John D. McKenzie and others, of the township of Bererley, in the district of Gore and other places, be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be then the third Order of the Day.

Lessees of Ferries.

Ordered, That Mr. Webster have leave to bring in a Bill for better enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of Upper Canada, for the regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the rights of the Lessees of Ferries.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads, in that part of the Province heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the district of Quebec, the inferior district of Gaspé, and that part of the district of Three Rivers, which extends from the district of Quebec to the parish of Nicolet on the South side of the River St. Lawrence, and to the town of Three Rivers inclusively, on the North side, and other references, be postponed until Thursday next, and that it be then the fourth Order of the Day.

On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. Thompson,

Proof of Marriages.

Resolved, That the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof of certain Mar-

riages, formerly had before Justices of the Peace, in the late inferior district of Gaspé, Births, Baptisms, and Burials, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Watts took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Watts reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin moved, seconded by Mr. Cauchon,

That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the expediency of enquiring into the administration of Justice in Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench, for the district of Quebec.

The question having been put upon the said motion, the House divided thereon.

YEAS.....17

NAYS.....32

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That Robert Riddell, Esquire, sitting Member for the county of Oxford, be excused for his non-attendance upon this House; and that he have further leave of absence until Friday next, for the purpose of attending upon the Commissioners, appointed to take evidence in the matter of the Petition of Francis Hincks, Esquire, against the return of the said Robert Riddell.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Annual Report of the Superintendent of Education, for Lower Canada, on the present state of the Schools in that part of the Province, and of education generally, laid before the House on the eighteenth instant, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the members of this House.

Ordered, That the Orders of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in Lower Canada, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein, be discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

The said Bill was withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. Hall, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly Upper Canada, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Fenning Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Management
of Customs.

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the management of the Customs, and matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenues," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Contingencies.

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the third Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, reported, according to order, the resolutions of the said Committee; which resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

Resolved, That there be allowed to the Sergeant-at-Arms, attending this House, the sum of fifty pounds currency, in addition to his salary for the year 1844, and that the like sum be paid him annually in future.

Resolved, That the furnishing the *Upper Canada Gazette* to the Members of this House, be dispensed with.

Resolved, That for the reasons set forth in the Report of the said Committee, there be granted to the second Clerk of Committees to this House, an addition of twenty-five pounds to his salary, commencing with the present quarter.

Resolved, That there be paid to *Edward John Barker*, the sum of thirty-five pounds in full satisfaction of his claim, as recommended by the said Committee.

Resolved, That *Robert Defries*, the Post Office Messenger to the House, be allowed the sum of twelve shillings and sixpence per day, from the commencement of the present Session.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty-two pounds five shillings currency, be granted to *Guillaume D'Eschambault*, Esquire, to remunerate him for his services as a Commissioner for taking evidence on the contested election of *Oliver Berthelot*, in 1833.

Insolvent
Debtors.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed, until Thursday next.

Culling and
Measurement
of Timber.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Culling and measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chapter 25, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed Deal Cullers of the city of *Quebec*, and other references.

Montreal
College of
Medicine.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hall* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hall* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, that the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor," being read,

Small Debts
Court.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in *Upper Canada* to be charged with local taxes, being read,

Taxes on
Lands, Upper
Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Méllot* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Méllot* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said 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. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 25° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of Mrs. *Mary Allen*, widow of the late Corporal *James Allen*, of the *Sherrington Loyal Volunteers*, county of *Huntingdon*.

By Mr. *Drummond*, the Petition of *O. Trudel*, Esquire, and others, of the seigniority of *Batiscan*; and the Petition of *Edward Hale*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Portneuf*.

By the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Petition of *Joseph Smith*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *Christopher Crabb*, Chairman on behalf of a public meeting of the district of *Huron*; and the Petition of *Peter Fleming*, of *Montreal*, Civil Engineer.

By the Honourable Mr. *Popineau*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Johnston* and others, members of the Church of *England* in the mission of *Hull*.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of *Jean Langevin*, Esquire, of the city of *Montreal*.

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*, that it be resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, expressive of the satisfaction of this House, in having an opportunity, before the end of the present Session, of congratulating His Excellency on his elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*; and to express their gratitude to their august Sovereign for thus rewarding His Excellency's distinguished merit.

The Elevation
of His Excel-
lency, the
Governor
General, to the
Peerage.

The elevation of His Excellency the Governor General to the Peerage.

Mr. *Christie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, that all the words after "that," in the first line of the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted, "an Address of congratulation be presented by this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, upon his recent elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom, expressive of the satisfaction which this House feel, at the distinguished honour it has pleased Her Most Gracious Majesty to confer upon him, and to which his long and eminent services so justly entitle His Excellency."

Debates arose.

London Election.

Mr. *Speaker* informed the House, that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election of a Member for the town of *London*, in the room of *Lawrence Lawrason*, Esquire, who had vacated his seat.

And the said certificate was read, and is as followeth:—

Province of *Canada*.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE
CROWN IN CHANCERY,

Montreal, 25th February, 1845.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-fifth day of January last past, issued by His Excellency, the Governor-in-Chief, and directed to the Returning Officer, for the town of *London*, (*William Horton*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member for the said town of *London*, in the room of *Lawrence Lawrason*, Esquire, who had resigned his seat, the Honourable *William Henry Draper* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ, dated the thirteenth day of February instant, which is 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 Honourable *William Henry Draper*, Member for the town of *London*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Joseph Woods, Esquire, Member for the county of *Kent*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

After which,

The question was put on Mr. *Christie's* motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, De-Bleury, Dickson, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowin, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster, Williams and Wood.—(45.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chibot, Chauveau, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lalorrière, Laurin, Leslie, Methot, Nelson, Powell, Price, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, and Thompson.—(25.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, expressive of the satisfaction of this House, in having an opportunity, before the end of the present Session, of congratulating His Excellency on his elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*; and to express their gratitude to their august Sovereign, for thus rewarding His Excellency's distinguished merit.

Address to the Governor General of Congratulation.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of five Members, composed of Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Rousseau*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Christie*, and Mr. *Scott*, (of whom three shall form a quorum,) be appointed to draw up an Address, agreeable to the foregoing Resolution, and report the same to this House with all convenient speed.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee, appointed to draw up and report the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, expressive of the satisfaction of this House, in having an opportunity, before the end of the present Session, of congratulating His Excellency, on his elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*; and to express their gratitude to their august Sovereign for thus rewarding His Excellency's distinguished merit, reported that the Committee had prepared the draught of an Address; which Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES THEOPHILUS, Baron METCALFE, of Fernhill, in the County of Berks, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to assure your Excellency of the satisfaction which we derive from the favourable opportunity now afforded us of congratulating Your Excellency, upon your Elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*.

Your Excellency will permit us to express the sincere gratitude which we feel towards our august Sovereign, for having thus rewarded Your Excellency's distinguished merits; and also our earnest hope, that Providence will bestow upon Your Excellency many years to enjoy the honour which has been so graciously and so worthily conferred.

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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait on His Excellency, the Governor General, to know His Excellency's pleasure, when He will receive this House with their Address of Congratulation.

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 any amendment :—

Claims on Executive Government.

An Act to provide a legal recourse to all Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases.

High School, Quebec.

An Act to incorporate the High School of *Quebec*.

And also,

Tax on Dogs.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to empower the district Councils of the Municipal districts and Boards of Police of incorporated towns, in *Upper Canada*, to impose a tax on dogs, within their respective districts and towns," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Revenue and Expenditure of Province.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Statement respecting the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1844.

(For the said Statement see Appendix I. I.)

Kingston Incorporation.

Ordered, That Mr. *Seymour* have leave to bring a Bill to repeal a certain provision of the Act incorporating the town of *Kingston*, and to provide for the assessment and collection of the district Taxes in the said town, by a Collector and Assessor, to be appointed by the district Council.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Petition of M. F. Valois and others.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes, and other references, have leave to report from time to time.

Crown Timber Office, Bytown.

Ordered, That one hundred and fifty copies of the Return to an Address of this House, of the sixth of December last, to His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the Crown Timber Office, in *Bytown*, laid before this House on the seventeenth of January last, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Election Third Riding, York.

Mr. *Berthelot*, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, at ten o'clock, A.M., but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*.

Profanation of Lord's Day.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called, "Sunday," be discharged.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to withdraw the said Bill.

The said Bill was withdrawn accordingly.

Proof of Marriages, &c.

Mr. *Watts*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof, of certain Marriages formerly

had before Justices of the Peace, in the late inferior district of *Gaspé*, Births, Baptisms, and Burials therein, reported, according to order, the amendment made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Hall*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Montreal College of Medicine.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of making provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of this Province; and relating to the payment of claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasions of *Upper Canada*; and of appropriating the moneys arising from tavern licenses for local purposes, applying such portion thereof, as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims, until the same be fully paid, or the money to be advanced to pay them, be reimbursed to the Province, being read,

Claims from Rebellion.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Scott* took the chair of the Committee, and after sometime spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Scott* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts, imposing duties on Customs, and for other purposes connected with the Revenue, and for enacting others in lieu thereof, be postponed until Friday next.

Duties on Customs.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Dundas*, The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 26° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Colvile*, the Petition of *John Charters* and others, of the village of *St. Jean Chrysostome*, in the county of *Beauharvais*.

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *James Grant* and others, of the third concession of the township of *Winchester*, in the county of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *George Shaw*, of the city of *Montreal*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *John Tait*, of *Cornwall*; and the Petition of *Charles A. Low*, Esquire, and others, of the *Eastern* and *Ottawa* districts.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *James Livingstone* and others, Brewers, of the town of *Kingston* and its vicinity; the Petition of *James Morton* and others, Distillers, of the town of *Kingston* and its neighbourhood; and the Petition of *Robert Pulsford* and others, Shareholders of the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*.

Legal Proof of
Marriages, &c.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the legal proof and preservation thereof of certain Marriages formerly had before Justices of the Peace in the late inferior district of *Caspé*, Births, Baptisms, and Burials therein, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montreal
College of
Medicine.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* College of Medicine and Surgery, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Scott* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Registry Laws,
Upper Canada.

Pursuant to the Resolution of this House of the ninth of September, 1842, the engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province, which was formerly *Upper Canada*, was brought up to be read for the third time.

Ordered, That the third reading of the said Bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Fleetwood Cabitt* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the townships of *Darlington* and *Clarke*, *Canada West*, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system, under which religious instruction may be provided.

Of *William Dampier* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the township of *Shefford*, *Canada East*; of the Reverend *A. T. Whitten* and others, members of the Church of *England* in the Mission of *L'Acadie*, county of *Chambly*, in the diocese of *Quebec*; of the Reverend *Charles Morris* and others, of the county of *Portneuf*; and of the Reverend *Richard Lonsdell* and others, of *Tingwick*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society, of the diocese of *Quebec*, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same, for the benefit of the said Church.

Of *John Ostell* and others, for and on behalf of the Mechanics' Institute, of *Montreal*, praying for an Act to incorporate the said institution.

Of *John Dolson*, Esquire, Warden, and others, of the *Western* district, praying for an aid to complete the "*Tecumseh Road*," in the said district.

Of *F. Baby*, Esquire, and others, of the *Western* district, praying that, should it be found necessary to levy an excise duty upon Stills and Breweries, it may be done in such a manner as not to injure those interested in the manufacture of spirituous liquors, or to encourage fraud or smuggling.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, praying that the expenses of the administration of justice in that district may be paid out of the Provincial Revenue.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Victoria*, praying for a grant to open a road from *Mudoc* to the *Madawaska* River.

Of *James Grant*, of *Martintown*, in the county of *Glengarry*, praying that the free exercise of the elective franchise may be allowed to the occupants of the Indian Reservation, situated between the counties of *Glengarry* and *Stormont*, in the *Eastern* district.

Of *Thomas Brownlee* and others, Pilots for and below the harbour of *Quebec*, praying for certain alterations in the Bill now before the Legislature, relating to the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, and also in the Bill, to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for the duties of their calling.

Of *George Douglas* and others, of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that the Petition of *William Rae* and others, asking for the annexation of a certain portion of the township of *West Cwillingbury* to the *Hone* district, may not be granted.

Of *Thomas Scott*, of the township of *Burgess*, in the district of *Bathurst*, Stone Mason, praying for a settlement of his claims for damages and work performed upon the *St. Lawrence* Canal.

Of *John Chapman* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserve Lands, in the township of *Nassagaweya*, in the district of *Gore*; and of *George Easton* and others, of the township of *Nassagaweya*, in the county of *Haltou*, in the district of *Gore*, praying that no assignment of the Clergy Reserve Lands, as petitioned for, may be made, but that they may be disposed of in accordance with the Imperial Statute.

Of the Reverend *David Dunherly* and others, of *Deerham*, *Kingsey*, and neighbouring townships, praying for aid to complete the road communicating between the city of *Montreal* and the *Craig's* Road.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jacques Lemlin* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of Steamers and other River Craft, residing in the county of *J. Lemlin* and *Richelieu*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill, to amend and consolidate certain Laws, and an Ordinance now in force, relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, to Pilots and Pilotage in the Port of *Montreal*, and to the *Montreal* Decayed Pilot Fund, and for other purposes, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Edward Malloch*, Esquire, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of *Bytown*.

Mr. *Berthelot*, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*; they therefore adjourned for half-an-hour, at the expiration of which time they again met, and proceeded to business, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* being present.

Petitions read.

Petitions referred.

J. Lemlin and others.

E. Malloch, Esquire.

Election 3rd Riding York.

Niagara New
District Town.

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee, to which were referred the entries in the Journals of last Session, containing the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, upon the selection of a site for a new district Town; the Petition of *John Harris* and others, inhabitants of *Grimbsy*, and other townships in the district of *Niagara*; and the Report of the Select Committee, to which the same were referred, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

Mr. *Speaker* communicated to the House the following letters:—

CIVIL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 25th February, 1845.

Sir,

Prince Albert's
reply to Ad-
dress on birth
of Prince Al-
fred.

I have the honour, by command of the Governor General, to deliver to you the enclosed letter which has been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in reply to the Address presented by the Legislative Assembly to His Royal Highness, Prince *Albert*, during the present Session.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) J. M. HIGGINSON.

The Honourable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly,
&c. &c. &c.

WINDSOR CASTLE,
January 25, 1845.

Sir,

I am commanded, by His Royal Highness, Prince *Albert*, to return thanks to the Members of the House of Assembly of *Canada*, for their Address of Congratulation upon the happy event of the birth of His Royal Highness, Prince *Alfred*.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) G. E. ANSON.

Sir ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

Profanation of
the Lord's
Day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the profanation of the Lord's day, commonly called "Sunday," 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 the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that there be laid before this House, copies of all communications between Her Majesty's Government in this Province and the local authorities of the district of *Victoria*, respecting the Provincial allowance for the *Thurlow* additional Grammar School of that district, for 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Thurlow
Grammar
School.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, have leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend part of an Act, passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for vesting in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, the Estates and Property therein described; for granting certain powers to the said officers; and for other purposes therein mentioned." Estates vested
in Ordnance
Department.

He accordingly presented the said 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* and Mr. *LeMoine* be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill the better to facilitate commutation of the Tenure *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of Free and Common Soccage. Commutation
of Tenure.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a statement in detail, exhibiting the respective disbursements, made under the Acts of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, 3rd *William IV.*, chapter 34, and 6th *William IV.*, chapter 39, for the maintenance and support of Light Houses in the said Province, for the years 1833, '34, '35, '36 and '37, shewing the names of the respective parties receiving, from the Inspector General or other persons, any and all such disbursements. Light Houses.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing such Laws as may be now in force respecting the distribution of the printed copies of the Laws, and of substituting other provisions for the same purpose. Distribution of
Laws.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of making provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of Claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasions of *Upper Canada*, and of appropriating the moneys arising from Tavern Licences for local purposes; applying such portion thereof as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims, until the same be fully paid, or the money to be advanced to pay them be reimbursed to the Province, being read, Rebellion
Claims.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Cauchon* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cauchon* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which resolution he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Frémings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian School Society of the district of *Quebec*," without any amendment.

Also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the French Language, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and the."

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,

Clerk Assistant Legislative Council.

And also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 25th February, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the joint Address to the Queen, on the subject of the French Language, to Her Majesty's 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 the Legislative Assembly.

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,

Clerk Assistant Legislative Council.

The Address is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir CHARLES THEOPHILUS, Baron METCALFE, of Fernhill, in the County of Berks, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our joint Address on the subject of the French Language, in such way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

R. E. CARON,
Speaker.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 25th February, 1845.

And then he withdrew.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" was read for the first time.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill, relating to the fund, formerly known as the "Marriage License Fee Fund;" to fix the fees hereafter to be taken on marriage licenses; and to provide for the regular payment thereof into the Public Treasury, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Ermatinger* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. *Speaker* and the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, will receive this House with its Address to-morrow, at half-past 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 Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Dundas*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 27° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

THE Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker* three Messages from His Excellency, the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. *Speaker*, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and are as followeth:—

METCALFE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the copy of a Despatch which has been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in reply to the Address of the Assembly to the Queen on the birth of His Royal Highness Prince *Alfred*.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, February 7, 1845.

(Copy.)

No. 335.

DOWNING STREET,
26th January, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have laid before the Queen the Address to Her Majesty on the birth of H. R. H. Prince *Alfred*, adopted by the House of Assembly of Canada, in their present Session, and inclosed in your Lordship's Despatch, No. 195, of the 27th ultimo.

I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct you to assure the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty has received with much gratification this renewed expression of the attachment of that House to Her Majesty's person, and of their sympathy with Her Majesty's feelings.

British and Canadian School Society Quebec.

Harris' Divorce.

French Language.

Harris' Divorce.

Marriage License Fee Fund.

I have transmitted to Prince *Albert* the Address to His Royal Highness, which was also inclosed in your Despatch.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
The Lord METCALFE, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

METCALFE.

Aid to Persons transported for High Treason.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in reference to an Address from the Assembly to the Governor General, expressing their gratitude to Her Majesty for having graciously pardoned several of the persons who were transported for High Treason, and praying His intervention with Her Majesty's Government to obtain for such of them as have not the requisite funds, the means of returning to their homes.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 25th February, 1845.

(Copy.)

No. 341.

DOWNING STREET,
3d February, 1845.

My Lord,

I have received your Lordship's Despatch of the 24th December, No. 188, communicating to me an Address which had been presented to you by the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, expressing the gratitude of that House to Her Majesty for having graciously pardoned several of the persons who were transported from the Province for High Treason, and praying your intervention with Her Majesty's Government to obtain for such of them as have not the requisite funds, the means of returning to their homes.

It would afford much satisfaction to Her Majesty's Government to comply with the wishes of the House, intimated to them in this Address; but this is a Public Service the expenses of which could not be undertaken by the Treasury, and recommended for the sanction of Parliament, without the sacrifice of a general principle which it is the duty of the Ministers of the Crown to maintain.

If the Assembly should see fit to place funds at Her Majesty's disposal for this purpose, or if, as in other cases, such funds should be contributed by private benevolence, the difficulty will of course be overcome.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
The Lord METCALFE, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

METCALFE,

General Amnesty.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, the copy of a Despatch which has been received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in reply to the Address of the Assembly to the Queen, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant a General Amnesty for all offences connected with the Rebellion in 1837 and 1838.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 25th February, 1845.

(Copy.)

No. 340.

DOWNING STREET,
31st January, 1845.

My Lord,

General Amnesty.

I have received your Lordship's Despatch, No. 184, of the 21st ultimo, transmitting an Address to the Queen, from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to grant a General Amnesty for all offences connected with the Rebellion in 1837 and 1838.

I have laid this Address before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and have much satisfaction in authorizing you to inform the House of Assembly that no Native of *Canada*, according to the records of this Department, is at present detained in Her Majesty's Penal settlements under sentence of Transportation, to whom a Free Pardon has not already been granted by the Spontaneous exercise of Her Majesty's Royal Clemency.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
The Lord METCALFE, G.C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Canal Reserve, Township of Murray.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date 17th January, 1845, praying that he will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before the House a Statement in writing of the valuation made of the lands on the Canal Reserve, and other lands in the township of *Murray*, in the *Newcastle* District, &c., &c., &c. :-

CROWN LAND DEPARTMENT,
Montreal, February 25, 1845.

In compliance with the Address presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, from the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, for certain information respecting the *Murray* Canal in the *Newcastle* District, I have the honour to submit the copy of a Report made by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, 7th January, 1840, intended for the House of Assembly at that time, but it would appear that it was decided, for what reason is not known to me, that it should not be sent in.

This Report contains all the information the Department is in possession of; no subsequent action having, it would seem, been taken in the matter.

D. B. PAPINEAU,
C. C. L.

CROWN LANDS OFFICE,
Toronto, January 7, 1840.

SIR,

With reference to the Address of the Honourable House of Assembly respecting the *Murray* Canal reserve, I have the honour to report for the information of His Excellency, the Governor General, as follows :-

In the year 1796, it was resolved by His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, in Council, "that 3000 acres of land in front of the Township of *Murray*, be reserved for the purpose of facilitating the cutting of a Canal between the Bay of *Quinté* and *Newcastle* (or *Presqu' Isle*), or for such other public benefit, as it may be appropriated to."

This reservation was surveyed in 1815, and placed under the charge of the Deputy Superintendent of Settlers at the Carrying Place, *David M'Gregor Rogers*, Esquire, acting by authority from the Quarter Master General's Department.

Canal Reserve,
Township of
Murray.

I find that the entire of these lands have been alienated by that Department, without reference to the original intention of the reservation, with the exception of about sixty four acres.

This exception comprises the strip of land across the Isthmus of *Prince Edward*, which was surveyed as the proposed route of the Canal itself, and is still at the disposal of the Crown, for the purpose originally intended.

By the Address to His Majesty of the 13th Parliament, on the subject of these lands, I find that the Honourable the House of Assembly, represent, that an additional reservation of two thousand acres will, at least, be necessary to carry into effect the proposed route, which they recommend to be made in Concession C. in *Murray*, and on *Presque Isle Point*, contiguous thereto.

In the answer received from Her Majesty's Government in reply to that Address, sanction is given to carry the recommendation of the House of Assembly into effect, with this observation:—

“That the appropriation of specific portions of land with a view of raising hereafter a fund to be devoted to a particular object, may perhaps provide for that object at a greater expense to the public than if the more ordinary course were adopted of defraying the charge by a grant from the General Revenue,” and concludes by referring this question to the wisdom of the House of Assembly, for the guidance of the Government.

The suggestion of constructing the Canal by a grant of money, instead of the appropriation of Crown Lands to that object, was adopted by the Legislature in an Address of 16th February, 1838, to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, on the subject, with the trust that, in the estimation of the amount to be granted in lieu of the reservation, due regard may be had to the increased value to which these lands may have attained.

His Excellency, by Answer of the 26th February, was pleased to concur with the Address.

Pursuant to instructions consequent upon such concurrence, I have the honour to state, that two gentlemen have been employed by me to value these lands, *Alexander McDonnell* and *William Rorke*, Esquires, agents to this Department, who give it as their opinion, that the original reservation and the lands contemplated in the Address of the House of Assembly, approved of by Her Majesty's Government, are worth, on the average, three pounds per acre.

The aggregate quantity of lands and their estimated value would thus stand—

Original Reservation	...	...	3000 acres.
Contemplated Reservation	...	...	2000
			5000
Less 64 acres not granted of original			
Reservation	...	...	64
			4936

At £3 per acre would admit of a grant for the construction of the proposed Canal amounting to £14,808.

I cannot trace the authority for the alienation of the Reserve originally made for the Canal; although it may be assumed as certain, that the survey which took place, in 1815, and the subsequent grants to settlers, were made by order of the Government.

The lands originally reserved have been, as above stated, all granted; with the exception of the proposed site for the Canal.

The lands which remain at the disposal of the Government in the neighbourhood, including the proposed Town of *Newcastle*, contain nearly 2000 acres.

I do not think it would be safe to calculate upon the Government realizing a larger amount than £6000 for these lands.

The original Reserve having been disposed of, I do not see how its present or future value can materially affect the question before the Legislature.

Canal Reserve,
Township of
Murray.

I would respectfully recommend to His Excellency to fix upon some specific sum which may be charged upon the Crown Reserve, and made payable out of its first disposable proceeds, towards the completion of the Canal, and which, upon the cession of the Crown Revenue to the Legislature, will be considered a payment for which the faith of the Government is pledged, and provided for in any bill which may be passed for the granting a Civil List in return for the cession of the revenue.

The amount of this grant, within the sum at which the whole Reserve and the remaining lands at the disposal of the Government have been valued, say £15,000, I should respectfully suggest, may properly be left to the discretion of the Honourable the House of Assembly. I send herewith plans of the ground for the information of His Excellency.

I also send herewith copies of the valuation placed upon the lands by *A. McDonnell* and *W. Rorke*, Esquires.

I have, &c.

(Signed) R. B. SULLIVAN.

To T. W. C. Mendenhall, Esquire,
Chief Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

Toronto, 11th December, 1839.

SIR,

In obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of the 21st ultimo, I proceeded to examine the *Murray Canal Reserve Lands*, and having inspected the tract in question, namely the land originally reserved for the above purpose and since assigned to settlers, as well as the lots designated on the plan enclosed to me, as having been applied for by the House of Assembly, I have in connexion with Mr. *Rorke*, your Agent for the District of *Prince Edward*, with whom you requested me to unite in forming a valuation of said lands in the event of the contemplated Canal being completed, have after ascertaining the value placed on land, the property of individuals in the neighbourhood of the tract alluded to, but less desirable in point either as to eligibility of position or richness of soil; and having also ascertained the opinions of gentlemen residing in that part of the country on the subject, we have arrived at the conclusion that the lands alluded to, in the Address of the House of Assembly, might fairly be estimated on the average at three pounds per acre. At this valuation, taking the original reserve into consideration, and the unceded lands of the Crown designated on the plan herewith returned, making in all, if the quantity be correctly ascertained, about six thousand acres.

The Government might, in our opinion, safely depend upon realizing eighteen thousand pounds on the completion of that important work.

I have, &c.

(Signed) A. McDONNELL.

Honourable R. B. SULLIVAN,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Scott*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Abbott* and others, members of the Protestant Episcopal Congregation at *Saint Andrews*.

By Mr. *Brooks*, the Petition of the Bank of *Montreal*; the *City Bank*; and the *Banque du Peuple*; and the Petition of *James Gibb*, Esquire, President of the *Quebec Bank*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, the Petition of the Reverend *Richard Anderson* and others, of *New Ireland* and *Inverness*, members of the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. Gowan, the Petition of the widow *Mary Allen*, of *Sherrington*, in the county of *Huntingdon*; and the Petition of *Henry W. Sache* and others, of the district of *Bathurst*.

By Mr. Jobin, the Petition of *E. M. Naughton* and others, of the Island of *Montreal*.

By Mr. Greive, the Petition of *E. Armstrong* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the *Rivière du Loup* mission.

By the Honourable Mr. Baldwin, the Petition of *John A. Eakins* and others, of *Sparta*, in the *London* district; and the Petition of *Jeremiah Wilson* and others, of *Westminster*, in the district of *London*.

By Mr. Méthot, the Petition of the Reverend *Louis Théophile Fortier* and others, of *Nicolet*.

By the Honourable Mr. Moffatt, the Petition of the Reverend *William T. Leach* and others, the Minister and Members of *St. George's Church*, *Montreal*.

Registry Laws,
Upper Canada.

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cummings*,

That the following engrossed Clause, marked A, be added to the said Bill by way of *Ryder*, and make part thereof:—

CLAUSE A.

And be it enacted, that for and notwithstanding anything in this Act contained, it shall not be necessary to appoint a Register for each of the following Counties, namely:—*Lennox, Addington, Prescott, Russell, Lincoln and Welland*; but for the purposes of registration of titles under this Act, it shall and may be lawful to appoint one Register for the Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, one for the Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*, and one for the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*: Provided always, that in the event of a vacancy in the office of Register of either of the said united Counties, it may be lawful for the Governor General, in his discretion, to divide the said Counties in which any such vacancy may happen, and to appoint a Register for each County respectively.

The said Clause being thrice read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, that the following Clause, marked B, be added to the said Bill, by way of *Ryder*, and make part thereof:—

CLAUSE B.

And be it enacted, that no deed of sale, conveyance, assignment, or other instrument purporting to convey any real estate, shall be deemed or construed to have been executed by way of mortgage, or subject to any equity of redemption, as regards any third party, unless it shall be so expressed on the face thereof, and in the memorial registered, although a bond or other assurance may have been given to re-convey such estate upon the performance of any condition,

and such condition may have been performed, unless such bond or assurance, containing the defeasance, shall also be registered at the same time with the deed of sale, conveyance, assignment or other instrument, containing the description of the real estate to which such bond or assurance refers.

Registry Laws,
Upper Canada.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions read. Petitions were read:—

Of Mrs. *Mary Allen*, widow of the late Corporal *James Allen*, of the *Sherrington Loyal Volunteers*, county of *Huntingdon*, praying for pecuniary aid in consideration of her present distress.

Of *O. Trudel*, Esquire, and others, of the seigniority of *Batiscan*, praying that a law be passed to appoint a Commissioner to examine into the arrears of *lods et ventes*, in the seigniority of *Batiscan*, to discharge them of the said arrears, and to exact in future only six per cent. as *lods et ventes*.

Of *Edward Hale*, Esquire, and others, of the county of *Portneuf*, praying that part of the moneys appropriated by 4th and 5th *Victoria*, chapter 28, be granted them for the purpose of improving the crossing of the *River Jacques Cartier*.

Of *Joseph Smith*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Yamasha*, praying that their county may be exempted from the operation of the Sleigh Ordinance.

Of *Christopher Crabb*, Chairman, on behalf of a public meeting of the district of *Iuron*, praying that the Bill now before the Legislature imposing a tax upon Distilleries, Breweries, and fermented liquors, may not be passed, but that, should it be found necessary to impose such a tax, it may be done by some simple enactment, which shall not prove burdensome to the people.

Of *Peter Fleming*, of *Montreal*, Civil Engineer, complaining that he has been neglected by the Government and the Board of Works, and his plans monopolized; and that he has in consequence suffered much pecuniary loss; and praying for an investigation of his grievances.

Of the Reverend *John Johnston* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Hull*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society, of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of *Jean Langevin*, Esquire, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that the Legislature may adopt some means to enable Creditors of the Municipal Councils to recover the amount of their respective debts.

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, Parish of *St. Sylvester*, "An Act to detach the Parish of *St. Sylvester* from the County of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the County of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of Registration only," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Petitions referred.	<p><i>Ordered.</i> That the Petition of <i>Leonard H. Dunlop</i> of <i>Montreal</i>, (relating to the Board of Works,) be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of <i>John Reid</i> and <i>Robert Shepherd</i>, of the City of <i>Montreal</i>, and other references.</p>	<p>Mr. <i>Smith</i>, of <i>Frontenac</i>, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Venerable <i>George O'Kill Stuart</i> and others, proprietors of lot No. 24, in the first concession of <i>Kingston</i>, in the county of <i>Frontenac</i>, and another reference; presented to the House, the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—</p>
L. H. Dunlop.	<p><i>Ordered.</i> That the Petition of <i>Joseph Smith</i>, M.D. and others, of the county of <i>Yamasha</i>, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads, in that part of this Province, heretofore <i>Lower Canada</i>, in so far as regards the district of <i>Quebec</i>, the inferior district of <i>Gaspé</i>, and that part of the district of <i>Three Rivers</i>, which extends from the district of <i>Quebec</i> to the parish of <i>Nicolet</i>, on the South side of the River <i>St. Lawrence</i>, and to the town of <i>Three Rivers</i>, inclusively, on the North side, and other references.</p>	<p>That your Committee have carefully investigated the Report, allegations contained in the said Petition, and having examined witnesses in the premises, are unanimously of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.</p>
J. Smith, M.D.	<p><i>Ordered.</i> That the Petition of <i>Fleetwood Cubitt</i> and others, members of the United Church of <i>England</i> and <i>Ireland</i>, in the townships of <i>Darlington</i> and <i>Clark, Canada West</i>, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of <i>Toronto</i> and others, members of the United Church of <i>England</i> and <i>Ireland</i>, in the city and vicinity of <i>Toronto</i>, (relating to schools,) and other references.</p>	<p>Your Committee beg to lay before your Honourable House, the following facts upon which they have founded their decision:—</p>
F. Cubitt and others.		<p>1st. That the inhabitants of Lot 24, in the first Concession of <i>Kingston</i>, are, with few exceptions, composed of mechanics and labourers, many of whom are tenants at low rents, while others are proprietors of the soil. In many cases, labouring men are the owners and occupiers of small pieces of land, upon which they have erected houses, and reside therein.</p> <p>2d. That the said Lot 24 was, until the last twenty-five years, used as a farm, and that the Petitioner, the Venerable <i>George O'Kill Stuart</i>, laid out lots upon the same, and sold at low rates for the purpose of encouraging industrious mechanics and labourers who were unable to purchase lands in the limits of the Town, and pay Town taxes.</p>
A. Mason.	<p><i>Ordered.</i> That the Petition of <i>Archibald Mason</i>, of the town of <i>Cornwall</i>, in the <i>Eastern</i> district, <i>Mason</i>; and the Petition of <i>Caleb Truax</i>, of <i>Cornwall</i>, on behalf of himself and <i>Andrew Key</i>; be severally referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of <i>John Reid</i> and <i>Robert Shepherd</i>, of the city of <i>Montreal</i>, and other references.</p>	<p>3d. That upon Lot 25, and Park Lots one and two, now within the limits of the Corporation, there are large blocks of vacant land; and upon Lot 25, which contains fifty-five acres, there are not more than twelve houses. Upon Park Lot, No. 1, it is not supposed there are as many; while Park Lot, No. 2, which lies contiguous to the old survey of the Town of <i>Kingston</i>, has been laid out into Town Lots, yet no single street has as yet been built up, and there are many vacant lots which may probably not be built upon for years to come.</p>
Municipal Council, Johnstown District.	<p><i>Ordered.</i> That Mr. <i>Dunlop</i> be added to the said Committee.</p>	<p>At the North end of the Town of <i>Kingston</i>, a tract, called the <i>Ferguson</i> Tract, lying East of the <i>Montreal</i> road, and supposed to contain about fifty acres, has not more than twenty houses erected upon it, while on the West side of the said <i>Montreal</i> road, a village, formerly called <i>Charlesville</i>, has plenty of vacant lands, which can be purchased upon reasonable terms.</p>
	<p><i>Resolved.</i> That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of <i>Johnston</i>, (relating to Assessment of Lands,) be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. <i>Gowan</i>, Mr. <i>Jessup</i>, Mr. <i>Sherwood</i> of <i>Brockville</i>, Mr. <i>Smith</i> of <i>Frontenac</i>, Mr. <i>Stewart</i> of <i>Bytown</i>, and Mr. <i>Macdonell</i>, of <i>Dundas</i>, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.</p>	<p>In the original survey of the Town of <i>Kingston</i>, there yet remain many lots of vacant land, and your Committee are of opinion that the allegation in the Petition, "that there is unoccupied ground within the present city limits sufficient whereon to build one thousand houses," is perfectly correct.</p>
J. Langevin, Esquire.	<p><i>Ordered.</i> That the Petition of <i>Jean Langevin</i>, Esquire, of the city of <i>Montreal</i>, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in <i>Lower Canada</i>, with an instruction to the said Committee, and other references.</p>	<p>Your Committee beg to represent, that the Corporation of the Town of <i>Kingston</i> have contracted a debt, which is stated by the Mayor of the Town, who was before your Committee as a witness, to amount to nearly £30,000, and that the interest upon £20,000 of that money is secured by the Commercial Bank of <i>Kingston</i>, payable in <i>England</i>.</p>
Election, Third Riding, York.	<p>Mr. <i>Berthelot</i>, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of <i>Robert Harrison</i> and others, electors of the Third Riding of <i>York</i>, complaining of the undue election and return of <i>James Edward Small</i>, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of <i>York</i>, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, at ten o'clock, A.M.; but Mr. <i>Macdonnell</i>, of <i>Dundas</i>, being absent, they waited until eleven o'clock, and adjourned for five minutes; at the expiration of which time they again met, but Mr. <i>Macdonnell</i> not appearing, they were unable to proceed to business; and accordingly, at five minutes after twelve o'clock, they adjourned until to-morrow.</p>	<p>The revenues of the Town are said to amount to about £2,500, nearly £1800 of which are consumed in the payment of the interest of the debt above mentioned.</p> <p>Your Committee are informed, that the expenses of the said Corporation are about £800 per annum, and at present there is no salary paid to the Mayor.</p> <p>Your Committee cannot but express their surprise that the Corporation of <i>Kingston</i> should have contracted so large an amount of debt with so little revenue.</p> <p>That the removal of the Seat of Government from <i>Kingston</i> to <i>Montreal</i>, has not only decreased the value of property in, and adjacent to the Town, but many houses which were built to meet the emergency upon its coming to <i>Kingston</i>, are not at present occupied, and it becomes a severe tax to the owners of such houses, to be compelled to pay those taxes at a time when they are unoccupied.</p>

Petition of the
Venerable G.
O. Stuart and
others.

That your Committee cannot see any advantage to be gained by the inhabitants of Lot 24, by being brought within the limits of the Town of Kingston; while on the other hand, they would be burdened with the payment of an enormous debt improvidently contracted, and to which, had they been consulted, they would have offered their most strenuous opposition.

The present plank walk between the town and country has been made by the inhabitants of Lot 24, at their own expense; and they have also in the same way, macadamized several of their streets.

Your Committee cannot conclude their Report without stating to your Honourable House their firm conviction, that the incorporation of this Lot within the limits of Kingston, against the almost unanimous wishes of the inhabitants to be affected by it, and who have been no party to the contracting of the present enormous debt due by the Town, would not only prove an injustice to the Petitioners, but would establish a precedent hereafter for any Corporate Town in the Province of Canada to apply to your Honourable House for further extension of their limits, and make others liable for a debt which they had not contracted, and from which they derived no benefit whatever.

Laws in rela-
tion to Agri-
culture.

Mr. Watts, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the Laws of Lower Canada, relating to the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to continue for a limited time the Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and more effectually to remedy divers abuses prejudicial to Agriculture," which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Kingston
Incorporation.

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act, passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Kingston, under the name of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Kingston."

He accordingly presented the said 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 Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Robinson,

Savings Banks.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned, for the establishment and encouragement of Savings Banks," be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Robinson, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood,

Management
of Customs.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the management of the Customs and matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 4 Line 36.—After the word "respectively," insert "Provided always that a notice of the hours of General attendance, so appointed, shall be kept constantly posted up in some conspicuous place, in such offices and places of appointment."

Press 8 Line 43.—After the word "made," insert "Provided always that a detailed statement of all such remissions as aforesaid, shall be annually submitted to the several branches of the Legislature, within the first fifteen days of each ensuing Session thereof."

And the said amendments being again read, and it appearing that the same were only introduced for greater caution, and were no alteration of the intention of this House, as evidenced by the contents of the Bill, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Robinson do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Williams,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in Upper Canada to be charged with local taxes, be discharged. Taxes on Lands
Upper Canada.

Resolved, That the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in Upper Canada, to be charged with local taxes, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Cummings, Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Bill to define the limits of Bytown, and to establish a Board of Police therein, be read a second time on Monday next. Limits of
Bytown.

Ordered, That the statements respecting the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of Canada, for the year 1844, be referred to the Special Committee, to which were referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Public Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of Canada, for the year 1843, with an instruction to the said Committee, and other references. Revenue and
Expenditure
for 1844.

Ordered, That the said Committee have power to report from time to time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Papineau, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith,

Resolved, That this House do concur in the Address of the Honourable the Legislative Council, to His Excellency, the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the joint Address to the Queen, on the subject of the French Language, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words, "and Legislative Assembly," and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House. French
Language.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honours 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 French Language, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Papineau do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Report on the
Petition of J.
D. M'Kenzie.

Ordered. The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John D. M'Kenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverley*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places, be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be then the third Order of the Day.

Ordered. That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *Valières de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*, and other references.

Office of Sheriff

Ordered. That Mr. *Prince* be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill for the better regulation of the office of Sheriff, in that part of *Canada*, formerly *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, with an instruction to the said Committee.

Petition of J.
M'Bean.

Ordered. That Mr. *Prince* be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John M'Bean*, of *Lancaster*, in the *Eastern* district.

Upper Canada
Trust and Loan
Company.

Ordered. That Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act, made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Upper Canada Trust and 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 Monday next.

Agricultural
Societies,
Lower Canada.

Mr. *Watts* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the expediency of granting an aid to Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* rose in his place, and informed the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, being acquainted with the purport of the said motion, gives his consent that the House may proceed thereon as they shall think fit.

The question being then put on Mr. *Watts*' motion, it was agreed to unanimously, and the House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered. That two hundred copies of the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the venerable *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, proprietors of Lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*, in the county of *Frontenac*, and another reference, be printed in each of the English and French Languages for the use of the Members of this House.

Petition of the
Venerable G.
O. Stuart and
others.

Resolved. That a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Leslie*, and Mr. *Drummond*, be appointed

Registrars of
Quebec and
Montreal.

to enquire if the Registrars of the cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal* have furnished the security required by Law; and if the securities given by them are not such as the law requires; what are the reasons for which those Registrars have not furnished the securities for which the law requires; to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered. That five hundred copies of the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, and other references, be printed in each of the English and French Languages for the use of the Members of this House.

Report on the
Petition of the
Church Society
Toronto.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, being read,

Insolvent
Debtors.

Ordered. That the said Order of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Ordered. That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of small debts," and to make other provision therefor, be postponed until to-morrow.

Small Debts.

Ordered. That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to secure the Right of Property in British plantation vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William the Fourth*, 28th August, 1833, and intituled, "An Act for the Registering of British vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, be postponed until to-morrow.

British Planta-
tion Vessels.

Ordered. That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws and Ordinances now in force relating to the powers and duties of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Quebec*; to Pilots and Pilotage in the port of *Quebec*; and to the *Quebec* Decayed Pilot Fund; and for other purposes, be discharged.

Trinity House,
Quebec.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Laws, relative to Winter Roads, in *Lower Canada*, being read,

Winter Roads,
Lower Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Watts* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it 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. *Macdonald*, of *Dundas*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 28° die Februarii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petition brought up.

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

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of M. *Héroux* and others, of *St. Philippe* and other parishes.

Petitions read.

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

Of *John Charters* and others, of the village of *St. Jean Chrysostome*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, praying for a certain amendment to the Common School Act.

Of *James Grant* and others, of the third concession of the township of *Winchester*, in the county of *Dundas*, praying for a just and accurate survey of the line in front of the third concession of the said township.

Of *George Shaw*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that provision may be made, to enable him to claim the grant of land to which his father, the late Captain *Alexander Shaw*, was entitled.

Of *John Tait*, of *Cornwall*, praying for an investigation of the claim of his late father, for work done on the *St. Lawrence Canal*.

Of *Charles A. Low*, Esquire, and others, of the *Eastern* and *Ottawa* districts, praying for a grant to complete the Post road, leading from *Cornwall* to *L'Orignal*.

Of *James Levingstone* and others, Brewers, of the town of *Kingston* and its vicinity; and of *James Morton* and others, Distillers, of the town of *Kingston* and its neighbourhood, praying that the proposed Bill to impose a duty upon Distillers, Brewers, and Spirituous and fermented liquors made by them, may not pass into a law.

Of *Robert Pulsford* and others, Shareholders of the Trust and Loan Company of *Upper Canada*, praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act incorporating the said Company.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,

Losses by Rebellion.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause proper measures to be adopted in order to insure to the inhabitants of that part of this Province, formerly *Lower Canada*, indemnity for just losses by them sustained during the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

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

Address of congratulation on the exaltation of His Excellency the Governor General

At the hour appointed, Mr. *Speaker* and the House attended upon His Excellency, the Governor General, with their Address of Congratulation;

And being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, the Governor General, with their Address of Congratulation; to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following answer:—

GENTLEMEN,

I return you my warmest thanks for your kind Congratulation. The honour bestowed on me by our Queen, I ascribe, next to Her Majesty's gracious goodness, to the maternal interest which she takes in the welfare of the

people of this Province, and to Her approval of my earnest endeavours to promote that object. Those endeavours, I assure you, shall be unremitting; and I humbly hope, that by the blessing of the Almighty, *Canada* may be prosperous, contented and happy, whereby the most anxious wish of my heart will be accomplished.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipe from being destroyed at improper season of the year; and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province. Protection 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*; and that the sixty-first Standing Order of this House be suspended in reference to this Bill. Mechanics' Institute, 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 tenth of March next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boutillier* have further leave of absence for fifteen days from the time to which his former leave was limited, on account of continued illness. Leave of absence—Mr. Boutillier.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach the parish of *Saint Sylvestre* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Dorchester*, for the purposes of Registration only," be now taken into consideration. Parish of St. Sylvestre.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said amendments into consideration;

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, line 15.—After "parish of," insert "*Saint*."

Line 25.—Leave out "*Dorchester*," and insert "*Megantic*."

" 34.—Leave out "*Dorchester*," and insert "*Megantic*."

Preamble, line 8.—Leave out "*Dorchester*," and insert "*Megantic*."

Title, line 2.—Leave out "*Dorchester*" and insert "*Megantic*."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to regulate the Fees of Sheriffs and other officers, in that part of this Province, called *Upper Canada*, be postponed until Monday next. Fees of Sheriffs Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned for the establishment and encouragement of Savings Banks, being read, Savings Banks.

Savings Banks.

The said amendment was again read, and is as followeth :—

Line 21 and 22.—After “notwithstanding,” insert “provided always that the said Trustees of any Savings Banks shall not at any time have invested in such Bonds, Mortgages, or Securities by *hypothèque*, more than one third part of the three quarters of the sum deposited in such Savings Bank, which they are now by law permitted to invest in Debentures, Bank Stock, or other Public Securities, and in no case shall any such Trustee advance upon such Bond, Mortgage, or Security by *hypothèque* more than one half of the value of the Real Estate or immoveable property upon which the same is secured, and then only on condition that such Bond, Mortgage, or Security by *hypothèque*, be the first privileged claim upon such real or immoveable property.”

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Williams took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Williams reported, that the Committee had passed the said amendment, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth :—

Strike out all the words after “always,” in the second line of the Amendment, and insert the following :—“That the said Trustees of any Savings Banks shall in no case advance upon any such Bond, Mortgage, or Security by *hypothèque*, more than one half of the value of the Real Estate or immoveable property upon which the same is secured, and then only on condition that such Bond, Mortgage, or Security by *hypothèque*, be the first privileged claim upon such real or immoveable property.”

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed.

Agricultural Societies, Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to take into consideration the expediency of granting an aid to Agricultural Societies of *Upper Canada*, be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Mr. Hall moved, seconded by Mr. Sherwood of *Brockville*, that when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow at three o'clock, P. M.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth :—

YEAS.

Christie, Hall, Lalorrière, McConnell, Merrill, Murney, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Sherwood of *Brockville*, Smith of *Westworth*, Watts, and Williams.— (14.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Daly, Desautier, DeWitt, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leslie, Macdonald of *Corn-*

WALL, Macdonell of *Stormont*, Moffatt, Morin, Pelrie, Riddell, Scott, Smith of *Frontenac*, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of *Prescott*, Thompson, and Webster.— (38.)

So it passed in the negative.

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 to render permanent two certain Acts therein mentioned, incorporating the Boards of Trade for *Montreal* and *Quebec*,” to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.”

And then he withdrew.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to render permanent two certain Acts therein mentioned, incorporating the Boards of Trade of *Montreal* and *Quebec*,” was read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, have leave to adjourn until Monday next.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of *Oxford*, have leave to adjourn from to-morrow until Monday, the tenth of March next.

Mr. Smith, of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the expediency of granting an aid to the Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to order, the resolutions of the said Committee; which resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, for each County in *Lower Canada*, for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, for the District of *Montreal*, towards the same purposes.

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, for the District of *Three Rivers*, (which for the purposes of the present vote, shall include the District of *St. Francis*), for the encouragement of Agriculture.

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant a sum, not exceeding five hundred pounds currency, for the District of *Quebec*, towards the same purposes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Watts* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies 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 Wednesday next.

Mr. *Colville*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

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Debtors.

Debtors, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Rebellion
Claims.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of making provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by the Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasions of *Upper Canada*, and of appropriating the moneys arising from Tavern Licenses for local purposes; applying such portion thereof, as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims, until the same be fully paid, or the money to be advanced to pay them, be reimbursed to the Province, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Appropriation
of Fees from
Tavern
Licences.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to make provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasion of *Upper Canada*, and to appropriate the moneys arising from Tavern Licenses to local purposes, applying such portion thereof, as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims, until the same be fully paid.

The Honourable Mr. *Papineau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, that this House do now concur with the Committee in the said resolution.

And the said resolution being again read,

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Price*, that all the words after "that," in the said resolution, be struck out, and the following substituted:—"An humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, informing Her Majesty, that during the several hostile invasions of, and unlawful aggressions upon, the Province of *Upper Canada* at various points, by foreigners and others from the *United States* of America, divers loyal inhabitants of the said Province have sustained much loss and damage, by the destruction of their dwellings and other buildings and property; praying that as the sufferers have not received any compensation for such losses, Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend the Imperial Parliament to take the same into consideration, with a view to satisfy such claims as shall be found, upon investigation, to be equitable and just."

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Small, and Walls—(28.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, M'Connell, Merrill, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sher-

wood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(41.)

Appropriation
of Fees from
Tavern
Licences.

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* then moved, in amendment to the motion of concurrence, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, That all the words after "that," in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted:—"the said resolution be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of amending the same, by inserting the word "not" after the words "that it is," in the first line of the said resolution; and by striking out all the words after the words "invasion of *Upper Canada*," in the said resolution, and by substituting the following words in their stead: "unless provision be made at the same time for the payment of similar claims in *Lower Canada*."

The question of concurrence being put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Rousseau, Scott, Small, and Smith of WENTWORTH.—(30.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, M'Connell, Merrill, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(42.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the said resolution, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Brooks, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, Williams and Woods.—(43.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merrill, Méthot, Morin, Price, Rousseau, Small and Walls.—(30.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That it is expedient to make provision for giving effect to a certain Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, as amended by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, and relating to the payment of Claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasion of *Upper Canada*; and to appropriate the moneys arising from Tavern

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Claims.

licenses to local purposes; applying such portion thereof as may belong to localities in *Upper Canada*, to the payment of the said claims until the same be fully paid.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill, to provide for the payment of Claims arising out of the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*, and to appropriate the Duties on Tavern licenses to local 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.

Winter Roads.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, being read.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Macdonell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Mr. *Speaker* having put the question,

Shall the Report be now received?

Mr. *Gowan* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brooks*, that the words "this day six months," be substituted for the word "now."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Brocks, Cauchon, DeWitt, Foster, Gowan, Lacoste, Lafontaine, Leslie, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Morin, and Price—(13.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Berthelot, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBlury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(44.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Report was then received, and the said amendments being again severally read, and the question of concurrence being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Orders of the
Day.

Mr. *DeWitt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Prince, and Rousseau—(18.)

NAYS.

Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBlury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonald of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(36.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Powell*, that the House do now adjourn.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Price, Roblin, Walls, and Woods—(28.)

NAYS.

Cummings, Daly, DeBlury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Dunlop, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, McConnell, Meyers, Murney, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, and Williams—(28.)

And the votes being equally divided, Mr. *Speaker* gave his casting vote in the negative.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Powell*, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next; and that the Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts imposing duties on Customs, and for other purposes connected with the Revenue, and for enacting others in lieu thereof, be then the first Order of the Day.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, DeWitt, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Woods—(33.)

NAYS.

Daly, Dickson, Dunlop, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, McConnell, Murney, Petrie, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster, and Williams—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the House do now adjourn.

Orders of the
Day.

Adjournment.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, DeWitt, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lanier, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, M. Connell, Methol, Meyers, Morin, Powell, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, and Woods—(34.)

NAYS.

Daly, Dickson, Dunlop, Foster, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, Murney, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster, and Williams.—(17.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and
The House adjourned accordingly.

Luna, 3° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of *Dudley Kerrison* and others, of *Shefford*, in the district of *Montreal*.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, the Petition of *William B. Jarvis*, Esquire, Sheriff of the *Home* district; the Petition of *Edward G. O'Brien* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Adelaide*, in the district of *London*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves;) the Petition of *Joseph Scabrook* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Carradoc*, in the district of *London*, (relating to common schools;) the Petition of *Richard Jemmings* and others, Boot and Shoemakers, of the town of *London*, in the district of *London*; and the Petition of *William Begg* and others, Presbyterians, of the town of *London*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *Robert Ross* and others, of *Frampton*, and other townships, in the district of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *Thomas Morden* and others, of the township of *West Flamborough*.

By Mr. *M. Connell*, the Petition of *John Girdewood*, in behalf of certain members of the Baptist denomination, assembled at a meeting at *Barnston Corner*, (relating to Education;) the Petition of *John Girdewood*, in behalf of certain members of the Baptist denomination, assembled at a meeting at *Barnston Corner*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves.)

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, the Petition of *James L. Crysler* and others, of the township of *Fynch*, in the county of *Stormont*; the Petition of *John Montgomery* and others, of the township of *Roxborough*, in the *Eastern* district; and the Petition of *Adam Johnston* and others, of the town, and township of *Cornwall*.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of the Reverend *R. Whitwell* and others, of the parish of *St. Armand*, West, (relating to *King's College*;) and the Petition of the Reverend *R. Whitwell* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *St. Armand*, West, (relating to Clergy Reserves.)

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *J. H. Syder*, and others, of *Yarmouth*, in the district of *London*; and the Petition of *William Armstrong* and others, of *Framosa*, and other townships in the district of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *William B. Rich* and others, of the township of *Goderich* and its neighbourhood; and the Petition of *Joseph Gely*, of the parish of *St. Joseph*, *Point Levy*.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *William C. Chase* and others, of the district of *Niagara*, in *Canada West*.

By Mr. *Watts*, the Petition of *Benjamin Therien* and others, of the counties of *Drunmond* and *Yamaska*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Reverend *R. H. Bourne* and others, the minister and members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *Rawdon*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves).

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of the Reverend *George S. J. Hill* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the mission of *Chinguacousy*, in the Gore of *Toronto*, and parts adjacent, (relating to the Clergy Reserves); and the Petition of the Reverend *Alexander Sanson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves).

By Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the Petition of *Robert Lang* and others, of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*, the Petition of *Laurent Tremblay* and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*, in and below the harbour of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *James Kerr* and others, of the town of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *Cornelius H. Finlay*, of *Montreal*, Contractor; and the Petition of *James Hunter*, M.D., of the township of *Whitby*, in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Chabot*, the Petition of *G. Vanfelson*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Quebec Bar Association*.

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Gore*, (relating to Common Schools).

By Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of *Richard Logan*, of the village of *Portsmouth*, in the *Midland* district.

By the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Petition of *P. P. Demaray*, of *St. Jean*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Small*, the Petition of *John Strickland*, of the township of *Whitby*, in the *Home* district; and the Petition of *Garret Molloy*, of the township of *Reuch*, in the *Home* district.

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of the Reverend *L. Doolittle*, and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Sherbrooke* and *Lennoxville*, (relating to the Clergy Reserves).

By Mr. *Ermatinger*, the Petition of *John W. Kerr* and others, members of the Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Bayham* and other townships.

An engrossed Bill to afford relief to Insolvent Debtors, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Petitions brought up.

Ordered. That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Winter Roads.

Pursuant to the Resolution of this House, of the ninth of September, 1842, the engrossed Bill further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, was brought up to be read for the third time.

Mr. *Gowan* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, that the Bill be not read, but that it be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, Carters, and other references; and that Mr. *Brooks* and Mr. *Lacoste* be added to the said Committee; and that the said Committee have power to report by Bill or otherwise.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Daly, De Witt, Foster, Gowan, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Price, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, and Watts.—(31.)

NAYS.

Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(36.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, that the said Bill be read for the third time, this day six months.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Foster, Gowan, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, and Small.—(23.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Bertrand, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Watts, Williams, and Woods.—(43.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* then moved, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the expediency of consolidating all the Laws regulating Winter vehicles in *Lower Canada*.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Foster, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Small, and Watts.—(22.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Bertrand, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(42.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *Papineau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brooks*, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Michel Houle* and others, of *Montreal*, Carters, and other references; with an instruction to the said Committee to inquire into the propriety of continuing the amendments made by the Legislature of *Canada* to the original Ordinance of the Special Council, until the end of the next Session of Parliament.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Brooks, Cauchon, Chabot, Christie, DeWitt, Foster, Gowan, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Leslie, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Price, Small, and Thompson.—(20.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(45.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, that the said Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the expediency of extending the provisions of the said Bill, and of the Ordinances therein mentioned, to that part of this Province heretofore called *Upper Canada*.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Christie, Foster, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Leslie, Morin, Papineau, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, and Thompson.—(16.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Bertrand, Brooks, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of

Winter Roads. CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Merrill, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Petric, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(49.)

So it passed in the negative.

The said Bill was then read for the third time.

The Honourable Mr. DeBleury moved, seconded by Mr. Colville, that the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in Lower Canada."

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colville, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Petric, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Thompson, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(46.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Brooks, Couchon, Chabot, Christie, DeWitt, Foster, Gowan, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Larterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Merrill, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, and Small—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. DeBleury do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of the Reverend William Abbott and others, members of the Protestant Episcopal congregation at St. Andrews; of the Reverend Richard Anderson and others of New Ireland and Inverness, members of the Church Society of the diocese of Quebec; of E. Armstrong and others, members of the Church of England, in the Rivière du Loup mission; and of the Reverend William T. Leach and others, the minister and members of St. George's Church, Montreal, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of Quebec, for the benefit of the Church of England, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of the Bank of Montreal, the City Bank, and the Banque du Peuple; and of James Gibb, Esquire, President of the Quebec Bank, praying for a repeal or reduction of the tax now imposed by law upon the circulation of Bank notes.

Of the Widow Mary Allen, of Sherrington, in the county of Huntingdon, praying for an annual aid in consideration of the death of her husband the late Corporal James Allen of the Sherrington Loyal Volunteers, who fell at the battle of Odelltown, in the year 1838.

Of Henry W. Suche and others, of the district of Bathurst, praying that an Act may be passed to prevent unqualified persons from practising as conveyancers in this Province.

Petitions read. Of E. M'Naughton, and others of the Island of Montreal, praying for the establishment of a Turnpike road from Ste. Anne to Montreal, through the centre of the Island.

Of John A. Eakins, and others of Sparta, in the London district; and of Jeremiah Wilson, and others of Westminster, in the London district; praying that no alteration may be made in the present manner of disposing of the Clergy Reserves.

Of the Reverend Louis Théophile Fortier and others of Nicolet, praying that the Bill to provide for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada may not be passed in its present form.

Of M. Héroux and others, of St. Phillippe and other parishes, praying to be remunerated for their services as "Chasseurs Canadiens."

Ordered, That the Petition of William Barrett and others, the commissioners of Common Schools in the township of Hemmingford, in the county of Beauharnois; and the Petition of John Charters and others, of the village of St. Jean Chrysostome, in the county of Beauharnois, be severally referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada. Petitions referred. W. Barrett and others. J. Charters and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend Louis Théophile Fortier and others, of Nicolet, be referred to the said Committee. Rev. L. T. Fortier and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of John Tait, of Cornwall, and the Petition of Peter Fleming, of Montreal, Civil Engineer, be severally referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of John Reid and Robert Shepherd, of the city of Montreal, with instructions to the said Committee, and other references. J. Tate and P. Fleming.

The Honourable Mr. DeBleury moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, of Frontenac, that the Petition of John Whitlaw and William Tennant, of Montreal, be referred to the said Committee. J. Whitlaw and W. Tennant.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Petition of T. A. Stayner, Esquire, and others, proprietors of land in the Eastern townships of Lower Canada, residing in the city of Montreal, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in Lower Canada; with an instruction to the said Committee, and other references. T. A. Stayner, Esquire.

Resolved, That the Petition of H. Mittleberger and others, of St. Catherines, in the Niagara district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Merritt, Mr. Cummings, and Mr. Thompson, 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. H. Mittleberger and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of Victoria, (relating to the Common School Act,) be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Toronto and others, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, in the city and vicinity of Toronto, (relating to Schools,) and other references. Municipal Council, District of Victoria.

Ordered, That the Petition of George Shaw, of the city of Montreal, be referred to the Select G. Shaw.

Committee to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intitled, "An Act for the Disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands prior to the fourth of April, 1839, to perfect their titles, to the same, and other references.

R. E. Burns
and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Robert E. Burns* and others, members of the Legal profession, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, Mr. *Duggan*, and Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

J. Grant and
others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Grant* and others, of the third concession of the township of *Winchester*, in the county of *Dundas*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, Mr. *Roblin*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, Mr. *Hall*, and Mr. *Webster*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenwicks Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Monday, 3rd March, 1845.

Presenting Ad-
dresses to His
Excellency the
Governor
General.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that His Excellency, the Governor General, has appointed to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock, P.M., at the Government House, in this city, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament on the subject of the French language, and that the Legislative Council do intend to be there at that time.

Attest.

CHARLES DE LERY,
Clerk Asst. Legislative Council.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Select Committees on Private Bills, be further extended until Friday next.

Private Bills.

The Honourable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House, the thirteenth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Christian
Unitarians.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "Christian Unitarians," and have agreed to the same without amendment.

Pères Oblats.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate "*Les Révérends Pères Oblats de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie*," in the Province of *Canada*, and have made certain amendments thereto, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honourable House.

Quebec For-
warding Com-
pany.

They have further examined the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Forwarding Company*, to which they have also made several amendments, which are submitted for the consideration of Your Honourable House.

Montreal
Board of Trade

The Committee have also taken into consideration the Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; and for the reasons which have induced the Committee to impose a

greater liability upon the shareholders in the *Quebec Forwarding Company*, than in other cases, they beg to refer to the evidence annexed.

They also examined the Bill to Incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the River *St. Lawrence* near *Montreal*, to the Province Line in the Township of *Stanstead*, to which they have also made several amendments, which are submitted for the consideration of Your Honourable House.

EVIDENCE.

James Dean, Esquire, called in and examined:—

Are you connected with the *Quebec Forwarding Company*?—I am. The Company has been two years in existence, and I am one of the Directors.

What is the object of the Company?—To transport goods from *Quebec* to the Upper Lakes, and *vice versa*.

Objections have been raised as to the sufficiency of the liabilities, if they are to be limited to the subscribed capital; would you give your views on the subject?—Unless the objection be considered in principle, I consider that there is more responsibility with that Company than with others; the subscribed capital is all paid in, and is sufficient for the present objects of the Company: their object is not to trade in any way, and the probability is, that the public will always be indebted to the Company and not the Company to the public.

What is the capital stock of the Company invested in?—I believe it consists of barges and steamboats; some of which are insured, and some not. I believe that with our present capital we are enabled to compete with any company as far as our line of business extends.

Thomas Cringan, Esquire, of *Montreal*, merchant, called in and examined:—

Are you connected with the *Montreal Board of Trade*?—I am Vice-President.

What are the objections, in your opinion, to the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Forwarding Company*?—I understand that their liability is limited by the Bill to the amount of Stock paid in, and I think it objectionable that any commercial company should be incorporated without making them liable to the full extent of their means, especially a Forwarding Company. I am acquainted with one called the *Ottawa Forwarding Company*, that has sunk upwards of £30,000, stock paid in, and the stockholders will still have to pay something out of their private means; the public would have lost in this case, if the stockholders had not been responsible.

Do you consider the liabilities of a Forwarding Company towards the public, greater than those of other commercial companies?—I do, in consequence of their stock being much more perishable than other stock in trade, and there is the risk attending navigation, and many other losses that it is impossible to guard against; their vessels may run foul of other vessels, as has happened lately, between the *Queen* and *Sydenham* on Lake *St. Peter*; law-suits follow, and other circumstances which do not happen in ordinary undertakings, by which means whole cargoes may be lost, which a limited liability might prove insufficient to make good.

Do you not think that those restrictive regulations would have the effect of suppressing joint stock Companies?—I think not, generally, but there may be some cases in which a Company could hardly exist without a limited liability. In the *Montreal Tow-Boat Company*, of which I am a member, the losses have been very great during the last three years, amounting to nearly the whole investment, but there is no limit to the responsibility, and there are a great many shareholders.

John T. Brondgeest, Esquire, Merchant, called in and examined:—

Are you connected with the *Montreal Board of Trade*?—I was President of the Board last year. You have heard the evidence of Mr. *Cringan*, do you concur therein; and have you anything further to add? I fully concur in the testimony of Mr. *Cringan*, and would re-

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Board of Trade

mark further, that I consider a limited liability necessary in certain cases, as for instance, Banks and Railroads, the reason for which is simply, that the public gains in those cases by the improvement, and there is something to compensate them for the risk, while in Forwarding Companies it is not the case. Railroads and Banks are also more likely to become creditors to the public, while Forwarding Companies would usually be debtors.

Would you consider a limited liability, say to double or treble the amount of the Stock, a sufficient security?—Not in a Forwarding Company; their losses may be very great and sudden; and I consider that when the profits and losses are very great, the persons taking stock should be liable for the whole loss.

Frederick A. Wilson, Esquire, Secretary to the Montreal Board of Trade, called in and examined:—

You have heard the evidence given by Messrs. *Cringan & Brondgeest*, do you concur with them?—Entirely.

Have you anything further to offer?—Nothing; they have fully explained all that I should have desired to say.

Pères Oblats.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate "*Les Recorrens Pères Oblats de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie*," in the Province of *Canada*, and that part of the thirteenth Report of the Standing Committee on Private Bills which relates thereto, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Commutation
of Tenure.

The Honourable Mr. *Maffatt*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, landholders, residing in the vicinity of the city of *Montreal*, with power to report by Bill, or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to empower any religious community, being the seignior of the Piefs *Nazareth*, *St. Augustin*, and *St. Joseph*, in the city of *Montreal*, or either of them, to invest the moneys arising from any commutation of tenure granted by them in real property and other securities: which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Petition of the
Reverend A.
Gosselin.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of *La St. Famille*, and other parishes in the island of *Orleans*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, inhabitants of the Island of *Orleans*, and also several witnesses on the merits of the said Petition, and they are of opinion that it is always difficult, and often impossible for the Petitioners to communicate with the "*Cote Beauforé*," especially during the Spring and Autumn, as the river during those seasons is covered with ice, and consequently the crossing becomes very dangerous. This impossibility of communication between the Island of *Orleans* and the other parts of the county of *Montmorency* lasts about a month in Autumn, and almost a month in the Spring.

Your Committee, therefore, after mature deliberation, are unanimously of opinion, that the prayer of the Petitioners merits the favourable consideration of your Honourable House, and that a Registry Office ought to be established on the Island of *Orleans*.

Election, Third
Riding York.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, but could not proceed to business, on account of the absence of Mr. *Meyers*.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Joseph Painchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee: which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Petition of J.
Painchaud and
others.

Your Committee having examined the Petition referred to them, are unanimously of opinion, after mature deliberation, that the prayer of the Petitioners, *Joseph Painchaud* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, residing in *Quebec*, should be granted.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*.

Quebec Medi-
cal 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 Thursday next.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *H. Mittelberger* and others, of *St. Catharines*, in the *Niagara* district, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented a Bill to incorporate the town of *St. Catharines*; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

St. Catharines
Incorporation.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee, appointed to inquire into and report upon the present condition and state of the ancient Archives and Public Records of "*La Nouvelle France*," and of the Province of *Quebec*, remaining in the vaults of the *Evêché*, or Parliament Buildings, at *Quebec*, or elsewhere, with a view to the adoption of measures, as well for their arrangement and preservation from decay, as to the collection from all accessible sources wheresoever, of such ancient and authentic Records and Documents relating to the first settlement of *Canada*, as in the opinion of the Committee may cast light upon, or be conducive to a full knowledge of its early history, as well as to the general advancement of Literature in the Province, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

Public Records
of "*La Nou-
velle France*."

(For the said Report, see Appendix III.)

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

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the said Report, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Standing Committee on Expiring Laws, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Expiring Laws

The Committee on Expiring Laws have the honour to report, that having carefully examined the several Acts, which if not continued, would expire before the next Session of the Provincial Parliament, they are of opinion that the following Acts should be continued until the first day of May, 1850, and thence until the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, that is to say the Acts of *Lower Canada*:—

- 9 *George IV.* chapter 20.—Secret incumbrances on Lands.
- 9 *George IV.* chapter 27.—Prevention of evasion of Fraudulent Debtors.
- 9 *George IV.* chapter 28.—Proceeding against Estates of Debtors.
- 9 *George IV.* chapter 51.—Salmon fisheries in certain Counties.

Expiring Laws

- 1 *William IV.* chapter 6.—To encourage the destruction of wolves.
- 6 *William IV.* chapter 19.—Fees of persons employed by Justices of the Peace.
- 6 *William IV.* chapter 35.—Imposing duty for the medical treatment of sick mariners.
- 6 *William IV.* chapter 56.—For remedying abuses prejudicial to Agriculture.

The Acts of *Upper Canada* :—

- 11 *George IV.* chapter 20.—Providing for the Insane destitute in the *Home* district, and
- 3 *William IV.* chapter 45.—Extending the said Act to other districts.
- 6 *William IV.* chapter 29.—To encourage the destruction of wolves.
- 7 *William IV.* chapter 23.—Establishing Agricultural Societies.
- 3 *Victoria*, chapter 43.—Relating to Assessments in the *Niagara* district.

Act of *Canada* :—

- 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 36.—Regulating the fisheries in *Gaspé*,

And for this purpose they have prepared a Bill, which the chairman is instructed to introduce.

The Committee have not thought it necessary to advise the further continuance of any Act which will remain in force until after the expiration of the next Session.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to continue further for a limited time the several Acts 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.

Quebec Incorporation.

Mr. *Chabot*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Edouard Glackmeyer*, Esquire, acting Mayor of the Corporation of the city of *Quebec*, and other references, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to amend the Ordinances Incorporating the city of *Quebec*; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.

Pedlars, Quebec.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Pedlars and other persons from selling goods within the limits of 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 Thursday next.

Petition of W. Thurber, M. D.

Mr. *Laurin*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *William Thurber*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth :—

Your Committee having taken into consideration the Petition of the inhabitants of the county of *Lotbinière*, have the honour to report :—

First. That whereas the Petition of *William Thurber*, M. D., and others, of the county of *Lotbinière*, praying that the Circuit Court be transferred from the parish of *St. Croix* to the parish of *Lotbinière*, in the said County of *Lotbinière*, is the only Petition which has been referred to your Committee for that purpose, and that other Petitions from different parishes of the said county, praying that the seat of Jurisdiction for

the County be established in any other parish than that of *Lotbinière*, presented to the House by the Honourable *D. Daly*, have not been referred to any Committee, as your Committee are informed. Your Committee do not think they ought to proceed on the merits of the Petition referred to them without having enquired as well into the motives which might justify the prayer contained in the Petition of *William Thurber* and others, as into motives alleged in the Petition presented by the Honourable *D. Daly*, because alterations of such a nature, ought only to be made after mature deliberation, and after hearing the parties praying for, or petitioning against, such alterations.

Secondly. That having been informed that a Petition has been presented to your Honourable House by Mr. *Taschereau*, representing the county of *Dorchester*, from certain inhabitants of the parish of *St. Nicholas*, in the said county, praying that the said parish of *St. Nicholas* be annexed to the said county of *Lotbinière*, for all purposes whatsoever, your Committee do not think they ought to recommend the said alterations, without having before them sufficient information to justify their proceedings.

On motion of Mr. *Brooks*, seconded by Mr. *Hale*,

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the River *St. Lawrence*, near *Montreal*, to the Province line, in the township of *Stanstead*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Province Line Railroad.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John D. McKenzie* and others, of the township of *Beverly*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places, be discharged.

Report on the Petition of J. D. McKenzie

Ordered, That the said Petition be again referred to the Select Committee, to which it had already been referred, to take evidence of the Surveys and Enquiries that have been made by order of Government.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Corurall*, Mr. *Roblin*, and Mr. *Seymour*, be added to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, of the parishes of *St. Timothée*, and *St. Clément*, and other references.

Petition of the Revd. J. O. Archambault and others.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor," be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Small Debts, Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and Lake *Huron* Railroad Company," be read a second time to-morrow, and that it be then the second Order of the Day.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to withdraw the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Forwarding Company*.

Quebec Forwarding Company.

The said Bill was accordingly withdrawn.

Quebec Forwarding Company.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Aylwin have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Quebec Forwarding 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.

"Christian Unitarians."

Ordered, That the Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "Christian Unitarians," be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

Harris' Divorce.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rousseau* have leave to absent himself from this House, for this week, on urgent business.

Harris' Divorce.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honours will be pleased to communicate to this House, a copy of the minutes of evidence taken before their Honourable House on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Report on the Petition of J. Donegani.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the city of *Montreal*, merchant, be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Sherbrooke Cotton Factory

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be postponed until Wednesday next.

Duties on Customs.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts, imposing Duties on Customs, and for other purposes connected with the Revenue, and for enacting others in lieu thereof, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 4^o die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. SPEAKER reported that both Houses had attended His Excellency, the Governor General, this day, with their Addresses, to which His Excellency was pleased to give the following answer:—

House presented Addresses.

Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

I will not fail to transmit your joint Address to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, to 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:—

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Colvile*, the Petition of the Reverend R. G. *Ploes* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Russelton Flats*, and parts adjacent.

By Mr. *Roblin*, the Petition of *John Sills* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves in *Sophiasburg*, in the district of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *LeMoine*, the Petition of *Oliver Odell* and others, of the seigniorie of *Lacolle*, in the county of *Huntingdon*, and the Petition of *Leonard Pine*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *J. K. Gooding*, and *T. B. Woodcliff*, in behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Dickson*, the Petition of *Alexander McLeod*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned, for the establishment and encouragement of Savings Banks," as amended, be now read for the third time.

Savings-Banks.

The said amendment was accordingly read for the third time.

Resolved, That the said amendment, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendment, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the Petition of *M. Héroux* and others, of *St. Philippe* and other parishes, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth Section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands prior to the fourth April 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, and other references.

Petitions referred.
M. Héroux and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Jennet Roy*, widow of the late *Thomas Roy*, Civil Engineer, of the city of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dunlop*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Cauchon*, and Mr. *Johnston*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Jennet Roy.

Bank of Mon-
treal.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Bank of *Montreal*, the City Bank, and the *Banque du Peuple*; and the Petition of *James Gibb*, Esquire, President of the *Quebec* Bank, be severally referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* district, and of the *Gore* Bank.

Election, Third
Riding York.

Mr. *Tuck*, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House that the Committee met this day, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, and Mr. *Macdowell*, of *Dundas*.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* has absented himself, by reason of necessary public business, he be excused.

Resolved, That as the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* and Mr. *Macdowell*, of *Dundas*, have absented themselves, by reason of ill health, they be excused.

Commutation
of Tenure.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill, the better to facilitate commutation of the tenure *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of Free and Common Socage, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

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

Wardens,
House of In-
dustry.

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, a return of the names of the Wardens of the House of Industry of the city of *Montreal*, for the last five years, with a detailed statement of the Property, real and personal, held by them for the purposes of 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 Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Registry,
County of Hal-
lowell.

Ordered, That Mr. *Murray* have leave to bring in a Bill to make valid the registration of Title Deeds and other Documents in the county of *Hastings*.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Duty on
Tobacco

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Dunlop*, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament a reduction of the Duty on Tobacco, the produce of this Province, imported into the United Kingdom.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee, appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament a reduction of the Duty on Tobacco, the produce of this Province, imported into the United Kingdom, presented to the House the Address prepared by the said Committee, which Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is 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, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty with sentiments of deep gratitude for the encouragement afforded by Your Majesty's Imperial Parliament to our Agriculturists in the growth of Wheat, in this Province, and for the advantages still enjoyed by us, as the result of Your Majesty's maternal consideration towards us.

We now most humbly beg leave to state to Your Majesty, that in the year 1824, the Parliament of the then Province of *Upper Canada*, represented to His late Majesty, King *George IV.*, that the Western districts, though highly favoured with regard to soil and climate, were, from their remote situation, subjected to greater difficulties and expense than the other portions of *Upper Canada*, in conveying their produce to market:—that the uncertainty of a profitable market for their staple commodities, necessarily depreciate their value, and tend to check the Commercial and Agricultural prosperity of those remote sections of the Province:—that actual experiment had proved that the climate and soil of the Western districts were well adapted to the cultivation of tobacco, and that if their inhabitants were encouraged to turn their attention to that article, the Province would derive great advantages from its culture. Upon that representation, and the prayer thereto, Her Majesty's Government obtained from Parliament, such an abatement of the duties upon tobacco, the produce of *Upper Canada*, as it was supposed would enable the growers of the article to obtain remunerating prices, and to compete, in the English market, with the producers of tobacco in the *United States*. Experience has, however, shown that the abatement of 3d. per lb., which was at that time conceded, is not sufficient to afford that decisive encouragement which, it is humbly presumed, was intended by the Government, and desired by the Legislature of *Upper Canada*.

We would further most humbly represent to Your Majesty, that owing to the great distance from the sea, and the heavy expense of free labour, the growers of tobacco in *Upper Canada* are exposed to this further disadvantage, as compared with the growers of the same article in the *United States*; that although in ordinary seasons the climate admits of, and is congenial to the production of tobacco, of a superior quality, and the soil is equally favourable, yet there is always risk of a total loss of crop from early frosts; and although that loss may occur but once in several years, yet the apprehension of such a failure operates as a discouragement to the investing of capital, and increases the necessity of such protection as the Government of the Parent State can extend.

We further humbly represent to Your Majesty, that subsequent to the year 1824, and until about the year 1841, tobacco was grown to a very considerable extent, and some thousands of pounds worth were annually exported from the Western districts; but the cultivation of it has, since that period, most materially decreased, owing to the low duty, (1d. per lb.) which it has been deemed expedient to impose on the raw material imported into this Province from the *United States*, a duty necessarily low in order to prevent smuggling, and to increase our revenues, which, added to the present high duty on such raw material, (the leaf tobacco) when grown here, and imported into *Great Britain*, amounts to an absolute prohibition, and has rendered it useless for our Western farmers to continue the cultivation of it, thereby nearly ruining a large and industrious population, whose soil is

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better adapted for the growth of tobacco than it is for Wheat or any other farming produce, and whose children, even at a tender age, could by means of that light employment, successfully aid their parents in the profitable cultivation of that plant, which is now so generally used.

We further humbly represent to Your Majesty, that the experiment of raising tobacco in the Western districts of *Upper Canada* has now been fully tested, and its success established, and that there can be no doubt whatever that if our farmers are encouraged by Your Majesty's recommendation, and the generosity of the Imperial Parliament, to improve its growth by the exercise of skill and the introduction of proper sorts, it may be raised of an excellent quality, and to such an extent as to form a very considerable branch of our export trade; thereby contributing most essentially to the wealth of this Province, and to the ability of its inhabitants to supply themselves with the manufactures of *Great Britain*, as well as tending to increase Her revenues at home.

We therefore most earnestly and humbly hope, that from these considerations Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament an abatement of sixpence sterling per lb., or such other abatement as to Your Majesty may seem meet, upon the duty chargeable on tobacco grown within this Province, when taken out of the Warehouse for consumption.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. *Speaker*: 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:—

METCALFE,

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of the Report which has been made by the Commissioners appointed to consider and report what alteration it may be expedient to make in the practice and proceedings of the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada*.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 4th March, 1845.

(For Documents accompanying the said Message, see Appendix J. J.)

Ordered, That the said Message and Documents be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Robert E. Burns* and others, Members of the Legal Profession.

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the said Report of the Commissioners, appointed to consider and report what alterations it may be expedient to make in the practice and proceedings of the Court of Chancery in *Upper Canada*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill for erecting a University, by the name and style of the University 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 Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest the endowment granted by the Crown, for University Education in *Upper Canada*, in the University of *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

University of
Upper Canada.

Endowment
for University.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill, to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to alter and amend the Charter of the University of *King's College*.

University of
King'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 Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, the following Papers, relative to the University of *King's College*; viz:—

1. An Estimate of the Income of the University of *King's College*, calculated on the state of its affairs at the close of the year 1844.
2. Return of the Names of the Professors in the University of *King's College*.
3. Return of Students in the University of *King's College*.
4. Return of the Expenses incurred upon the Parliament Buildings at *Toronto*, in fitting them up for the accommodation of the University of *King's College*.
5. Return of Furniture applied to each Professor.
6. Return respecting the Chaplain to the University of *King's College*.

(For the said Papers, see Appendix K. K.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Brooks* have leave to bring in a Bill in amendment to an Act 4 *Victoria*, chapter 4, to provide for and facilitate the collection of Taxes in the several municipal districts in that part of the Province formerly *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes.

Taxes, Municipal
Districts,
Lower Canada.

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

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of repealing certain Acts imposing duties on Customs, and for other purposes connected with the Revenue, and for enacting others in lieu thereof, reported, according to order, the resolutions of the said Committee: which resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and are as followeth:—

Duties on
Customs.

Resolved, That it is expedient that, from and after a day or days to be named, the duties imposed on goods, wares, and merchandize, imported in this Province, by the Provincial Acts 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 14, consolidating the Laws relating to duties on imports; and 7 *Victoria*, chapter 2, imposing duties on Agricultural produce and live stock, which was continued by an Act passed during the present Session of this Legislature, intitled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the Act for imposing duties on Agricultural Produce and Live Stock imported into this Province," shall cease and be repealed.

Resolved, That it is expedient that, in lieu of the aforesaid duties, there shall be payable upon goods, wares and merchandize, and on Agricultural produce and Live Stock, imported into this Province, (except those exempted from duty,) the duties respectively mentioned in the following Schedule—that is to say:—

Duties on Customs.

SCHEDULE.

ARTICLES.	Duty.		
	Sterling.		
	£	s.	d.
ANIMALS, viz. :—			
Cows and Heifers each	1	0	0
Calves each	0	5	0
Goats each	0	2	6
Horses, Mares, Geldings, Colts, Foals, Fillies each	1	10	0
Kids each	0	2	6
Lambs each	0	1	0
Oxen and Bulls and Steers each	1	10	0
Pigs (suckling) each	0	0	6
Swine and Hogs each	0	5	0
Sheep each	0	2	0
GRAIN, viz. :—			
Barley per quarter	0	3	0
Buckwheat, Bear, Big per quarter	0	3	0
Oats per quarter	0	2	0
Maize or Indian Corn per quarter	0	3	0
Rye, Beans, Peas per quarter	0	3	0
Meal of all the above grains and of wheat not bolted per 196 lbs.	0	2	0
Wheat-flour do	0	0	6
Bran or Shorts per cwt.	0	0	3
Hay per ton	0	6	0
Straw per ton	0	3	0
Hops per lb.	0	0	3
Liquids, viz. :—			
Ale and Beer, the gallon } When im- Ale and Beer, in bottles, } ported	0	0	3
the dozen } otherwise	0	1	0
Cider and Perry, the gallon } than by	0	0	1
Vinegar ... do } sea.	0	0	3
And if imported by sea, five per centum <i>ad valorem</i> .			
PROVISIONS, viz. :—			
Butter per cwt.	0	2	0
Bacon per cwt.	0	5	0
Cheese per cwt.	0	2	6
Hams per cwt.	0	5	0
Meats, salted or cured per cwt.	0	2	0
Meats, fresh of all kinds per cwt.	0	4	0
Candles, sperm or wax per lb.	0	0	2
All other kinds when imported otherwise than by sea per lb.	0	0	1
And if imported by sea, five per centum <i>ad valorem</i> .			
Potatoes per bushel	0	0	3
SALT—			
Imported otherwise than by sea, per barrel weighing nett 280 lbs.	0	2	6
Imported by sea per ton	0	1	0
LEATHER, viz. :—			
Goat skins tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed per dozen	0	5	0
Lamb or Sheep skins, tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed per dozen	0	2	6
Calf skins do do per lb.	0	0	6
Kip skins do do per lb.	0	0	3
Harness leather per lb.	0	0	2
Upper leather per lb.	0	0	2
Sole leather per lb.	0	0	1½
Leather cut into shapes per lb.	0	0	6
LEATHER MANUFACTURES, viz. :—			
Imported otherwise than by sea.	Boots, shoes and calashes, viz. :—		
	Women's boots, shoes and calashes of leather, per dozen pairs		
	Women's boots and shoes of silk, satin, jean or other stuffs, kid or morocco, per dozen pairs		
	Girls' boots, shoes and calashes of leather, under 7 inches in length, per dozen pairs		
	Girls' boots and shoes of silk, satin, jean or other stuffs, kid or morocco, per dozen pairs		
	Men's boots per pair		
	Men's shoes per pair		
	Boys' boots, under 8 inches } of leather { per pair		
	Boys' shoes do do } per pair		
	When imported by sea, five per centum <i>ad valorem</i> .		

SCHEDULE.—(Continued.)

Duties on Customs.

ARTICLES.	Duty.		
	Sterling.		
	£	s.	d.
SUGAR, viz. :—			
Muscovado and clayed that has not undergone any process whatever for refining or otherwise per lb.	0	0	1
Refined, in loaves, lumps, or crushed, and sugar candy per lb.	0	0	1
Bastard, and all other Sugars whatsoever, do	0	0	1
COFFEE—			
Green per lb.	0	0	1
Roasted per lb.	0	0	2
Ground per lb.	0	0	4
Cocoa per lb.	0	0	0½
Paste Chocolate per lb.	0	0	2
Tea per lb.	0	0	1
TOBACCO—			
Unmanufactured per lb.	0	0	0½
Manufactured per lb.	0	0	1
Segars per lb.	0	2	0
Snuff per lb.	0	0	4
Molasses and Treacle per cwt.	0	1	0
Syrups per gallon	0	0	9
FRUIT, viz. :—			
Almonds per lb.	0	0	1
Apples per bushel	0	0	6
Apples, dried per bushel	0	1	0
Currants per cwt.	0	5	0
Figs per cwt.	0	5	0
Nuts per lb.	0	0	0½
Pears per bushel	0	1	0
Prunes per lb.	0	0	1
Raisins, in boxes per lb.	0	0	1
Raisins in kegs or otherwise than in boxes per lb.	0	0	0½
Maccaroni and Vermicelli per lb.	0	0	1
Olive oil, in casks per gallon	0	0	4
do, in jars and bottles per gallon	0	1	0
Lard oil per gallon	0	0	4
Linseed, raw or boiled per gallon	0	0	2
India rubber boots and shoes per pair	0	0	6
SPICES, viz. :—			
Cassia per lb.	0	0	2
Cinnamon per lb.	0	0	2
Cloves per lb.	0	0	2
Nutmegs per lb.	0	0	4
Pimento per lb.	0	0	0½
Pepper of all kinds per lb.	0	0	0½
Mace per lb.	0	0	3
WOOD, viz. :—			
Pine, white, and in proportion for any smaller quantity thereof			
per 1000 cubic feet	1	5	0
Red per 1000 cubic feet	1	15	0
Oak per 1000 cubic feet	2	15	0
Birch per 1000 cubic feet	2	10	0
Ash, elm, tamarac or hackmatac, and other woods not herein charged with duty			
per 1000 cubic feet	1	5	0
Staves, standard or measurement, per standard mille	1	5	0
Puncheon or West India—			
White Oak per standard mille	0	10	0
Red Oak per standard mille	0	7	6
Ash per standard mille	0	4	0
Barrel per standard mille	0	4	0
DEALS—			
Pine per Quebec standard hundred	0	15	0
Spruce do do do	0	7	6
Handspikes per dozen	0	0	3
Oars per pair	0	0	3
Plank, boards and all kinds of sawed lumber not herein charged with duty, per 1000 superficial feet, inch thick, and so in proportion for any greater thickness	0	7	6
SPIRITS OR STRONG WATERS of all sorts, viz. :—			
For every gallon of such spirits or strong waters, except rum of any strength, not exceeding the strength of proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, and so in propor-			

Duties on Customs.

SCHEDULE.—(Continued.)

ARTICLES.	Duty.		
	Sterling.		
	£	s.	d.
SPIRITS OR STRONG WATERS.—(Continued.)			
tion for any greater strength than the strength of proof, and for any greater or less quantity than a gallon,			
Rum do do do per gallon	0	1	3
And further, for any excess over Hydrometer proof, an equal additional duty per gallon to the duty imposed upon the said Spirits and Rum by any Act or Acts of the Imperial Parliament, and payable in this Province, until the same shall be provided for by any Act of the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland.	0	0	6
For every gallon of such Spirits or strong waters or Rum, sweetened or mixed with any article so that the degree of strength thereof cannot be ascertained ... per gallon	0	2	0
WINE of all kinds ... per gallon	0	0	8
And ten per centum <i>ad valorem</i> .			
Anchovies and sardines, preserved in oil ...			
Biscuits and crackers ...			
Clocks and watches ...			
Carriages and vehicles of all kinds, unenumerated ...			
Dye stuffs and resins, unenumerated			
Drugs and medicines of all kinds ...			
Extracts, essences and perfumery ...			
Eggs ...			
Fruit, unenumerated ...	£100 of		
Fanning and bark mills ...	value ...	10	0
Machinery, unenumerated ...			
Oils, unenumerated, vegetable, volatile, chemical and essential,			
Pickles and sauces, ...			
Poultry and game ...			
Playing cards ...			
Sausages and puddings ...			
Seeds, not enumerated ...			
Vegetables, not enumerated ...			
Goods, wares, and merchandise not otherwise charged with duty and not herein declared to be free of duty ...	For every £100 of the value	5	0
Ashes of all kinds ...			
Bark ...			
Burr stones, unwrought ...			
Berries, nuts and vegetables, used principally in dyeing ...			
Cotton wool ...			
Coals ...			
Furs, skins or peltries, undressed or unmanufactured ...	For every £100 of value ...	1	0
Hemp, flax and tow ...			
Hides, raw ...			
Mahogany and hardwood, unmanufactured, for furniture ...			
Pig iron ...			
Palm oil ...			
Saw Logs ...			
Soda ash ...			
Tallow ...			
Lard ...			
Fish oil ...			
Fish, salted or cured ...			
Oysters, lobsters and turtles ...			

EXEMPTIONS.

- Anatomical preparations.
- Copies of the Holy Scriptures printed in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
- Coin and Bullion.
- Donations of Books or Clothing specially imported for the use of, or to be distributed gratuitously by any Charitable Society in the Province.

Duties on Customs.

Horses and Carriages of Travellers, and horses, cattle and carriages and other vehicles when employed in carrying merchandize, together with the necessary harness and tackle, so long as the same are *bona fide* in use for that purpose.

Hides and Tallow and Offal of cattle and swine slaughtered in bond.

Manures of all kinds.

Models of Machinery and of other inventions and improvements in the Arts.

Old Junk or Oakum.

Packages containing dutiable articles.

Philosophical Apparatus, instruments, books, maps, statuary, busts and casts of marble, bronze, alabaster or plaster of Paris, paintings, drawings, engravings, etchings, specimens of sculptures, cabinets of coins, medals, gems, and all other collections of antiquities, provided the same be specially imported in good faith for the use of any Society incorporated or established for philosophical or literary purposes, or for the encouragement of the fine arts, or for the use or by the order of any University, College, Academy, School, or Seminary of learning, within this Province.

Arms, or clothing, which any contractor or contractors, commissary or commissaries, shall import or bring into the Province for the use of Her Majesty's Army or Navy, or for the use of the Indian nations in this Province; provided the duty, otherwise payable, would be defrayed or borne by the Treasury of the United Kingdom or of this Province.

Specimens in Natural History, Mineralogy and Botany.

Seeds of all kinds, farming utensils and implements of husbandry, animals for the improvement of stock,—when specially imported in good faith by any Society incorporated or established for the encouragement of agriculture.

Trees, shrubs, plants, bulbs or roots.

Wearing apparel in actual use, and other personal effects not merchandize, implements and tools of trade of handicraftsmen in the occupation or employment of persons coming into the Province for the purpose of actually settling therein.

Also, cordage, pitch, tar, turpentine, leather, leather ware, Fishermen's clothing and hosiery, fishing craft utensils and instruments imported into the district of *Gaspé*, from the United Kingdom or Channel Islands, for the use of the fisheries carried on therein, subject to such regulations as the principal Officer of Customs at the Port of *Quebec* shall make, and which he is hereby empowered to establish for the purposes of ascertaining that such articles are *bona fide* intended to be applied for the use of such fisheries.

All Maize or Indian Corn, shall be computed at 480 lbs. per Quarter, for the purposes of this Act.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the said resolutions.

And the first of the said resolutions being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

The second of the said resolutions being again read,

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, that the words "if imported otherwise than by sea," and the words "when imported by sea, five per centum *ad valorem*," under the head of *Liquids*, in the Schedule, and the similar words under the several heads of *Candles and Leather Manufactures*, be struck out.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

Duties on
Customs.

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Desautier, DeWitt, LaFontaine, Lallerrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Small, Taché, and Thomson—(22.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lacoste, Lantier, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Meyers, Mossfall, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(44.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Halls* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lantier*, that the item "*Oxen and Bulls and Steers*," in the Schedule, under the head "*Animals*," be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with the view of putting an additional duty of *five shillings* to the proposed rate of *one pound ten shillings*.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lallerrière, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Price, Roblin, Small, Smith of WENTWORTH, and Walls—(25.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Merritt, Meyers, Mossfall, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(42.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Thompson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Powell*, that the words "when imported by sea," under the head "*Liquids*," in the Schedule, be struck out, and the following substituted, "when imported from *Great Britain* or her Colonies."

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Ordered, That the words "*imported otherwise than by sea*," and "*when imported by sea, five per cent. ad valorem*," be expunged, where applied to *Leather Manufactures*.

Mr. *Lantier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*, that the item "*Pine, white, and in proportion for any smaller quantity thereof*," in the Schedule, under the head "*Wood*," be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with the view of striking out, "*one pound five shillings*," and substituting "*one pound fifteen shillings*," in lieu thereof.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Chauveau, Drummond, Lantier, and Thompson—(4.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Brooks, Cauchon, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LaFontaine, Lallerrière, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Meyers, Mossfall, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster, Williams and Woods—(47.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Lantier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*, that the item "*Deals, Pine*," in the Schedule under the head "*Wood*," be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with the view of striking out "*fifteen shillings*," and substituting "*twenty shillings*" in lieu thereof."

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Lantier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*, that the item "*plank boards, and all kinds of sawed lumber not therein charged with duty*" in the Schedule under the head "*Wood*," be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with the view of striking out "*seven shillings and sixpence*," and substituting "*twelve shillings and sixpence*" in lieu thereof.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the second Resolution as amended, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, That the House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Resolved, That the said Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, to bring in a Bill in pursuance thereof.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intitled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of small debts, and to make other provision therefor," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Woods* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Woods* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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. *Gowan*,

The House adjourned.

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Customs.

Mercurii, 5° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *Gabriel Marchand* of *St. Jean*, (relating to the election of *Ralph Taylor*, Esquire.)

By Mr. *Foster*, the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Scott* and others, the ministers and members of the Church of *England*, in the townships of *Broome*, *Sutton*, and *Tukely*.

By Mr. *Woods*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the *Western* district, (relating to Distillers and Brewers.)

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *Robert Stanton*, Esquire, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, residing in the city of *Toronto*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Bethune* and others, of the congregation of Christ Church, *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*, the Petition of *Flavien Valleraud*, of the city of *Montreal*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Dudley Kennison* and others, of *Shefford*, in the district of *Montreal*, praying that no action may be taken with respect to the charters of *King's College*, or *M-Gill College*, which shall not include all other chartered institutions of learning in the Province.

Of *William B. Jarvis*, Esquire, Sheriff of the *Home* district, praying that means may be taken to restore to commuted Pensioners the Pensions commuted by them.

Of *Edward G. O'Brien*, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Adelaide*, in the district of *London*; of *Joseph Seabrook* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Carradoc*, in the district of *London*; and of *John W. Kerr* and others, members of the Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Bayham* and other townships, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system under which religious instruction may be provided.

Of *Richard Jennings* and others, Boot and Shoemakers, of the town of *London*, in the district of *London*; praying that they may be protected in the manufacture of the said articles.

Of *William Begg* and others, Presbyterians of the town of *London*, praying for Legislative enactments, the better to promote the mutual peace and prosperity of the Presbyterian Congregations of *Canada*.

Of *Robert Ross* and others, of *Frampton* and other townships, in the district of *Quebec*, praying that the Bill to provide for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, or any other Bill imposing a direct tax, may not pass into a law.

Of *Thomas Morden* and others, of the township of *West Flamborough*, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may not be divided amongst the different denominations, but that they may be disposed of in accordance with the existing law.

Of *John Girdwood*, in behalf of certain Members of the Baptist denomination, assembled at a meeting at *Barnston Corner*, praying that no Act may be passed, providing for the establishment of Common Schools on sectarian or exclusive principles.

Petitions read.

Of *John Girdwood*, in behalf of certain Members of the Baptist denomination, assembled at a meeting at *Barnston Corner*, praying that no change may be made in the present disposition of the Clergy Reserves, unless to secure the accomplishment of the designs of the Imperial Legislature.

Of *James L. Chrysler* and others, of the township of *Fynch*, in the county of *Stormont*, praying that a Macadamized or planked road, may be made between *Bytown* and the head of the *St. Lawrence Canal*, or that a Bill be passed to incorporate a company for that purpose.

Of *John Montgomery* and others, of the township of *Roxborough*, in the *Eastern* district, praying for a grant to enable them to open a road through the said township.

Of *Adam Johnston* and others, of the town and township of *Cornwall*, praying for a certain grant to enable them to plank or Macadamize the road leading from the said town into the township of *Roxborough*.

Of the Reverend *E. Whitwell* and others, of the parish of *St. Armand*, West, praying that no action may be taken with regard to the Charters of *King's College* and *M-Gill College*, which shall not include all other chartered institutions of learning in the Province.

Of the Reverend *E. Whitwell* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *St. Armand*, West; of the Reverend *R. H. Bourne* and others, the Minister and members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Rawdon*; of the Reverend *L. Doolittle* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Sherbrooke* and *Lennoxville*; and of the Reverend *William Bond* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parish of *Lachine*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of *J. H. Syder* and others, of *Yarmouth*, in the district of *London*, praying that no alteration may be made in the present disposition of the Clergy Reserve Lands.

Of *William Armstrong* and others, of *Eramosa*, and other townships in the district of *Wellington*, praying that the management of the Clergy Reserves may not be referred to the Church of *England*, or any other religious body, but continue to be conducted by the Government as heretofore.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Small*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengarry*,

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn for fifteen minutes.

The House adjourned accordingly.

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

Of *William C. Chase* and others, of the district of *Niagara*, in *Canada West*, praying, that should it be found necessary to impose an Excise Duty upon Stills and Brewers, it may be done in such a manner as not to injure those interested in the trade, or to encourage illicit distillation or smuggling.

Of *Benjamin Therien* and others, of the counties of *Drummond* and *Yamaska*, praying for aid to complete the Road from *Stanford* to *Yamaska*, and to improve certain bridges on that route.

Petitions read.

Of the Reverend *George S. J. Hill* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the mission of *Chinguacousy*, in the *Gore* of *Toronto*, and parts adjacent; and of the Reverend *Alexander Sanson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the township of *York*, in the diocese of *Toronto*, praying for an Address to Her Majesty, recommending the passing of an Act to assign to the Church of *England* such proportion of the Clergy Reserve Lands, as shall correspond with her share of the funds arising from the same; and to authorize the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, to propose a system for the future management of their portion of the said Lands.

Of *Robert Lang* and others, of *Bytown*, praying that the Bankrupt Act may be so amended, as to extend its provisions to those who may have become insolvent previous to its passing.

Of *Laurent Tremblay* and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*, in and below the harbour of *Quebec*, praying that no alteration may be made in the Laws by which they are at present regulated.

Of *James Kerr* and others, of the town of *Kingston*, praying that the Act incorporating the said town may be amended, by extending its limits, increasing the number of its Councillors, and providing for the payment into the Town Treasury of the amount collected in the said town for district purposes.

Of *Cornelius H. Finlay*, of *Montreal*, Contractor, praying for an investigation into certain complaints against the Board of Works.

Of *James Hunter*, M.D., of the township of *Whitby*, in the *Home* district, praying for an inquiry into certain alleged injustice and damages suffered by him at the hands of the Board of Works.

Of *G. Vanselson*, Esquire, and others, members of the *Quebec Bar Association*, praying for the appointment of proper persons to report the decisions of the Courts of Justice, in the several districts of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Municipal Council, of the district of *Gore*, praying that the Common School Act be not repealed, but that it may be amended as formerly prayed for.

Of *Richard Logan*, of the village of *Portsmouth*, in the *Midland* district, praying for the payment of a certain amount yet due him for building the Light House at *Presqui'Isle*.

Of *P. P. Demaray*, of *St. Jean*, praying for the payment of his expenses as Clerk to the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the contested election of *Missisquoi* in 1831.

Of *John Strickland*, of the township of *Whitby*, in the *Home* district; and of *Garret Molloy*, of the township of *Reuch*, in the *Home* district, praying for an inquiry into certain injustice and damages alleged against the Board of Works.

Petitions referred.

P. P. Demaray.

James Grant.

Ordered, That the Petition of *P. P. Demaray*, of *St. Jean*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James Grant*, of *Martintown*, in the county of *Glengarry*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glengarry*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, and Mr. *Murney*, 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 *Robert Ross* and others, of *Frampton* and other townships, in the district of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, and other references.

Resolved, That the Petition of *G. Vanselson*, Esquire, and others, members of the *Quebec Bar Association*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Chabot*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Resolved, That the Petition of *O. Trudel*, Esquire, and others, of the seigniory of *Batiscan*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Drummond*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Gillet*, and Mr. *Méthot*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. *Speaker* laid before the House, Return to an Order of the House of the twenty-fourth February, 1845, respecting the Officers and Clerks in the employ of the House, which is as follows:—

STATEMENT showing the several Officers and Clerks in the employ of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in the receipt of Annual Salaries; the period when they first entered its service, and the Salaries which it is recommended should be allowed to each of them, with a view to render the amount fixed and permanent for the future; prepared in conformity with the Resolution of the House of the 24th February, 1845.

Designation of Office.	Name of present Incumbent.	When he first entered.	Salary recom- mended in future.	
			Present rate of Salary.	£
Clerk ...	Wm. B. Lindsay	1808	600	700
Assistant Clerk ...	G. B. Faribault	1812	460	560
Chief Office Clerk ...	Wm. P. Patrick	1818	350	425
Second Office Clerk ...	Thomas Vaux	1829	225	250
Chief Clerk Committees ...	William Ross	1820	300	425
Assistant Clerk Committees ...	Alfred Patrick	1827	250	250
Assistant Clerk Committees ...	Alfred Todd	1833	200	250
Clerk French Journals ...	P. E. Gagnon	1815	225	250
Clerk English Journals ...	G. M. Muir	1831	225	250
English Translator and Law Clerk ...	G. W. Wicksteed	1828	350	425
Assistant English Translator ...	W. B. Lindsay, jr.	1841	200	200
French Translator ...	Henri Voyer	1832	250	275
Assistant French Translator ...	...	...	200	200
Assistant French Translator ...	...	...	200	200
Assistant French Translator ...	...	...	200	200
Junior Clerk ...	J. B. Moraul	1831	150	150
Junior Clerk ...	Thaddens Patrick	1835	150	150
Junior Clerk ...	Henry Hartney	1839	150, p. diem.	150
Junior Clerk ...	King Barton	1842	"	125
Junior Clerk ...	W. H. LeMoine	1842	"	125
Librarian ...	William Winder	1836	200	250
Assistant Librarian ...	Alphens Todd	1836	200	225
Sergeant-at-Arms ...	G. K. Clisholm	1841	150	200
Door-keeper ...	Hugh M. Lellan	1833	66	75
Chief Messenger ...	A. L. Cardinal	1836	100	115

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assembly.

Approved,
ALEXAN. N. McNAB,
Speaker.

Election, Third Riding York.

Mr. Taché, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, electors of the Third Riding of York, complaining of the undue election and return of James Edward Small, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of York, reported to the House that the Committee met this day at 10 o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas; they accordingly adjourned until two o'clock, P. M., when they again met, but were unable to proceed to business from the absence of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith and Mr. Scott; having made a further adjournment for fifteen minutes, they again met, when Mr. Scott being again absent, they adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Ordered, That George Macdonell, Esquire, Member for Dundas, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, Member for Missisquoi, and William Henry Scott, Esquire, Member for Two Mountains, do severally attend in their places in this House to-morrow.

Duties of Customs.

The Honourable Mr. Robinson, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report a Bill, in conformity to the resolutions of this House of yesterday, on the subject of Duties of Customs, presented to the House a Bill for granting Provincial Duties of Customs; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Report on the Petitions of M. F. Valois and others, Revd. A. Duransaux and others, G. Roy and others, H. Brunet and others.

Mr. Jobin, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of M. F. Valois and others, inhabitants of Lachine and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend Antoine Duransaux and others, inhabitants of Montreal and its vicinity; the Petition of Gabriel Roy and others, inhabitants of the Côte St. Laurent, in the parish of St. Laurent; and the Petition of Hyacinthe Burnet and others, of Ste. Anne, Point Claire, and other parishes, and other references, with power to report from time, presented to the House the first report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix L.L.)

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

Petition of H. Burritt and others.

Mr. Jessup, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of Henry Burritt and others, inhabitants of the district of Johnstown, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to afford relief to owners of Mill Dams in Upper Canada, which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Mill Dams, Upper Canada.

The Honourable Mr. Morin, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourteenth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

College of Regiopolis.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize the Conveyance of certain Real Estate to the College of Regiopolis, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold Real Property to a certain amount; and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg leave to submit to the consideration of Your Honourable House.

On motion of Mr. Cummings, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Tax on Dogs.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to empower the District Councils of the Municipal districts, and Boards of Police of incorporated towns in Upper Canada, to impose a

Tax on Dogs within their respective districts and towns, be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendment was read, and is as followeth:—

Press 2, Line 14.—After "same" insert the following clause:—

"And be it enacted, that for all the purposes of this Act, it shall be deemed and held sufficient proof of the ownership in any dog upon which a tax may be levied, if the said dog is known to the Assessor of any township or incorporated town aforesaid to frequent any dwelling or lodging house as a home, and the owner or occupier of such dwelling or lodging house to be held liable for the payment of the tax on any such dog, and in any action or suit for alleged injury or damage committed by such dog, the return of the assessor designating such ownership, shall be deemed and held to be sufficient evidence of such ownership; and further that any person being generally or frequently attended or followed by any dog, shall be deemed and considered for all the purposes of this Act, as the owner thereof, and liable as such owner for the payment of such a tax, or for all injuries or damages committed by such dog."

And the said amendment being again read,

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Cummings,

Ordered, That the following amendments be made to the said amendments:—

In the fifteenth line of the said amendment, expunge "sufficient," and insert "prima facie."

In the twentieth line of the said amendment, expunge "the," and insert "prima facie."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estates to the College of Regiopolis, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold Real Property to a certain amount, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province formerly Upper Canada, for the recovery of Small Debts," and to make other provision therefor, being read,

Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Powell, that the said Report be not received, but that it be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of inserting, next after the fourth clause, the following clause, and to make other corresponding alterations:—

And be it enacted, that the said Division Court shall respectively have power, authority, and jurisdiction, to hold plea of all debts and contracts, when the sub-

Small Debts.

ject matter of the demand shall not exceed fifteen pounds currency, and the demand is ascertained by the signature of the Defendant, anything in the twentieth section of the said Act, or in any other part thereof, to the contrary notwithstanding: Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any District Court from taking cognizance of any such case as aforesaid, when the amount of the demand shall exceed ten pounds, and shall not exceed fifteen pounds.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Gowan, Johnston, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merrill, Powell, Roblin, Taché, and Thompson—(8.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Daly, DeBlcury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Laderrière, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Myers, Moffatt, Morin, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, and Webster.—(41.)

So it passed in the negative, and the said Report was received accordingly.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the amendments to the said Bill.

And the first of the said amendments being again read,

Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, moved, seconded by Mr. Dickson, that the word "fill," in the said amendment, be struck out, and the words "hereafter be appointed," be inserted instead thereof.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Dickson, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Jobin, Lafontaine, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Powell, Price, Prince, Riddell, Taché, Thompson, and Webster—(19.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, Daly, DeBlcury, DeWitt, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Roblin, Seymour, and Solicitor General Sherwood—(27.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the said amendment, it was agreed to by the House.

And the remainder of the said amendments being again severally read, and the question of concurrence being separately put upon each, they were agreed to unanimously.

Ordered, That the said Bill as amended, be engrossed.

Agricultural Societies, Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to take into consideration the expediency of granting an aid to Agricultural Societies in Upper Canada, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Agricultural Societies, Upper Canada.

Mr. Murney took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Murney reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Joseph Donegani, of the city of Montreal, Merchant, being read,

Petition of J. Donegani.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Riddell took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Riddell reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to quiet the Title to Lands of persons naturalized under the Statute of Lower Canada, 1st William Fourth, chapter 53.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Aylwin have leave to bring in a Bill, to quiet the Title to Lands of persons naturalized under the Statute of Lower Canada, of the 1st William Fourth, chapter 53, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

To quiet the Title of 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 Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in Lower Canada, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein, being read,

Agriculture, Lower Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Méthot took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Méthot reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate "Les Révérends Pères Oblats de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie," in the Province of Canada, being read,

Pères Oblats.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chabot took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

Pères Oblats.

And Mr. *Chabot* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Quebec Forwarding Company.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Forwarding Company*, being read,

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they take the precedence of the Orders already fixed for that day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 6° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Election, Third Riding York.

ACCORDING to Order, *George Macdonell*, Esquire, Member for *Dundas*, and the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Member for *Missisquoi*, who were absent yesterday from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, severally attended in their places in this House.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, rose in his place, and stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the said Committee, and verified the same upon oath.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* also rose in his place, and stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the said Committee, and verified the same upon oath.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Resolved, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, having stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the Select Committee, for the trial of the contested election for the Third Riding of the county of *York*, and having verified the same upon oath, be now excused for such non-attendance.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

Resolved, That Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, having stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the Select Committee, for the trial of the contested election for the Third Riding of *York*, and having verified the same upon oath, be now excused from such non-attendance.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, have leave to adjourn until Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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

By the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, the Petition of the Reverend *John Flanagan* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the township of *Leeds*, in the county of *Megantic*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Kenneth Cameron* and others, of the township of *Thorah*, in the *Home* district.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *George M'Manus* and others, of *Mono* and other townships, in the district of *Sincoe*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *Joseph Gely*, of the parish of *St. Joseph, Point Levy*.

By Mr. *DeWitt*, the Petition of *James Reid* and others, of the township of *Hinchinbrooke*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *John Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, and others, members of the Bar, in the *Midland* district.

On motion of Mr. *Cummings*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to empower the district Councils of Municipal districts, and Boards of Police of incorporated towns in *Upper Canada*, to impose a Tax on Dogs within their respective districts and towns," as amended, be now read for the third time.

The said amendment was accordingly read for the third time.

Resolved, That the said amendment as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cummings* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendment, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

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

Of the Reverend *B. G. Pless* and others, members of the church of *England*, in the mission of *Russelton Flats*, and parts adjacent, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of *John Sills* and others, occupants of Clergy Reserves in *Sophiasburg*, in the district of *Prince Edward*, praying that no assignment of the Clergy Reserves may be made, but that they may be disposed of in accordance with the Imperial Act 3 and 4 *Victoria*, chapter 78.

Of *Oliver Odell*, and others, of the seigniory of *Lacolle*, in the county of *Huntingdon*, praying that the law regulating the practice of Physic and Sur-

Petitions read. gery, may be so amended, as to enable Physicians and Surgeons from the *United States*, to practice, to a limited extent, along the frontier of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Leonard Pine*, praying that the 24th clause of the Customs Bill may be expunged, or that he may be indemnified for the loss that will result to him by its operation.

Of *J. K. Gooding*, and *T. B. Woodcliff*, in behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of the district of *Huron*, praying for the construction of a Railroad communicating between *Goderich*, on Lake *Huron*, and *Hamilton*, on Lake *Ontario*.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, praying that no change may be made in the existing School Act, except as regards the 56th Section, which relates to the proportion of funds allotted to dissenting schools.

Of *Alexander McLeod*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying to be indemnified for the loss he has suffered, in consequence of his imprisonment by the authorities of the *United States* in 1840, on a charge of having assisted in the destruction of the Steamer *Caroline*.

Testatum writs of Capias.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Andrew N. Buell* and others, Practitioners of the Law, residing out of the city of *Toronto*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to allow the issuing of *Testatum writs of Capias ad Respondendum* in the several districts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Public Accounts.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Special Committee to which was referred the Public Accounts of 1843, laid before this House on Friday, the 13th of December, 1844, with an instruction, and other references, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix M. M.)

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the said Report be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Special Committee to which were referred the Public Accounts of 1843, laid before this House the 13th of December, 1844, and the Bill to provide the manner in which the Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature, with an instruction, and other references, with power to report from time to time, presented to this House the second Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill referred to them, for prescribing the manner in which the Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to report for the consideration of Your Honourable House.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

District Courts Upper Canada. The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several laws now in force, establishing or regulating

the practice of District Courts, in the several districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*," without any amendment.

Also,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

"An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto* and *Kingston*, in *Canada*, in each diocese." Roman Catholic Bishops.

"An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara* and *Ten Mile Creek* Plank Road Company, for the purpose of constructing a Plank road from a certain place in *Niagara*, to the *Ten Mile Creek* in *Grantham*." Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road.

"An Act to make further regulation for holding the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the trial of Prisoners under certain circumstances." Courts of Assize, Upper Canada.

And also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Tuesday, 4th March, 1845.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly by one of the Masters in Chancery to communicate to that House the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Legislative Council, on the Bill intituled, "An Act to dissolve the Marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned," as requested by their Message of this day, and to desire that the said Minutes of Evidence may be returned to them. Harris' Divorce.

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,

Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:— Contingencies.

Your Committee have since their last Report, proceeded in the auditing of the various accounts that have been presented against Your Honourable House.

Of the Balance of £1,464, in the hands of the Clerk, at the last audit, and £4,000 granted since that period, as well as of £180 received on Private Bills, there is now a balance unexpended of £340 8s. 6½d.

An account is due for postage of over £1500, and other accounts to a large amount are claimed. Your Committee have therefore agreed to recommend to Your Honourable House, that another advance be made of £5,000 for the purposes of liquidating the same and others that may become due.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Petrie*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the West Riding of the county of *Haltou*, have leave to adjourn until Thursday, the third day of April next, at ten o'clock, A. M. Election, West Riding Haltou.

Mr. *Murney*, from the Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the expediency of granting an aid to Agricultural Societies in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to Order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:— Agricultural Societies, Upper Canada.

Agricultural Societies, Upper Canada.

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds for each district in *Upper Canada*, for the encouragement of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Webster*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Petrie*, be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill in conformity to the said Resolution.

Agriculture, Lower Canada.

Mr. *Méthot*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein, reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

"Christian Unitarians."

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to afford relief to a certain Religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "Christian Unitarians," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Chambly Cotton Factory.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Armstrong* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Armstrong* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Then, the House adjourned for twenty minutes.

20 Minutes to 7 o'clock, P.M.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate the *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned" being read,

Mr. *Chauveau* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Dickson, Guillet, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Méthot, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Prince, Roblin, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Taché, and Thompson.—(25.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Attorney General Draper, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Grice, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Seymour, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(31.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, that the Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Chauveau* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, that the word "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "this day six months" substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Desarrier, Drummond, Foster, Jobin, Lacoste, Lantier, Leterrière, Laurin, Méthot, Morin, and Papineau.—(17.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Dickson, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Hale*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Hall*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, for the preliminary investigation thereof; to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Minutes of Evidence on the subject of the said Bill communicated to this House, this day, by the Honourable the Legislative Council, be referred to the said Committee.

Harris' Divorce.

Ordered, That the said Committee do hear Counsel, and examine witnesses for the said Bill; and also that they do hear Counsel and examine witnesses against the Bill, if the parties concerned think fit to be heard by Counsel or produce witnesses.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Laterrière*, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William IV.* intituled, "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company," being read.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Ordinance Estates.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to explain and amend part of an Act, passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for vesting in the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance, the Estates and Property therein described; for granting certain powers to the said officers; and for other purposes therein mentioned," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of *Bytown*, and another reference.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Johnston*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 7^o die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of the Reverend Mr. *Townsend* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parishes of *St. George*, and *St. Thomas*, in the diocese of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *James Sanson* and others, of *Orillia* and other townships, (relating to a road.)

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of *Asa Amis*, of the township of *Whitby*, in the *Home* district; and the Petition of *James Peterson* and others, of the townships of *Toronto*, *Chinguarousy*, and *Caledon*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*, the Petition of *Ebenezer C. Griffin* and others, of the township of *Flamborough East*, in the district of *Gore*. Petitions brought up.

By the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, the Petition of *John McPhee*, President of the Agricultural Society, and others, of the county of *Two Mountains*; the Petition of *William Morrin* and others, of the county of *Two Mountains*; and the Petition of *John McCull* and others, of the county of *Two Mountains*.

An engrossed Bill, to incorporate "*Les Révérends Pères Oblats, Pères Oblats de l'Immaculée Conception de Marie*," in the Province of *Canada*, was read for the third time. Pères Oblats.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Morin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein, was read for the third time. Agriculture, Lower Canada.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Watts* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provision therefor," was read for the third time. Small Debts.

Mr. *Dickson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Riddell*, that the following amendment be made to the Bill: insert the words "hereafter be appointed," between the word "shall," and the word "fill," in the last line in the second clause.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Foster, Gowen, Greire, Hall, Jessup, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of CONSWATA, McConnell, Merritt, Methot, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Powell, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PUESCOTT, Taché, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(44.)

NAVS.

Brooks, Duggan, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonald of STORMONT, Morin, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, and Solicitor General Sherwood—(9.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

The Bill was then amended at the table.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled, An Act to repeal the laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad.

An engrossed Bill to amend an Act passed in the fourth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled "An Act to incorporate the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth, intituled 'An Act to incorporate the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.'"

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council by John Fenning's Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Niagara Incorporation.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the town of Niagara, and to establish a Police therein," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Petitions read.

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

Of Gabriel Marchand, of St. Jean, praying to be remunerated for his services as Commissioner for taking evidence on the contested election of Ralph Taylor, Esquire, in 1831.

Of the Reverend Joseph Scott and others, the Ministers and Members of the Church of England, in the townships of Brome, Sutton and St. Asaph; and of the Reverend John Bethune and others, of the congregation of Christ Church, Montreal, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of Quebec, for the benefit of the said Church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western district, praying that should it be found necessary to impose an excise duty upon Stills and Brewers, it may be done in such a manner as not to injure those interested in the Manufacture of spirituous liquors, or to encourage Smuggling.

Of Robert Stanton, Esquire, and others, members of the United Church of England and Ireland, residing in the city of Toronto, praying that no measure effecting King's College may be entertained at this late period of the Session.

Of Flavien Vallerand, of the city of Montreal, praying that the sum of £51 6s. 8d., be granted to him for his services as Clerk of the Municipal Council of the Municipal district of Richelieu.

Petitions referred.

O. Odell and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of Oliver Odell and others, of the seigniory of Lacolle, in the county of Huntingdon, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to regulate the study and practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery within this Province.

G. Marchand.

Ordered, That the Petition of Gabriel Marchand, of St. Jean, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

B. Matthewman & others.

Ordered, That the Petition of Benjamin Matthewman and others, Lessees of the Clergy Reserves, and others, in the township of Nelson, in the district of Gore; the Petition of Charles Col-

quhoun and others, of St. Thomas, and vicinity, in the district of London; the Petition of Dugald Munro and others, of the township of Southwold, in the district of London; the Petition of John A. Eakins and others, of Sparta, in the London district; the Petition of James Taunton and others, of the township of Southwold, in the district of London; the Petition of J. H. Syder and others, of Yarmouth, in the district of London; the Petition of Jeremiah Wilson and others, of Westminster, in the district of London; the Petition of Thomas G. Coyne and others, of the township of Dunwich; and the Petition of William Armstrong and others, of Eramosa, and other townships, in the district of Wellington; be severally referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of John Wetenhall and others, of the township of Nelson, in the district of Gore, and other references.

Ordered, That the Petition of Flavien Vallerand, of the city of Montreal, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in Lower Canada, with an instruction, and other references.

Resolved, That the Petition of Alexander McLeod, of the township of Stamford, in the district of Niagara, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Dickson, Mr. Prince, Mr. Price, the Honourable Mr. Small, and Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, 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 Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, seconded by Mr. Duggan.

Resolved, That the Sitting Member for the county of Middlesex have leave to add the following names to the List of Witnesses put in by him at the striking of the Committee, to try the contested election for the said county of Middlesex, and that the same be forwarded to the Petitioner forthwith:—

ADDITIONAL LIST OF WITNESSES.

On the part of E. ERMATINGER, residing in the London District, to give Testimony relative to Votes polled for Wm. NOTMAN, Esquire, at the late Election for the County of MIDDLESEX.

SOUTHWOLD.

James Potheary,
Richard Hughes,
Isaac Smith,
Charles Hannan,
Sidney Auger,
William Silcox,
Charles Potheary,
James Seywell,
Meredith Orman,
Archibald Keir,
Daniel Bowlby,
Joseph Syms,
Charles Hetherington,
David Hughes,
Thomas Futeher,
Jonathan Smith,
Isaac Bowlby,
David Pinardien,
John Bunger,
Samuel Smith,
Abraham Smith,
Charles Moss or Mop,
Samuel Brewer,
Jacob Lemam,
Phinasa Medcalf,
Jacob Smith,
Edward Rogers,

SOUTHWOLD—(Continued.)

Benjamin Lloyd,
Henry Siringier,
William Bowlby,
Isaac Riley,
David Gilbert,
John Mitchell,
Anthony Sutton,
Joseph Smith,
Squire Millard,
Samuel Mitchell,
William Webb,
William Mason,
Alexander Bowlby,
John Bunger,
Noah Silcox,
James Davis,
Hopper King,
James Burwell, senior,
Charles King,
Richard Martin,
Mathia Bunger,
Christopher Claus,
John Milligan,
Alexander Ross,
Henry Ellis,
John Watson,
Thomas Ribill,

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SOUTHWOLD—(Continued.)

John St. Etienne,
Walter Wilson,
Robert Wilson,
Robert Mitchell,
Jacob Coyart,
Gilman Wilson,
John Dotherty,
Jacob Gilbert,
Robert Johnston,
Phineas Verner,
Richard Braine,
John Fletcher,
Bryce Thompson,
Robert Thompson,
James Begg,
Samuel Masson,
George Begg,
Abraham King,
Archibald Campbell,
John Mitchell,
John Lells,
Robert Blackwood,
Edward Page,
John Black,
Henry Payne, senior,
Hugh Webster,
Archibald Hamilton,
David Watson,
Edward S. Godfrey,
Joseph Lells,
John Mitchell, junior,
Daniel Drake,
Peter Graves,
Hugh Shearer,
Alexander Hodge,
Malcolm M'Intyre,
Dugald Brown,
John M'Intyre,
Allan Watson,
Richard Nicholls,
Esau Payne,
Henry Payne, senior,
Arumieh Sutton,
William Sells,
John Lindsay,
Alexander Hamilton,
Samuel Griffin,
George Robb,
James Robb,
Abraham Sells,
Jeffrey Hunter,
Abraham Graves,
Daniel Dean,
Edward Harris,
Neil Gillis,
Isaac Walton,
William Casey,
Andrew Harm,
Stewart Bissell,
Willis Smith,
David Wetton,
Neil Danah,
William Spittler,
John Welton, junior,
George Ballantyne,
David M'Intosh,
Archibald Black,
William Oliver,
Francis Oliver,
John Lawrence,
Archibald Murray,
Silas Stafford,
James Broidy,
William Cushman,
Archibald M'Lean,
John Stafford,
Ralph Stafford,
Daniel Silcox,
Thomas M'Leellan,
John Campbell,
David Alliston,
Hugh Howell,
Nelson M'Leellan,
Duncan M'Clarty,
John M'Killop,
Phineas Barber,
Davis Harrison,
John Petelle,
Neil M'Alpine,
Robert Wade,
Alexander M'Alpine,

SOUTHWOLD—(Continued.)

Daniel M'Intyre,
Abraham Bodin,
Thomas Orchard,
Joseph Orchard,
John Orchard,
Christian Hunch,
Peter M'Lean,
George Goodhue,
John Doan,
Charles Scott,
Enos Scott,
Neil Munroe,
Archibald Munroe,
Joshua Waddle,
Angus M'Intyre,
Garrett Smith,
Jeremiah Annette,
Archibald Galbreath,
Pennee Brady,
Amos Davis,
Benjamin Vankenten,
Montgomery Smith,
Benjamin Johnston,
John Cadnak,
Neil Gillis,
William Gryn,
John Hoop,
John M'Naight,
Richard Nicholl,
Frederick Randle,
Isaac Wallace,
William Brimmercomb,
Walter Whitwain,
David Mann,
Abel Stafford,
James M'Intosh,
Obadiah Griffin,
Peter Grettin,
Duncan Campbell,
John Crosby,
Ira Gilbert,
Isaac Phillips,
David Cushman,
Samuel Wallace,
Neil M'Phail,
James J. Ferguson,
Robert H. Nellis,
John Hamilton,
Samuel Burwell,
John G. Pither,
Daniel Munroe,
Frim Bissell,
Joshua Morris,
James Loamser,
Angus M'Call,
Thomas Rilday,
Thomas Rollo,
James A. Wilkinson,
P. C. Dunwich,
Joseph Steinhoeft,
Colin Can,
George Taylor,
Duncan Munroe,
Jeremiah Cranmer,
John Munroe,
Richard Williams,
John Williams,
Matthew Saxsmith,
William Wane,
William Pittel,
Jonathan G. Gutzgel,
Elijah Clarke,
John M. Nicholl,
Ralph Philipp,
John Cammer,
John Masson.

ALDNOROUGH.

Malcolm Munro,
Archibald Munro,
Hugh M'Cowan,
Neil Campbell,
John Buchan,
John C. Gillis,
Thomas Duncan,
Daniel Campbell,
Donald M'Gregan,
Dugald M'Intosh,
John Pursell,
John Keir,
John M'Dugald,

ALDNOROUGH—(Continued.)

John Campbell,
John Main,
Archibald Paterson,
Moses Allen,
Duncan M'Gregor,
Duncan M'Killop,
James M'Kinley,
Finly M'Diarmid,
John Baminy,
Donald Paterson,
Donald Campbell,
Donald M'Naughton,
Neil Walker,
Archibald Campbell,
Alexander Baxter,
Angus M'Intyre,
Hugh Graham,
Alexander M'Ewin,
Duncan M'Farlane,
Angus M'Kay,
Alexander Campbell,
Hector Paterson,
Donald Pursell,
Alexander Brodie,
Duncan M'Kellar,
Alexander Campbell,
Angus M'Gugan,
Archibald M'Arthur,
James M'Bride,
Dugald M'Larty,
John M'Intyre,
Archibald M'Lean,
John Sinclair,
Duncan Gillis,
Archibald Thompson,
Norman Ford,
John Ford,
Colin Ruthan,
Duncan M'Nab,
Duncan Paterson,
John Cunningham,
Donald Campbell,
Richard Webb, Esquire,
R. O. Delaware,
H. Hamilton, P. C.
Donald M'Intyre,
Charles Dougherty,
Samuel M'Call,
Donald M'Alpine,
John M'Millan,
Neil Buchan,
Angus M'Intyre,
James Campbell,
Dugald M'Intyre,
John Paterson,
Nicholas Scott,
Gregor M'Gregor.

LOND.

Donald M'Arthur,
Archibald M'Arthur,
Alexander Johnston,
John Adamson,
Jon. Campbell,
Richard Edwards,
Archibald M'Arthur,
Silvester Campbell,
John B. Campbell,
James Campbell,
William Beckwilk,
Duncan Syman,
Locklin M'Intaggart,
John M'Call,
Archibald M'Kellar,
Andrew Ferguson,
Thomas M'Pherson,
Duncan M'Intyre,
Duncan M'Kellar,
John M'Kay,
William Boston,
Thomas Boston,
Thomas Hunn,
Donald M'Dougald,
Duncan Graham,
Dugald Graham,
Alexander Graham,
Elizabeth Gustin,
Benjamin Woodhull,
Thompson Wilson,
William T. Renwick,

LOND.—(Continued.)

Benjamin Woodhull,
Charles Woodhull,
Dugald M'Call,
John Harris,
James Sharpe,
Donald M'Kinly,
Peter Graham,
Edward Shipley,
Lionel Shipley,
Duncan M'Intyre,
Donald Graham,
Wm. Oliver,
Peter Graham,
Ira Allen,
James Attwood,
David Lynch,
Robert Waugh,
Donald Graham,
Joseph M'Intyre,
Duncan Campbell,
Archibald M'Veicar,
John M'Kellar,
Alexander Sinclair,
Alexander M'Pherson,
Jesse Zavitz,
Wm. Justin,
John Zavitz,
David Doty, R. O., Dor-
chester,
Donald M'Intyre,
James Hadley,
Hugh M'Pherson,
Peter M'Kellar,
Donald Campbell,
James M'Arthur,
Duncan M'Keith,
Henry J. Jeurin,
John Harris,
Duncan M'Intyre,
Peter M'Veicar,
Archibald Sinclair,
Jonas Zavitz,
Duncan Graham,
Joseph S. Sickles,
Archibald M'Arthur,
Charles Woodhull,
Archibald Paul,
Neil Morrison,
John Rober,
Archibald M'Kellar,
Edward Shipley,
John Edwards,
Henry Edwards,
John Dewer,
James Hedley,
Edward Charlton,
Peter Syman,
Peter M'Intyre,
Duncan Smith,
Charles Carmichael,
Hugh M'Intyre,
Duncan Graham,
Malcolm Smith,
John Sinclair,
John Smith,
John Johnston,
Aaron Allen,
Marcus Monserrat, P. C., Dor-
chester.
James M'Veicar,
Neil M'Keith,
George Allway,
Neville Challoner,
James M'Intosh,
Duncan M'Neil,
Hylard Wood,
Donald M'Donald,
Angus M'Donald,
Peter M'Intyre,
Duncan M'Lean,
Archibald M'Kellar,
Norman Lamont,
Alexander Campbell,
Andrew Cope,
George Whittaker,
Hugh Johnston,
Donald Dewer,
Neil Morrison,
Wm. Smith,
Duncan M'Veicar,
Archibald M'Gorgan,

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John M'Kay,
Hugh Carmichael,
Benjamin Zavitz,
John Lambert,
Charles Woodman,
George M'Dougald,
Archibald Graham,
Alexander Stewart,
Alexander Graham,
George C. Challoner,
Effy Sinclair,
Dugald Paul,
Malcolm Paul,
Archibald Paul,
Thos. H. Ball, R. O., London.

MALAHIDE.

Moses Sanders,
Henry Finch,
Peter Clayton,
James Brown,
Euseb Sorrell,
John Mallery,
Ruben Crandell,
Othneil Phelps,
David Hutchison,
W. Evans,
Alexander Cascaddin,
Thomas Zavetz,
David Ferguson,
William H. Cascaddin,
James Adams,
John Huff,
James S. Burdick,
Daniel Abel,
Patrick Burns,
Samuel Van Waggoner,
Aaron Van Patten,
David Burdick,
James Martin,
William B. Teeple,
Joseph Nelson,
George Auger,
Stephen A. Secord,
John Parker,
Paul Noble,
John Clunas,
John Pound,
John Hoover,
John Pufferson,
John Beemer,
Hosea Van Patten,
Abram Beemer,
Daniel Birdsale,
Cornelius Bowen,
David Kinsay,
Joseph Johnston,
Jacob Neff,
Benjamin Perlin,
William Cascaddin,
Lowis Bowley,
Henry Hoover,
Jacob T. Teeple,
Frederick Miller,
Jacob Vanvelzer,
Donald M'Kenzie,
John Adams
Abram Van Patten,
Andrew M'Causland,
Thomas Lightfoot,
Orange Partlow
Henry Segin,
John Summers,
Hamilton M'Kenney,
Samuel Harper,
Jonathan Thompson,
John Vanvelzer,
Joseph Sanders,
William Young,
Elijah Phelps,
Eros Dennis,
Walter E. Murray,
Robert M'Kenney,
Ambrose Caswell,
William Teeple,
Ira Doolittle,
John C. Miller,
Henry Martin,
Amos M'Kenney,
Humphry Johnston,
Daniel Woolley,

MALAHIDE—(Continued.)

John R. Summers,
John Lucas,
William Johnston,
Wellington Johnston,
Jacob Miller,
George B. Teeple,
Thomas Lockhart,
David M. Braiss,
James Linda,
John Van Patten,
Joseph Harvey,
Wilson Buck,
Harlen Ellaworth,
Ebenezer Harvey,
Thomas Harkison,
David C. Rees,
Castle Ren,
Moses M'Connell,
Erastus Westover,
Warren F. Davis,
John D. Brooks,
Leonard Cline,
Moses Truman,
Daniel Bears,
Silas Prichard,
Jacob W. Dennis,
Henry Rillner,
Jonathan Brooks,
Robert M'Clintock,
Isaac Eselohin,
Amos Bentley,
William Ferguson,
John Ferguson,
Kenneth Harkinson,
Jeremiah Vanwaggoner,
Charles Pettys,
Morris Sovereign,
John Sturk,
Philip Bertrax,
Arthur Rodgers,
Nathan L. Wood,
Harvey Whenerost,
Edward Beckett,
Bradford Corless,
James Rodgers,
Obed Benerost,
Thomas Clunas,
Samuel Westover,
Henry Tisdale,
Joseph M'Connell,
W. B. Lyon,
Charles Chute,
Nathan Lyons,
Edward M'Connell,
Reuben M'Connell,
Elijah Saxtol,
William Percy,
John Munn,
David Brooks,
Lewis Clarke,
David M'Connell,
Reuben Brundage,
Alexander Boughner,
William J. Egbert,
John W. Beemer,
John M'Kenney,
David Sutherland,
William Taylor,
Samuel Harris,
William Leur,
William Davis,
George Bain,
Charles Smith,
George Smith,
William Daly,
Levi Bradley,
Reuben Johnson,
Daniel Davis,
Nelson Leck,
Benjamin Prichard,
George Silverthorne,
Henry Slossor,
Amos B. M'Konny,
Russell Green,
Robert M'Connell,
Benjamin Laur,
Isaac Ostrander,
William Adams,
George Cottingham,
Myles Igrid,
Cyrenius Johnson,

MALAHIDE—(Continued.)

Amos Whittemore,
Elijah Shotwell,
Amos G. Cranby,
Arthur M'Leavy,
William Clarke,
Levi Nickerson,
George Sturkes,
Reuben Adams,
Daniel P. Bradley,
Russel Brunson,
Hiram J. Brown,
Israel Thayer,
Thomas Edison,
Ell Brown,
Calvin Adams,
John Harper,
Francis Hughes,
John St. Clair,
Judson Garrett,
Daniel Treadwell,
John Gillett,

BAYHAM.

Alexander Saxon,
Reuben M. Lamb,
James Archey,
Myndart Beal,
Andrew Ashander,
Thomas Herdman,
William Vetch,
George Franklin,
Caleb Cook,
Isaac Williams,
George White,
Isaac Blandford,
Moses Cook,
Samuel Leach,
John Jeall,
John W. Wing,
Oliver Blake,
James Bentley,
Anthony Sealy,
Allen Mann,
Thomas M'Caul, R. O. Dun-
wich,
Charles Tabor,
Josiah Clarkson,
Isaac Titus,
Edmund Titus,
A. W. Hewitt,
Alexander Dupeal,
John Baker,
James Gibbons,
Abram Hunsbeger,
Jesse Sopher,
Isaac H. Saxon,
Benjamin Garrett,
Benjamin Van Wormer,
Andrew Moore,
Peter Bartlett,
Andrew Neville,
David Davis,
Daws Huines,
James Spoon,
John Truman, senior.
James Truman,
Daniel Caswell,
Oliver Hodgkins,
Barthm. Tempany,
Silas Neville,
Francis Harris,
James M'Neath,
Benjamin Harris,
Robert Cook,
Oliver Wheelick,
Joel Turville,
Finlay Malcolm,
Daniel Malcolm,
John Roberts,
David Hatch,
John T. Clunis,
Amos High,
William Cheeseman,
Matthew Howell,
Henry Retzby,
John H. Saxon,
Henry R. Will,
John S. Nellis,
Joab Leach,
Gabriel Wright,
Silvester Cook,

BAYHAM—(Continued.)

Thomas Springall,
Thomas M'Guin,
Jacob Bentley,
Azariah Sunday,
Samuel Harvey,
Henry High,
John Hager,
Harlinda Orton,
John B. Blackburn,
Jesse Thomas,
David Pound,
Benjamin Thomas,
David Huzen,
John O. Culver
Thomas Goodwin,
Thomas Goodwin, junior,
Joseph Bowis,
Samuel Forbes,
John Elliot,
John Coyle,
George Teal,
Robert Bates,
William Storey,
Jacob Kitchenburgh,
Thomas Barnes,
Robert Fisher,
George Monk,
Robert Ridd,
Levi Hatch,
Abram Havins,
William Goodrick,
David Seley,
Andrew Chute,
Thomas Eldison,
Jesse Culeas,
James Wanenlaugh,
Snow Eddison,
John Langan,
Robert Adkin,
John W. Marlatt,
John Hobson,
James Scanlan,
Thomas Dennis.
Obadiah Purdy,
Leonelas Burwell,
Thomas Tims,
James Bayley,
Alexander Harris,
Joseph Bailey,
Andrew Raymond,
Jacob Birdsale,
Nicholas Dupce,
William Moore,
John Thompson,
Robert Conclman,
John Echenbury,
Dely Hamilton,
James Tube,
John Blaney,
David Merrill,
Cosper Best,
Barney M'Save,
William Cheeseman, junior.
James Vincent,
William Wilson,
James Carswell,
Seled Healey,
Levi Spoor,
James Wilson, senior.
James Wilson, junior.
Alexander Moore,
David Davis,
David Kent,
Thomas Emmerman,
John Clifford,
William Suock,

DORCHESTER.

Henry Edwards,
Henry Pigott,
Justus Putnam,
William Niles,
John Gilbert,
David Moore,
Edward Erwin,
John Wisner,
Amos Bigger,
John Tittle,
Robert Flanning,
William Walker,
Stephen Allen,

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Thomas Holcroft,
William Edwards,
Andrew M'Lern,
John Choate,
Christopher Choate,
Hiram Choate,
Richard Neil, Mosa, R. O.
Hugh Richardson, P. C.
Westminster.

William Fitchett,
David Walker,
Jeremiah Rounds,
John Walker,
John G. Wells,
Harvey Norton,
Benjamin Willis,
Horatio Greece,
Joseph T. Rolph,
Jonathan Wade,
Warner Young,
David Chamberlain,
John Garner,
Aaron Doane,
Donald Kennedy,
Jutson Sweet,
John Swartz,
William York,
James Monger,
John Gillis,
Dennis Horseman,
Richard Philpot,
John Hornby,
Robert Allen,
Obediah Roszel,
James Firn,
Samuel Hern,
Henry Lewis,
Patrick Hern,
James Nicholl,
James Sage,
James Hemcher,
William Vice,
William H. Wilson,
John Dixon,
R. L. Warren, P. C. Mosa.
George Temple,
David Brooks,
Jacob Cline,
John C. Post,
Nathan Choate,
Joseph Brickley,
Levi Allen,
Benjamin Shark,
Frederick Weiver,
Clarke Allen,
Archibald M'Laughlen,
Isaac Willis,
Robert Willis,
Zedekiah Dance,
David W. Finch,
William Finch,
John C. Deans,
Eleazer M'Clarty,
Frederick House,
Samuel Smith,
Barnabas Hern,
Richard Olmstead,
Robert Tex,
William Duncan,
Richard Dibb,
John Dibb,
W. C. L. Gill, P. C. Malahide.
James Young, R. T. Caradoc.
George Ralton, P. C. do.
Thomas Scatchard, P. C.
Bayham.

WESTMINSTER.

Dixie Watson,
James Givins,
John Campbell,
James Hunt,
John Scott,
John Elliott,
William Beatty,
John Elliott, junior,
Thos. Armstrong,
James Thompson,
John Grase,
Thomas Grase,

WESTMINSTER—(Continued.)

William Beatty, senior,
John Elliott,
James Race,
Alexander Shathy,
John Oliver,
John Somner,
Andrew Beatty,
John Walters,
William Beatty, senior,
James Beatty,
Thomas Beatty,
Thomas Hunt,
Robert Nicholl,
Andrew Fortner,
George Thompson,
Francis Jones,
Abram Mann,
Jacob Hull,
Levi Lewis,
Calvin Burch,
Ezra D. Griffith,
John Haris,
Elliot Grase,
Alonzo Griffith,
Neman Elliott,
John Cummings,
Robert Eaton,
John Dale,
William Grase,
John Grant,
James Uptigrove,
William Routledge,
John Smith,
William Doby,
Robert Frank,
James Ourey,
John Shore,
Edward Teeple,
Walter Biddulph,
James Trigger,
Samuel Jarvis,
Daniel Whitehead,
Edward Teeple,
Ezekiel Caldwell,
Walter Biddulph,
James Trigger,
Samuel Jarvis,
Daniel Whitehead,
Edward Stammerd,
William Ourey,
David Norton,
Edward Beatty,
James Beatty,
Lewis Birch,
Alexander Wick,
Abraham Cook,
William Taylor,
Conrod Christie,
Andrew Banghart,
Jesse Bennett,
William Little,
Samuel Hungerford,
Ira Clark,
Henry W. Bennett,
Wm. Sage,
Gardner Merritt,
William Cooper,
Henry Germain,
John Bold,
W. Norton,
Cornelius Sutherland,
Ninan Elliott, senior,
George Laidlaw,
Thomas Aikins,
Gideon Bostwick,
William Scott,
Robert Patten,
John Stevens,
John Shaver,
Levi Myrick,
James M'Laren,
John Smith,
Nelson Norton,
George Murray,
Adam Murray,
John Kay,
Burrish Shaver,
David Rymal,
John Nicholl,
James Nicholl,
James Young,

WESTMINSTER—(Continued.)

Jacob Dale,
William Schram,
Samuel S. Sumner,
Charles Montague,
David Smith,
Joseph Mann,
George Routledge,
James Reynolds,
Robert Carfrae,
John Estle,
John Glendenning,
David Maine,
William Wheeler,
Richard Thomas,
George Duncan,
Wm. Dawson,
John Salter,
John Frank,
Daniel Norton,
John N. Hunt,
David Dale,
Barnabas Shaver,
Samuel Riddle,
Ezekiel Shaver,
John Wilkins,
Robert Shaver,
Laurence Ramez,
Robert Shannon,
James Greer,
Benjamin Killburn,
Jonathan Rodgers,
William Armstrong,
Jacob Dale,
Daniel Dingman,
Samuel Dale,
Alexander Maurice,
Joseph L. Odell,
Maurice Kelly,
James Nicholls,
Alexander Anderson,
James Elliott,
William Patterson,
Francis Nicholl,
Martin Petit,
William Adair,
Peter Patrick,
John Patrick,
David Patrick,
Peter Carroll,
James Bryan,
Albert L. Odell,
John Odell,
Donald Fraser,
James Beattie, senior,
Peter M'Grigor,
Amos J. Davis,
William M'Pheras,
William Bell,
Delisle Teeple,
James Halden,
Jacob Baldinger,
Perrin Stevens,
Jesse Cornwall,
James Matthew,
Wm. Wood,
George King,
William Weston,
Thomas James,
Aaron Kilburn,
Dennis O'Beirn,
Daniel Matthew,
John B. Askin,
John Hart,
Alexander Oliver,
Peter M'Clary,
George Washington,
Thomas M'Millan,
James Dunbar,
Porter Stevens,
George Stevens,
Robert Auckland,
Andrew Alson,
Robert Murray,
William Brown,
Osborn Barnes,
James M'Dermot,
Archibald Riddle,
William A. Sumner,
Henry Van Buskirk,
Nathaniel Loup,
John Shenick,

WESTMINSTER—(Continued.)

George Auckland,
Alexander M'Donald,
James Nixon,
Ira Sumner,
Simeon Hart,
Peter Hartwell,
Nathan Griffith,
Abram Patrick, junior,
Hiram Crawford,
William Bryant,
Walter Walters,
Thomas Sunners,
John Duncan,
Peter Swartz,
Shrubal Nichol,
Jacob Swartz,
Anthony Hlek,
Charles Bears,
Wm. M'Luly,
Frederick Loud,
James Baynard,
Andrew Jackley,
Bartholomew Swartz,
Jacob B. Swartz,
Charles Archer,
Thomas Archer,
Josiah Meadows,
John Sutherland,
William Miller,
William A. Yail,
Daniel Eaton,
James M. Babbitt,
Jesse Wilkins,
John Skine,
John Talbot,
Samuel Biddale,
William W. Gray.

ADELAIDE.

David M'Pherson,
George B. Iver,
Robert Pegley,
Robert Johnson
Bablestu M'Ihuam,
J. B. Winlow,
Duncan Curry,
Francis Enrick,
Martin Carty,
Hiram Dell,
John Wiley,
Adam Dell,
Thomas Cooper,
John Bulgen,
Busnet Dell,
Henry Frank,
George Dodd,
Robert Grifton,
Doram Frank,
William Stockdale,
William Roundell,
Charles Naplein,
Richard M'Cutcheon,
Thomas Caddy,
Bernard Knight,
Arthur M'Callum,
Richard Windsor,
James Murray,
R. P. Foote,
Bernard M'Guise,
Anthony Preston,
Joseph Buttery,
Charles Preston,
Thomas Burgess,
Timothy Cann,
Thomas Roundle,
John Arthurs,
John Keys, senior,
Hugh Eekles,
Samuel Morron,
James F. Clarke,
Thomas M'Guin,
George Buttery,
Daniel Ingrave,
Joseph Whitby,
William M'Clutchy,
John Buttery,
William Boulton,
Jeremiah Baker,
Matthew Wilkins,
Joseph Brady,
Henry Font,
Jonathan Miller,
William Holden,
James Thompson,
Thomas James,
William Randle,
Walter M'Kenzie,

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John Freeman,
John Cully,
Oliver Ivers,
Michael Griffith,
John Small,
James Foster,
Michael M'Donough,
H. D. Woods,
Samuel Paterson,
Samuel Munroe,
Thomas Gately,
John Morgan.

DUNWICH.

Daniel M'Intyre,
Thomas G. Coyne,
Archibald Connell,
Peter Wilson,
James Crof,
Moss Willey,
Henry Coyne,
William Lumley,
James Lumley,
William Pierce,
Stephen Backus,
Alexander M'Callum,
Archibald Graham,
Duncan Peterson,
Niel M'Gregor,
William Taylor,
Daniel Curry,
Angus Campbell,
George Gunn,
Thomas Pettit,
Andrew Backus,
Neil M'Intyre,
Alexander M'Phail,
Daniel M'Pherson,
John M'Intyre,
James Phillip,
Duncan M'Callum,
Leslie Peterson, Esquire,
Meredith Corn,
Angus Gunn,
Gilbert Taylor,
William Bannerman,
Archibald M'Killup,
Duncan Walker,
John Galbraith,
John M'Clane,
Hugh Gunn,
John Pierce,
John Pierce, junior,
Daniel M'Gugan,
David Clay,
Joseph Lodge,
Archibald Patterson,
James Black.

MOSA.

Thomas Shaw,
James Gardner,
John Ward,
John Coyne,
James Gibb,
Samuel Fleming,
George Fleming,
Archibald Miller, R. O., Ekfrid,
William Grace, P. C. do
Thomas Kirkpatrick,
James Gibson,
Daniel Harley,
John Edwards,
Duncan King,
Angus Stewart,
Jacob Ingles,
George Hatelle,
Cornelius Degraw,
James York,
Christopher Henderahot,
Donald King,
William Sampson,
Talbot St. John Ward,
George Simpson,
William Weeks,
Patrick M'Grigor,
Malcolm Downy,
Joseph Ward, senior,
John Becton,
Marva D. Call,
John M'Jarvis,
Donald Ferguson,
Samuel Bartlett,
Hiram Dolph,
James Banning,
John Simpson,
Zera Gilbert,
Robert Thompson,

MOSA—(Continued.)

Joseph W. Walker,
John Dykes,
Duncan M'Rye,
Abram Francis,
George Curry,
Easbon King,
Joseph Walker,
John Jones,
James Campbell, R. O., Aldboro,
Ewen M'Kinley, P. C., do
William Gardner,
Robert Burwell,
James Edwards,
Elijah Davis,
Robert Sowden,
Elias Anderson,
John Hale,
John Davis,
Adam Cornell,
Alexander D. Ward.

EKFRID.

Peter Phillips,
Joseph Siddell,
Malcolm M'Alpin,
Daniel Lockwood,
Duncan M'Lean,
Patrick Hough,
George Phillips,
John Campbell,
Francis Elliott,
William Dohy,
Donald M'Intaggart,
John M'Laughlin,
James M'Alpine,
Malcolm M'Intyre,
Malcolm Gilbreath,
Hugh Brodie,
Archibald M'Dougald,
Alexander M'Kellar,
Malcolm Murray,
John Fletcher,
Alexander M'Dougald,
Andrew Coltherd,
James Ingersoll, of Ingersoll,
Thomas Thompson, R. O., Adelaide,
David M. Thompson, P. C., Adelaide.

YARMOUTH.

Joel P. Doan,
Abraham Huff,
John M'Kenzie,
Frederick M'Lean,
David Merrill,
Wilson Reese,
James Stokes,
Jarvis Merrill,
Samuel Hughes,
Jesse Kipp,
Isaac Minor,
Edward Morgan,
John M'Kay,
Donald M'Intosh,
Simon Westlake,
Stephen Wilcox,
Jacob Pace,
John Kipp,
Andrew Miller,
George Lowton,
Duncan Wilson,
Lewis Rowland,
James W. Drake,
John Chace,
Joseph Lewis,
George Miller,
Joseph Eastbrook, junior,
George Rogers,
Abraham Newcomb, junior,
William Shore,
John Gilbert,
Amos Jeffry,
Matthew M. Hutchins,
David Mills,
Hiram B. Smith,
D. W. Newcomb, senior,
D. W. Newcomb, junior,
Thomas Spragg,
John Phillan,
Jonathan Slater,
Daniel Cline,
Edward Mibill, senior,
John Harvey,
Hiram Kipp,
David Pace,
Nelson Wilson,
William P. Secord.

YARMOUTH—(Continued.)

Matthew Gilbert,
Samuel Cob,
William Linton, senior,
James M'Creedy,
Henry House,
Andrew Davis,
Benjamin Secord,
James M'Chill,
Thomas Hegdon,
Jacob Miner,
Charles Crane,
Wilson Ayer,
Frederick Couse,
James Ferguson,
George Minor,
James Copeland,
William Mibill,
S. H. Thompson,
Joseph Stephenson,
James Fitzsimons,
Elias Moore, junior,
James C. Cryler,
William Doan,
John Oil,
Joseph M'Roberts,
William Smith,
William Scott,
Michael Calcott,
Edward Mahon,
Daniel Black,
James Tomlinson,
John Campbell,
Thomas Colkett,
Joseph Easterbrook,
Henry Boatwick,
Joseph M. Moore,
Edward Morgan, junior,
Anron Whitesell,
Elijah Graves,
Benjamin Mann,
Thomas Dangerfield,
Robert Kearns,
William Hillis,
William Kissane,
James Alexander,
John M'Dowell,
Squire Johnston,
Anderson Montross, junior,
Edward Mibill, junior,
Randolph Johnston,
Jesommon Rapelje,
Horatio Johnston,
Thomas Darling,
Edward Warren,
Thomas Miller,
David Hunter,
Francis Cutler,
John Cravin,
James Brown,
Jehial Mann,
David B. Rapelje,
Thomas Thomas,
James Jolly,
Jacob B. Thompson,
John Edmondson,
Edmond Westlake,
William Vasey,
Cyrus Thayer,
John Moore,
John Jones,
Jacob Zavitz,
Thomas Recks,
George Doan,
John Taylor,
John Walker,
John Ambridge,
John Hillis,
John Lanning,
John Curtis,
Moses Millard,
John Jones,
Matthew Tisdale,
Eban Noble,
Charles Knight,
Brazile Samson,
Seth Preffer,
Joseph Tomlinson,
John T. Doan,
John Ferris,
John Piper,
Marshall T. Moon,
George Cahill,
William Smith,
Henry Black,
George Mills,
Joseph Dott,
George A. Caughell,
Elijah Morcy,

YARMOUTH—(Continued.)

Allen M'Caul,
Alexander Martin,
Hugh Douglas,
William Yorke,
John M'Baine,
William Parker,
Leonard Fresman,
Joseph Martris,
James Martris,
William Martris,
Richard Misner,
Lindley Moore,
Daniel Mann,
Samuel Cole,
William Woodman,
Charles W. Conrad,
E. E. Duncombe,
Hugh Wade,
James Wade,
John Couse,
Garrett Oaks,
George Southwick,
Hugh Cazmell,
Charles Colquhoun,
Asa Howard,
Samuel York,
Elias Moore, senior,
Jonathan York,
John Thomas,
Alvis York,
Archibald M'Intyre,
Thomas Hodge,
Thomas Allen,
George Wegg,
Joel Lewis,
David Parish,
John Wilson,
David Brown,
Israel L. Doan,
Septimus Davis,
Adam Hope,
John Black,
Jonathan Doan,
Joseph Albertson,
William Ross,
Benjamin C. Doan,
William Hutchinson,
Jonas Barnes,
Richard Lanning,
William Barnes,
William Little,
Joseph Barnes,
Joseph Mitchell,
James Tucker,
James H. Smith,
Garrett Smith,
Solomon Thompson,
James T. Curtis,
John Stockton,
Peter Doan,
John Walthew,
Wm. Summers,
Richard Davis,
James W. Guest,
Lauchian Weir,
Anderson Montross, jr.
John White,
John Shotwell,
Walter Lincoln,
John Killistom,
Henry Lincoln,
George Heathcote,
H. W. Groughberger,
Luther Teeple,
Peter Caughell,
Isaac Vandeckle,
William Harvey,
Archibald Jones,
Charles James Hope,
Asa Bullock,
Hosea Baker,
John Leane,
Joseph Terrill,
O'Neil Closs,
James Mills,
Daniel Curtis,
Jesse Bagley,
George Doan,
Finlay Grant,
D. F. York,
George Cline,
Edward Teeple,
James M'Connell,
John Mills, senior,
Alexander Gunn,
James Secord,
Minor Barnes,
Anson Paul,

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YARMOUTH—(Continued.)

Isaac Mills,
Samuel Martin,
Samuel Minard,
James Morton,
Daniel Brodie,
John Sutton,
William Parker, junior,
Thomas Clements,
George A. Couse,
Abraham House, senior,
Samuel Hight,
John A. Akins,
Thomas Penhale,
James Paul,
Thomas Drake,
Mirrill Sayre,
Joseph B. Nevill,
Abraham House, junior,
James E. Vale,
D. W. Stockton,
John Mills, junior,
William Ostrander,
Jacob Ostrander,
Enos Carroll,
Joseph Copeland,
Moses Hughes,
Donald McLean,
John Primpton,
Calvin Russ,
Peter Ferguson,
James Haight,
John Vanickie,
Edward Pratt,
George Teeple,
John McCallum,
Barnabas Lewis,
William Thompson,
John Proffer,
David Brush,
St. John Weir,
Luther Lincoln,
Edward H. Maloy,
George Philmon,
James Brown,
John McNeil,
John Beaupré,
Lyman Mann.

CARRADOC.

Isaac B. Burwell,
John Sutherland,
James McKerdy,
Duncan McKellar,
Charles Bateman,
William Livingston,
Robert Bateman,
Harvel White,
William Sutherland,
William Tucker,
Thomas Pullen,
James Sutherland,
Alexander Sutherland,
Donald Campbell,
Malcolm Campbell,
John Lee,
William Wellman,
Daniel Getley,
John Parker,
James Coulter,
Manley Dixon,
John Oyleie,
Peter Kerstead,
Alexander Orr,
James Fisher,
Donald McGugan,
Nell McGugan,
William Elliott,
George Young,
Thomas Lantrey,
James Adam,
Joseph W. Lman,
Joseph C. ley,
Levi Warner,
Alexander Cowan,
Amos Kingstead,
Heranomis Forbes,
William English,
Archibald Campbell,
Alexander Campbell,
Duncan McDougald,
William Tolan,
Walter Dowling,
Thomas Holmes,
Hercules Burwell,
Joshua Applegarth,
James Fenwick,
Richard Fenwick,
Samuel Sewell.

CARRADOC—(Continued.)

Harvey Butler,
David Smith,
William Harrison,
John Lloyd,
Joseph Senbrook,
George O. Challoner, R. O. Lobo,
Eph. J. Parke, P. C., do
Benjamin Bartlett,
Archibald Campbell,
John Campbell,
John Campbell, junior,
Malcolm Campbell,
Archibald Campbell,
John B. man,
John H. sey,
Duncan McLellan,
Duncan McCallum,
Joseph Cawthrop,
Robert Thompson,
Benjamin Lockwo,
William Bate to
Peter Sinclair,
Malcolm M'K. "re,
Duncan Sinclair,
John Bateman,
Silvester Applegarth,
Abijah Martin,
Jeremiah London,
John Vrooman,
Gregory Allen,
Malcolm Campbell,
Ebenezer Hall,
Parmanes Martin,
William Bowman,
Duncan McLean,

DELAWARE.

Gideon Tiffany,
John Ulrich,
Alanson Herrington,
Benjamin Stephens,
Dean Tiffany,
Frederick Tiffany,
John Johnston,
John Rawlings,
Samuel P. Ains,
William Curling,
Langdon Case,
David Johnston,
John H. Jden,
Otis Tiffany,
Albert Tiffany,
Isiah Gustin,
Samuel Stephen,
Archibald McLaughlin,
John Parker,
William Hodgman,
Timothy Killburn,
William Simons,
Timothy Killburn,
Joseph Steinhoff,
White Hullbert,
Thomas Summers,
Daniel Springer.

LONDON.

Christopher C. Coombs,
Joseph Draher,
Henry Collins,
Hiram Miracle,
George Webster,
Thomas Telphin,
Aaron Telphin,
Moses Morden,
Thomas English,
William Oliver,
Edward Charlton,
Daniel Woods,
Isaac Webster,
— Gournay, P. C. Southvold,
Wm. Hodgins,
Wm. Darley,
Edward Matthews,
John Coots,
Robert Coots,
George Belton,
Henry Whitting,
Henry Rigney,
James Mitchell,
James Dagg,
Robert Parkinson,
Charles Goulding,
Noble English,
Richard Medam,
John Clarke,
Thomas Morgan,
David Rosser,
John Rosser,

LONDON—(Continued.)

Albert Riekman,
Nathan Rosser,
Thomas Rosser,
Henry Webb,
Alexander Gmu,
David Brazill,
James McDonald,
John Armstrong,
Hugh Barclay,
James Rosser,
Joseph Elson,
James Cosort,
Charles Coombs,
Elijah Williams,
John H. Hart,
Anthony Hughes,
Charles Henry,
Henry O'Neil,
Thomas Haskett,
John O'Neil,
Joseph Hughes,
William Nellis,
John Nellis,
Thomas Kessack,
John Wood,
William Shipley,
William Cavy,
Archibald McPherson,
Archibald McParlane,
Isaac McConnell,
Ephraim Ains,
John Whenton,
George Ashwell,
Michael Flood,
Thomas Robottom,
Archibald McHagy,
Thomas Ryan,
John Stephenson,
Thomas Hodgins,
Henry Hodgins,
Walter Westley,
James Shoebottom,
Wm. Harrison,
Charles Tucker,
William Ashbury,
Thomas Routledge,
Joseph Routledge,
Henry Routledge,
Thomas Smith,
Donald McDonald,
Daniel Davis,
Thomas Flood,
Andrew McCogetill,
Thomas Hornby,
William Ramsey,
Duncan McKenzie,
William R. Talbot,
George Ralph,
Duncan Anderson,
Anthony Pegley,
Joseph Tukes,
William Hodgins,
Donald Bartley,
Joseph McGriffin,
William McGriffin,
William Donaldson,
William Gain,
Duncan Forbes,
James Rock,
John Noble,
John Styles,
James Pond,
John Pegler,
Dudley Merrills,
Phillip Matthews,
Thomas Shoebottom,
William Brossham,
Joseph Jane,
Morris Jane,
Wm. Gray,
William McMillan,
Norman Fish,
John Matthews,
Thomas Hodgins,
Thomas H. Ball,
John Caldwell,
George Hodgins,
John Willis,
William J. Odell,
Joseph Colston,
Thomas Calbert,
Robert Gray,
William Shoebottom,
Thomas Dickinson,
James Farley,
William Hale,
Nathan Jacobs,
Henry Scott,

LONDON—(Continued.)

William Wilson,
Archibald Orr,
Thomas Hodgins,
Joseph Brooks,
William Gleeson,
Ralph Deacon,
John Deacon,
John Evans,
William Hodgins,
Michael Redman,
Thomas Smith,
James Fraser,
John Shipley,
John Custer,
Simeon Merrill,
James Baxter,
Edward Talbot,
John O'Neil,
Thomas Lee,
William Elliott,
Jeremiah Robson,
Ambrose Powell,
John Turner,
James O'Brien,
George Murray,
James Swazze,
William Taylor,
Henry Ferguson,
Hugh McBlin,
George Buley,
John Lifton,
Bartlett Lifton,
Robert Ralph,
Samuel Peters,
Thomas Anderson,
William McRoberts,
John Bird,
John Hatley,
James Ferguson,
Patrick Smith,
John Ferguson,
Andrew Taylor,
John Faxlers,
Joseph Percival,
John Hayes,
Andrew Lawson,
Thomas Shoebottom, jun.
John Douglas,
Benjamin Higgins,
John Armstrong,
John Littlewood,
William Armitage,
Robert Jackson,
Crael Wilson,
John Robson,
William Robson,
Samuel Paisley,
David Walden,
Charles Dickinson,
John Fitzgerald,
William Geary,
Charles Madden,
David Bong,
Thomas Hodgins,
Peter Gibson,
James Williams,
Stephen Powell,
Isaac Carling,
Richard Gough,
Andrew Scott,
David Riekman,
Edward Dunn,
James Gaffney,
John E. Walden,
James McStay,
W. J. Geary,
George Gaffney,
George W. Bailiff,
John Andell,
John Wells,
George Fitzgerald,
William Warner,
Edward Green,
Silas Warner,
John McIntosh,
Felix McLaughlin,
William O'Brien,
George Carter,
George Smith,
Robert Webster,
John McLeod,
George Kennedy,
Robert Molters,
Richard Stephens,
James Monaghan,
Thomas Lewis,
James Smbert,
William Whitley,

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William Jackson,
Asa K. Warner,
W. Williams, junior,
Thomas Harrison,
William Bradshaw,
Isaiah Watson,
Robert Keys,
William Fuller,
John Stephenson,
Jacob Loundrick,
Ebenzer Farrell,
Richard L. Talbot,
Richard Talbot, junior,
Christopher May,
John Jennings,
Hugh Stephenson,
John O'Brien,
William Johnston,
John D. Hodgins,
John Shoebottom,
Jacob Fralick,
William Lindsay,
William Calvert,
Daniel Munro,
David Johnston,
Joseph Tower,
John M'Leod,
Alexander M'Donald,
George Routledge,
John Morden,
James Morden,
Thomas Packatson,
John Smith,
James M'Roberts,
Joseph Percy,
John O'Brien,
Robert Robson,
John Stephenson,
James Grant,

LONDON—(Continued.)

John Noble,
William M'Mahon,
Solomon Munro,
Thomas Paine,
William Powers,
George M'Cormick,
James Jackson,
William Gray,
George Kennedy,
James Coole,
James Hixon,
George M'Mahon,
Casott M'Leod,
Joseph O'Brien,
Hayden Waters,
William Evans,
William Guest,
David M'Connell,
Thomas Jackson,
Edward Bullock,
Samuel Cliffe,
Thomas Webb,
Philip Matthews,
Benjamin Matthews,
George Mitchell,
Thomas Carling,
Edward Shipley,
John Hodgins,
John Shoebottom,
John Fralick,
Francis Lewis,
Benjamin Lewis,
Alexander Cameron,
Thomas Brown,
Alexander Griffith,
Caleb Griffith,
Nelson Griffith,
Andrew Griffith.

O. Hammond.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Oliver Hammond*, of *Springfield*, in the township of *Toronto*, in the *Home* district, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *J. H. Mailand* and *J. C. Becket*, of the *Canada* Sunday School Union, praying that measures be adopted to establish a cheap and uniform rate of Postage, and other references.

Agriculture,
Upper Canada.

Mr. *Webster*, from the Select Committee, appointed to bring in a Bill in accordance with the resolution of this House, of yesterday, that it is expedient to grant a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, for every district in *Upper Canada*, for the encouragement of Agriculture and Agricultural societies, presented to the House a Bill for the encouragement of Agricultural societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday next.

Crown, Clergy
and School
Lands.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Select Committee, appointed to inquire into the present method of disposing of the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands; the amount collected and paid from year to year into the Public Revenue, or any other fund, from the proceeds thereof; expenses attending the same, and from what fund paid, including the receipt and expenditure of the Territorial Revenue, with an instruction to the said Committee, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix NN.)

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next, and that it be then the first order of the day.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*, that one thousand copies of the said Report, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, that the words, "one thousand," in the said motion, be struck out, and the words, "five hundred," substituted.

The question having been put upon the motion of Crown, Clergy and School Lands amendment, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chauceau, Christie, DeBleury, Desannier, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Hale, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Stormont, M'Connell, Methot, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Patrie, Robinson, Sherwood of Brockville, Stewart of Prescott, Taché, Williams, and Woods.—(35.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Brooks, Cauchon, Chalmers, Cummings, Daly, DeWitt, Dickson, Dunlop, Gowen, Hall, Jessup, Merritt, Papineau, Porcell, Price, Roblin, Seymour, Smith of Frontenac, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of Bytown, Watts, and Webster.—(23.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Report be printed in each of the English and French languages for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Stormont*, from the Special Committee, to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands, prior to the 4th April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, and other references, reported to the House, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday the seventeenth instant.

Mr. *Dickson*, from the Select Committee, to which was recommitteed the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John D. M'Kenzie* and others, of the town of *Beverly*, in the district of *Gore*, and other places, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to establish the boundaries of the Lots and Gores of Land in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth concessions of the township of *Beverly*, in the county of *Hulton*; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John P. Waterson* and others, licensed deal cutters of the city of *Quebec*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and also reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chapter 25, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix O.O.)

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mutual
Fire Insurance
Company,
Montreal.

Mr. *Jolin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the President and Directors of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the county of *Montreal*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and the Act to continue and amend the same: which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Post Road,
Montreal and
Bytown.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications that may have passed between the Provincial Government, and the Deputy Post Master General, subsequent to the first of January, 1844, relative to the conveyance of the Mail between *Montreal* and *Bytown*:—

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Montreal, 3rd December, 1844.

SIR,

I think it my duty respectfully to solicit the attention of the Governor General to representations which I have had the honour repeatedly to address to His Excellency's Predecessors, Lord *Seaton* and Lord *Sydenham*, and before their time, to other Governors General, upon the wretched condition of the roads in the *Ottawa* County, above *Grenville*, on the North Bank of the River, and *L'Orignal* on the South. On the latter shore, indeed, the Post communication is absolutely broken off altogether, between *Plantagenet* and *Bytown*, from the impracticability of a portion of what is called a "Road" upon the map, and the entire absence of any road, for some fifteen miles of the distance; and this upon one of the main Rivers of the Province, within about eighty miles of *Montreal*.

On the North Shore, the case is hardly better: a road to connect *Grenville* with *Hull* (60 miles) was opened about twenty-eight years ago, and some thousands of pounds of public money were expended upon it: but as the work was not then completed, and that no improvement upon an adequate scale has been made since, some portions of the route are, to this day, totally impracticable for wheel-carriages, and many of the large streams which cross the road are without bridges. The consequence is, that during the greater part of the year this Department experiences the utmost difficulty in maintaining the Post communication upon what has become the second most important mail-route in the Province. The inconveniences which thereby accrue to the residents of the *Ottawa* Country, and to their mercantile connexions in *Montreal*, gives rise to complaints which it is out of my power to redress, and which are most serious and harassing.

Trusting that this appeal may be found to merit the notice of the Governor General, and that His Excellency will be pleased to take such steps as may be advisable to secure good and available roads for the transmission of the Mails up on both banks of the *Ottawa*, to the west of the *Long Sault*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) T. A. STAYNER,
Deputy Post Master General.

Honourable D. DALY,
&c. &c. &c.

And also,

Public Im-
provement and
Education
sum, 1830.

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Statement in a tabular form, of all sums of money which have been expended from the Public Treasuries of the several Provinces of

Upper and Lower Canada, for Public improvements and Education, in each of the several counties, and ridings in this Province, since the year 1830, specifying the authority under which such Expenditure was made, and the several times of making such Expenditure.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix P. P.)

On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police therein," be taken into consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Niagara* and *Ten Mile Creek* Plank Road Company," for the purpose of constructing a plank road, from a certain place in *Niagara*, to the *Ten Mile Creek* in *Grantham*, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

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

Resolved, That the Report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of *La Ste. Famille* and other parishes, in the island of *Orleans*, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Murney* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Murney* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the report be received on Monday next.

Mr. *Taché*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, informed the House that he had this day received a letter from *William Henry Scott*, Esquire; and also, that he was acquainted with the hand-writing of the said *William Henry Scott*, having often seen him write, and that he believes the said letter to be of his hand-writing, and he delivered in the same at the Clerk's table.

The said letter was read, and is as followeth:—

7th March, 1845.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your note of yesterday, I beg leave to inform you that in consequence of the death of my lamented Father, I have not been able to attend the Committee on the *York* Election, but I will be punctual in attendance on Monday at 10 o'clock.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. H. SCOTT.

E. P. TACHÉ, Esquire,
M. P. P.

Resolved, That as Mr. Scott has absented himself on account of family bereavement, he be excused.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Morin, seconded by Mr. Chabot,

Private Bills.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Select Committees on Private Bills, be further extended until Tuesday next.

Mail route from Montreal to Bytown.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of a correspondence between the Provincial Government, and the Deputy Post Master General, relative to the conveyance of the Mail between Montreal and Bytown, laid before the House this day, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Daly,

Board of Works

Resolved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Act erecting the Board of Works, and for imposing certain tolls on the said Works, and to limit the amount thereof, and for other purposes.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Dunlop took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Dunlop reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Christie,

Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Bill to prescribe the manner in which the Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature, as reported by the Special Committee, to which were referred the Public Accounts of 1843; be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Roblin, seconded by Mr. DeWitt,

Contingencies.

Ordered, That the fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Smith, of Wentworth, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Smith, of Wentworth, reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

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 favour 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.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Robinson,

Resolved, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of improving and enlarging the limits of the Harbour of Montreal, and to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money, to consolidate the Laws now in force, and for other purposes.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Roblin took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Roblin reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Guillet have leave to absent himself from this House, for the next week, on particular business.

Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at Montreal, denominated "Christian Unitarians," reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for granting Provincial Duties of Customs, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the payment of Claims arising out of the Rebellion and Invasion in Upper Canada; and to appropriate the duties on Tavern licenses to local purposes, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Price took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Price reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider the expediency of repealing such Laws as may be now in force respecting the distribution of printed copies of the Laws, and of substituting other provisions for the same purpose, being read,

Printed copies of the Laws.

Printed copies
of the Laws.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Ermatinger* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And Mr. *Ermatinger* reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution: which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the several Laws now in force, respecting the distribution of the printed copies of the Provincial Statutes: with a view of substituting other provisions better adapted to the said purposes.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Daly* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the distribution of the printed copies of the 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 Tuesday next.

British Planta-
tion Vessels.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to secure the right of property in British Plantation Vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, William the Fourth, 28th August, 1833, and intitled, "An Act for the Registration of British Vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Coleile* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Coleile* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* then moved, in amendment to the sixth clause of the said Bill, seconded by Mr. *Price*, that all the words after "Letter Patent," in the said clause be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, viz., "or by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, or by or under the authority of any Act of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, or of the Provincial Parliament of either of the late Provinces of Lower or Upper Canada, and that no foreigner not naturalized, or made Denizen as aforesaid, hath directly or indirectly any share or part interest in the said ship or vessel."

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Ber- J, Chauveau, Desautier, John, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrère, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthol, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, and Thompson—(22.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell,

Robinson, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FROXPENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BY-TOWNS, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Walls, and Webster—(34.)

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the River St. Lawrence, near Montreal, to the Province line, in the township of Stanstead, being read, Railroad Province line.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Duggan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Duggan* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that they do take precedence of all other orders for that day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Johnston*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 10° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House that the Clerk of this House had received from the County of Lanark, Election. Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a certificate of the election of a Member for the county of Lanark, in the room of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, whose election for the said county had been declared void by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, which is as follows:—

Province of Canada.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE
CROWN IN CHANCERY,

Montreal, 8th March, 1845.

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of election, dated the twenty-eighth day of January last past, issued by His Excellency, the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer, for the county of Lanark (Daniel M. Martin, Esquire) for the election of one Member to represent the county of Lanark in the present Parliament, in the room of Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, whose election for the said county had been declared void by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return of the said Writ, dated the twenty-eighth day of February last past, which is lodged of record in my office.

FELIX FORTIER.

C. C. C.

W. B. LINDSAY, Esquire,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of *Hugh Richardson* and others, Shipowners and Mariners on *Lake Ontario*; and the Petition of *G. H. Grierson* and others, of the districts of *Colborne* and *Newcastle*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, the Petition of *Archibald McKillop* and others, of the county of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Council of *King's College* at *Fork*, near *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*; and the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, residing in the city of *Toronto*, (relating to the charter of the said College.)

By Mr. *DeWitt*, the Petition of *A. C. Squire* and others, of the township of *Sutton*, in the county of *Missisquoi*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *W. Simpson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Penetanguishine*, and the parts adjacent; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Registry office); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to taxes on unoccupied Lands); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to the *Holland* river); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Post Office); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to the sale of Lands for taxes); and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, (relating to remuneration to district Councillors.)

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *William Buell* and others, the Committee of the Mercantile and General Agricultural Improvement Society, of the district of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, Captain in Her Majesty's twenty-fourth Regiment of Foot.

Oxford con-
tested Election.

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of *Oxford*, reported to the House that the Committee met this morning at ten o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, but were unable to proceed to business, in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Lacoste*, a member of the Committee, and therefore after waiting until eleven o'clock, they adjourned until five o'clock, P. M. this day.

Ordered, That *Lewis Lacoste*, Esquire, Member for *Chambly*, do attend in his place, in this House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable *Francis Hincks*, of the city of *Montreal*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of *Oxford*, have leave to adjourn from this day, until the first day of April next.

An engrossed Bill to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "Christian Unitarians," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company*, was read for the third time.

Chambly
Cotton
Manufactory.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to secure the right of property in British Plantation Vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of His Majesty's reign, *William the Fourth*, 28th August, 1833, and intitled, "An Act for the registering of British Vessels," and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels, was read for the third time.

British Planta-
tion Vessels.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to secure the right of property in British Plantation Vessels, navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William the Fourth*, intitled, 'An Act for the registering of British Vessels,' and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of the Reverend *John Flanagan* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the township of *Leeds*, in the county of *Megantic*; and of the Reverend M. *Townsend* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the parishes of *St. George* and *St. Thomas*, in the diocese of *Quebec*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, such a portion of the Clergy Reserves, as shall correspond with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of *Kenneth Cameron* and others, of the township of *Thora*, in the *Home* district, praying for the survey and construction of a road between *Windsor Bay*, on lake *Ontario*, and *Gloucester Bay*, on *Lake Huron*.

Of *George McManus* and others, of *Mono* and other townships, in the district of *Simcoe*, praying for aid to improve a road leading to the city of *Toronto*.

Of *Joseph Gely*, of the parish of *St. Joseph*, *Point Levy*, praying for a grant in Scrip or otherwise, in consideration of his past services in the British navy.

Of *James Reil* and others, of the township of *Hinchinbrooke*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, praying that the expense of erecting a School-house in the said township may be defrayed out of the appropriation for such objects.

Of *Thomas Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, and others, members of the Bar, in the *Midland* district, praying for the formation of a Court of Appeals upon a sound and practicable basis, and for certain other alterations in the present Judicature system.

Of *James Sanson* and others, of *Orillia*, and other townships, praying for an aid to complete the road from *Windsor Bay* to the narrows of *Lake Simcoe*.

Christian
Unitarians."

Petitions read.

Of *Asa Annis*, of the township of *Whitby*, in the *Home* district, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by the injustice of a certain agent of the Board of Works.

Of *James Paterson* and others, of the townships of *Toronto*, *Chinguacousy*, and *Caledon*, praying for the construction of a planked road, leading from *Port Credit*, on *Lake Ontario*, to *Lake Huron*.

Of *Ebenezer C. Griffin*, and others, of the township of *Flamborough*, East, in the district of *Gore*, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may be disposed of according to the existing law.

Of *John McPhee*, President of the Agricultural Society, and others, of the county of *Two Mountains*; of *William Morin* and others, of the county of *Two Mountains*; and of *John McFall* and others, of the county of *Two Mountains*, praying that a survey may be made of two proposed routes, for a Macadamized Road, from the *Bord à Plouffe* to *St. Eustache*, that the better and cheaper one may be adopted.

Petitions referred.

W. Peacock.

Mr. *Price* moved, seconded by Mr. *Powell*, that the Petition of *William Peacock*, of the city of *Buffalo*, in the State of *New York*, one of the *United States of America*, formerly of the township of *Etobicoke*, in the *Home* district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Price*, the Honourable Mr. *Small*, Mr. *Roblin*, and Mr. *Powell*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Dunlop, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Roblin, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, and Williams—(27.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Colvile, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Goican, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYRON, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Woods—(28.)

So it passed in the negative.

J. Patterson and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Paterson* and others, of the townships of *Toronto*, *Chinguacousy*, and *Caledon*, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *George Wright* and others, of the *Home* and *Simcoe* districts.

T. Kirkpatrick, Esquire, and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas Kirkpatrick*, Esquire, and others, members of the Bar of the *Midland* district, be referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Robert E. Burns* and others, members of the Legal profession, and another reference.

Report on the Petition of M. F. Valois and others.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Duranseau* and others, inhabitants of *Montreal*, and its vicinity; the Petition of *Gabriel Roy* and others, inhabitants of the *Côte St. Laurent*, in the parish of *St. Laurent*; and the Petition of *Hyacinthe Brunet* and others, of *St. Anne*,

Pointe Claire, and other parishes, and other references, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the second Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report see Appendix L. L.)

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Mr. *Laurin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Charles Juneau de Montreuil*, of the city of *Quebec*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Report on the Petition of C. J. de Montreuil.

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the Petition of *Charles Juneau de Montreuil*, universal legatee of the late Miss *Christine Amable Schindler*, and have examined Mr. *Lindsay*, Clerk of your Honourable House, and Mr. *Joseph Cary*, Deputy Inspector General, and the documents by virtue of which a salary was allowed to the said *Amable Schindler* as keeper of the apartments of the House of Assembly; they have therefore the honour to make the following report:—

That an annual salary was granted by the House of Assembly to the said *Amable Schindler*, as keeper of the apartments of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, and that the last payment which was made to the said *Amable Schindler*, was a sum of £13 15s. on the 30th September 1832, as appears by the evidence of Mr. *Lindsay* and Mr. *Cary*; that the said *Amable Schindler* having departed this life on the 2nd day of October, 1833, it is evident that one year's salary, £13 15s., is due to the said *Amable Schindler*. Your Committee beg therefore to recommend that the said sum be paid to the said *Charles Juneau de Montreuil* as universal legatee of the said late *Christine Amable Schindler*.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

On motion of Mr. *Chauveau*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*,

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn for a quarter of an hour.

The House adjourned accordingly.

5½ Hourá, P. M.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, Captain in Her Majesty's twenty-fourth regiment of foot, praying that the services of the Orders of House, in the case of *Harris's Divorce Bill*, and leaving a copy of the Bill with Captain *Frederick L. Ingall*, the agent of Mrs. *Harris*, be deemed good service, which was presented this day, be now read; and that the Rule of this House, of the twenty-eighth of June, 1841, be dispensed with as to the present Petition.

Captain Harris' Divorce.

And the House being informed, that *Frederick Griffin*, Esquire, and Captain *Frederick L. Ingall*, attended at the door, they were severally called in, and examined at the Bar of the House, as followeth:

Frederick Griffin, Esquire, examined.

1. Q.—Are you Attorney and Agent of Captain *Henry William Harris*?

A.—I am.

2. Q.—Was the Bill to dissolve the marriage of the said *Henry William Harris*, served on *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his wife; and if so, state when, and in what manner?

Captain Harris' Divorce.

A.—It was not served upon Mrs. Harris personally, on account of her departure for Santa Cruz, but under an order of the Legislative Council, it was served upon Captain Frederick L. Ingall, her agent in that behalf.

3. Q.—Do you know that the allegations of the Petition are true in fact?

A.—They are true in fact.

Captain Frederick L. Ingall examined.

1. Q.—Are you the agent of Eliza Walker, otherwise called Eliza Lock Walker, wife of Captain Henry William Harris?

A.—I am.

2. Q.—Are you authorized to receive service of any notice on her behalf, with regard to the Bill of Divorce, applied for by her husband, the said Henry William Harris?

A.—I am so authorized.

3. Q.—By whom are you so authorized?

A.—By Mrs. Harris and her father.

And then they were directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That in the case of Harris's Divorce Bill, personal service upon Mrs. Eliza Walker, otherwise called Eliza Lock Walker, of a copy of the Bill and the Orders of the House, be dispensed with; and that service of the same upon her agent, Captain Frederick L. Ingall, be deemed good service.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make further regulation for the Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, in Upper Canada, and to provide for the trial of prisoners under certain circumstances, be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 2, Line 1.—Leave out "January," and insert "February."

" " " 4.—Leave out "second," and insert "last."

" " " 4.—Leave out "August," and insert "July."

" 4 " 25.—Leave out "Monday, the fifth," and insert "Tuesday, the sixth."

" 5 " 20.—Leave out "Thursday, the third," and insert "Friday, the fourth."

" " " 21.—Leave out "Tuesday, the fifth," and insert "Thursday, the sixth."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Dunlop,

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 and other documents on the subject of, and connected with certain Lands taken possession of by the Ordnance Department, and belonging to Nicholas Sparks, of Bytown, since the year 1840.

Ordnance Department Lands.

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

On motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Ermatinger,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, all communications which have passed between His Excellency and the Secretary of State for the Colonies, upon the subject of any proposed alteration in the charter of the University of King's College.

Charter of King's College.

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

Mr. Murney, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend Antoine Gosselin and others, of La Ste. Famille, and other parishes in the island of Orleans, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:

Petition of the Reverend A. Gosselin and others.

Resolved, That the said Report be adopted.

Ordered, That Mr. Cauchon have leave to bring in a Bill to detach the island of Orleans from the county of Montmorenci, for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said island.

Island of Orleans.

He accordingly presented the said 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. Dunlop, from the Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Act, erecting the Board of Works, and for imposing certain tolls on the said Works, and to limit the amount thereof, and for other purposes, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Board of Works

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act, 4th and 5th Victoria, chapter 38, erecting the Board of Works, and to impose certain tolls on the Public Works, and to limit the amount thereof, and for other purposes.

Tolls on Public Works.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to establish a Board of Works in this Province."

Board of 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 on Friday next.

Mr. Roblin, from the Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of

Montreal Harbour.

Courts of Assize, Upper Canada.

Ordnance Department Lands.

Montreal
Harbour.

improving and enlarging the limits of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money; to consolidate the Laws now in force; and for other purposes, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee: which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money; to consolidate the laws now in force relating to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*; to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose; to consolidate the laws now in force relating to the same, 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.

Rebellion
Claims.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the payment of Claims arising out of the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*, and to appropriate the duties on Tavern Licenses to local purposes, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Railroad, Pro-
vince Line.

Mr. *Duggan*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the River *St. Lawrence*, near *Montreal*, to the Province line, in the township of *Stanstead*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Humber
Harbour.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber* Harbour and Road Company, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Small* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *Small* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

Kingston
Incorporation.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to repeal a certain provision of the Act incorporating the town of *Kingston*, and to provide for the assessment and collection of the district taxes in the said town, by a collector and assessor to be appointed by the district Council, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Chauveau* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Kingston
Incorporation.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Chauveau* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called "Sunday," in *Upper Canada*, being read, Profanation of
the Lord's
Day.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Thompson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Thompson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to continue for a limited time, the Act intitled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and more effectually to remedy divers abuses prejudicial to Agriculture," being read, Agriculture.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, entitled, "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Upper Canada* Trust and Loan Company," being read, Upper Canada
Loan and
Trust Com-
pany.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Price* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Board of Police therein, being read, Bytown Police.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Cameron* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cameron* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Wild Fowl Protection.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipes from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Macdonald, of Cornwall, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Sheriffs' Fees.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to regulate the fees of Sheriffs and other officers, in that part of this Province called Upper Canada, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hall took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Hall reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had 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, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas, The House adjourned.

Martis, 11° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

County of Oxford Election.

ACCORDING to Order, Louis Lacoste, Esquire, Member for Chambly, who was absent, yesterday, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of the Honourable Francis Fincks, of the city of Montreal, complaining of the undue election and return of Robert Kiddell, Esquire, as a Member to represent the county of Oxford, attended in his place in this House.

Mr. Lacoste rose in his place, and stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the said Committee, and verified the same upon oath.

On motion of Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Chauveau,

Resolved, That Mr. Lacoste, having stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the Select Committee, for the trial of the contested election for the county of Oxford, and having verified the same upon oath, be now excused for such non-attendance.

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

By Mr. Christie, the Petition of the Reverend William Arnold and others, members of the Church of England, in the mission of Caspé Bay.

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, the Petition of Andrew N. Buell, of Brockville, Esquire, (relating to a contract on the St. Lawrence Canal.) Petitions brought up.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from the River St. Lawrence, near Montreal, to the Province line, in the township of Stanstead, was read for the third time. Railroad, Province Line.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to incorporate the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company."

Ordered, That Mr. Brooks do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the payment of Claims, arising out of the Rebellion and Invasion in Upper Canada, and to appropriate the duties on Tavern licenses to local purposes, was read for the third time. Rebellion Claims.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to provide for the payment of Claims arising out of the late Rebellion and Invasion in Upper Canada; and to appropriate the duties on Tavern licenses to local purposes."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Papineau do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company," was read for the third time. Upper Canada Loan and Trust Company.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company."

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Petition of Asa Annis, of the township of Whitby, in the Home district, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Duggan, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Gowan, Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, the Honourable Mr. Small, and Mr. Hall, to examine the contents thereof and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records. Petition of A. Annis referred.

Mr. Dunlop, from the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of Dues on the Chambly canal, with power to report from time to time, and other references, presented to the House the second report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table. Dues on the Chambly Canal.

(For the said Report, see Appendix R. R.)

The Honourable Mr. DeBleury from the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of the city of Montreal, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table. Report on the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Montreal.

(For the said Report, see Appendix S. S.)

Election,
County of
Middlesex.

YARMOUTH—(Continued.)

Isaac Mills,
Samuel Martin,
Samuel Minard,
James Morton,
Daniel Brodie,
John Sutton,
William Parker, junior,
Thomas Clements,
George A. Couse,
Abraham House, senior,
Samuel Hight,
John A. Akins,
Thomas Penhale,
James Paul,
Thomas Drake,
Mirrill Sayre,
Joseph B. Nevill,
Abraham House, junior,
James E. Vale,
D. W. Stockton,
John Mills, junior,
William Ostrander,
Jacob Ostrander,
Enos Carroll,
Joseph Copeland,
Moses Hughes,
Donald M'Lean,
John Primyton,
Calvin Russ,
Peter Ferguson,
James Haight,
John Vansickle,
Edward Pratt,
George Teeple,
John M'Callum,
Barnabas Lewis,
William Thompson,
John Preffer,
David Brush,
St. John Weir,
Luther Lincoln,
Edward H. Maloy,
George Philmon,
James Brown,
John M'Neil,
John Beaupré,
Lynan Mann.

CARBADOC.

Isaac B. Burwell,
John Sutherland,
James M'Kerly,
Duncan M'Kellar,
Charles Bateman,
William Livingston,
Robert Bateman,
Marvel White,
William Sutherland,
William Tucker,
Thomas Pullen,
James Sutherland,
Alexander Sutherland,
Donald Campbell,
Malcolm Campbell,
John Lee,
William Wellman,
Daniel Getley,
John Parker,
James Coulter,
Manley Dixon,
John Oylende,
Peter Kerstead,
Alexander Orr,
James Fisher,
Donald M'Gugan,
Neil M'Gugan,
William Elliott,
George Young,
Thomas Lautrey,
James Adam,
Joseph W'Iman,
Joseph C. ley,
Levi Warner,
Alexander Cowan,
Amos Kingstead,
Hermonis Forbes,
William English,
Archibald Campbell,
Alexander Campbell,
Duncan M'Dougald,
William Tolan,
Walter Dowling,
Thomas Holmes,
Hercules Burwell,
Joshua Applegarth,
James Fenwick,
Richard Fenwick,
Samuel Sewell.

CARBADOC—(Continued.)

Harvy Butler,
David Smith,
William Harrison,
John Lloyd,
Joseph Senbrook,
George O. Chaloner, R. O. Lobo.
Eph. J. Parke, P. C., do
Benjamin Bartlett,
Archibald Campbell,
John Campbell,
John Campbell, junior,
Malcolm Campbell,
Archibald Campbell,
John Brennan,
John H. eay,
Duncan M'Lehlan,
Duncan M'Callum,
Joseph Cawthop,
Robert Thompson,
Benjamin Lockwood,
William Bateman,
Peter Sinclair,
Malcolm M'Kellar,
Duncan Sinclair,
John Bateman,
Silvester Applegarth,
Abijah Martin,
Jeremiah London,
John Yrooman,
Gregory Allen,
Malcolm Campbell,
Ebenezer Hall,
Parnanus Martin,
William Bowman,
Duncan M'Lean,

DELAWARE.

Gideon Tiffany,
John Urick,
Alanson Herrington,
Benjamin Stephens,
Dean Tiffany,
Frederick Tiffany,
John Johnston,
John Rawlings,
Samuel P. Ains,
William Curling,
Langdon Case,
David Johnston,
John Holden,
Otis Tiffany,
Albert Tiffany,
Isiah Gustin,
Samuel Stephen,
Archibald M'Laughlin,
John Parker,
William Hodgman,
Timothy Killburn,
William Simmons,
Timothy Killburn,
Joseph Steinhoff,
White Hullbert,
Thomas Summers,
Daniel Springer.

LONDON.

Christopher C. Coombs,
Joseph Draher,
Henry Collins,
Hiram Mirale,
George Webster,
Thomas Telfin,
Aron Telfin,
Moses Morden,
Thomas English,
William Oliver,
Edward Charlton,
Daniel Woods,
Isaac Webster,
— Gourlay, P. C. Southwold,
Wm. Hodgins,
Wm. Darley,
Edward Matthews,
John Coote,
Robert Coote,
George Belton,
Henry Whitting,
Henry Rigney,
James Mitchell,
James Dagg,
Robert Parkinson,
Charles Goulding,
Noble English,
Richard Meadon,
John Clarke,
Thomas Morgan,
David Rosser,
John Rosser.

LONDON—(Continued.)

Albert Rickman,
Nathan Rosser,
Thomas Rosser,
Henry Webb,
Alexander Gumi,
David Brazill,
James M'Donald,
John Armstrong,
Hugh Barclay,
James Rosser,
Joseph Elson,
James Cosart,
Charles Crouchs,
Elijah Williams,
John H. Hart,
Anthony Hughes,
Charles Henry,
Henry O'Neil,
Thomas Haskett,
John O'Neil,
Joseph Hughes,
William Nellis,
John Nellis,
Thomas Kessack,
John Wood,
William Shipley,
William Cavy,
Archibald M'Pherson,
Archibald M'Farlane,
Isaac M'Connell,
Ephraim Ains,
John Whenton,
George Ashwell,
Michael Flood,
Thomas Robottom,
Archibald M'Inty,
Thomas Ryan,
John Stephenson,
Thomas Hodgins,
Henry Hodgins,
Walter Westley,
James Shoebottom,
Wm. Harrison,
Charles Tucker,
William Ashbury,
Thomas Routledge,
Joseph Routledge,
Henry Routledge,
Thomas Smith,
Donald M'Donald,
Daniel Davis,
Thomas Flood,
Andrew M'Cagetill,
Thomas Hornby,
William Ramsey,
Duncan M'Kenzie,
William R. Talbot,
George Ralph,
Duncan Anderson,
Anthony Pegley,
Joseph Tukes,
William Hodgins,
Donald Bartley,
Joseph M'Griffin,
William M'Griffin,
William Donaldson,
William Gain,
Duncan Forbes,
James Rock,
John Noble,
John Styles,
James Pond,
John Pegler,
Dudley Merrills,
Phillip Matthews,
Thomas Shoebottom,
William Brossham,
Joseph Jane,
Morris Jane,
Wm. Gray,
William M'Millan,
Norman Fish,
John Matthews,
Thomas Hodgins,
Thomas H. Ball,
John Caldwell,
George Hodgins,
John Willis,
William J. Odell,
Joseph Colston,
Thomas Gilbert,
Robert Gray,
William Shoebottom,
Thomas Dickinson,
James Farley,
William Hale,
Nathan Jacobs,
Henry Scott,

LONDON—(Continued.)

William Wilson,
Archibald Orr,
Thomas Hodgins,
Joseph Brooks,
William Gleeson,
Ralph Deacon,
John Deacon,
John Evans,
William Hodgins,
Michael Redman,
Thomas Smith,
James Fraser,
John Shipley,
John Caster,
Simeon Merrill,
James Baxter,
Edward Talbot,
John O'Neil,
Thomas Lee,
William Elliott,
Jeremiah Robson,
Ambrose Powell,
John Turner,
James O'Brien,
George Murray,
James Swazze,
William Taylor,
Henry Fergusson,
Hugh M'Bain,
George Buley,
John Lifton,
Bartlett Lifton,
Robert Ralph,
Samuel Peters,
Thomas Anderson,
William M'Roberts,
John Bird,
John Hadley,
James Ferguson,
Patrick Smith,
John Ferguson,
Andrew Taylor,
John Faxters,
Joseph Percival,
John Hayes,
Andrew Robson,
Thomas Shoebottom, jun.
John Douglas,
Benjamin Higgins,
John Armstrong,
John Littlewood,
William Armitage,
Robert Jackson,
Croel Wilson,
John Robson,
William Robson,
Samuel Paisley,
David Walden,
Charles Dickinson,
John Fitzgerald,
William Geary,
Charles Madden,
David Boug,
Thomas Hodgins,
Peter Gibson,
James Williams,
Stephen Powell,
Isaac Carling,
Richard Gough,
Andrew Scott,
David Rickmann,
Edward Dunn,
James Gaffney,
John E. Walden,
James M'Stay,
W. J. Geary,
George Gaffney,
George W. Bailiff,
John Andell,
John Wells,
George Fitzgerald,
William Warner,
Edward Green,
Silas Warner,
John M'Intosh,
Felix M'Laughlin,
William O'Brien,
George Carter,
George Smith,
Robert Webster,
John M'Leod,
George Kennedy,
Robert Molters,
Richard Stephens,
James Monaghan,
Thomas Lewis,
James Smbert,
William Whitley.

Election,
County of
Middlesex.

Petition of the Council of King's College. *donell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, M^cConnell, Merritt, Methot, Meyers, Morin, Nelson, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of Prescott, Taché, Thompson, Webster, and Woods—(64.)*

(COPY.)

King's College.

No. 53.

DOWNING STREET,

2nd November, 1831.

Sir,

Amongst the subjects which your correspondence, public and private, with this Office, has brought under my notice, there is none more important than the question of public education, and particularly that part of it which relates to the existing constitution of *King's College*, at York.

There can be no doubt that that Institution was established with the view of giving to the Province of *Upper Canada*, the benefit of complete instruction in all the higher branches of knowledge, and of connecting, in the minds of the Provincial youth, those associations which belong to the seat of early education, with their future progress in life; and it is greatly to be regretted, that anything in the constitution of the establishment should have tended to counteract, if not to defeat, this laudable design, and practically to deprive the Province of the advantage which was anticipated from its adoption. It cannot, however, be denied, that the exclusive and restrictive character given to *King's College*, has had this effect, and a plan which was intended to bring together and to harmonize, in the pursuit of the common object of useful knowledge, all classes of His Majesty's subjects, has had the opposite effect, of causing uneasiness, complaint, and dissension. It is obvious, in this state of things, (too notorious to require detailed proof,) that it is the duty of His Majesty's Government to consider what course of policy is most likely to remedy the evil, and to insure to the Province a real enjoyment of the advantages intended to be conferred on it. Had the recommendations of the *Canada* Committee of the House of Commons, upon this subject, been successfully followed up at the time they were submitted by you to the Provincial Legislature, under the instructions given to you by my Predecessor, and had the restrictive clauses of the Charter been then removed, there is every reason to presume that such a course would at once have proved satisfactory and effective. Even now that measure appears to afford the most easy and simple means of meeting the difficulty of the case; and without entering into a discussion of the probable causes of the delay in carrying the recommendations of the Committee into effect, some additional facility for now adopting them may be found in the circumstance, that whilst no positive steps have been yet taken for giving to *King's College* any practical existence, the new College, which you have established, has been forwarded with considerable activity, and is now open for the instruction of youth.

It may therefore be assumed, that experience has demonstrated that, under the peculiar circumstances of *Upper Canada*, a College with restrictive tests is altogether inoperative for any useful purpose, and that all that is wanted is such a system of regulations to be established by a law of the Province, for the management of the Institution of the *Upper Canada* College, as may give to it the requisite extension and development, without subjecting it to any qualifications calculated to render it unpopular in the eyes of those various classes of the community for whose benefit, as well as for that of the Church of *England*, it is established.

I am confirmed in this latter observation by referring to a resolution of the House of Assembly of the 20th March, 1829, in which the following opinion is pronounced upon the advantage likely to result from the establishment of the *Upper Canada* College:

"Resolved,—That this House trusts that no hoped-for modification of the present Charter will suspend the exertions of His Excellency to put into operation *Colborne* College: and by the observance of those liberal principles, which His Excellency has already been pleased to patronize and recommend, to open, with as little delay as possible, opportunities of Education no way inferior to those contemplated by the proposed University."

SAYS.

Boulton, Duggan, Ermatinger, Johnston, Moffatt, Murney, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Watts, and Williams—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Kingston Incorporation.

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to repeal a certain provision of the Act, incorporating the town of *Kingston*, and to provide for the assessment and collection of the district taxes in the said town, by a collector and assessor, to be appointed by the district Council, reported, according to order, the amendment made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Profanation of Lord's Day.

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to prevent the Profanation of the *Lord's Day*, commonly called "Sunday," in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Limits of Bytown.

Mr. *Cameron*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Board of Police therein, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Wild Fowl Protection.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipes from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

King's College.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, copies of two Despatches on the subject of *King's College*.

And the said Despatches are as followeth:—

1. From Lord *Goderich* to Major General Sir *John Colborne*, K.C.B., Lieutenant Governor of *Upper Canada*, dated 2nd November, 1831.
2. From Lord *Glenelg* to the same, dated 7th June, 1835.

King's College.

Under these circumstances, I am to convey through you, to the members of the Corporation of *King's College*, the earnest recommendation and advice of His Majesty's Government, that they do forthwith surrender to His Majesty the Charter of *King's College of Upper Canada*, with any lands which may have been granted to them. I persuade myself that the counsels which are thus given to that body, in the spirit of the most perfect respect for all the individuals by whom it is composed, will not be disregarded; and it is on that assumption that I proceed to notice the ulterior measures which, upon such a surrender, it will be convenient to adopt.

It can scarcely be necessary to say, that no part of the endowment of the College would ever be diverted from the great object of the education of youth. It must be regarded as a fund sacredly and permanently appropriated to that object. I presume that the general concurrence of all classes of society may be anticipated in favour of the erection of a new College upon a more enlarged basis.

As it is the intention of His Majesty to manifest his desire, that the internal concerns of the Province, should, as far as possible, be regulated by its own Legislature, I abstain from instructing you with any particularity on the subject of the general regulations which it may be expedient to apply to the government of the new College.

They will, doubtless, be well considered by the Legislature, and adopted in a spirit of justice, mutual harmony and good will. But there is one object to which I must direct your attention, and which you will not fail specially to recommend to the consideration of the Legislature; I mean the permanent establishment in the College, upon a secure footing, of a Divinity Professor of the Church of *England*. This is a matter of great importance to those of His Majesty's Subjects in *Upper Canada* who belong to the Church of *England*; and His Majesty, as Head of that Church, cannot be insensible to the duty which belongs to him of protecting it in all parts of his dominions. It is not from any desire to give an undue preponderance to the Colonial members of that Church, either as regards the College in particular, or the concerns of the Province generally, that His Majesty has this object at heart; but when His Majesty cheerfully recommends the surrender of a charter which the Crown was lawfully and constitutionally entitled to grant, on account of the dissatisfaction which its exclusive character has created, he feels an entire confidence that his faithful subjects, the members of the two Houses of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, will see nothing in his anxiety for the specific object to which I refer, but a proof, that whilst he is most desirous of remedying all real grievances, and removing all just grounds of discontent, he is not forgetful of those interests to which he is peculiarly bound to attend, and which His Majesty is sure can be attended to in this instance without prejudice of any kind to any other class of his subjects.

I shall await with much solicitude your report of the result of the communication which I have now made to you. I am well aware of the jealousies, not to say animosities, which have been engendered in the Province by the agitation of this question; and it is scarcely to be expected that those feelings can all at once subside with the cause that gave them birth,—nor can I conceal from myself that there may be prejudices and habits of thinking, which may not easily be reconciled to the adoption of the new system; but it cannot be the interest of any class of Christians to be an object of jealousy, perhaps of dislike, to those, who differing upon certain points of doctrine and discipline, find themselves debarred by the effect of that difference, from an equal share of advantages universally desired, because universally beneficial.

It will be your special duty to use every exertion to impress upon all classes, the incalculable importance of looking at all questions of this description with moderation and forbearance. The members of the Church of *England* should recollect the peculiar situation in which they stand, in the midst of a population, of whom so large a proportion differs from them in religious opinions; how much that situation exposes them to the chance of painful collision with large masses of their fellow subjects, and how much the extension of their own Church depends upon the absence of all grounds for such collision. Those who, on

the other hand, differ from them, ought not to forget the causes which drew to the Church of *England* the marked countenance of the British Parliament upon the first establishment of a Legislative Assembly in *Canada*. Many ancient and laudable associations of feeling and long attachment to the Established Church, whose rights and privileges centuries of legal and constitutional possession had consolidated, created a natural predilection in the English Parliament for the National Church, even in the more remote possessions of the Crown; and if a difference of circumstances in *Upper Canada* has prevented such sentiments from taking extensive root there, every religious man, be his mode of faith and his views of Church discipline what they may, must feel that the interests of Religion and its concomitant morals cannot prosper amidst heart-burnings and jealousies.

If therefore it be fitting to call upon the Church to forego the exclusive advantages which the present Charter of *King's College* confers upon it, it is no less incumbent upon all other classes of Christians to receive the boon tendered to them, in that conciliatory spirit by which alone His Majesty's subjects can be united by those common ties of mutual attachment which constitute the strength and mature the prosperity of nations.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GODERICH.

Major General Sir J. COLBORNE,
K.C.B. &c. &c. &c.

(Copy)

No. 16.

DOWNING STREET,

17th June, 1835.

SIR,

I have received your Despatch, dated the 6th May last, No. 14, enclosing copy of a Bill for amending the Charter of *King's College, Upper Canada*, which was passed by the House of Assembly, and rejected by the Legislative Council in their last session. You express your persuasion that no law for the amendment of the College Charter will be enacted by the Provincial Legislature; but state, that you "entertain no doubt that the existing Charter may be so modified by the interposition of His Majesty's Government, as to leave in essential points, no just ground for dissatisfaction on the part of either House." You state that you have informed the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, that you would strongly recommend to His Majesty's Government to sanction the opening of *King's College*, and express your hope that the course which you have suggested may be adopted.

As I find it impossible to act upon the recommendation which you have thus tendered to His Majesty's Ministers, I think that I shall best discharge my duty by announcing to you that decision without delay or hesitation.

I am not aware what may be the grounds on which you anticipate the acquiescence of the House of Assembly in such an amended Charter as you have proposed; on the other hand, the reasons for apprehending their strenuous resistance are obvious, and to me at least appear conclusive.

First. Your plan departs in every one essential particular from that which the House of Assembly, in their last session, sanctioned by their votes. It is not likely they would be satisfied to have their judgment overruled by the direct interposition of the Royal authority.

Secondly. The Earl of Ripon referred the matter to the discretion of the Provincial Legislature. They would scarcely be otherwise than displeased with the retraction of his Lordship's offer.

Thirdly. The decision of such a question by His Majesty's Advisers in this Kingdom would be condemned with plausibility, and not indeed without justice, as a needless interference in the internal affairs of the Province.

King's College.

King's College. *Finally.* The supposed amendments, even if they had not been preceded by any controversy or debate on the subject, could hardly fail to give umbrage to the House of Assembly. Without, of course, claiming a very intimate acquaintance with the state of public opinion in *Upper Canada*, but chiefly adverting to the accounts which have reached me through the public journals of the proceedings of the Assembly in their last session, (and except from those journals, I am without the means of forming such a judgment.) I should think it impossible that the scheme which you have proposed could ever be carried into execution. It is contrary to the whole tenor of the recent resolutions of the Representatives of the people to suppose, that they would acquiesce in giving to the Church of *England* permanently so many as five members in the governing body of the College, of which, according to your plan, the entire number would only be seven; especially when the Lieutenant Governor of the Province is to occupy one of the two remaining seats, and Archdeacon *Strachan* is, for the present at least, to fill the seventh. The magnitude of this trust is enhanced by the consideration that it is proposed to place under the controul of the Council the management of all the revenue and expenditure of the College, and the establishment of all rules for granting degrees in Divinity, while to His Majesty is confided the making of all such rules as are to regulate the education of the pupils. I cannot hesitate to express my opinion, that this plan claims for the Established Church of *England* privileges which those who best understand and most deeply prize her real interests, would not think it prudent to assert for her in any British Province on the North American continent.

It is with the most lively regret, that I have heard of the dissensions on this subject between the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly. I would respectfully and earnestly impress upon the members of both those bodies, the expediency of endeavouring, by mutual concession, to meet on some common ground. Especially would I beg the Legislative Councillors to remember, that if there be any one subject on which, more than others, it is vain and dangerous to oppose the deliberate wishes of the great mass of the people, the system of national instruction to be pursued in the moral and religious education of youth, is emphatically that subject. It remains for me only to acquaint you, that His Majesty refers back again to the Legislative Council and Assembly, the consideration of the subject of amending the Charter of *King's College*. If there should prevail between those bodies an irreconcilable difference of opinion, and if they should concur in addressing His Majesty to assume the decision of the controversy, His Majesty will be most happy to interpose as a Mediator for the adjustment of the question, upon such principles as appear to him best adapted for promoting the general interests of all classes of his subjects in the Province, and in a manner the most consonant with the general views and feelings of the inhabitants at large. Except in compliance with such a joint application, His Majesty will not think it expedient to resume the decision of a question which, by His Majesty's commands, Lord *Ripon* referred to the judgment of the Provincial Legislature.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) GLENELO.

Major-General SIR J. COLBORNE,
G.C.B., &c. &c. &c.

Ordered, That three hundred copies of each of the foregoing Despatches be printed in the English and French languages for the use of the Members of this House.

University of
Upper Canada. The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for erecting a University, by the name and style of the University of *Upper Canada*, being read,

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Daly*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Boulton* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, that the word "now," in the said motion be struck out, and the words, "this day week," substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Brooks, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Creive, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Lucosle, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lalorrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Melhol, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Thompson, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(69.)

NAY.

Hall—(1.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on this day week.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date, the 26th ultimo, praying for "a Statement, in detail, exhibiting the respective disbursements, made under the Acts of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, 3, *William IV.*, chapter 34, and 6, *William IV.*, chapter 39, for the maintenance and support of Light Houses in the said Province, for the years 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836, and 1837, showing the names of the respective parties receiving from the Inspector General, or other persons, any and all such disbursements:—

By Command,

D. DALY, *Secretary.*

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

5th March, 1845.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Montreal, 3rd March, 1845.

SIR,

I have the honour herewith to transmit a statement of disbursements from the Public Treasury of *Upper Canada* under certain Acts of the Legislature of that Province, for the support and maintenance of Light Houses, for the years 1833, 1834, 1835, 1836 and 1837; but I am unable to discern in this Office, any Accounts or Records shewing the names of the respective parties receiving from the Inspector General such disbursements, as required by the Address from the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, of 26th ultimo.

I have, &c.

JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

Honourable D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary.

Light Houses,
Upper Canada.

STATEMENT exhibiting the disbursements from Provincial Treasury under Acts of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, 3 *William IV*, chapter 35, 6 *William IV*, chapter —, 7 *William IV*, chapter 96, &c., for the maintenance and support of Light Houses in the said Province, for the years 1833, 1834, 1835 1836 and 1837.

Authority.	Date of Payment.	To whom paid.	Amount Currency.	
			£	£
3 Will. IV, c. 35.	3rd May, 1833	Honble. G. H. Markland, I. G.	300	} 600
do	21st August, do	do	300	
do	1st April, 1834	do	...	} 600
do	29th April, 1835	do	600	
5 Will. IV, c. 12.	19th August, do	do	1000	} 1600
3 Will. IV, c. 35.	5th Jan'y, 1836	do	600	
6 Will. IV, c. 43.	12th Oct'r, do	Hon. J. H. Dunn, R. G., to transfer so much to the Crown Fund advanced therefrom 6th June, 1836, to the Honble. G. H. Markland, I. G. for maintenance of Light Houses.	1000	} 1600
3 Will. IV, c. 35.	18th Jan'y, 1837	Honble. G. H. Markland, I. G.	600	
7 Will. IV, c. 96.	7th April, do	do	1000	} 1600

Furnished pursuant to an Address from the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of 26th February, 1845.

JOS. CARY,
Deputy Inspector General.

No Accounts shewing the application of these moneys are recorded in this Office.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 3rd March, 1845.

University of
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to vest the endowment granted by the Crown for University Education in *Upper Canada*, in the University of *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

King's College.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to alter and amend the Charter of the University of *King's College*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

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

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 12° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO. VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Riddell*, the Petition of *Smithson Waller* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the townships of *Derham* and *Norwich*, in the district of *Brook*.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *Murdoch McDonnell*, and others, of the district of *Bathurst*.

By Mr. *Greive*, the Petition of *P. B. Dumoulin*, Esquire, of *Three Rivers*. Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Desautier*, the Petition of *François Boucher*, Esquire, and others, the President and Trustees of the Common of *Maskinongé* and others, interested therein, of the parish of *St. Joseph de Maskinongé*, in the county of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Bertrand*, the Petition of *Julien Hion*, apprentice Pilot for the River *St. Lawrence*, residing in the parish of *L'Isle Verte*; and the Petition of *D. Girard* and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election of *James Edvard Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House that the Committee met at nine o'clock this morning, but the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, not appearing, they continued sitting one hour, and then adjourned until nine o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Member for *Missisquoi*, and *George Macdonell*, Esquire, Member for *Dundas*, do severally attend in their places in this House to-morrow.

An engrossed Bill to repeal a certain provision of the Act incorporating the town of *Kingston*, and to provide for the assessment and collection of the district Taxes in the said town, by a Collector and Assessor to be appointed by the District Council, was read for the third time. Kingston Corporation.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to repeal a certain provision of the Act incorporating the town of *Kingston*, and to provide for the assessment and collection of the district Taxes, in the said town, by an Assessor and Collector, to be appointed by the District Council."

Ordered, That Mr. *Seymour* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called "Sunday," in *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time. Profanation, Lord's Day.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipes from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year; and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province, was read for the third time. Protection of Wild Fowl.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *Hugh Richardson* and others, Ship-owners and Mariners, on *Lake Ontario*, praying for the improvement of the Harbour at *Port Hope*, and that it may be made a Public Work.

Of *G. H. Grierson* and others, of the districts of *Colborne* and *New Castle*, praying for aid to erect a Bridge over the river *Otanabee*.

Petitions read.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, residing in the city of *Toronto*, praying that no measure affecting the charter of *King's College*, may be entertained at this late period of the Session.

Of *A. C. Squire* and others, of the township of *Sutton*, in the county of *Missisquoi*, praying that no assignment of the Clergy Reserve Lands may be made, but that they may be disposed of according to the provisions of the Imperial Statute, 3d and 4th *Victoria*, chapter 78.

Of *W. Simpson* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Penetanguishine* and the parts adjacent, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system whereby religious instruction may be provided.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying for the removal of the Registry Office of the county of *Simcoe* to the town of *Barrie*.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that they may be empowered to levy a Tax upon Lands belonging to persons, non-residents, in the said district, and to the *Canada Company*.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that the aid asked for, to improve the Eastern branch of the *Holland River*, may not be granted, as the West branch is more favourable for navigation.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that measures may be adopted to obtain a reduction in the present rates of postage.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying for the passing of an Act to remove certain difficulties respecting the sale of Lands for arrears of taxes.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Simcoe*, praying that a certain allowance be made to the members of the Municipal Councils, to defray their expenses while in discharge of their duties as district Councillors.

Of *William Buell* and others, the Committee of the Mercantile and General Agricultural Improvement Society of the district of *Johnstown*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, 7th *William IV.*, chapter 23d, for the establishment and encouragement of Agricultural Societies.

Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

The Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, reported to the House, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to cause enquiry to be made, and to lay before this House, at the ensuing Session, the result thereof, as to the numbers of the Tribe of Indians, known as the "Mountaineers" (*Montagnais*), frequenting, during the Summer months, *Tadoussac* and other ports, on the *Saguenay*, and places thence down-

wards, along the North shore of the River and Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, commonly called the *King's Posts*, and other Seigniories actually in the occupation of the Honourable the *Hudson's Bay Company*; the resources on which they depend for subsistence; the means taken for their religious and moral instruction; whether they have decreased in numbers of late years? And if so, the amount of the decrease as nearly as it can be ascertained, for the last ten, or any other given number of years; the cause thereof, and especially whether it be owing to destitution, famine, disease, or the use of ardent spirits, or to the hardships incidental to the Indian hunter's life in those regions, ill-treatment or disregard of their wants by the whites domiciliated among them; upon whom they depend, and to whom they look for the supplies necessary to enable them to procure their subsistence? And, in particular, if they are, as other subjects of Her Majesty in *Canada*, free to avail themselves of their industry, and to trade upon the fruits thereof, with whomsoever of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province they please, or are restricted in their trade to the lessees of the said Posts? And if so, the legality of the restriction, and a specification of the Law under which it is enforced, and its influence on their moral and social condition; the general treatment they experience from the Whites monopolizing their industry and trade, and the probable results, beneficial or otherwise, to such Indians, if the restriction or monopoly were removed. And generally, all such information respecting the said Tribe of Mountaineers, or *Montagnais* Indians, as His Excellency, in his wisdom, shall deem proper to be procured; with a view to determine, if it be necessary, to take measures for their relief, or for their civilization, religious and moral instruction, or that may in any respect throw light on the history of the aforesaid Tribe of Indians, from the first settlement of *Canada*, to the present time, their character and habits.

Number of the tribe of Indians called "Mountaineers."

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

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of *Toronto* and *Kingston*, in *Canada*, in each diocese," be now taken into consideration.

Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said amendments into consideration, and the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 3 Line 20.—Leave out "except as hereinafter enacted."

" " " 31.—After "respectively," insert the following clauses marked A and B.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall affect or be construed to affect in any manner or way, the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any Body politic or corporate, such only excepted as are hereinafter mentioned and provided for."

Number of the tribe of Indians called "Mountaineers."

Roman Catholic Bishops of Toronto and Kingston.

CLAUSE B.

"And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed a public Act, and shall be judicially taken notice of as such, by all Judges, Justices of the Peace and other persons whatsoever, without being specially pleaded."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Prince do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. Cameron be added to the Special Committee, to which were referred the Public Accounts of 1843, laid before this House on Friday the 13th December, 1844, with an instruction and other references.

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Roblin.

Common School Houses, Upper Canada.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the expediency of empowering District Councils and other Municipal authorities in Upper Canada to provide for the erection, completion, repairing, and furnishing of Common School Houses in that part of this Province.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Meyers took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And Mr. Meyers reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Mr. Speaker having put the question,

Shall the report be received?

Mr. Gowan moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, that the report be received this day six months.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Chalmers, Colville, Dickson, Ermalinger, Gowan, Jessup, Johnston, Laurin, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Glengarry, Macdonell of Dundas, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Riddell, Sherwood of Brockville, Smith of Frontenac, Stewart of Prescott, Williams, and Woods.—(20.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Babin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Brooks, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Christie, Daly, Desautier, DeWitt, Dunlop, Hale, Hall, Jobin, Laroste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lalorriere, Leslie, Macdonell of Stormont, MacConnell, Morrill, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Attorney General Smith, Smith of Westworth, Thompson, and Webster.—(41.)

So it passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, requesting their Honours will permit the Honourable P. M. Gill,

Petition of J. M. Bean, of Lancaster.

one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee to which is referred the Petition of John M. Bean, of Lancaster, in the Eastern district, to-morrow at noon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Petition of J. M. Bean, of Lancaster.

Ordered, That Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to regulate the fees of Sheriffs and other officers, in that part of this Province called Upper Canada, being read,

Sheriffs' Fees, Upper Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hall took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Hall reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to quiet the title to Lands of persons naturalized under the Statute of Lower Canada, of the 1st William IV. chapter 53, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

Title to Lands, Lower Canada.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the 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 for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Insolvent Debtors, U. C.

Also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, 11th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council hath agreed to their amendments made to the amendment of this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to empower the District Councils of Municipal Districts and Boards of Police, of Incorporated towns in Upper Canada, to impose a Tax on dogs, within their respective districts and towns," without any amendment.

Dog Tax.

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 12th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council do give leave to the Honourable Peter M. Gill to attend the Select Committee to which is

Leave to attend Select Committee.

Leave to attend
Select Commit-
tee.

referred the Petition of *John McBean*, of *Lancaster*, in the *Eastern* district, to-morrow, at noon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk, Asst. Leg. Council.

And then he withdrew.

Testatum
Writs.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to allow the issuing of *Testatum Writs* of *Capias ad respondendum*, in the several districts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, that the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Duggan* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, that all the words after the word "Bill," in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted, "be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Duggan*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

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

Mr. *Dickson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Dickson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Lands in
Beverley.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to establish the boundaries of the Lots and Gores of Land, in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth concessions of the township of *Beverly*, in the county of *Halton*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Williams* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Williams* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Humber Har-
bour Company.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company, of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for granting Provincial Duties of Customs, being read, Duties of Customs.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Price* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 13^o die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

ACCORDING to Order, the Honourable Mr. *Attorney General Smith*, Member for *Missisquoi*, and *George Macdonell*, Esquire, Member for *Dundas*, who were absent yesterday from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, severally attended in their places in this House. Election, Third Riding, York.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Meyers*, that the Honourable Mr. *Attorney General Smith*, and *George Macdonell*, Esquire, having appeared in their places, and not having shewn to the House by facts stated, and verified upon oath, that they, or either of them, were, by sudden accident, or by necessity, prevented from attending the Select Committee, appointed to try the contested election for the Third Riding of *York*; they be forthwith ordered to be taken into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, attending this House, and shall not be discharged out of custody, without the special order of this House. Members taken in custody.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Attorney General Smith*, and *George Macdonell*, Esquires, be taken into the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House.

The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had, pursuant to their order, taken into his custody the Honourable Mr. *Attorney General Smith*, and *George Macdonell*, Esquire, Members of this House.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, then moved, seconded by Mr. *Meyers*, that the Honourable Mr. *Attorney General Smith*, and *George Macdonell*, Esquire, in custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms attending this

Members taken
in custody.

House, for neglecting to attend the Committee yesterday, be forthwith reprimanded by Mr. Speaker, and then discharged out of custody.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Brooks, Cameron, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Greive, Hall, Jessup, LaFontaine, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of FRONTENAC, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murray, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Watts, and Webster—(39.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Boutillier, Chabot, Drummond, John, Johnston, Lantier, Laterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENSHERRY, Merritt, Methot, Morin, Rousseau, Scott, Taché, and Williams—(18.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Members
reprimanded.

The said Members being called to the Bar, Mr. Speaker reprimanded them, according to the order of the House: they were then discharged from custody, and returned to their seats.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. Williams, the Petition of *W. H. Allen* and others, of the townships of *Hope* and *Clarke*, in the district of *Newcastle*, the Petition of *John Campbell*, of *Kingston*; the Petition of *John Fogarty* and others, labourers employed by *John Campbell*, late contractor on *Lake Ontario*, and *Rice Lake Road*; and the Petition of *H. H. Meredith* and others, creditors of *John Campbell*, late contractor on the *Rice Lake*, and *Lake Ontario Road*.

By Mr. Powell, the Petition of *Robert Benjamin* and others, of the district of *Talbot*.

By Mr. Smith, of *Frontenac*, the Petition of the venerable *George O'Kill Stuart, L. L. D.* and others, inhabitants and proprietors of *Lot No. 24*, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*.

By the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Petition of the Reverend *Charles C. Cotton* and others, members of the Church of *England* of the township of *Dunham*, Eastern townships.

By the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Petition of *Richard Shaw* and others, of *Cavan*, and other townships, in the districts of *Newcastle* and *Colborne*.

By Mr. *Cummings*, the Petition of *Robert Hobson*, Esquire, and others, of the township of *Thorold*, in the district of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Prince*, the Petition of *Henry Smith*, junior, Esquire, and others, of the *Home* and *Gore* districts.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *C. H. Castle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*.

Limits of
Bytown.

An engrossed Bill to define the limits of *Bytown*, and to establish a Board of Police therein, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to define the limits of the town of *Bytown*, to establish a Board of Police therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to allow the issuing of *Testatum* writs of *Capias ad respondendum* in the several districts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time. Testatum
Writs.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to establish the Boundaries of the Lots and Gores of Land, in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth concessions of the township of *Beverly*, in the county of *Halton*, was read for the third time. Lands in
Beverly.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "An Act to establish the Boundaries of Lots and Gores of Lands in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth concessions of the township of *Beverly*, in the county of *Halton*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *Robert Harrison* and others, electors of the Third Riding of *York*, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Edward Small*, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of *York*, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, at nine o'clock, but the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* not attending, they waited until ten o'clock, and then adjourned for ten minutes; at the expiration of which time they again met; but Mr. *Aylwin* being still absent they waited until ten minutes past eleven, and then adjourned until ten o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Contested Elec-
tion, Third
Riding, York.

Ordered, That the Honourable *Thomas Cushing Aylwin*, Member for the city of *Quebec*, do attend in his place in this House, to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *C. H. Castle* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that An Act may be passed to incorporate them under the name and style of "the *Montreal Building Society*," be now read, and that the Rule of this House of the twenty-eighth of June, 1841, be dispensed with as to the present Petition. Petition of C.
H. Castle and
others, read.

The said Petition was read accordingly.

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

Of the Reverend *William Arnold* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the mission of *Gaspé Bay*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, a portion of the Clergy Reserves corresponding with their share of the funds arising from the same.

Of *Andrew N. Buell*, of *Brockville*, Esquire, praying for the payment of his claims as a contractor on the *St. Lawrence Canal*.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Hull*, that the Petition of *Andrew N. Buell*, of *Brockville*, Esquire, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Seymour*, and Mr. *Jessup*, Petition of A.
N. Buell.

Petition of A. N. Buell. to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Dunlop, Lantier, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Riddell, and Sherwood, of BROCKVILLE.—(7.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Brooks, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Cummings, DeBleury, Desmarier, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Merrill, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Price, Prince, Robinson, Rousseau Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Small, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWS, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Thompson, Walls, Webster, and Williams.—(54.)

So it passed in the negative.

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 following Bills, without any amendment:—

Agriculture, Lower Canada. "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies therein."

"Christian Unitarians." "An Act to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated 'Christian Unitarians.'"

Claims for Rebellion. "An Act to provide for the payment of Claims arising out of the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*, and to appropriate the duties on Tavern Licences, to local purposes."

And also,

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad. The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Statement of the affairs of the *St. Lawrence Inland Marine Insurance Company*, for the year 1844.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix S.)

Report on the Petition of the Reverend T. O. Archambault. Mr. Colville, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Reverend *T. O. Archambault* and others, of the parishes of *St. Timothée* and *St. Clément*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix T. T.)

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Report on the Petition of A. Furniss. The Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Albert Furniss*, of *Montreal*, presented

to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Report on the Petition of A. Furniss.

"The Petitioner and another person, upon an arrangement with the Common Council of the city of *Toronto*, proceeded to erect, at a large outlay, Gas, and Water-works in the said city; and while the said works were in progress, a Bill passed the Legislature of this Province, incorporating the Petitioner and his associate into a Company, to be called 'The City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company.' In this Bill it is provided, that the said Company shall construct a certain number of water plugs, for the supply of water for the said city, free of charge.

"This provision in the said Bill is at variance with the original understanding upon which the Petitioner and his associate undertook the said Works; and as the Petitioner asks for such an amendment in the Charter, as will place him upon the footing originally intended; your Committee beg leave to recommend the prayer of the said Petitioner, in this respect, to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House.

"The Petitioner also asks for a further amendment of the said Charter, as will restrict to the Corporation alone, the right to sue for such penalties as the said Company may incur under the provisions of the said Act, for not finishing any work undertaken by them in the said city, and replacing the streets, squares, and public places in as good a condition as they were in before the commencement of the same.

"Your Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of a Bill, embracing the foregoing amendments, to which the Corporation of the said city of *Toronto* have given their assent."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill, to amend the Act of incorporation of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company. 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 to-morrow.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and another reference, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and also reported, that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, without making any amendment thereto:—

Toronto Gas Light and Water Company.

Harris' Divorce.

"Your Committee have examined the allegations of the Bill, as to the marriage of the parties, the adultery charged as the ground for the dissolution of the marriage, and the verdict at Law; and upon evidence, satisfactory to your Committee, they found the same, and the other allegations, to be true; and they see no reason to suspect collusion between the parties; and they have gone through the Bill, and beg leave to report the same without amendment."

Ordered, That the said Report do lie upon the table.

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *J. G. Tourangeau* and others, inhabitants of the city of *Quebec* and its vicinity, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table. G. G. Tourangeau and others.

(For the said Report, see Appendix U. U.)

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the said Report, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. Johnston,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, the Reports of Mr. Atherton, C. E., and Captain Bozer, R. N., on the channels in Lake St. Peter.

Channels, Lake St. Peter.

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

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper,

Insolvent Debtors.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors, in Upper Canada; and for other purposes therein mentioned," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendment was read, and is as followeth:—

Press 17, Line 39.—After "Parliament," insert the following clause:—

"And be it enacted, that this Act shall be, and continue in force for two years from the passing thereof, and from thence to the end of the next ensuing Session of Parliament, and no longer."

And the said amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendment.

Montreal Building Society

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Maffatt have leave to bring in a Bill for the Incorporation of certain individuals under the name and style of the Montreal Building 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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Small, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Aylwin,

Lunatic Asylum.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before this House, with as little delay as possible, a detailed Statement of the several amounts paid into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, by the Treasurers of the several districts of the late Province of Upper Canada, for the establishment and support of a Lunatic Asylum, during the years 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, and 1845, showing the amount received from each district, respectively, during the above periods.

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

Mr. Stewart, of Bytown, moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, of Frontenac, that the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature; and to repeal the Act 7th Victoria, chapter 25, as reported by the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of John P. Waterson and others, licensed Deal Cullers, of the city of Quebec, be the first Order of this Day; and that the Rules of this House be dispensed with, in so far as they apply to this case.

Culling and Measurement of Timber.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued,

YEAS,27

NAYS,24

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Small have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force, for the preservation of Salmon in that part of this Province formerly Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Salmon preservation, 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. Christie, seconded by Mr. Chabot,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to take into consideration, in case of the discontinuance of the Mail communication between Quebec and Pictou, on the route to Halifax, by means of Her Majesty's hired Steam packet Unicorn; the expediency of legislative provision to encourage, during a limited time, a communication by Steam packet between those ports, stopping at such intermediate places as may be deemed advisable.

Steam Packet Unicorn.

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

Mr. Meyers, from the Committee of the whole House for the purpose of considering the expediency of empowering the District Councils and other Municipal authorities in Upper Canada, to provide for the erection, completion, repairing and furnishing Common School Houses in that part of this Province, reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Common School Houses, Upper Canada.

Resolved, That it is expedient to empower District Councils and other Municipal authorities in Upper Canada, to provide for the erection, completion, repairing and furnishing of Common School Houses in that part of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Powell have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the erection of Common School Houses 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; and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Fees of Sheriffs

Mr. Hall, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to regulate the fees of Sheriffs and other officers, in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Duties of Customs.

Mr. Price, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for granting Provincial Duties of Customs, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the said amendments.

And the first and second of the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

The third of the said amendments being again read, and the question being put thereon, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

The fourth of the said amendments being again read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Culling and Measurement of Timber.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chapter 25, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Public Lands.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Special Committee, to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located Lands prior to the 4th April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, and other references, be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Public Accounts.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to prescribe the manner in which Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature, as reported by the Special Committee to which were referred the Public Accounts of 1843, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Macdonell, of *Stormont*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Macdonell reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill, to detach the island of *Orleans* from the county of *Montmorenci*, for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said island, being read, Island of Orleans, Registry.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Lantier took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Lantier reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

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 any amendment.

"An Act to repeal a certain provision of the Act, incorporating the town of *Kingston*, and to provide for the assessment and collection of the district taxes in the said town, by an assessor and collector, to be appointed by the district Council." Kingston Incorporation.

"An Act to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company*." Upper Canada Loan and Trust Company.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, being read, Humber Harbour Company.

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 provide for the distribution of the printed copies of the Laws, being read, Printed Copies of the Laws.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Riddell took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Riddell reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over certain Bridges erected across the *Grand River*, in *Upper Canada*, being read, Riding over Bridges, Upper Canada.

Riding over
Bridges, Up-
per Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Seymour* took the chair of the 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 had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Winter Roads.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province, heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspe*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec* to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the South side of the River *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers* inclusively, on the North side, and other references, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next.

Notaries.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal part of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, and to enable Notaries to act as Clerks of Circuit and Commissioners' Courts, in *Lower Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Hall* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hall* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto: which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Taxes in
Gloucester.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, in the township of *Gloucester*, for the year 1844, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

Taxes in the
District of
Johnstown.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the collection of Arrears of Taxes, in the district of *Johnstown*, and for other purposes, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, took the Chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Registration,
Lower Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the registration of titles to,

and incumbrances upon, real Property, in *Lower Canada*, being read, Registration,
Lower Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill still further to facilitate the registration of titles to real Property, or incumbrances thereon, in *Lower Canada*.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*, being read, North American
Colonial
Association of
Ireland.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boullillier, Brooks, Cameron, Chalmers, Colville, Daly, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Dunlop, Foster, Gowen, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Moffatt, Papineau, Riddell, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Walls, and Webster—(30.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chauveau, Desautour, De Witt, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrriere, Leslie, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Poirell, Rousseau, Scott, Small, Smith of WESTWORTH, and Taché—(22.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Honourable Mr. *Small* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *Small* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for better enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, for the regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the rights of the Lessees of Ferries, being read, Regulation of
Ferries, Upper
Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Cameron* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cameron* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to reduce, in accordance with the circumstances of the Province, certain Salaries not on the Civil List thereof, and to fund fees of office, allowing the Incumbents fixed salaries in lieu, being read, Reduction of
Salaries.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Hall took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Taché moved, seconded by Mr. Boutillier, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Macdonell of STONMONT, Méthot, Powell, Price, Small, Smith of FRONTENAC, Taché, and Thompson—(22.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Colville, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of DUNDAS, MacConnell, Moffatt, Papineau, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Watts, Webster, and Woods—(25.)

So it passed in the negative.

Highways and Bridges, Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider whether it is expedient to repeal and amend several Laws now in force relating to Highways and Bridges, in that part of this Province, heretofore called Lower Canada, and to substitute other provisions on the same subject, which may be more effectually carried into operation by means of local or municipal authorities, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Pilots.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for piloting vessels through all the channels of the River St. Lawrence, below Quebec, being read,

Mr. Laterrière moved, seconded by Mr. Lantier, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Chauveau moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Bertrand, that the word "now," in the said motion be struck out, and the words, "this day six months," be substituted.

The question having been put upon the said motion a division ensued, and the names, being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAR.

Bertrand, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Ermatinger, Greive, Jobin, Méthot, Moffatt, Robinson, and Taché—(14.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Berthelot, Boutillier, Daly, Attorney General Draper, Dunlop, Foster, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of DUNDAS, MacConnell, Powell, Roblin, Attorney General Smith, Thompson, and Watts—(18.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and to follow the Orders already fixed for the first Orders of that Day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 11^o die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

ACCORDING to Order, the Honourable Thomas Cushing Aylwin, Member for the city of Quebec, who was absent yesterday from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, electors of the Third Riding of York, complaining of the undue Election and return of James Edward Small, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of York, attended in his place in this House.

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin rose in his place, and stated his reasons for not being present at the meetings of the said Committee, and verified the same upon oath.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, seconded by Mr. Seymour,

Resolved, That the Honourable Mr. Aylwin having stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the Select Committee, for the trial of the contested Election for the Third Riding of the county of York, and having verified the same upon oath, he be excused for such non-attendance.

Mr. Taché, chairman of the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, electors of the Third Riding of York, complaining of the undue election and return of James Edward Small, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of York, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Committee Room, 14th March, 1845.

The Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of Robert Harrison and others, complaining of the undue election and return of the Honourable James Edward Small, Esquire, to represent the Third Riding of the county of York, have the honour to report their final decision thereon, as embodied in the following resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That James Edward Small, Esquire, the sitting Member, was not duly elected for the Third Riding of the county of York.
2. Resolved, That James Edward Small, Esquire, was not duly elected; that George Monroe, Esquire, was duly elected, and ought to have been returned; and that neither the Petition nor the opposition to it, were frivolous or vexatious.

E. P. TACHÉ,

Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, seconded by Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, with the last Return for the Third Riding of the county of York, and do amend the same by raising out the name of James Edward Small, Esquire, and inserting the name of George Monroe, Esquire.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to order, and amended the said Return for the Third Riding of the county of York.

Mr. Meyers moved, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, that two hundred copies of the evidence taken, and resolutions passed by the Select Committee, appointed to try the contested election for the Third

Election, Third Riding York. Riding of the county of *Fork*, and of the final Report of the said Committee, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Duggan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, that the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Bouillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermulinger, Foster, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Luterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Mithol, Moffatt, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Scott, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Taché, Thompson, and Webster—(50.)

NAYS.

Brooks, Chalmers, Colvile, Gowan, Greive, Hall, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Meyers, Petrie, and Solicitor General Sherwood—(11.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Colvile*, the Petition of *Daniel M'Gregor* and others.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, (relating to *King's College*.)

By Mr. *Drummond*, the Petition of *John Donegan*, of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Gowan*, the Petition of *George Crawford*, Vice-President of the Agricultural Society of the district of *Johnstown*; and the Petition of *John Miller* and others, of the township of *Edwardsburgh*, in the district of *Johnstown*.

Duties of Customs.

An engrossed Bill for granting Provincial Duties of Customs, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Printed Copies of Laws.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the distribution of the printed copies of the Laws, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Daly* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Notaries.

An engrossed Bill to repeal part of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, and to enable Notaries to act as Clerks of Circuit and Commissioners' Courts in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Colvile* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Taxes in Gloucester.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the assessment and collection of taxes in the township of *Gloucester*, for the year 1844, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be Taxes in Gloucester. "An Act to authorize the assessment and collection of taxes in the township of *Gloucester*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of *Smithson Waller* and others, members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in the townships of *Dereham and Norwich*, in the district of *Brock*, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some system whereby religious education may be provided.

Of *Murdoch M'Donell*, and others, of the district of *Ballhurst*, praying for a grant to complete a main road from *Kingston* to the *Ottawa*.

Of *P. B. Dumoulin*, Esquire, of *Three Rivers*, praying that the sum of ninety pounds may be paid to him for three year's rent of a building occupied by the Commissioners of the House of Correction in the said town.

Of *Francois Boucher*, Esquire, and others, the President and Trustees of the Common of *Mashinongé*, and others interested therein, of the parish of *St. Joseph de Mashinongé*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, praying for amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Of *Julien Hion*, Apprentice Pilot, for the River *St. Lawrence*, residing in the parish of *L'Isle Verte*, praying that the Board of Examiners may be allowed to admit him as a Pilot, although he may not be capable of reading and writing English, or may not possess a knowledge of arithmetic in that language.

Of *D. Girard* and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*, praying that the Bill introduced by the Member for *Saguenay*, to oblige Pilots to qualify themselves to pilot vessels through the North Channel of the said River *St. Lawrence*, and for other purposes, be not passed.

Resolved, That the Petition of *François Boucher*, Esquire, and others, the President and Trustees of the Common of *Mashinongé*, and others interested therein, of the parish of *St. Joseph de Mashinongé*, in the county of *St. Maurice*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Desautier*, Mr. *Jobin*, the Honourable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Bertrand*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, 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 *Laurent Tremblay*, and others, Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*, in and below the harbour of *Quebec*, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for piloting vessels through all the channels of the River *St. Lawrence*, below *Quebec*.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *Valières de St. Réal*, Chief Justice of *Montreal*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix V. V.)

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Thomas W. Lloyd* and others, Merchants, Traders, and Citizens of *Quebec*, with power to report by Bill

or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to regulate the trade of Stevidore, at the port of *Quebec*; which 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 Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery.

MR. SPEAKER.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure the right of property in British Plantation Vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act for registering of British Vessels,' and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such vessels," without any amendment.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly:—

"An Act to amend an Act, passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* IV., intituled, "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company."

"An Act to authorize *John Fule*, the younger, to build a toll-bridge over the river *Richelieu*, in the parish of *St. Joseph de Chambly*, to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *James Perchard*, *Abraham Coffin*, and others, of *Gaspé* Bay, engaged in the Whale, Cod, and other Fisheries, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, presented to the House, the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee having read the Petition of *James Perchard* and others, of *Gaspé*, setting forth certain grievances they sustain, in relation to the business of Whaling, and the Fisheries they carry on in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, from persons in possession of the *King's* Posts, requested of the chairman, such information as from his local knowledge of *Gaspé*, and parts on the North shore of the River and Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, in the neighbourhood of the county he represents, he might possess, in reference to the matters complained of. But they were informed by him, that not being of his own knowledge aware of those matters, and that owing to the impossibility by reason of the great distance at which the Petitioners reside from the Seat of the Legislature, and of the winter season, of procuring the necessary information, he could only suggest the propriety of referring the whole subject to the consideration of the Government, which, if on inquiry, it should find the grievances to be founded in fact, would no doubt take the necessary measures for their redress.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend an humble Address to His Excellency, the Governor General on the subject, praying His Excellency's attention to the same, as represented by the Petitioners, and that He will graciously be pleased to afford such protection and assurance to the Petitioners for the free use and enjoyment of the Islands, Harbours, and Havens on the North shore of the River and Gulf of

St. Lawrence, as in the lawful pursuit of their occupation of whalers and fishermen, they are entitled to, as British subjects.

On motion of Mr. *Hale*, seconded by Mr. *McConnell*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company," be now taken into consideration.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said amendments into consideration,

And the said amendments were read and are as followeth:—

Press 14, Line 42.—Leave out the words "by them or."

" 17, " 20.—After "said" leave out "Company of Proprietors" and insert "Board of Directors."

" 17, " 23.—After "said" leave out "Company of Proprietors" and insert "Board of Directors."

" 22, " 23.—After "at the" leave out "said."

" 22, " 28.—After "Bridge" insert "unless with the consent of the Proprietor thereof."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hale* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the town of *Niagara*, and to establish a Police therein," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, Line 42.—After "limits," insert "and also an Act, passed in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *George* the Third, intituled, 'An Act to establish a market in the Town of *Niagara*, in the *Niagara* District.'

" 2, " 2.—Leave out "an," and insert "another."

" 2, " 2.—After "the," insert "said."

" 2, " 11.—After "Lady," insert "Queen."

" 2, " 30 and 31.—Leave out "for the uses of the said town," and insert "either for their own use, or in trust for other purposes, and for giving and receiving any Bills, Bonds, Covenants, Judgments, Statutes, Recognizances, or other instruments or securities, of what nature or kind soever, for the payment, or securing the payment, of any money borrowed, or lent, or for the perform-

British Plantation vessels.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

Richelieu Bridge.

Report on the Petition of J. Perchard and others.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company.

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ance of, or securing the performance of any other duty, matter or thing whatsoever."

Press 3, Line 4.—After "street," insert "called King Street."

" 3, " 19.—After "Town," insert "of the full age of twenty-one years."

" 3, " 21.—After "of," insert "not less than."

" 3, " 23.—Leave out "not less than twenty-one," and insert "of."

" 3, " 28.—After "pounds," insert "or upwards."

" 3, " 39.—After "Majesty," insert "Her Heirs and Successors."

" 3, " 44.—After "on the," insert "last."

" 3, " 46.—After "contained," insert "Provided always that a portion of a house in which any inhabitant shall reside, as a householder, and not as a boarder, or lodger, and having a distinct communication with the street by an outer door, shall be considered a dwelling house within the meaning of this section of this Act."

" 4, " 16.—After "election," insert "by leaving at the usual place of abode of such person or persons a notice in writing to that effect."

" 5, " 28.—After "Province," insert "and have full power to revise, alter, amend, administer, and enforce the same."

" 7, " 24.—After "erected," insert "or that may hereafter be laid out or erected."

" 8, " 5.—Leave out from "stills" to "sale," in the 6th line, both inclusively.

" 8, " 20.—After "license," insert "(except Tavern licenses.)"

" 9, " 12.—After "fit," insert "to regulate the management and provide for the security of the public property of the said town."

" 9, " 29.—Leave out "four," and insert "three."

" 9, " 47.—After "thereto," insert the following clause marked A:—

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted, that a majority of the said Board of Police shall be a Board for the despatch of business: Provided always that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time, and are hereby authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties, as may be provided by any Act of said Board."

Press 15, Line 26.—Leave out, "seventy," and insert "twenty."

" 18, " 34.—After "District," insert the following clause marked B:—

CLAUSE B.

" And be it enacted, that notwithstanding the privileges that may be conferred by this Act, the Legislature may at any time hereafter in their discretion make such additions to this Act, or such alteration of any of its provisions as they may think proper."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Dickson do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. Dickson, seconded by Mr. Webster,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as 'the Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company,' for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from a certain place in Niagara, to the Ten Mile Creek, in Grantham," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 2, Line 14.—After "Niagara," insert "any thing herein contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding."

" 2, " 33.—Leave out all the words after "same," to the word "company," inclusively, in the eleventh line of the third press, and insert the following clauses, marked A, B, C, and D.

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted, that if, after eight days notice in writing given to the party so disagreeing as to the value aforesaid, such party shall not nominate or appoint an arbitrator or arbitrators, as aforesaid on his part, then and in such case the Judge of the District Court of the said district of Niagara, shall and may nominate and appoint one or more arbitrator or arbitrators on their behalf, with the same powers and authority, as if appointed by the party or parties so refusing or neglecting to appoint an arbitrator or arbitrators in his or their behalf, and shall meet and ballot for the additional arbitrator, or umpire."

CLAUSE B.

" And be it enacted, that the arbitrators so appointed, shall fix a convenient day for hearing the respective parties, and shall give eight days notice at least, of the day and place, and having heard the parties, or otherwise examined into the merits of the matters so brought before them, the said arbitrators, or a majority of them, shall make their award or arbitrament thereupon in writing, which award or arbitrament shall be final as to the value so in dispute as aforesaid."

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Niagara and TenMileCreek Plank Road Company.

CLAUSE C.

“ And be it enacted, that if the party so disagreeing, refuse to accept the value of land or damage so ascertained by the arbitrators, as aforesaid, till the end of the second term in Her Majesty’s Court of Queen’s Bench, in that part of this Province formerly Upper Canada, next after making of the award and tender of the value thereby ascertained, then and in such case the Directors for the time being shall be at liberty, and shall have full power to occupy the piece of land so valued by the said arbitrators in the same manner as other portions of the said road.”

CLAUSE D.

“ And be it enacted, that in any action of ejection, or other action, real, personal, or mixed, for, or on account of such occupation by the said Company, their servants or agents, or other person or persons using the said road, the said award shall, and may be pleaded in bar of such action at any time after the said two terms in the said Court of Queen’s Bench, notwithstanding any defect in form or substance in the said award: Provided always, that it shall, and may be lawful to and for the party or parties interested in the land mentioned in the award, or their agent, by counsel at any time within the two terms as aforesaid, after the same hath been made, and the amount of the value awarded, tendered, to move the said Court of Queen’s Bench, to set aside such award for corruption or any other matter or thing, for which awards are now subject to be impugned by law: Provided also, that if the first award be so set aside by the Court of Queen’s Bench, the matter in difference may again be submitted to other arbitrators, and so on till a satisfactory award be made between the parties.”

Press 4, Line 21.—After the word “ Houses,” insert “ Toll-Gates.”

- “ 4, “ 25.—Leave out “ other.”
- “ 5, “ 2.—Leave out “ of the.”
- “ 5, “ 24.—After “ person,” insert “ or going to, or returning from Divine Service on the Lord’s Day.”
- “ 7, “ 33.—After “ election,” insert “ or until such time thereafter as other Directors are appointed.”
- “ 7, “ 35 and 36.—Leave out “ not exceed,” and insert “ be.”
- “ 7, “ 38.—After “ stock,” insert “ shall be composed of nine hundred and sixty shares of the value of six pounds, five shillings Currency each, and”
- “ 7, “ 39.—Leave out “ transferred,” and insert “ transferable.”
- “ 8, “ 11.—After “ paid in,” insert the following clause marked E.

CLAUSE E.

Niagara and TenMileCreek Plank Road Company.

“ And be it enacted, that of the persons as aforesaid, nominated and balloted for in manner aforesaid, those seven shall be deemed elected who shall have the greater number of votes, according to the shares held by the voters respectively, as herein before prescribed at each and every such election of Directors, and that at every such election in every year, as aforesaid; after the ballot shall have been kept open from eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to two of the clock in the afternoon, the seven persons having the majority of votes in manner aforesaid, shall, so soon after, as convenient, on the same day, be declared the Directors chosen for the ensuing year, by any two or more Scrutineers, who shall have been previously nominated by the stockholders, for the purpose of nomination, and report of such ballot: Provided, nevertheless, that the Stockholders present at the place of ballot shall, in the nomination of Scrutineers, vote per capita, and not by shares.”

Press 8, Line 33.—After “ request,” insert the following clauses marked F, G, H, and I.

CLAUSE F.

“ And be it enacted, that whenever the said tolls shall, in the annual receipts, exceed in amount a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of maintaining and repairing the said road, and to afford an annual income to the said Company of ten per cent profit on the capital actually expended in the construction of the said road, from the commencement of its being travelled as aforesaid; then, and in such case, the increasing surplus revenue of the said tolls shall be charged against the said Company, as so much received by them in the nature of a sinking fund, by means whereof to purchase from the said Company the entire estate, use and property of the said road, to, and for the use of the public, in such manner and form as the Legislature of this Province, may by Legislative enactment hereafter provide.”

CLAUSE G.

“ And be it enacted, that the Legislature of this Province, may at any time whatever, purchase the entire estate, property and use of the said road from the said Company, paying to the said Company the Capital so as aforesaid actually expended, together with fifteen per cent advance thereupon, to the credit of which payment, all revenue exceeding ten per cent upon the bona fide expenditure, and over and above the expense of maintaining and repairing the said road, shall be charged and taken, and it is also hereby provided and declared, that if any deficiencies of the said ten per cent annual

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Plank Road
Company.

profit should occur at any time, such deficiencies shall also be chargeable against the increasing revenue of the subsequent years, so that the Company may fairly and actually receive ten per cent profit on their said *bona fide* expenditure for the whole time they shall enjoy the estate, rights, and privileges, acquired under the authority of this Act, any thing herein contained, to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding."

CLAUSE II.

"And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the said Corporation, and of the person entrusted with the chief gestion of its affairs, to lay annually before the three branches of the Legislature of this Province, in the course of the first fifteen days after the opening of the Session, a general statement, upon the oath of the President or Vice President of the said Company, before any Justice of Peace, of the affairs of the said Company, showing as well the amount of its liabilities, as the assets or means of meeting the same, and such President or Vice President being charged before any competent Court, of false swearing in the matter of such statement, shall be tried, and if found guilty, be punished in like manner, as if he had been charged and convicted of the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury."

CLAUSE I.

"And be it enacted, that notwithstanding the privileges that may be conferred by this Act, the Legislature may at any time hereafter, in their discretion, make such addition to this Act, or such alteration of any of its provisions as they may think proper, for affording just protection to the public, or to any person or persons, body corporate or politic, in respect to their estate, property, or rights, or any interest therein, or any advantage, privilege, or convenience connected therewith, or in respect to any way, or right of way, public or private, that may be affected by any of the powers given to this Corporation."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Jessup*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Assessment Laws of that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*, in so far as they relate to the town of *Brockville*; and also so much of the Act of *Upper Canada* aforesaid, 2 *William IV.* chapter 17, as relates to the collection of the rates and assessments in the said town.

Assessment
Laws, Upper
Canada,
(*Brockville*.)

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Assessment
Laws, Upper
Canada.

Mr. *Dickson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Dickson* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*, be postponed until Monday next, and that it be then the third Order of the Day. Agricultural
Societies, Up-
per Canada.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, all the reports or letters made or written by the late Commissioner of the Revenue on the case and conduct of *William Moore Kelly*, late Collector of Customs; together with any statements, evidence, or facts, set forth by the said Mr. *Kelly*; and any replications, reports, or evidence by the Commissioner; and any reports made by the late Inspector General, the Deputy Inspector General, or the Executive Council, up to this date, upon this case. W. M. Kelly.

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

On motion of Mr. *Colville*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause an enquiry to be made into the claims of the inhabitants of the village of *Mille Roches*, in the township of *Cornwall*, *Eastern* district; and that copies of the Petitions of *Georgé Robinson* and others, of the said village of *Mille Roches*; *Robert Froste*, of the city of *Montreal*, and *Jacob Brown* and others, of the township of *Osna-bruck*, accompanying the said Address. Claims of the
inhabitants of
Mille Roches.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Meyers* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Act of Incorporation of the town of *Cobourg*. Cobourg In-
corporation.

He accordingly presented the said 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 Honourable Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to correct and amend an Act, passed in the 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 28, intituled, "An Act to appropriate certain Sums of Money for Public Improvements in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Public Im-
provements.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Montreal Incorporation.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions of the "Ordinance to incorporate the city and town of *Montreal*," and of a certain Ordinance, amending that Ordinance; and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation created by the said first mentioned Ordinance.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,

Custom House Bonds.

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, a Return of the Custom House Bonds, received at the port of *Montreal*, during the years 1842, 1843, and 1844; how many of such Bonds have been paid, how many remain unpaid; upon how many judgments have been obtained, and what proceedings have been taken to enforce such judgments.

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

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, 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:—

METCALFE.

Revenue and Expenditure.

The Governor General transmits to the House of Assembly, a Statement of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, during the year 1845; together with an estimate of the sums required for the service of the same year; and in conformity with the provisions of the 57th clause of the Union Act, he recommends these estimates to the House of Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Montreal, 14th March, 1845.

(For the said Estimates, see Appendix Q. Q.)

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

J. Donegani, Esquire, to be heard by Counsel.

Resolved, That it is expedient to allow *John Donegani*, of the city of *Montreal*, Esquire, to be heard by Counsel, at the Bar of this House, against the provisions of the Bill now before the consideration of the House, intituled "An Act to quiet the title to lands of persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, of the 1st *William IV.*, chapter 53; and for other purposes therein mentioned," and that for that purpose the Order of the Day for the second reading of the said Bill be postponed until Wednesday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*, that when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Monday next, at ten o'clock, in the forenoon.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*,

That the word "Monday," in the said motion be struck out, and the word "Wednesday," substituted.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Mr. *Lantier*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to detach the island of *Orleans* from the county of *Montmorenci*, for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said island, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Island of Orleans.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Seymour*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over certain Bridges erected across the *Grand River*, in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Driving fast over bridges.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the collection of Arrears of Taxes in the district of *Johnstown*, and for other purposes, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Arrears of Taxes, Johnstown District.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Cameron*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, for the Regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the Rights of the Lessees of Ferries, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Regulation of Ferries, Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*, being read,

North American Colonial Association.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Jessup* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Jessup* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Resolved, That the Select Committee, appointed to try the Petition of *William Notman*, of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* district, complaining of the undue election and return of *Edward Ermtinger*, Esquire, to represent the county of *Middlesex*, in this present Parliament, have leave to adjourn until the first Monday in May next.

Middlesex county tested Election.

Board of Works

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to establish a Board of Works in this Province," being read.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Monday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Montreal Harbour.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*; to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose; to consolidate the Laws now in force relating to the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Tuesday next.

Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hale* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hale* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, in the afternoon sitting.

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that they be the first of the Orders of the Day after those fixed specially.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Lantier*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 17° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Taché*, the Petition of Messieurs *G. B. Asselin* and Company, and others, Tinsmiths, of the city of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Riddell*, the Petition of the Reverend *William Bettridge, B. D.*, and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Woodstock*, in *Canada*, (relating to *King's College*.)

By Mr. *Williams*, the Petition of *John Steele* and *William Kingston*, on behalf of a public meeting of the town and township, Superintendents, and Trustees, of Common Schools in the district of *Newcastle*.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Honourable *J. B. Robinson*, Chief Justice of *Upper Canada*, and others, of *Toronto*, visitors of *King's College*.

By Mr. *Christie*, the Petition of *William Baker*, and others, of *Gaspé Bay*.

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Petition of *G. H. Ryland*, Esquire, Registrar of *Quebec*.

An engrossed Bill, to detach the Island of *Orleans* from the county of *Montmorenci*, for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said island, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to detach the Island of *Orleans* from the county of *Montmorenci*, for the purposes of the Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said island."

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill for better enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, for the regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the rights of the Lessees of Ferries, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jessup* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the Fees of Sheriffs and other officers, in that part of this Province, called *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Jessup*,

Ordered, That the following amendment be made to the Bill:—insert the words "and for other district purposes," between the word "Justice," in the fifteenth, and the word "by," in the sixteenth lines of the first press.

The Bill was then amended at the table.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to regulate the Fees of certain District Officers, in that part of this Province, called *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over certain Bridges erected across the *Grand River*, in *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over Bridges of more than a certain length, in *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, to provide for the Collection of Arrears of Taxes in the district of *Johnstown*, and for other purposes, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gowan* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, that the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to dissolve the marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be now read for the third time.

Harris' Divorce.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the word "now" in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day six months" be substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chabot, DeWitt, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Méthot, Morin, Papineau, Roblin, Rousseau, and Taché—(19.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Leslie, Macdonald of GLEN-GARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(35.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Leslie, Macdonald of GLEN-GARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(35.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chabot, DeWitt, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Méthot, Morin, Papineau, Roblin, Rousseau, and Taché—(19.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

The said Bill was then read for the third time.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, that the Bill do pass.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding division.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath passed the same without any amendment.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, to return to their Honours the Minutes of Evidence taken before that Honourable House, on the Bill, intitled, "An Act to dissolve the Marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Lock Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned," as requested by their Message of the fourth of March instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

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

Of *W. H. Allen* and others, of the townships of *Hope* and *Clarke*, in the district of *Newcastle*, praying that no assignment of the Clergy Reserve Lands may be made, but that they be sold in the usual manner.

Of *John Campbell*, of *Kingston*, praying an additional allowance for work performed by him as Contractor for the Plank Road from *Port Hope* to *Rice Lake*, the said allowance to be paid to the benefit of his creditors, under the superintendence of Trustees.

Of *John Fogarty* and others, labourers employed by *John Campbell*, late Contractor on *Lake Ontario* and *Rice Lake Road*, praying for the liquidation of their claims for labour performed by them for the said *John Campbell*, in the accomplishment of the said work.

Of *H. H. Meredith* and others, creditors of *John Campbell*, late Contractor on the *Rice Lake* and *Lake Ontario Road*, praying for the liquidation of their claims as creditors of the said *John Campbell*, in the prosecution of the said work.

Of *Robert Benjamin* and others, of the district of *Talbot*, praying for an increase of the duty on Leather manufactures, imported into this Province from the *United States*.

Of the Venerable *George O'Kill Stewart*, L.L.D., and others, inhabitants and proprietors of Lot No. 24, in the 1st concession of the township of *Kingston*, praying that they may not be included within the limits of the Corporation of the town of *Kingston*.

Of the Reverend *Charles C. Cotton* and others, members of the Church of *England*, of the township of *Dunham*, *Eastern townships*, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society, of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, a portion of the Clergy Reserves, corresponding with their share of the income arising from the same.

Of *Robert Hobson*, Esquire, and others, of the township of *Thorold*, in the district of *Niagara*, praying that means may be taken to introduce a uniform course of study and school books into the Common Schools of that part of this Province known as *Canada West*.

Of *Henry Smith*, junior, Esquire, and others, of the *Home* and *Gore* districts, praying that the duty on Leather manufactures may be increased, and that raw hides may be admitted into the Province from the *United States*, free of duty.

Of the Church Society of the diocese of *Toronto*, praying that no measure affecting the University of *King's College* may be entertained by the House, at this late period of the Session.

Of *John Donegan*, of the city of *Montreal*, praying to be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House, in the matter of a Bill now under its consideration, relating to the title to lands of persons naturalized under a certain Act by which his rights are affected.

Of *George Crawford*, Vice-President of the Agricultural Society of the district of *Johnstown*, praying that the Act establishing Agricultural Societies in *Upper Canada*, may be amended, by increasing the annual grant to the said societies to three hundred pounds.

Of *John Miller*, and others, of the township of *Edwardsburgh*, in the district of *Johnstown*, praying for relief in the matter of a new survey of the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth concessions of the said township.

Public Accounts.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Special Committee to which were referred the Public Accounts for 1843, laid before this House, on Friday, the thirteenth of December last, and other references, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the third Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix M. M.)

Ordered, That the said Report be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Municipal authorities, Lower Canada.

The Honourable Mr. *Papineau*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred, the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of local or municipal authorities in *Lower Canada*, with an instruction, and other references, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company,'" be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, Line 26.—After "planked" insert "macadamized."

" 1 " 29.—After "planked," insert "macadamized."

" 1 " 32.—After "Act," insert the following clauses, marked A, B, and C:—

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted, that all the provisions of the said hereinbefore recited Act, shall apply to, and be in full force as regards any planked, macadamized, or blocked road, hereby authorized to be constructed, or to any Railroad, which the said Company may, in their discretion construct."

CLAUSE B.

" And be it enacted, that notwithstanding any thing in the said Act contained, the capital stock in the said Company shall not exceed in value five hundred thousand pounds, divided into shares of five pounds each; and it shall, and may be lawful for the said Company to sue for, and recover the amount of any share or

shares subscribed by any person or persons in the capital stock thereof, in any Court having competent jurisdiction."

City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.

CLAUSE C.

" And be it enacted, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the Legislature of this Province from incorporating any other Joint Stock Company or Companies at any time hereafter, from any point on *Lake Ontario*, to any point on *Lake Huron*, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding."

Preamble, Line 7.—After the word "planked," insert "macadamized."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Er-matinger*,

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honourable *J. B. Robinson*, Chief Justice of *Upper Canada*, and others, of *Toronto*, visitors of *King's College*, praying that no alteration may be made in the present Charter of *King's College*, laid on the table of this House, this day, be now read, and that the rule of this House of the 28th June, 1841, be dispensed with, as to the present Petition.

Visitors of King's College, Toronto.

The said Petition was read accordingly.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Hale*, seconded by Mr. *McConnell*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, "intituled, 'An Act to authorize *John Yule*, the younger, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same,'" be now taken into consideration.

Toll-Bridge over the River Richelieu.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 4, Line 6.—After "to," leave out all the words to "established," in the 7th line inclusively, and insert "a point situated four hundred yards below the inferior extremity of the *Grande Isle de St. Therese*."

" 4, " 12.—After "persons," leave out all the words to "otherwise," in the fifteenth line inclusively.

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hale* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours, that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Duggan,

Ordered, That the Council of King's College at York, near Toronto, in that part of this Province, formerly called Upper Canada, be, in pursuance of their Petition, heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House against the several Bills introduced, intituled, "An Act for erecting a University, by the name and style of the University of Upper Canada;" "An Act to vest the endowment granted by the Crown for University Education in Upper Canada, in the University of Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" and "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to alter and amend the Charter of the University of King's College," upon the second readings of the said Bills.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn from one o'clock to four o'clock, P. M. this day.

Mr. Watts, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of David Duncombe, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of Norfolk, and others, his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of Israel Wood Powell, Esquire; reported to the House, that the Committee met this morning at nine o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and Mr. Dunlop, the chairman of the Committee, not attending, they continued sitting for one hour, and then adjourned until to-morrow, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Ordered, That William Dunlop, Esquire, Member for Huron, do attend in his place in this House, at the next sitting of the House.

On motion of Mr. Christie, seconded by Mr. De Witt,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of James Perchard, Abraham Coffin, and others, of Gaspé Bay, engaged in the Whale, Cod, and other Fisheries, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to take the subject matter of the said Petition into his consideration, and grant such relief as it may be in his power to afford.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Methot have leave to bring in a Bill to change the place of meeting of the District Council, for the Municipal District of Nicolet.

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

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. DeBleury have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation of the "Governor, Principal, and Fellows" of M-Gill College, at Montreal, to hold the property of the said College; and to dispose of certain portions of Land for the better support of said 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 Thursday next.

Mr. Dickson, from the Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the propriety of amending the Assessment Laws of that part of the Province called Upper Canada, in so far as they relate to the town of Brockville; and also so much of the Act of Upper Canada aforesaid, 2 William IV., chapter 17, as relates to the collection of the Rates and Assessments in the said town; reported, according to order, the resolution of the said Committee, which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth;—

Assessment Laws, Upper Canada, (Brockville.)

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Assessment Laws of that part of this Province called Upper Canada, in so far as they relate to the town of Brockville; and also so much of the Act of Upper Canada aforesaid, of the 3d William IV. chapter 17, as relates to the collection of the Rates and Assessments in the said town.

Ordered, That Mr. Sherwood, of Brockville, have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Assessment Laws of Upper Canada, as far as they relate to the town of Brockville.

He accordingly presented the said 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 provide for the erection of Common School Houses in Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

Common School Houses, Upper Canada.

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

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber. Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th Victoria, chapter 25, being read,

Culling and Measurement of Timber.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Colville took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Colville reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again this day, in the afternoon sitting.

Then, the House adjourned till 4 o'clock, P.M., this day.

4 à Hora, P. M.

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 any amendment:—

"An Act to authorize the appointment of a Reporter in the Court of Chancery."

Reporter, Court of Chancery.

"An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, intituled,

Small Debts, Upper Canada.

"An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly Upper Canada, for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor."

"An Act for granting Provincial Duties of Customs."

Duties of Customs.

Council of King's College.

Adjournment.

Norfolk contested Election.

Member for Huron.

Fisheries, Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Municipal District of Nicolet.

M-Gill College Montreal.

Printed Copies of Laws.

"An Act to provide for the distribution of the printed copies of the Laws."

And then he withdrew.

Member for Huron on Norfolk Election trial.

According to order, *William Dunlop*, Esquire, Member for *Huron*, who was absent this morning, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a Candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, attended in his place in this House.

Mr. *Dunlop* rose in his place and stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the said Committee, and verified the same upon oath.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Resolved, That Mr. *Dunlop*, having stated his reasons for not being present at the meeting of the Select Committee for the trial of the contested election for the county of *Norfolk*, and having verified the same upon oath, be now excused for such non-attendance.

Attendance of the House on the Governor General.

A Message from His Excellency, the Governor General, by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

MR. SPEAKER.

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

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

And being returned,

Royal Assent to Bills.

Mr. *Speaker* reported that, agreeable to the commands of His Excellency, the Governor General, the House had attended 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:—

Religious Societies relief.

"An Act to extend the provisions of two certain Acts of the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, to other denominations of Christians than those therein enumerated."

High School, Montreal.

"An Act to incorporate the High School of *Montreal*."

Quebec Library Association.

"An Act to incorporate the members of the *Quebec Library Association*."

Les Sœurs de Notre Dame.

"An Act to authorize the community of Ladies called *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation Notre Dame de Montréal*, to acquire and hold additional real or personal property to a certain amount."

Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse.

"An Act to incorporate *Le petit Séminaire de St. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the district of *Montreal*."

Des Sœurs de Marie.

"An Act to incorporate *La communauté des Sœurs des St. noms de Jésus et Marie*, of the parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil* in the district of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education."

Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

"An Act to incorporate the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*."

Nuns, Ursuline Convent.

"An Act to authorize the Nuns of the *Ursuline Convent at Three Rivers*, to acquire and hold additional real and immovable property to a certain amount."

Line Fences, Upper Canada.

"An Act to repeal an Act therein mentioned, and to provide for the regulation of *Line Fences* and *Water Courses* in *Upper Canada*."

"An Act to abolish the office of Surveyor General, and to provide for the performance of the duties of that office by the Commissioner of Crown Lands." Office of Surveyor General.

"An Act to provide for the management of the Customs, and of matters relative to the collection of the Provincial Revenue." Management of Customs.

"An Act to incorporate the High School of *Quebec*." High School, Quebec.

An Act to repeal that portion of the Act therein mentioned, which prevent members of the Clergy from voting at elections of Members to serve in the Legislative Assembly of this Province." Clergy voting at Elections.

"An Act to afford relief to Insolvent Debtors." Insolvent Debtors.

"An Act to detach the parish of *Saint Sylvestre* from the county of *Lotbinière*, and to annex it to the county of *Megantic*, for the purposes of registration only." St. Sylvester.

"An Act to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act, made and passed in the seventh year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intitled, 'An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company*.'" Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company.

"An Act to secure the right of property in British Plantation Vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, and not registered under the Act of the Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William IV.*, intitled, 'An Act for the registering of British Vessels,' and to facilitate transfers of the same, and to prevent the fraudulent assignment of any property in such Vessels." British Plantation Vessels.

"An Act to afford relief to a certain religious congregation at *Montreal*, denominated 'Christian Unitarians.'" Christian Unitarians.

"An Act to make further regulation for holding the Courts of Assize, and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the trial of Prisoners under certain circumstances." Courts of Assize, Upper Canada.

"An Act to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force, establishing or regulating the practice of District Courts, in the several districts of that part of this Province, formerly *Upper Canada*." District Courts Upper Canada.

"An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*." St. Lawrence Railroad.

The Honourable the *Speaker* of the Legislative Assembly, then presented the three following Bills:—

"An Act for granting Provincial Duties of Customs." Duties of Customs.

"An Act for the better preservation of the peace, and the prevention of riots and violent outrages, at, and near Public Works, while in the progress of construction." Outrages, Public Works.

"An Act to make provision for a Geological Survey of this Province." Geological Survey.

To each of which Bills His Excellency was pleased to signify the Royal Assent in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, I thank Her loyal subjects, accept their benevolence, and assent to this Bill."

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chapter 25, being read, Culling and Measurement of Timber.

Calling and
Measurement
of Timber.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Colville took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Colville reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Board of Works

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend the Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to establish a Board of Works in this Province," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Agriculture,
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies, and Agriculture in Upper Canada, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Hall took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Hall reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Orders of the
Day.

Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. Powell, that the remaining orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Johnston, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Methot, Powell, Petrie, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WESTWORTH, and Thompson—(29.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Boulton, Chalmers, DeWitt, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Papineau, Price, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Smith, Taché, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(29.)

And the votes being equally divided, Mr. Speaker gave his casting vote in the negative.

Mr. Smith, of Frontenac, moved, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that this House do now adjourn.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

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Mr. Smith, of Frontenac, then moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the remaining orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Orders of the
Day.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lantierrière, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Meyers, Petrie, Riddell, Rousseau, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Thompson—(31.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Boulton, Dickson, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Merritt, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Price, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Taché, Watts, Webster and Williams—(33.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Lantier moved, seconded by Mr. Methot, that Adjournment, this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Thompson moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Powell, that the following words be added to the said motion, "and that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Duggan, Foster, Greive, Johnston, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lantierrière, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Powell, Petrie, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Thompson—(33.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Jobin, Lacoste, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, Watts, Webster, and Williams—(29.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Duggan, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Jobin, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Lantierrière, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Powell, Petrie, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Thompson—(38.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Robinson,

Adjournment.

Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Smith, Taché, Watts, Webster* and *Williams*—(25.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That this House do now adjourn, and that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then adjourned accordingly.

Martii, 18^o die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

MR. DUNLOP, from the Select Committee, appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, reported to the House, that the Committee met this day, but were unable to proceed to business, on account of the absence of the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, and adjourned until to-morrow, at nine o'clock, A.M.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, Member for the city of *Toronto*, do attend in his place, in this House, to-morrow.

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

By Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, the Petition of *Dunham Jones*, Esquire, Captain of the 2nd Regiment of *Greenville* Militia, and others.

By Mr. *Merritt*, the Petition of *John Stayner* and others, of the town of *Queenstown* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Cameron*, the Petition of *James W. Ritchie* and others, Stockholders in the *Great Western* Railroad Company.

By the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, the Petition of *James Johnson* and others, of *West Guillembury* and the townships in the county of *Simcoe*, west of *Bond Head*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Petition of *Henry Atkinson*, Esquire, and others, of the city of *Quebec*.

By the Honourable Attorney General *Draper*, the Petition of the Reverend *Adam Townley* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Dunn* and its vicinity, (relating to Common Schools.)

By Mr. *Hale*, the Petition of the Reverend *George Milne*, M. A., and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *New Carlisle, Paspebiac*, and country adjacent.

By the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, the Petition of *George Forbes*, of the city of *Toronto*, late a Sergeant in the 79th Regiment.

By Mr. *Jessup*, the Petition of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, and others, members of the Board of Police, and inhabitants of the town of *Prescott*.

By the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Quebec*, (relating to a Water Police;) and the Petition of *James E. Small*, late of the city of *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*, now of *Montreal*, in *Lower Canada*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Huron*, (relating to a Railroad.)

By Mr. *Duggan*, the Petition of the Reverend *George S. J. Hill* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Caledon* and parts adjacent, (relative to the Clergy Reserves.)

By Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, the Petition of *Henry Brant* and others, of the Six Nations of Indians, residing on the *Grand River, Canada West*.

Pursuant to the resolution of this House, of the ninth of September, 1842, the engrossed Bill to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*, was brought up to be read for the third time.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the word "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "this day six months," be substituted.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, L'aterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Méthot, Rousseau, and Taché—(20.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Boutillier, Cameron, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hull, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(52.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Boutillier, Cameron, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hull, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Watts, Webster, Williams and Woods—(52.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chabot, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, Franchère, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, L'aterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Méthot, Rousseau, and Taché—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was accordingly read for the third time.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*,

Petitions brought up.

North American Colonial Association.

Norfolk Election.

Petitions brought up.

North American Colonial Association.

Ordered, That the following amendment be made to the Bill:—

Press 12, Line 18, from the bottom, strike out the words, "and also," and insert the word "or."

The Bill was then amended at the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until to-morrow, in order to add thereto, by way of *Ryder*, at the end of the first enacting clause, the words following: "Provided always, that it shall be the duty of the Chief Agent, in this Province, of the said American Colonial Association of *Ireland*, to transmit quarterly to the Governor, or the person administering the Government of this Province, a Statement upon oath of the amount loaned by the said Association during the quarter next preceding the day of the date of such Return; and a Statement yearly of the Real Property held and possessed by the said Association in this Province; which said Statement shall be laid before the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of this Province, within the first fifteen days of each Session of the Provincial Parliament."

The question having been put upon the said motion a division ensued, and the names, being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauclon, Chabot, Chruveau, Christie, Desmarier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Guillet, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrrière, Lurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of STORMONT, Merrill, Méthot, Price, Rousseau, Smith of WESTWORTH, Taché, and Thompson—(29.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermalinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, M. Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYROWS, Stewart of PUESCOTT, Walls, Webster, Williams and Woods—(42.)

So-it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of *Ireland*."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

MR. SPEAKER,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills without any amendment:—

"An Act to authorize the Assessment and Collection of Taxes, in the township of *Gloucester*, for the year one thousand, eight hundred and forty-four."

"An Act to allow the issuing of *Testatum Writs* of *Capias ad respondendum* in the several districts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And then he withdrew.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 16th December, 1844, praying for a Statement of all Contracts entered into for the Erection of the "Union Bridge across the River *Ottawa*, at *Bytown*, and the amount of each, shewing also the Salaries and amount received by each Engineer or Superintendent employed on the said Work; and at what date the respective Contracts for the Masonry, Wood, Wire, and Iron Work, were fulfilled; also a detailed account of the whole of the expenses of the slides on the *Ottawa*, and its tributary streams, with the names and Salaries of the Clerks employed, and the amount of travelling expenses incurred.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix W. W.)

Also,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 3d ultimo, praying for an official Return and Account of all Claims for lands and damages claimed by the inhabitants of the county of *Dundas*, arising from the *St. Lawrence Canal*, and shewing a detailed Statement of the names of Claimants, for what portion of land, the nature, and amount of their respective damages, how settled, (if so,) whether by arbitration under the statute, or private agreement with the Board of Works; what, and whose claims are yet unsettled, and the reason of such claims being yet unsettled.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix X. X.)

And also,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 13th instant, praying for a detailed Statement of the several amounts paid into the hands of the Receiver General of this Province, by the Treasurers of the several districts of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, for the establishment and support of a Lunatic Asylum, during the years 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1844, and 1845, shewing the amount received from each district respectively during the above period.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix Y. Y.)

Ordered, That the Petition of *D. Girard* and others. Pilots for the River *St. Lawrence*, be referred to the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for piloting vessels through all the channels of the River *St. Lawrence*, below *Quebec*, and other references.

Mr. *Dickson*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Alexander M'Leod*, of the township of *Stanford*, in the district of *Niagara*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix Z. Z.)

Mr. *Laurin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *James Bishop*, of the parish of *St. Sylvester*, in the county of *Lotbinière*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Union Bridge, Ottawa.

Claims for Damages, St. Lawrence Canal.

Lunatic Asylum.

Petition of D. Girard and others, referred.

Report on the Petition of A. M'Leod.

Report on the Petition of J. Bishop.

Taxes in Gloucester.

Testatum Writs.

Report on the
Petition of J.
Bishop.

Your Committee having taken into consideration the Petition referred to them, are of opinion, that as the Petitioner has not applied at the appointed time for the allowance for 1842, and there being no school funds for that year remaining, they cannot recommend the prayer of the said Petitioner.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Cowan*.

Adjournments

Resolved, That the first rule of this House be suspended during the remainder of the present Session; and that for the future, when this House shall adjourn, it do stand adjourned until ten o'clock of the following morning, unless some other hour or day be specially named.

Liabilities,
Municipal
Districts,
Lower Canada.

That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* have leave to bring in a Bill for ascertaining the liabilities of the several Municipal districts in *Lower Canada*, and their means of discharging 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.

Culling and
Measurement
of Timber.

Mr. *Colville*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, cap. 25, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Agriculture,
Upper Canada.

Mr. *Hall*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

University Bill
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for erecting a University, by the name and style of the University of *Upper Canada*, being read,

The Counsel against the Bill was called in, and heard, and then directed to withdraw.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Boulton* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, that the further consideration of the said Bill be postponed until the next Session of Parliament.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Melhot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Robinson, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, and Watts—(34.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Attorney General Draper, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan,

Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Cowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Luterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merrill, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(45.)

University Bill
Upper Canada.

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Attorney General Draper, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Cowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Luterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merrill, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(45.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Melhot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Robinson, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, and Watts—(34.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read accordingly.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to vest the endowment granted by the Crown, for University Education in *Upper Canada*, in the University of *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

Endowment
for University
Education,
Upper Canada.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to alter and amend the Charter of the University of *King's College*, being read,

Charter of
King's College.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *DeBleury*, seconded by Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 19^o die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Horâ, A. M.

AN engrossed Bill for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Agriculture,
Upper Canada.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Of Messieurs *G. B. Asselin* and Company, and others, Tinsmiths, of the city of *Montreal*, praying that a tax equal to that which they pay may be imposed upon Pedlars of tinware, or that they be prohibited from disposing of their goods at present.

Of the Reverend *William Bettridge*, B. D., and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *Woodstock*, in *Canada*, praying that no measure affecting *King's College* may be entertained at this late period of the Session.

Of *John Steele* and *William Kingston*, on behalf of a public meeting of the town and township Superintendents and Trustees of Common Schools, in the district of *Newcastle*, praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of *William Baker* and others, of *Gaspé Bay*, praying that the Bill for the regulation and preservation of the Salmon and other Fisheries may not pass; and that certain powers and privileges be granted to them in their township meetings.

Of *G. H. Ryland*, Esquire, Registrar of *Quebec*, complaining that the Government has not performed certain engagements entered into with him, and praying relief.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *James W. Ritchie* and others, Stockholders in the Great Western Railroad Company, praying that their charter may be revived and amended, be now read, and that the Rule of this House of the 28th June, 1841, be dispensed with as to the present Petition.

The said Petition was read accordingly.

Resolved, That the Petition of *James W. Ritchie* and others, Stockholders in the Great Western Railroad Company, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Smith*, of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Webster*, Mr. *Woods*, and the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, 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.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Murney*,

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry Atkinson*, Esquire, and others, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that no augmentation of the number of representatives in the Council of the said city may be made, be now read, and that the Rule of this House of the 28th June, 1841, be dispensed with as to the present Petition.

The said Petition was read accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Price*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence which has passed between His Excellency and *Samuel P. Jarvis*, respecting the state of the Accounts of the Indian Department, or any matter relating to the said Accounts.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *G. H. Ryland*, Esquire, Registrar of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House. Petition of G. H. Ryland, Esquire.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*, that the resolutions of this House of the 19th July, 1841, and the 30th November, 1843, respecting the Salaries and Duties of the officers of this House, be rescinded, and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof, to regulate the same in future:— Salaries of the Officers of the House.

STATEMENT shewing the several Officers and Clerks in the employ of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in the receipt of Annual Salaries; the period when they first entered its service, and the Salaries which it is recommended should be allowed to each of them, with a view to render the amount fixed and permanent for the future; prepared in conformity with the Resolution of the House of the 24th February, 1845.

Designation of Office.	Name of present Incumbent.	When he first entered.	Salary recom- mended in future.	
			Present rate of Salary.	£
Clerk	Wm. B. Lindsay	1808	£ 600	£ 700
Assistant Clerk	G. B. Faribault	1812	460	560
Chief Office Clerk	Wm. P. Patrick	1818	350	425
Second Office Clerk	Thomas Vaux	1829	225	250
Chief Clerk Committees	William Ross	1820	300	425
Assistant Clerk Committees	Alfred Patrick	1827	250	250
Assistant Clerk Committees	Alfred Todd	1833	200	250
Clerk French Journals	P. E. Gagnon	1815	225	250
Clerk English Journals	G. M. Muir	1831	225	250
English Translator and Law Clerk	G. W. Wicksteed	1828	350	425
Assistant English Translator	W. B. Lindsay, jr.	1841	200	200
French Translator	Henri Voyer	1832	250	275
Assistant French Translator ... ..	...	...	200	200
Assistant French Translator ... ..	...	...	200	200
Assistant French Translator ... ..	...	...	200	200
Junior Clerk	J. B. Moraud	1831	150	150
Junior Clerk	Thaddeus Patrick	1835	150	150
Junior Clerk	Henry Hartney	1839	154 p. diem.	150
Junior Clerk	King Barton	1842	"	125
Junior Clerk	W. H. LeMoine	1842	"	125
Librarian	William Winder	1836	200	250
Assistant Librarian	Alpheus Todd	1836	200	225
Sergeant-at-Arms	G. K. Chisholm	1841	150	200
Door-keeper	Hugh M'Leellan	1833	60	75
Chief Messenger	A. L. Cardinal	1836	100	115

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until the next Session.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, presented to the House the final Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:— Oxford con-
tested Election.

"The Select Committee appointed to try the matter of the Petition of *David Duncombe* and others, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel*

Petitions referred.
 J. W. Ritchie and others.
 H. Atkinson, Esquire, and others.
 State of Accounts, Indian Department.

Oxford con-
tested Election.
Report.

Wood Powell, Esquire, as a member to serve in this present Parliament, for the county of *Norfolk*, beg leave to report:—

“That they have agreed to the following Resolutions:—

- “1. *Resolved*, That *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, was duly elected and returned as a Member for the county of *Norfolk*, at the last election.
- “2. *Resolved*, That the defence of the said *Israel Wood Powell* against the Petition of *David Duncombe* and others, is not frivolous or vexatious.
- “3. *Resolved*, That the Petition of the said *David Duncombe* and others, is not frivolous or vexatious.
- “4. *Resolved*, That *Titus Williams*, Esquire, the Deputy Returning Officer for the township of *Walsingham*, has been guilty of an infraction of duty in closing the poll for that township, without sufficient cause, before the hour of five o'clock, on the second day of the election; but there is no evidence to satisfy this Committee that such infraction of duty proceeded from any wilful or corrupt motive.

W. DUNLOP,
Chairman.

Committee Room No. 3,
17th March, 1845.

Public
Accounts.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to prescribe the manner in which the Public Accounts shall be annually laid before the Legislature, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Williams* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

Then, the House adjourned until four o'clock, P. M., this day.

4 à Horá, P. M.

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 following Bills, without any amendment:—

Notaries,
Lower Canada.

“An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to enable Notaries to act as Clerks of Circuit and Commissioners' Courts in *Lower Canada*.”

Island of
Orleans.

“An Act to detach the island of *Orleans* from the county of *Montmorenci*, for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said island.”

Riding fast
over Bridges.

“An Act to prevent persons riding or driving at a fast rate over Bridges of more than a certain length in *Upper Canada*.”

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly:—

Wild Fowl
Protection.

“An Act to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipes from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province.”

“An Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called 'Sunday,' in *Upper Canada*.” Profanation of
Lord's Day.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to quiet the title to Lands of persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, of the 1st *William IV.*, chapter 53, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read, To quiet the
Title of Lands.

The Counsel against the Bill was called in and heard, and then directed to withdraw.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, that the word “now” in the said motion be struck out, and the words “this day six months,” be substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Bertrand, Boutillier, Chabot, Chauveau, Desautier, Drummond, Franchère, Guillet, Lacoste, Laurin, LeMoine, Macdonald of Cornwall, Methot, Morin, Papineau, Solicitor General Sherwood and Taché—(18.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cameron, Cauchon, Christie, Cummings, Attorney General Draper, Dunlop, Gowen, Greice, Jessup, Jobin, Johnston, Luterrière, Leslie, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Moffatt, Powell, Petric, Price, Prince, Robinson, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson and Williams—(33.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

The said Bill was read accordingly, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force for the preservation of Salmon, in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read, Preservation of
Salmon, Upper
Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Merritt* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Merritt* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Public Lands.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Special Committee to which was referred the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located lands prior to the 4th April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, and other references, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Prince* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Prince* reported, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Public Improvements

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to correct and amend an Act passed in the 4th and 5th *Victoria*, cap. 28, entitled, "An Act to appropriate certain sums of money for public improvements in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Cauchon* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Cauchon* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and be then the first orders of the day.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *La-Fontaine*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 20° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Hora, A. M.

AN engrossed Bill, to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other articles of a like nature, and to repeal the Act 7th *Victoria*, chapter 25, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be "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."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Dunham Jones*, Esquire, Captain of the 2nd Regiment of *Grenville Militia*, and others, praying

that they may receive grants of Land, in consideration of their services during the late war with the *United States of America*.

Petitions read;

Of *John Stayner*, and others, of the town of *Queenston* and its vicinity, praying that an inquiry may be instituted into the proceedings of the Committee appointed to receive subscriptions for, and superintend the re-erection of the Monument dedicated to the memory of General Sir *Isaac Brock*, on the *Queenston Heights*.

Of *James Johnson* and others, of *West Gwillimbury*, and other townships in the county of *Simcoe*, west of *Bond Head*, praying that the whole amount of money granted for the improvement of the road from *Bradford* to *Barrie*, via *Bond Head*, may be expended upon the same.

Of the Reverend *Adam Townley* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Dunn* and its vicinity, praying for the repeal of the Common School Act, and the adoption of some measure whereby religious instruction may be provided.

Of the Reverend *George Milne*, M. A., and others, members of the Church of *England*, in *New Carlisle*, *Paspébiac*, and country adjacent, praying that measures may be adopted for vesting in the Church Society, of the diocese of *Quebec*, for the benefit of the said Church, a portion of the Clergy Reserves, corresponding to their share of the income arising from the same.

Of *George Forbes*, of the city of *Toronto*, late a Sergeant in the 79th Regiment, praying that other land or scrip may be granted to him in lieu of that which he has located, the same not being susceptible of improvement.

Of *Hamilton D. Jessup*, Esquire, and others, members of the Board of Police, and inhabitants of the town of *Prescott*, praying that the ferry between *Prescott* and *Ogdensburgh* may be placed under the controul of the said town.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, of the city of *Quebec*, praying that the voluntary tax now paid by the shipping for the support of a River Police may be made permanent, and that the Collector of Customs be authorized by law to collect and pay the same over to the Corporation of the said city for that purpose.

Of *James E. Small*, late of the city of *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*, now of *Montreal*, in *Lower Canada*, Esquire, setting forth:—

J. E. Small, Esquire.

That your Petitioner is a Freholder and an elector of the third, or East Riding of the county of *York*, in the *Home* district, and Province of *Upper Canada*, and as such was entitled to vote at the last general election for a member to represent the said Riding in Provincial Parliament; that at the said last general election your Petitioner was a Candidate to represent the said Riding in Parliament, and was opposed on that occasion by one *George Munroe*; that Your Petitioner was elected by a majority of between thirty and forty votes over the said *George Munroe*, and was duly returned to represent the said Riding in this present Parliament; that in December last a few persons, pretending to be electors of the said Riding, petitioned your Honourable House against the return of your Petitioner, upon the ground of want of qualification; that a Committee of your Honourable House was thereupon appointed to try upon their oaths the merits of the said Petition, which Committee did, as your Petitioner is informed and believes, on Friday the 14th instant, decide that your Petitioner was duly qualified, but "that he was not duly elected or returned, and that the said *George Munroe* was duly elected and ought to have been returned," notwithstanding that no scrutiny of votes was had before the said Committee; that upon such decision of the said Committee, your Honourable

Culling and Measurement of Timber.

J. E. Small,
Esquire.

ble House has directed the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to erase the name of your Petitioner from the return, and insert that of the said *George Munroe*, who was not the choice of the majority of the electors of the said Riding, to the manifest injustice, in the opinion of your Petitioner, of the said electors and your Petitioner, and contrary to their constitutional rights; that the said Third Riding of the county of *York* is distant from the place of sitting of your Honourable House nearly four hundred miles; that it is impossible for the electors of the said Riding to hear of the supposed injustice that has been done them and Petition your Honourable House for redress in proper time, during the present Session.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays, that your Honourable House will, as a mere act of justice, order that the said electors may be permitted within the first fourteen days of the next session to petition your Honourable House against the said *George Munroe* being allowed to retain his seat, and misrepresent the said electors.

Of the Municipal Council of the district of *Huron*, praying that a charter may be granted to the said Council, for the purpose of constructing a Railroad between *Goderich* and *Hamilton*.

Of the Reverend *George S. J. Hill* and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the township of *Caledon* and parts adjacent, praying that their portion of the Clergy Reserves may be placed at the disposal of the Church Society, of the diocese of *Toronto*, to be managed by it for the benefit of the said Church.

Of *Henry Brant* and others, of the Six Nations of Indians, residing on the *Grand River*, in *Canada West*, complaining that forty thousand pounds, arising from the sale of their Lands, have been appropriated by the Executive Government to the improvement of the navigation of the *Grand River* without their consent, and praying relief.

Mr. *Chaurcau*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*, and other references, with power to report, by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix A. A. A.)

Ordered, That one hundred and fifty copies of the said Report be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. *Speaker* in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Since the date of their preceding report, your Committee have continued their investigations into the state and condition of the Library and the extent of its deficiencies, and herewith submit the result for the information and approval of your Honourable House.

The list of Books which they have already recommended to be procured for the Library consists chiefly of English works, and comprises more particularly, those books of reference especially required for the use of members; but in order to carry out the plan that has hitherto obtained in the choice of books, by which a collection may be formed, worthy in every respect the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, and capable of affording means of information upon every important branch of Literature and Science, it has been thought advisable to recommend the purchase of other works, calculated to effect that end.

In the two important departments of Science and French Literature, your Committee have found the Library to be very incomplete. With respect to the first of these subjects, they have been fortunately able to avail themselves of an opportunity recently afforded by the sale of the Library of the late Judge *Fletcher*, from whose collection, which was chiefly of a scientific character, they were enabled to select many valuable works of this description, a list of which is appended, marked A. With regard to French works, your Committee have carefully selected from the catalogue of an eminent bookseller in *Paris*, such works as they deem most desirable, and have added thereto others that have been recommended to them: for which, including also a further selection of English works, see List B., hereto appended.

In considering the best way by which the additions now and heretofore recommended could be procured, your Committee were informed that there is at present no person acting as agent for the purchase of books, the individual hitherto employed in that capacity, an English bookseller, having been dismissed in consequence of his continual inattention and neglect. It became necessary, therefore, to determine on the most satisfactory method of supplying his place, and to consider whether it was preferable to continue the employment of a *London* agent, or to entrust the future execution of orders to houses in *Montreal*. In ultimately making choice of the latter, your Committee have had in view the greater responsibility of persons at hand, to answer for any thing amiss; and the superior facility in promptly executing occasional commissions afforded by persons on the spot, over those who are resident at a distance. They have accordingly authorised the Librarians to make arrangement with Mr. *Fabre*, a bookseller of this city, to act as agent for the purchase of French works, and with Messrs. *Derbshire* and *Desbarats*, Queen's Printer, as agents to procure English publications. The terms on which these parties have consented to act are economical and satisfactory; and it is hoped that in future the orders will be executed in such a manner as to meet the approbation of your Honourable House.

Your Committee have received from the Librarians an application for additional remuneration for extra duties in packing and removing the Library from *Kingston* to this city, and in the arrangement of the Books in their present locale. This service has been attended with great additional labour and responsibility, and occupied several months. Your Committee have ascertained, that on a similar occasion, when the *Lower Canada* Library was transferred from *Quebec* to *Kingston*, a gratuity was awarded to the then Librarian, Mr. *Brewer*, and others, who assisted him, for their extra trouble; they therefore concur in recommending that the Clerk be authorized to pay to the Librarian and Assistant Librarian, the sum of fifty pounds each, to recompense them for their additional service.

With respect to such arrangements as may be necessary, during the ensuing recess, to facilitate the reception of the new Books, and to increase the general usefulness of the Institution, your Committee recommend that the Librarians be empowered to cause all requisite alterations to be made in the shelving of the rooms wherein the Collection is deposited,—to procure a stand for the sett of Maps lately purchased,—to employ a person to bind any Books that may require it,—and also to print a new Catalogue for the use of Members before the opening of the next Session.

APPENDIX A.

Books purchased at the Sale of the *Fletcher* Library, for the Library of the Legislative Assembly.

Chipman's Principles of Government.

Law of Ejectments, and Louisiana Code of Prison Discipline.

Ditton's Algebra.

Davies' Descriptive Geometry.

— Differential Calculus.

— Algebra.

Bradley's Practical Geometry.

Newton's Principia.

Barlow's Mathematical Tables.

Report on the
Petition of R.
G. Belleau and
others.

Library.

Library.

Lacroix Geometrie Algebraique.
 — Algebra and Mathematics.
 Maunit Leçons de Geometrie.
 Demovre Doctrine de Chances.
 Base du Système Métrique.
 Observations Géodésiques.
 Traité des Sections Coniques.
 Nautical Almanac and Tables.
 Connoissance des Temps.
 LaPlace's Celestial Mechanics.
 Villarum Anglicanum.
 Claprottis Analysis of Minerals.
 Martin's Elements of Optics.
 Newton's Optics.
 Adams on Vision.
 Ure's Philosophy of Manufactures.
 Bigelow's Technology.
 Brande's Outlines of Geology.
 Bakewell's Geology.
 Lyell's Geology.
 De LaBeche's Geology.
 Theoretical Geology.
 Evans' Steam Engineer's Guide.
 Belidor—Science des Ingenieurs.
 Stevenson's Civil Engineering of North America.
 Hackett—Traité des Machines.
 Smeaton on Lighthouses.
 Kilborn's Ohio Canals.
 Mahan's Civil Engineering.
 Smeaton's Power of Wind and Water.
 Nugent's Primitives.
 Ascham's Epistles.
 Musarum Anglicanum.
 Kirwan's Mineral Waters.
 Sir H. Douglas on Military Bridges.
 Carwan's Geological Essays.
 South's Sermons.
 Laws of the Colonies.

APPENDIX B.

Additional List of English Works recommended to be purchased for the Library of the Legislative Assembly:—

Stevenson's History of South America.
 Rabelais' Works.
 Bryant's Dictionary of Painting.
 Pilkington's Dictionary of Painting, by Fuseli.
 Story on the Conflict of Laws.
 — Commentaries on the American Constitution.
 Tomlin's Digested Index to the Crown Law.
 Elliott's American Diplomatic Code.
 Clark's American Parliamentary Practice.
 Revised Laws of New York.
 Ayrault's Index to Shakspeare.
 1st Volume Statutes of the Realm.
 Dictionary of Architecture.
 Brongham's Political Philosophy.
 Russell on the English Constitution.
 Hazlitt's Eloquence of the British Senate.
 Whewell on University Education.
 Ackermann's Numismatic Manual.
 Burke's Extinct, Dormant, and Suspended Peerages and Baronetries.
 Crabb's English Synonyms.
 White's Natural History of Selborne.
 Adams' Defence of the American Constitution.
 Barrington's Memoirs of the Irish Union.
 Beckford's Italy and Spain, and Portugal.
 Hazlitt's Spirit of the Age.
 Wilson's (Prof.) Prose Writings.
 Carlyle's French Revolution.
 Ward on the Revolution of 1688.
 Siborne's Waterloo Campaign.
 Crabb's Technological Dictionary.
 Atlas of the Society for the Diffusion of Useful Knowledge.
 Reid and Arnott on Ventilation.
 Taylor's, Draper's, and Cameron's Upper Canada Reports, and Upper Canada Jurist.

Library.

Upper and Lower Canada Gazettes.
 Regulations for Guidance of Colonial Officers.
 Some Practical Work on the English Universities.
 M'Gregor's Commercial Statistics.
 Rogers' Ecclesiastical Law.
 Phillimore's Reports.
 Gibson's Codex Juris Ecclesiastici.
 Tytler's History of Scotland.
 Ansted's Geology.
 M'ulloch on Taxation and the Funding System.
 Stizlecki on New South Wales and Van Dieman's Land.
 Lady Willoughby's Diary of the Reign of Charles I.
 Marryatt's Settlers in Canada.
 Hone's Works.
 Evans' Sketch of all Denominations.
 Scheller's Latin Lexicon.
 Donnegani's Greek and English Lexicon.
 Browne's History of the Highlands.
 English Hexapla.
 Encyclopædia Metropolitana.

List of French Books recommended to be procured:—

Discours du Général Foy.
 Pouissin Puissance Americaine.
 Allatz Democratie Nouvelle.
 Encyclopédie du 19me Siècle.
 Lingard Histoire d'Angleterre.
 Duquesnel Histoire des Lettres.
 Rohrbacher Histoire de l'Eglise.
 La Tribune Française.
 Gerbet Esquissa de Rome.
 Voigt Histoire de Gregoire VII.
 Hurter Histoire d'Innocent III.
 Montrond Les Guerres Saintes.
 Chefs d'Œuvres d'Eloquence.
 Grammaire Nationale.
 Hurter Institutions et des Mœurs de l'Eglise au Moyen Age.
 Cesar Cantu Histoire Universelle.
 Le Correspondant, Recueil Périodique.
 La Maison Rustique du 19me Siècle.
 Nouveau Cours Complet d'Agriculture.
 Gasparin Cours d'Agriculture.
 Villeroi Manuel de l'Eleveur de Bêtes à Cornes.
 Description et Figures des Céréales Européennes.
 Culture des Plants Fourragères.
 Agriculture Pratique de la Flandre.
 Thoin Cours de Culture.
 Legislation sur les Chemins de Fer.
 Constantinople Ancienne et Moderne.
 Dumont Voyage autour du Monde.
 Chateaubriand Œuvres.
 Dupin Œuvres.
 Courier (P. L.) Œuvres.
 Delavigne (C.) Œuvres.
 Fenelon Œuvres.
 Rabelais Œuvres.
 Napoleon Œuvres.
 Arago Leçons d'Astronomie.
 Armergaud L'industrie des Chemins de fer.
 Beaumont et Tocqueville System Penitentiare aux Etats Unis.
 Bongainville Voyage autour du Globe.
 Brotoun La filiation et des migrations des Peuples.
 Bruc Atlas Universal.
 Buchez et Roux Histoire Parlementaire de la Revolution Française.
 Blanqui Cours d'economie industrielle.
 Capefigue Restauration des Bourbons.
 Destutt de Tracy Elements d'idéologie.
 Dictionnaire Encyclopédique Usuel.
 Dufrenoy Elie de Beaumont Leon Coste et Perdonnet—
 Voyage Metallangique en Angleterre.
 Delaure Histoire de Paris.
 Dumont D'Urville Expedition au Pole austral.
 Eichoff Histoire de la langue des Slaves, &c.
 Parallèle de l'Europe et de l'Inde.
 Encyclopédie des gens du Monde.
 Evans Constructeur de Moulins.
 Géodésie Traité de la figure de la terre.
 Ganilt Principes d'economie politique.
 Gernier Les puits Artesiens.

Library.

- Garnier Pagés Dictionnaire et Encyclopedie politique.
 Gohlsmith Histoire d'Angleterre.
 Granier de Cassagnac Histoire des classes ouvrières et
 bourgeois.
 Granier Histoire des classes nobles et anoblies.
 Grellet Manuel des Prisons.
 Guizot Histoire de la Revolution d'Angleterre.
 ——— Vie de Washington.
 Hachette Traite des Machines.
 Hallam Histoire Constitutionnelle d'Angleterre, par Guizot.
 Herschell Traite d'Astronomie.
 Histoire du Bas Empire et de l'Empire Ottoman.
 Histoire du Clergé de France, pendant la Revolution.
 Humboldt Essai sur l'île de Cuba.
 ——— Tableaux de la nature.
 Jacobi Histoire de la Corse.
 Laborde Itineraire de l'Espagne.
 Lamartine Œuvres.
 Lamennais Esquisse d'une Philosophie.
 Lastergrie l'economie rurale.
 Lavallé Histoire des Français.
 Langlet Histoire de l'Europe et des Colonies Euro-
 péennes.
 Levies du Cultivateur—du Forestier—du Jardinier—du
 Propriétaire—du Vigneron.
 Bibliothéconomie.
 Manuel de l'Etat civil, pour la tenue des registres.
 Mareel de Seares Cosmogonie de Morse comparée aux
 faits Géologique.
 Mengin Histoire de l'Egypte.
 Histoire des Croisades.
 Noel et Carpentier Dictionnaire Etymologique.
 Dictionnaire des origines Inventions et Decouvertes dans
 les Arts, &c.
 Oraisons funebres Illustrées
 Perrot Collection des ordres de chevalerie.
 Querard La France Literaire, &c., depuis, 1700.
 Romey Histoire d'Espagne.
 Soltyk La Pologne.
 Treidgold Traite des machines a vapeur.
 Bossuet Œuvres.
 Billard des Maladies des Enfants.
 Cadet Gassicourt Formulaire Magistral.
 Clot Bey Aperçu Général sur l'Egypte.
 ——— de la Peste en Egypte.
 Marc Les Questions Medico-Judiciares.
 Parent Duchatelet de la Prostitution dans la Ville de Paris.
 Ste. Marie Lectures relative à la Police Medicale.
 Conde Historia de la Dominacion de los Arabes
 en Espana.
 Capmany Tesoro de los Prosadoras Espanoles, &c.
 Cervantes Novelas ejemplares.
 Tesoro de Historiadores Espanoles.
 Breilla Y Zuniga La Araucana.
 La Meilleur ouvrage Français sur la Géologie.
 Du Dictionnaire récents en Français et Espagnol.
 " " " et Italian.
 " " " et Allemand.
 " " " et Russe.
 " " " et Polonais.
 " " " et Portugais.
 " " " et Suédois.
 " " " et Danois.
 " " " et Celtique ancien.

Report on the
 Petition of the
 Hon'ble. James
 Crooks.

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *James Crooks*, of the district of *Gore*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

The Committee of your Honourable House, to whom was referred the Memorial of the Honourable *James Crooks*, a member of the Legislative Council of this Province, having taken the same into consideration, beg leave to report the draft of an address to Her Majesty on the subject matter complained of in the said memorial; and considering the cause of the memorialist as one of great hardship and injustice, respectfully recommend its adoption to your Honourable House.

By the documents submitted to your Committee, it appears that a short time previous to the declaration of war by the *United States of America*, in the year 1812, against

Great Britain, a vessel of war of the *United States*, commanded by captain *Woolsey*, seized the schooner "*Lord Nelson*" belonging to your memorialist and a brother now deceased, on *Lake Ontario*, whilst on her return trip from *Prescott*, without the semblance of justice or excuse, under pretence that that vessel had violated the embargo laws of the *United States*, but with the view, as your Committee believe, of adding to their maritime strength in case of war, which in fact was declared thirteen days thereafter; which vessel was taken into the service of the *United States*, armed with twelve guns, and in a night action with Commodore Sir *James Yeo*, the next year was sunk.

It further appears, that your memorialist urged indemnification upon the American Government, and it was not till the year 1817 that he succeeded in procuring an adjudication in the district Court for the Northern district of the state of *New York* in his favour; but on presenting an order from the said Court to the Clerk thereof, *Thuron Rudd*, it was found that the money was embezzled and the Clerk had become a Bankrupt. The *United States* thereupon sued out an Exent, seized all the Clerk's property, and incarcerated him for a period of 10 years, and your Committee have reason to believe that \$10,000 at least were recovered from him, but no part of said money was paid to your memorialist, although the value of the said vessel and cargo were included in the sum claimed by the *United States*, as due to it by the said Clerk.

It further appears to your Committee, that, when application was first made to the *United States* Government; the President sent a Message to Congress, recommending an appropriation for indemnifying your memorialist, and a sum (it being near the close of the Session,) was added by the Senate to the Bill of Supply, then before them, for that purpose, which was rejected by the House of Representatives, on the ground that in doing so, the Senate committed a breach of their privileges. And when the matter was next brought before Congress, a fictitious case, said to have occurred at *Bermuda*, was got up as an offset of a vessel called the *Lydia*, captured during war, and sailing under a British license, and which was ordered to be restored by order in Council, but the Clerk then had also embezzled the money, and it was lost to the owners; this case, it appears to your Committee, is entirely different from that of the *Lord Nelson*, which vessel was pursuing her lawful trade in the time of peace, whereas the other was captured during war, and protected by a British license, which put her out of the pale of the Laws of the *United States*, and made her subject to capture by the cruisers of that Republic, and involved the owners in pecuniary fines, and also to punishment, as for a misdemeanor.

Subsequently the House of Representatives directed a Commission, to issue, in order to ascertain in the neighbourhood of the owner, the true value of said vessel; and, on the report of Judge *Ryker*, passed a Bill to pay the owner \$5000, with interest, from the day of her capture, but it was rejected by a small majority in the Senate towards the close of the Session.

The last application in 1840, to the Government of the *United States*, appears to have been equally unsuccessful; and your Committee are fully convinced that nothing short of the interference of the Imperial Government, through its ambassador at *Washington*, will ensure to the owner that Justice to which he is justly entitled, and which has been so long withheld. They, therefore, beg leave to submit the following Address to Her Majesty:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,

MOST-GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the
 of *Canada*, in Provincial Par-
 liament assembled, most humbly beg leave to approach
 your Majesty with our renewed expression of devoted at-
 tachment to your Majesty's Royal Person and Govern-
 ment.

We humbly beg leave to lay before your Majesty, the particulars of a case of peculiar hardship, by which a faithful subject of your Majesty, who has devoted a long life in the service of your Majesty's Government, both in the field and in the Legislature, has been seriously aggrieved.

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We crave permission to submit to your Majesty our humble opinion, that the wrong, of which we complain, remaining unredressed, will have a tendency to retard the prosperity of the Province, and restrain the enterprize of its inhabitants, by discouraging the investment of capital in the construction of vessels for carrying on the trade of the Great Lakes; a trade on which in a great measure depends the wealth and advancement of the Colony.

At an early period of the settlement of the western part of this Province; and a short time previous to the breaking out of the late war with the *United States of America*, a vessel belonging to a subject of your Majesty, called the *Lord Nelson*, was, in the usual course of trade, returning to *Niagara*, from *Prescott*, a town situated at the head of the rapids of the *River Saint Lawrence*, where the productions of the then Province of *Upper Canada* were usually deposited on their way to the ocean, and the manufactures of the mother country brought back in return, when she was chased on the open Lakes, fired into, and seized by an armed vessel of the said *United States*, and carried into an American port; and although security was tendered at the port whence she was taken, by one of the owners, to abide the decision of any charge that might be brought against her, of having violated the Revenue Laws of the *United States*, yet she was refused to be given up, and upon war being declared by the *United States*, against your Majesty's Royal Predecessor in June 1812, the said vessel was taken into the service of the *United States*, armed, and in a night action with your Majesty's fleet on *Lake Ontario*, under the command of Commodore Sir *James Yeo*, she was sunk.

We further beg leave to represent to your Majesty, that although the owner has used every possible endeavour to obtain remuneration for the loss of his property, yet to this hour he has been unsuccessful, notwithstanding the Courts of Justice of the *United States* did decree the payment of the value of the said vessel to him; but owing, as it is said, to the Clerk of the said Court having embezzled that, with other moneys deposited in his hands, the amount of the award has never been paid to him.

The believing that a case of greater hardship than the one herein submitted for your Royal consideration could hardly occur, humbly approach your Majesty with the confident hope that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause inquiry to be made; and that should your Majesty be satisfied that a great wrong has been done to a loyal subject, your Majesty will be graciously pleased to instruct your Ambassador at *Washington* to cause a definite declaration to be made by the American Government; and that if indemnification is longer withheld, that your Majesty will direct such other measures to be taken to obtain justice in the case, as your Majesty may deem proper for that purpose.

Taxes on cer-
tain Lands,
Upper Canada.

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in *Upper Canada*, to be charged with local Taxes, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Saturday next.

Report on the
Petition of M.
F. Valois and
others.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Durvansaux* and others, inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Gabriel Roy* and others, inhabitants of the *Côte St. Laurent*, in the parish of *St. Laurent*; and the Petition of *Hyaicinte Brunette*, and others, of *St. Anne*, *Pointe Claire*, and other parishes, and other references, with power to report from time to time, presented to the House the third and final Report, of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix L. L.)

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

Mr. *Duggan*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Samuel Price* and others, inhabitants of the Third Riding of *York*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to authorize the District Council of the *Home* district, or such person as they shall direct, to erect a Toll-bridge over the river *Credit*, at *Port Credit*, on the Lake Shore road, in *Toronto* township; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Toll-Bridge,
River Credit.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn this day, it will adjourn until Saturday next, at ten o'clock, A.M.

Adjournment.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipes from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province, be now taken into consideration.

Wild Fowl
Protection.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, Line 33.—Leave out from "and whereas," to "year," in press 2, line 15, both inclusively.

" 2, " 25.—Leave out from "or if," to "aforesaid," in the 37th line, both inclusively.

" 3, " 12.—Leave out from "and," to "Act," in the 21st line, both inclusively.

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called 'Sunday,' in *Upper Canada*, be now taken into consideration.

Profanation,
Lord's Day.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, Line 10.—Leave out "and," and insert "or."

" 1, " 21.—After the word "day," insert "or to hold, convene, or attend any public political meeting on that day."

" 1, " 28.—After "prey," insert "nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons to bathe in any exposed situation, in any water within the limits of any incorporated city or town, nor within view of any place of public worship, or private residence, on the Lord's Day."

Profanation,
Lord's Day.

Press 2, line 5.—After "fowl," insert "or fish."

" 2, " 8.—After "prey," insert "or shall bathe in any exposed situation in any water within the limits of any incorporated city or town, or within view of any place of public worship, or private residence on the Lord's Day."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Forwarding Company*, be read a second time, on Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*,

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the Petition of *Henry Weeks*, and the documents accompanying the same, laid before the House, on the tenth of February last, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Glenarry*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald* reported, that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Alexander McLeod*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Chauveau* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Chauveau* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution; which resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Alexander McLeod*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Duggan*, and Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, be appointed to draw up and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, in accordance with the said Report.

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*, that it be an instruction to the Standing Committee on Contingencies, to consider whether an allowance, as an indemnity, to the various officers of the House may not be made, to compensate them for the extra expense incurred in consequence of the removals of the Seat of Government.

Compensation to Officers of the House on the removals of the Seat of Government.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force for the preservation of Salmon, in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Preservation of Salmon.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read,

Elementary Instruction.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Thompson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Thompson* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again this day.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Then the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M., this day.

3 à Hora, P. M.

An engrossed Bill to correct and amend an Act, passed in the 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 28, entitled, "An Act to appropriate certain Sums of Money for Public Improvements in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read for the third time.

Public Improvements

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to correct and amend an Act, passed in the Session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to appropriate certain Sums of Money for Public Improvements in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read,

Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Thompson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Thompson* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Quebec Forwarding Company.

H. Weeks.

Report on the Petition of A. McLeod.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Saturday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities in Lower Canada, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Duggan took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Duggan reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. Daly, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 4th December, 1844, praying for a Return of the names of all persons who have been appointed to any office of emolument in the Province since the prorogation of the last Parliament, up to this date; with the dates of their respective appointments, whether temporary or permanent; the amount of Salary in each case; stating the names of such office, and the Statute or other authorities under which such persons have been so appointed; and also, like information from the 10th February, 1841, to the 9th December, 1843."

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix B. B. B.)

Also,

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 8th of January, 1845, praying for "a tabular statement of each of the Scholastic Institutions, to which an annual grant is made from the funds of the Province, stating the number of Pupils in each."

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix C. C. C.)

And also,

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a return of the Custom House Bonds, received at the port of Montreal during the years 1842, 1843, and 1844; how many of such Bonds have been paid; how many remain unpaid; upon how many judgments have been obtained, and what proceedings have been taken to enforce such judgments.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix D. D. D.)

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, Sections 1 and 2 of a Report on the affairs of the Indians in Canada, 1844.

(For the said Report, see Appendix E. E. E.)

Ordered, That the remaining orders of the day be postponed until Saturday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. Watts,

The House adjourned until Saturday next.

Sabbati, 22 die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

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

By Mr. Woods, the Petition of Thomas L. Crooke and others, of Sarnia, and other places.

By Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, the Petition of Robert E. Burns, of the city of Toronto, Esquire.

By Mr. Watts, the Petition of Robert Layfield, and others, residing near the Gosford road, in the county of Megantic, and the Petition of Robert Layfield and others, of the county of Megantic, (relating to elections.)

By Mr. Ermatinger, the Petition of J. Draper and J. Crawford, on behalf of the inhabitants of the township of Bayham, in the district of London.

An engrossed Bill, to quiet the title to Lands of persons naturalized under the statute of Lower Canada, of the 1st William IV. chapter 53, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

The Honourable Mr. Aylwin moved, seconded by Mr. Guillet, That the Bill do now pass, and the title be, "An Act to quiet the Title to Lands, of persons naturalized under the statute of Lower Canada, passed in the first year of the reign of His late Majesty, King William the Fourth; and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Mr. Chabot moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Armstrong, that the words "now" in the said motion be struck out, and the words "this day six months" substituted.

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Chabot, Churiveau, DeBleury, Desjardins, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Méthot, Papineau, Rousseau, and Sherwood of BROCKVILLE.—(13.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cameron, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, DeWitt, Dickson, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, John, Johnston, Latrière, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merrill, Meyers, Powell, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWS, Stewart of PRES-COTT, Thompson, Watts, Webster, and Williams.—(36.)

So it passed in the negative,

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Aylwin do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Municipal Authorities, Lower Canada.

Names of persons appointed to Office of Emolument since Prorogation.

Scholastic Institutions.

Custom House Bonds.

Indian Affairs.

Preservation of
Salmon.

An engrossed Bill to repeal and reduce into one Act, the several Laws now in force for the preservation of Salmon, in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Cummings* moved, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*,

That the following clause be added to the said Bill, by way of *Ryder*, and do follow the sixth clause thereof:—

“ And whereas it is expedient and necessary, more effectually to provide for the preservation of Fish in the *Twenty Mile Pond*, in the township of *Louth*, in the district of *Niagara*, and to make regulations concerning fishing in the said *Twenty Mile Pond*:—
Be it enacted that it shall not be lawful for any person whomsoever, to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch, by setting any net or nets, weir or weirs, any fish in the aforesaid *Twenty Mile Pond*, nor to take or catch, or attempt to take or catch any fish therein, otherwise than with spear, hook, or line.”

The said clause being thrice read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Price* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petition of G.
H. Ryland,
Esquire,
referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *G. H. Ryland*, Esquire, Registrar of *Quebec*, be referred to a Special Committee 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. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Christie*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, and the Honourable Mr. *Maffatt*, do compose the said Committee.

J. Stayner, and
others.

Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stornont*, That the Petition of *John Stayner* and others, of the town of *Queenston* and its vicinity, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Cummings*, and Mr. *Merritt*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Report on the
Petition of Mrs.
Jennet Roy.

Mr. *Dunlop*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Mrs. *Jennet Roy*, widow of the late *Thomas Roy*, Civil Engineer, of the city of *Toronto*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee having considered the Petition of Mrs. *Roy*, praying compensation for certain geological plans &c., presented to the House by her late husband; and also the letter from His Excellency, the Governor General in Council, through the Honourable Mr. Secretary *Daly*, and having taken the evidence of Mr. *Logan*, Geologist to the Government, the result of their investigations is as follows:—

The section chosen by Mr. *Roy*, from the termination of the Coalfields in *Pennsylvania* to the valley of the *St. Lawrence*, was judiciously selected, and any geological survey of the province would be incomplete without it; therefore, if he had not done it, it must have been done at the expense of the Province.

Mr. *Logan* declines giving an opinion as to what would be an adequate remuneration for the service rendered, but states that Mr. *Murray*, his assistant, would have required at least a year to complete it, and his salary is £300 per annum, besides his expenses.

Report on the
Petition of Mrs.
Jennet Roy.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that a sum of not less than £300 should be paid to Mrs. *Roy*, as an equivalent for the services of her late husband.

W. Logan, Esquire, Provincial Geologist, called in and examined:—

What do you consider to be the value to the Provincial Government, of Mr. *Roy's* section from the coalfields in *Pennsylvania* to the valley of the *St. Lawrence*; what would it have cost had you executed it; was it a necessary part of the geological survey of the Province; and is the person who made it entitled to any, and what remuneration?—It would have taken Mr. *Murray*, my assistant, one year's labour; I am of opinion that the line of country through which the section extends is judiciously chosen, and I considered it necessary to instruct Mr. *Murray* to examine a line in the same direction, and the surface line of Mr. *Roy's* section has been adopted by Mr. *G. Tarrar*; I must however decline giving any opinion as to the value of the section.

Mr. *Cameron*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *James W. Ritchie* and others, Stockholders in the Great Western Railroad Company, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to revive certain provisions of the Act incorporating the “Great Western Railroad Company,” and to enable them to carry on that work; which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Great Western
Railroad Com-
pany.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which were referred the Bill still further to facilitate the Registration of Titles to Real Property or Incumbrances thereon in *Lower Canada*, and the Bill to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of Titles and Incumbrances upon Real Property in *Lower Canada*, reported that the Committee had gone through the latter of the said Bills, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Registration of
Titles, Lower
Canada.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of *Bytown*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

Report on the
Petition of N.
Sparks and
others.

(For the said Report, see Appendix F. F. F.)

Ordered, That the said Report, together with the Evidence and other Minutes, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Morin*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the second Report of the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. *Speaker* in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto.

Library.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Ordered, That the Minutes of proceedings and Evidence taken before the Select Committee, appointed to try the Petition of *David Duncombe*, Esquire, late a candidate for the county of *Norfolk*, and others, his supporters, complaining of the undue election and return of *Israel Wood Powell*, Esquire, be laid before this House.

Norfolk con-
tested Election.

Norfolk con-
tested Election.

The said Minutes of proceedings and Evidence, were laid on the table accordingly.

Ordered, That the fourth resolution of the said Committee be now read.

The said resolution was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the charge contained in the said resolution against *Titus Williams*, Esquire, the Deputy Returning Officer for the township of *Walsingham*, in the said county, be heard at the Bar of this House.

Ordered, That a copy of the said charge be sent to the said *Titus Williams*, and that he be at liberty to be heard by his Counsel.

Militia Laws.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and continue for a limited time a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time, a certain provision of the Militia Law 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.

Resolved, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to absent himself from this House, during the remainder of the present Session.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*,

Ordered, That the first Report of the Special Committee to which were referred the Public Accounts for 1843, laid before this House, on Friday, the 13th of December last, and other references, with power to report from time to time, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Roblin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Roblin* reported that the Committee had come to a resolution, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Cummings*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the Inspector General, the Board of Works, or other proper Officer, to lay before this House, within the first ten days of the ensuing Session, a Return of the expenses of the Police Force, Military, and all expenses relating to the preservation of the Public Peace, during the years 1843 and 1844: on what works employed, and out of what fund paid: specifying whether from Provincial Revenue, loan of 1½ million, tolls, or other source.

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

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Return to the Address of this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying for a list of the persons appointed to office from the 10th of

List of Persons
appointed to
Office from
February, 1841
to December,
1843.

February, 1841, to the 9th December, 1843, with the amount of their Salary, and the authority under which they were so appointed, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson* moved, seconded *Supply*, by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, that a *Supply* be granted to Her Majesty; and a debate arising thereupon,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned, till the afternoon sitting of the House, this day.

Then, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M., this day.

3 à Horé, P. M.

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 any amendment:—

“An Act to incorporate the *Chambly* Cotton Manufacturing Company.”

Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company.

“An Act to provide for the collection of Arrears of Taxes in the District of *Johnstown*, and for other purposes.”

Arrears of Taxes, *Johnstown*.

“An Act for better enforcing the provisions of the Legislature of *Upper Canada*, for the regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the Rights of Lessees of Ferries.”

Ferries.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intitled, “An Act to define the Limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Board of Police therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned,” with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Limits of *Bytown*.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming *Supply*, the adjourned debate upon the motion made this day, that a *Supply* be granted to Her Majesty,

And the said motion being again read, the House resumed the said adjourned debate.

On the question being put upon the said motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, That a *Supply* be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, this day, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of the *Supply* granted to Her Majesty; and that the forty-seventh Rule of this House be dispensed with in this case.

Ordered, That the Estimate of the *Supply* required for the year 1845, and the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, of the 14th instant, transmitting the same to this House; together with so much of His Excellency's Speech to both Houses of Parliament, at the opening of the Session, as relates to a *Supply*, be referred to the said Committee.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the *Supply* granted to Her Majesty,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Supply.

Mr. *Roblin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Roblin* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

War Losses.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 12th ultimo, praying for a Statement, setting forth in detail, the amount of War Losses awarded to individuals or persons in *Upper Canada*, remaining unpaid; together with the causes why such claims have not been paid; the names of Indians entitled to such remuneration, whether it has been paid to them, and if so, by whom, and when; and also, a detailed Statement of the kind of evidence of such payment.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix G. G. G.)

And also,

Tonnage and Number of Ships, &c., owned in this Province.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 10th ultimo, praying for a Return of the tonnage and number of Ships and other vessels, owned in this Province, in the year 1844, distinguishing as nearly as may be, those employed on the Lakes; those on the River *St. Lawrence*, above *Quebec*; those in the coasting trade below *Quebec*, and in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*; and those in the trade, beyond the seas, as nearly as can be ascertained; steamers from vessels navigated by sails; the ports or places in this Province to which such vessels respectively belong; and the number of seamen employed.

(For the Documents accompanying the said Return, see Appendix H. H. H.)

Orders of the Day.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, and that the Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, be then the first Order of the Day.

Then, the House adjourned until Monday next, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

Luna, 21^a die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Horâ, A. M.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Boutillier*, the Petition of *James Corbett*, *Alexis Paulet*, and *Louis Millette*.

By Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, the Petition of *Archibald McDonnell*, and others, of the township of *Osgood*.

By Mr. *Dunlop*, the Petition of *Edmund H. Parsons*, and others, of the city of *Montreal*, and the Petition of Captain *John Longworth*, of the Second *Huron* Militia.

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

Of *Thomas I. Crooke*, and others, of *Sarnia*, and other places, praying for a certain aid to open a road from *London* to *Errol*.

Of *Robert E. Burns*, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquire, praying that the Law relating to district Courts, may be so amended, as to allow him to practise as a Barrister and Counsel in the Courts of Equity in *Upper Canada*.

Of *Robert Layfield*, and others, residing near the *Gosford* road, in the county of *Megantic*, praying for a certain aid to complete the *Gosford* road.

Of *Robert Layfield* and others, of the county of *Megantic*, praying that any Legislative enactment that may be made relative to the enregistration of voters at elections, may be extended to the said county.

Of *J. Draper* and *J. Crawford*, on behalf of the inhabitants of the township of *Bayham*, in the district of *London*, praying for the improvement of *Otter Creek*, so as to render it a safe and convenient harbour.

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the said Petition, together with the certificates accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the district of *Niagara*, (relating to the School Act); and the Petition of *Robert Hobson*, Esquire, and others, of the township of *Thorold*, in the district of *Niagara*, be severally referred to the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*, and others, members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in the city and vicinity of *Toronto*, (relating to Schools), and other references.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to absent himself from this House, during the remainder of the present Session, on urgent business.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*, that during the remainder of the Session, upon motion made and seconded, to call up any item upon the Order of the Day, the question shall be put without debate.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, That the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*, with instructions, and other references, have power to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brooks* have leave of absence from the seventeenth instant, for the remainder of this Session.

On motion of Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*,

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *N. Sparks* and others, of *Bytown*, and another reference; also the Bill to explain and amend part of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for vesting in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance, the Estates and Property therein described, for granting certain powers to the said officers, and

Petition of N. Sparks and others.

for other purposes therein mentioned," as reported by the said Select Committee, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Chabot took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Chabot reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Smith,

Welland Canal Stock.

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, respecting the Debentures for buying up the Stock held by private individuals in the Welland Canal, presented to this House on the tenth of February last, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on to-morrow.

Public Accounts.

Mr. Roblin, from the Committee of the whole House on the first Report of the Special Committee, to which were referred the Public Accounts for 1843, laid before this House on Friday, the 13th of December last, and other references, reported according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the first Report of the Special Committee of Public Accounts.

Certain expenses on the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Ordered, That Mr. Christie have leave to bring in a Bill, to authorize the charge of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying, during a period therein specified, certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity to all concerned.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time, and that the fifty-third rule of this House, be suspended as to the present Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. Christie, Mr. Leslie, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Williams, and the Honourable Mr. Robinson, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

H. Weeks.

Mr. Macdonald, of Glengarry, from the Committee of the whole House on the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the Petition of Henry Weeks, and the documents accompanying the same, laid before the House on the tenth of February last, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to recommend that a grant of Scrip to the amount of four hundred pounds, currency, should be made by the Executive Government of this Province in favour of Henry Weeks, to compensate him for losses which he has sustained in consequence of an erroneous survey of certain lands owned by him in the township of Yonge, in Upper Canada, pursuant to the recommendation contained in the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, sent down to this House on Monday the tenth of February last.

H. Weeks.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

Supply.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Roblin took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Roblin reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again in the afternoon sitting of this day, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Then, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M., this day.

3 à Horâ, P. M.

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 any amendment:—

"An Act to give further powers to the North American Colonial Association of Ireland." North American Colonial Association.

"An Act to correct and amend an Act, passed in the Session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act to appropriate certain Sums of Money for Public Improvements in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'" Public Improvements

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, 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;" with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly. Culling and Measurement of Timber.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of Day for the House in Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

Supply.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Roblin took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Roblin reported that the Committee had come to several resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered. That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered. That the Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Suits in Courts of Chancery.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 12th December, 1844, praying for a Statement of the number of suits brought in the Court of Chancery, since the 19th July, 1841, showing the number of suits actually adjudicated upon, the amount of costs taxed, and allowed on each suit, and the amount of fees paid on each suit to the Register; together with a detailed Statement, exhibiting the aggregate sums received by that officer, by way of fees and charges on the said suits.

(For the said Return, see Appendix I. I. I.)

Also,

Welland Canal

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 18th ultimo, praying for a Return of the Amounts which have already been expended for completing the Welland Canal, from *Thorold*, and Lock No. 18, respectively, to Port *Dalhousie*; the amount to be expended at Port *Dalhousie*, for deepening the entrance, constructing piers, protecting works; the annual cost of keeping the entrance clear of sand; the depth of water there will be on the bar, when the contemplated works are completed; and a statement of all necessary expenditures connected with the said Harbour at Port *Dalhousie*; with such observations on the shallowing of the water on the Lake, as may have been made by the Officers of the Board; and also, whether a certain survey, or pretended survey, made by the subordinate Officers of the Board, during the polling days of the late election of the town of *Niagara*, from *Thorold* to the said town, was made under the authority of the Board of Works; if so, the information derived by such survey, and the intention of the Board in making the same.

(For the said Return, see Appendix J. J. J.)

And also,

W. M. Kelly.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, to His Excellency, the Governor General, bearing date the 14th instant, praying for all the Reports or Letters made or written by the late Commissioner of the Revenue, on the case and conduct of *William Moore Kelly*, late Collector of Customs; together with any statements, evidence, or facts, set forth by the said Mr. *Kelly*; and any replications, reports, or evidence, by the Commissioner; and any reports made by the late Inspector General, the Deputy Inspector General, or the Executive Council, up to this date, upon this case.

(For the said Return, see Appendix K. K. K.)

Orders of the Day.

Mr. *Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued.

YEAS.....24.

NAYS.....21.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, The House adjourned.

Martis, 25° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Horâ, A. M.

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

By Mr. *Colville*, the Petition of *John Scriver* and others, settlers on the Clergy Reserves, in the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Lantier*, the Petition of *George R. S. De-Beaujeu*, of *Coteau du Lac*, Esquire, (relating to the subject of a former Petition.)

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Bill to authorize the charge of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province, by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying during a period therein specified, certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province, and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity to all concerned: reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the Accounts of any of the district agents, for the sale of Crown Lands in any of the districts of this Province who may be in default; and also the authority upon which such agents have been authorized to collect the debts due for sales of Clergy Reserves made before 1840.

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

On motion of Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, 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," be now read.

The said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 2, Line 15.—After "supervisor," insert "and any deputy so appointed shall, himself, with two responsible sureties, enter into bonds to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, in the penal sum of pounds each, for the faithful discharge of his duty, (which bonds shall enure to the benefit of all parties who may be damaged by misfeasance, malfeasance, or non-feasance of the said deputy,) and all parties damaged shall be entitled to recover from the said deputy and his sureties, before any Court of competent jurisdiction upon such

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bond, by suit or action, to the amount to which he may have been so damnified."

Press 11, Line 13.—After "inches" insert "square."

" 11, " 34.—Leave out "40," and insert "20."

" 16, " 36.—After "Supervisor" insert "or his Deputy."

" 17, " 16.—After "Supervisor" insert "or his Deputy."

" 20, " 35.—After "measured" insert "within the ports of *Montreal* and *Quebec*."

Ordered, That the said amendments be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had passed the said amendments, and had made an amendment thereto; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That the blank in the first amendment be filled with the words "Two hundred pounds."

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, requesting him to lay before this House, all Despatches and answers to Despatches, or other communications between the Government of this Province, and of the Province of *Upper Canada*, and the Imperial authorities, on the subject of the University of *King's College*, or of any proposed modification or alteration of the terms of its original or amended Charter; especially one from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to Sir *George Arthur*, in answer to an application from *Queen's College*, to have a share of the endowments, or in some way to have appropriated to it, a portion of the funds belonging to *King's College*.

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

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Return to an Address from this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, of the 13th instant, on the subject of moneys paid into the hands of the Receiver General, by district Treasurers, for the support of a Lunatic Asylum in *Upper Canada*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, informing His Excellency that this House hath voted an Address to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament, a reduc-

tion of the duty on Tobacco, the produce of this Province, imported into the United Kingdom, and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Duty on Tobacco imported into the United Kingdom.

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 Honourable 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.

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the Supply granted to Her Majesty, reported, according to order, the Resolutions of the said Committee; which Resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and are as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
2. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty-six pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the first Clerk in the office of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
3. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding ninety-one pounds, five shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the second Clerk in the office of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
4. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Provincial Aid-de-Camp, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
5. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of Postages, Printing, Stationery, Messenger, &c., for the office of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
6. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of one Clerk in the office of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
7. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the office of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

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King's College.

Lunatic
Asylum.

Duty on Tobacco imported into the United Kingdom.

Legislative
Council.

8. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
9. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of two Assistant Clerks of the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
10. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk of the Committees, Law Clerk, and English Translator of the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
11. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the French Translator to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
12. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
13. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
14. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Chaplain and Librarian to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
15. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Doorkeeper to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
16. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Head Messenger to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
17. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of Three Messengers to the Legislative Council, for the Session, at forty-five pounds each, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
18. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding six thousand six hundred and sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and fourpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

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Assembly.

19. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand and ninety-three pounds, three shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the *Speaker* of the Legislative Assembly, from the twenty-eighth November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, to the thirty-first December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, at the rate of one thousand pounds per annum.
20. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
21. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
22. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the English Translator and Law Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
23. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the French Translator of the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
24. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
25. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
26. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding nineteen thousand four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Assembly, including Sessional allowance to Members, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
27. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and ninety-three pounds, six shillings and eightpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *William Smith*, as late Clerk of the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, and Master in Chancery, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
28. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and fourpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *William Ginger*, as late Sergeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Pensions.

Pensions.

29. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Louis Noreau*, as Messenger to the late Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
30. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *L. B. Pinguet*, as Clerk of Committees to the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
31. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Samuel Waller*, as Clerk of Committees to the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
32. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty-three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *David Jardine*, as a Writing Clerk to the late House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
33. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty-three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *William Coates*, as a Writing Clerk to the late House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
34. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and thirty-three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Jasper Brewer*, as late Librarian to the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
35. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *François Rodrigue*, as Messenger to the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
36. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Louis Gagné*, as Messenger to the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
37. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seventy-six pounds ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Pierre Lacroix*, as Messenger to the late Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, from the first October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, to the 31st December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, at the rate of eighteen pounds per annum.

38. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seventy-six pounds, ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Joseph Bolduc*, as Messenger to the late Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, from the first October one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, to the thirty-first December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, at the rate of eighteen pounds per annum. Pensions.
39. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Secretary of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning.
40. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding sixty-seven pounds, fifteen shillings and seven pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the allowance to the Secretary of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, for a Clerk, Messenger, and Contingencies, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
41. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and eighty-two pounds, four shillings and six pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary and allowance for House Rent to the Master of the Grammar School at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Grammar School Montreal.
42. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and ninety-four pounds, eight shillings and eleven pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the National School at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. National School, Quebec.
43. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and twenty-two pounds, four shillings and six pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the National School at *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. National School, Montreal.
44. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred and sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Society of Education at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Society of Education, Quebec.
45. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Education Society of *Three Rivers*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Society of Education, Three Rivers.
46. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the British and Canadian School at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. British and Canadian School, Quebec.

British and Canadian School, Montreal.

47. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the British and Canadian School at *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

St. Andrew's School, Quebec

48. *Resolved*. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Andrews* School at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

St. Jacques' School, Montreal.

49. *Resolved*. That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Jacques* School at *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Recollet School Montreal.

50. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal Recollet* School, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Presbyterian Free School, Montreal.

51. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal American Presbyterian* Free School, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

College of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière.

52. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

College, St. Hyacinthe.

53. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College of *St. Hyacinthe*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

College, Chambly.

54. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Chambly*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

College, L'Assomption.

55. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College of *L'Assomption*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Academy, Berthier.

56. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Teacher of the Academy at *Berthier*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

57. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *Charlestown*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

58. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Stanstead* Seminary, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

59. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Shefford* Academy, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

60. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and ninety-four pounds, eight shillings and tenpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Sherbrooke* Academy, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

61. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Reverend *Andrew Balfour's* School, at *Waterloo*, in *Shefford*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

62. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding ninety pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Master of the School under the Royal Institution at *Three Rivers*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

63. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the British North American School Society, at *Sherbrooke*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

64. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand two hundred and twenty-two pounds, four shillings and fourpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Upper Canada* College, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

65. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Victoria* College, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

66. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the High School, in *Dunham* village, *Missisquoi*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

67. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred

Infant School,
Quebec.

and eleven pounds two shillings and twopence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Infant School at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

M'Gill College

68. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Medical Faculty of *M'Gill* College, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Assistant
Superintendents of Edu-
cation.

69. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Assistant Superintendents of Education, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

70. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred and sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Assistant Superintendents of Education, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Historical
Society, Quebec

71. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Literary and Historical Society at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

72. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Literary and Historical Society at *Quebec*, to enable them to procure old historical documents from *Europe*.

Natural
History Society
Montreal.

73. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Natural History Society of *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Mechanics'
Institute,
Quebec.

74. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Mechanics'
Institute,
Montreal.

75. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute, at *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Provincial
Penitentiary.

76. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twelve thousand seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid for the support of the Provincial Penitentiary at *Kingston*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Foundlings &c.
District of
Quebec.

77. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand nine hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the relief of Insane persons,—foundlings, and indigent sick persons,

in the district of *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

78. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand nine hundred and twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the relief of Insane persons, foundlings, and indigent sick persons, in the district of *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Foundlings &c.
District of
Montreal.

79. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eight hundred and sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the relief of Foundlings and Insane persons in the district of *Three Rivers*, including the sum of one hundred pounds for Insane persons from the district of *St. Francis*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Insane Persons

80. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Corporation of the General Hospital of *Montreal*, towards their expenses for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Montreal
General
Hospital.

81. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Widows,
Orphans, &c.

82. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Ladies Benevolent Society at *Montreal*, for Widows and Orphans, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

83. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

84. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Montreal* Orphan Protestant Asylum, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

85. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Male Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

86. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum at *Montreal*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

87. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand

Lunatic
Asylum.

- Lunatic Asylum. pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the support of the Temporary Lunatic Asylum at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
88. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the support of the Temporary Lunatic Asylum of *Toronto*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Toronto General Hospital. 89. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the support of the *Toronto* General Hospital, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- House of Industry Toronto. 90. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Toronto* House of Industry, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Indigent Sick, Kingston. 91. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid for the relief of Indigent Sick, at *Kingston*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Translators of Laws. 92. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and sixty pounds, five shillings and sixpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the French Translator of the Laws, from the seventeenth December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, to the thirty-first December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, at the rate of two hundred and fifty pounds, *per annum*.
- Inspector of Chimneys, Three Rivers. 93. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty-seven pounds, fifteen shillings and sixpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Inspector of Chimneys, at *Three Rivers*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Depots of Provisions. 94. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the allowance of three Keepers of Depots of Provisions on the *St. Lawrence*, with a view to the relief of shipwrecked persons, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Kempt Road. 95. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the allowance to *Pierre Brochu*, for residing on the *Kempt* road, with a view to assisting travellers on the road, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Quarantine Establishment. 96. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Quarantine Establishments at *Quebec* and *Grosse Isle*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
97. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Printing of the Laws, and other Printing for the Public Service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Printing of Laws.
98. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Distributing the Laws, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Distributing Laws.
99. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand four hundred pounds currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses for Printing the Revised Statutes of *Lower Canada*. Revised Statutes.
100. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the ordinary repairs, alterations, and care of Public Buildings, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Public Buildings.
101. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Unforeseen Expenses in the various branches of the Public Service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Unforeseen Expenses.
102. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Enregistering such Public Documents as may require enregistration, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Enregistering Public Documents.
103. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and ninety-seven pounds eighteen shillings and elevenpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.
104. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven pounds, eight shillings and threepence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Assessments on Public Buildings, and Lots within the cities of *Quebec*, and *Montreal*, imposed by the Corporations of these cities, instead of the rates established by the Provincial Act 36 *George III*, chapter 9, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Assessments, Quebec and Montreal.
105. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Feudal Tenure Commission. Feudal Tenure Commission.
106. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seventy pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Salary to the Interpreters of the Courts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Interpreters of Courts.
107. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Light Houses.

- Light Houses. Her Majesty, as the proportion of expenses of keeping Light Houses on the Isles of *St. Paul* and *Scattarie*, on the part of this Province, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Normal School 108. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding nine pounds, eight shillings and eightpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay a balance of Rent of Apartment for holding the Effects belonging to the late Normal School Establishment at *Montreal*, until transferred to the charge of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*.
- Inland Navigation, Newcastle District. 109. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three thousand four hundred and forty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the expenses incurred by the Commissioners for the improvement of the Inland Waters of the *Newcastle* District, under the Provincial Act, 3 *William* the Fourth, namely, two thousand pounds, amount of Debentures issued by the Commissioners, and dated third June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three; and one thousand four hundred and forty pounds, interest from that date to the second June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, being twelve years, at six per cent.
- St. Lawrence Navigation. 110. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four thousand three hundred and twenty-eight pounds, three shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable *John McDonald*, President of the Board of Commissioners for improving the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, to liquidate claims for Land damages, allowances to Commissioners for attendance, Engineers, Salary, Labour, &c.
- Chambly Turnpike. 111. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road to meet demands against them, and for other purposes.
- Attorney General Ogden. 112. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and seventy-one pounds, sixteen shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the amount of claims of *C. R. Ogden*, for services as late Attorney General in *Lower Canada*, previous to one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.
- C. Shiller. 113. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty-eight pounds, two shillings and threepence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the amount of claims of *Charles Shiller*, for service of *Subpenas* for the Criminal Term at *Montreal*, in one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.
- New Brunswick Boundary Line. 114. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred and seventy-four pounds, five shillings and tenpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to meet any further expenses for establishing the Boundary Line between this Province and *New Brunswick*.
- W. Evans, Esq. 115. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding ten pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to reimburse *W. Evans*, Esquire, so much paid by him for Insurance on the French copies of his Treatise on Agriculture belonging to this Province, and intended for distribution in *Lower Canada*.
116. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seventy-eight pounds, six shillings and fivepence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the Government to pay to *James Hallowell*, Advocate, at *Sherbrooke*, acting for the Attorney General in conducting certain causes on the part of the Crown, in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.
117. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding thirty-four pounds five shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the claims of Messrs. *Quesnel*, *Cherrier*, and *Fisher*, for their services in an enquiry into the charges preferred by Mr. *White*, against Mr. *Badgley*, as Commissioner of Bankrupts.
118. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty-nine pounds, fifteen shillings and tenpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to refund to *Henry Smith*, of *Chatham*, the amount of duty paid by him to the Collector of *Goderich*, in one thousand eight hundred and forty, under peculiar circumstances, on a quantity of Whiskey manufactured at *Goderich*, in this Province.
119. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the chairman of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace at *Three Rivers*, to defray the expenses of publishing new Police Regulations for the town of *Three Rivers*, and to repair and furnish the Chamber, namely, twenty-five pounds for the first object, and fifty pounds for the latter purpose.
120. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding sixty-three pounds, fifteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to refund to the district of *Talbot* so much over-paid to the Provincial Treasury, for Members' Wages, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.
121. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three hundred and sixty-nine pounds, nine shillings and twopence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the parties whose claims were reported on by Messrs. *Hall* and *Thorburn*, as Commissioners for Works on Roads and Bridges in *Canada West*, under the Acts of the 7 *William* IV., chapter 107, and 2 *Victoria*, chapter 56.
122. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding seventy-one pounds, fifteen shillings and tenpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to liquidate the claim of *Joseph Onellot*, for taking the Census of the county of *Rimouski*, in one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.
123. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding fifty-six pounds, seventeen shillings and sevenpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Pension of *Jacques Brien dit Durocher*, for having been wounded during the winter of one thousand

- Pension to J. Helen dit Duracher. eight hundred and thirty-eight, from the 27th February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, to the 31st December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, at the rate of twenty pounds per annum.
- Difference of Salary to Geo. Hamilton. 124. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the difference of Salary to *George Hamilton*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, as Clerk in the Receiver-General's Office, between one hundred and fifty pounds and one hundred and seventy pounds, arising from some inadvertence or error.
- Survey, South Petit Nation River. 125. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding thirty-three pounds, fifteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Compensation to *Peter Fleming*, for his expenses preparatory to a Survey of the South *Petit Nation* River.
- Monklands. 126. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand and five pounds, seven shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the balance of expenses, additions, and repairs to *Monklands*, the residence of His Excellency, the Governor General.
- Parliament House. 127. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty-eight pounds ten shillings and ninepence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the balance of expenses for alterations, &c. to the Parliament House.
- Old Government House. 128. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand and forty-one pounds one shilling, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the balance of expenses for alterations to the Old Government House, and other Buildings, and Government Offices, Furniture, &c.
- Freight, &c. 129. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding thirty-one pounds, twelve shillings and eightpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay for Freight, Postage, Packing Cases, &c.
- Census, Saguenay. 130. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eight pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an extra allowance in favour of *L. C. Clement*, for having taken the census of the county of *Saguenay*.
- Weights and Measures, Quebec. 131. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and eighty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to procure a set of Standard Weights and Measures for the district of *Quebec*, to replace those which were destroyed by fire in one thousand eight hundred and forty.
- House of Correction, Three Rivers. 132. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding ninety-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable the Commissioners for the House of Correction at *Three Rivers*, to liquidate certain debts contracted by them, and to procure working tools and materials.
- Travelling Allowance, Judges, Queen's Bench. 133. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Travelling Allowance for Circuits to the Judges in the Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada*, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
134. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an addition to the Salary of the Warden of the Provincial Penitentiary, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Warden, Provincial Penitentiary.
135. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay an allowance to *J. Noble*, for residing on the *Kempt Road*, with a view to the assistance of travellers, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Kempt Road.
136. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the support of the newly established School at *Three Rivers*, being the amount included in the estimate of one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, as an aid to the Society of Education at that place, but not drawn from the Public Chest; and in addition to the sum for that Institution included in a previous vote to assist the inhabitants in paying expenses they have incurred. School, Three Rivers.
137. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid for the support of a Female School at the village of *Lorette*, near *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. School at Lorette.
138. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five pounds, eight shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay the Honourable *C. W. Grant*, for the value of articles of Furniture missing at *Alwington House*, at *Kingston*, the late residence of the Governor General. Alwington House.
139. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for remunerating the Commissioners for the revision of the Statutes of *Upper Canada*. Revision of Statutes.
140. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for remunerating the Commissioners for the revision of the Statutes of *Lower Canada*.
141. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred and sixty-nine pounds, ten shillings and threepence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay a balance due to the Contractors for *Presque Isle* and *Gull Island Light House*. Gull Island Light House.
142. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to provide for Religious Instruction in the Provincial Penitentiary, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. Religious Instruction, Penitentiary.
143. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Lieutenant Colonel *FitzGibbon*, in lieu of the grant of Land recommended to be made to him by the Legislature of *Upper Canada*. Colonel FitzGibbon.

- J. Lonney. 144. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred and forty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to indemnify *James Lonney* for losses incurred by him, in consequence of unavoidable delays, in commencing his operations as Contractor on the *Cascades* Road.
- Cascades Road, &c. 145. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the improvement of portions of the road between the *Cascades* and *Vaudreuil*, and thence across *Isle Perrot* to *St. Anne*.
- Champlain Bridge. 146. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards building a Bridge over the River *Champlain*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Jacques Cartier Bridge. 147. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards building a Bridge over the River *Jacques Cartier*, and improving the approaches thereto for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Kennebec Road. 148. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the improvement of parts of the *Kennebec* Road.
- Gaspé Road. 149. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for works connected with the *Gaspé* Road, namely, expenses of the *Gaspé* Road from *Percé* Point to the settlements on *Gaspé* Basin; ditto, from Little River *Ristigouche*, to the mouth of the *Matapédia*; Construction of the *Metis* and *Ristigouche* Bridges; Repairs of the *Kenmore* Bridge, and of the Road in *Percé*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Chemin des Caps. 150. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improvements to the *Chemin des Caps*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Certain Bridges. 151. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding six thousand seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for building Bridges on the road south of the *St. Lawrence*, over the *Etchemin*, *Nicolet*, *Béancours*, *Godfroi*, and *Chateauguay* Rivers, and over the River *Du Chesne* in the county of *Lotbinière*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
- Athabaska Road. 152. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards opening the *Athabaska* Road, from the *Gosford* Road in *Halifax*, and terminating in the *Melbourne* and *Kingsey* Road—thereby opening the townships of *Warwick*, *Somerset*, *Chester*, *Athabaska*, and *Tingwick*, including a branch therefrom to the *St. Lawrence*, in *Gentilly*, through *Stanford* and *Blandford*, and the building of a Bridge over the *St. Francis* at *Melbourne*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
153. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty for the improvement of the Stage Road between *St. Johns*, in the district of *Montreal*, and *Stanstead*, in the district of *St. Francis*; Planking or otherwise, improving that portion of it between *St. Johns* and *Stanbridge* Upper Mills, and improving sundry portions, including the *Sutton*, and *Potton* Mountain Road, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
154. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eight thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the planking of that portion of the main Eastern Townships' Road, from *Chambly*, by *Granby*, *Stukely*, *Shefford*, the Outlet, *Burford*, and *Hereford*, to the Province Line; with branches to *Stanstead* and *Sherbrooke*, between *Chambly* and *Granby*, and the improvement of sundry other parts of the line, in grading and forming, including the Bridge at *Rock* Island, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
155. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to cover the cost of an examination, preparation of Estimates, &c., of the *Montreal* and *Grenville* Road, by *St. Eustache*, *St. Andrews*, &c., preparatory to the general improvement thereof; also, of an examination and preparation of Estimates for the improvements of the roads from the *St. Lawrence*, at *St. Thomas*, to the Boundary line, near the North West branch of the river *St. Johns*; also, of Survey and Estimate of the construction of Harbours at each of the following places, viz: *St. Thomas*, *Berthier*, *Kamouraska*, *St. Michel*, *L'Islet*, and *River du Loup*, in the county of *Rimoushi*.
156. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for present repairs to the *Chatham* Bridge.
157. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding nine thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving the *Grand River Swamp* Road, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
158. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving *Rouge Hill* and Bridge; also, another Bridge and Hill, east of the former, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.
159. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Belleville* Bridge.
160. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the completion of the *Dover* Road, over the mountain to the limits of the town of *Hamilton*, and erection of Toll-gates.
161. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding three thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the improvement of the Road from *L'Original* to *Bytown*, by *Hatfield*, *Gifford*, *Buckworth*,

Stage Road from St. Johns to Stanstead.

Main Eastern Townships Road.

Montreal and Grenville Road—Surveys Canada East

Chatham Bridge.

Grand River Swamp Road.

Rouge Hill and Bridge.

Belleville Bridge.

Dover Road.

Road from L'Original to Bytown.

Road from
L'Original to
Bytown.

and *Green's Creeks*, as surveyed and estimated: together with the building a Bridge across the narrow channel at the mouth of the *Rideau*, on the line of the road from the *Gatineau Ferry* to *Bytown*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to form a Dam across the branch of the *Mississippi*, and forming a Postage Road at the *Chats*.

Postage Road,
at the Chats.

Owen's Sound
Road.

162. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding four thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the chopping, clearing, drawing and forming of the portion of *Owen's Sound Road*, comprehending the line from *Dundas*, by *Guelph*, to *Queen's Sound*: and towards the lowering of hills, or otherwise improving such bad parts of the line between *Nichol* and *Dundas*, as most require it.

170. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eight thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Works upon the *Ottawa* and Roads connected therewith, as detailed in the Report of the Board of Works of the third February, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, laid before the Legislature for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Ottawa Works
and Roads.

Seugog Road.

163. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the opening of the road from the head of *Seugog Road* to the *Narrows' Bridge*, forming part of the road from *Lake Ontario*, at *Windsor Harbour*, to *Georgian Bay*, on *Lake Huron*.

171. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for building a Landing Wharf, with stairs and approaches, at the Quarantine Station, *Grosse Isle*.

Landing,
Grosse Isle.

Queenston and
Grimsby Road.

164. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding eight thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving the *Queenston and Grimsby Road*: for laying on the metal already delivered, and completing such parts left unfinished as are most advanced, and establishing gates.

172. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the extension of Piers and Wharf at the *Rouletau Harbour*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Rouletau
Harbour.

Trent Naviga-
tion.

165. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding six thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving the *Trent Navigation*, towards the completion of the Works now in progress, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

173. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the extension of Piers and opening Inner Basin at *Port Stanley Harbour*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Port Stanley
Harbour.

Surveys, Main
Province Road.

166. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to cover expense of Surveys, Examinations, preparations of Estimates of the cost of Improving the Main Province Road across the ravines of the *Twelve and Sixteen-Mile Creeks*, between *Toronto* and *Hamilton*: opening a Road from the main road to *Port Credit*: opening and completing a Road from the *Ottawa* at *Bytown* to the *St. Lawrence*, in the most direct line: of opening a Road between *Kingston* and the *Lake Des Allumettes* on the *Ottawa*, with a branch towards the head of the Bay of *Quinté*: of opening a Road from the *Rideau*, thence by *Perth*, *Bellamy's Mills*, *Warbe Lake*, to fall in with the Road proposed from *Bytown* to *Sydenham*: of completing the *Desjardins Canal*: of constructing the *Murray Canal*: of overcoming the impediments to the Navigation of the River *Trent*, between *Heely's Falls* and the Bay of *Quinté*: and also for a Survey of the Road from *Barrie* to *Lake Huron*, through the townships of *Sunnidale* and *Nottawasaga*.

174. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Dredging at *Cobourg Harbour*.

Cobourg
Harbour.

175. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for expenses of Piers and Dredging at *Windsor Harbour*.

Windsor
Harbour.

176. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs and erection of Light Houses, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Light Houses.

177. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the formation of a deep Water Basin at the entrance of the *Lachine Canal*, in the Harbour of *Montreal*, to admit vessels from sea.

Lachine Canal.

178. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the erection of a Custom House at *Toronto*.

Custom House,
Toronto.

Amherstburg
and Sandwich
Road.

167. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving the *Amherstburg and Sandwich Road*.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the said Resolutions.

And the first of the said Resolutions, being again read,

Cornwall and
L'Original
Road.

168. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding nine hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Cornwall and L'Original Road*.

Mr. *Christie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, that all the words after the word "exceeding," in the said Resolution, be struck out, and the following words be substituted: "two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Adjutant General of Militia of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five."

Salary, Adj't.
General of
Militia.

Postage Road,
at the Chats.

169. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that a sum not exceeding one thousand

Salary Adjutant General Militia.

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth :

YEAS.

Aylwin, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, DeBleury, DeWitt, Drummond, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Price, Rousseau, Smith of WESTWORTH, Thompson, and Williams—(24.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Chalmers, Colvile, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Hale, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Riddell, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWNS, Taché, Webster, and Woods—(29.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the said first Resolution, it was agreed to by the House.

And the second to the eighteenth of the said Resolutions, inclusively, being again severally read, and the question being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

The nineteenth of the said Resolutions being again read,

Salary Speaker of Assembly.

Mr. *Christie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, that all the words after the word "exceeding," in the said Resolution, be struck out, and the following substituted: "five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Sessional allowance to the *Speaker* of this House for the present Session."

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth :—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Cameron, Christie, Duggan, LaFontaine, Laurin, Merritt, Morin, Rousseau, Smith of WESTWORTH, Thompson, and Williams—(12.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Bertrand, Boulton, Boutillier, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Ermatinger, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWNS, Taché, Webster, and Woods—(42.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Christie* then moved, in amendment to the said nineteenth Resolution, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, that the following words be added thereto: "provided the said *Speaker* hold no office of profit or emolument under the Crown, nor receive any other salary, fee, or allowance of any description, during the said year, from or out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province."

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth :

YEAS.

Aylwin, Boutillier, Chauveau, Christie, LaFontaine, Laurin, Leslie, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Thompson, and Williams—(11.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Bertrand, Boulton, Cameron, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWNS, Taché, Webster, and Woods—(46.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put upon the said nineteenth Resolution, it was agreed to by the House.

The twentieth to the sixty-seventh of the said Resolutions, inclusively, being again severally read, and the question being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

The sixty-eighth of the said Resolutions being again read, and the question being put thereon, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boulton, Cameron, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Daly, DeBleury, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Luterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Murney, Papineau, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWNS, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(33.)

NAYS.

Bertrand, Chauveau, Laurin, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Méthot, Morin, and Scott—(7.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The sixty-ninth of the said Resolutions being again read,

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, in amendment to the said Resolution, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, that the following words be added thereto:—"Provided that no such Superintendent shall be a teacher or Minister of religion;" and a debate arising thereupon,

Ordered, That the debate be adjourned till the afternoon sitting of the House this day.

Then the House adjourned until three o'clock P. M. this day.

3 à Hour, P. M.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate upon the motion of amendment made this day to the sixty-ninth Resolution of Supply, that the following words be added thereto,— "Provided that no such Superintendent shall be a teacher or Minister of religion."

And the said motion of amendment being again read,

The House resumed the said adjourned debate,

And the question being put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:—

YEAS.

Aylwin, Berthelot, Cameron, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leslie, Morin, Rousseau and Taché—(13.)

Salary Speaker of Assembly.

Grant to McGill College.

Grant to McGill College.

NAVS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Bouillier, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Leterrière, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, Williams, and Woods—(49.)

So it passed in the negative.

Grant to Assistant Superintendents of Education.

The question being then put on the said sixty-ninth Resolution, it was agreed to by the House.

The seventieth to the one hundred and forty-second of the said Resolutions being again severally read, and the question being again separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

Grant to Colonel FitzGibbon.

The one hundred and forty-third of the said Resolutions being again read, and the question being put thereon, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Cameron, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lantier, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of GLENGARRY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Webster and Woods—(38.)

NAVS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Johnston, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Leterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of DUNDAS, Methot, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of WESTWORTH, and Thompson—(24.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The one hundred and forty-fourth of the said Resolutions being again read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Grant for Cascades Road.

The one hundred and forty-fifth of the said Resolutions being again read,

The Honourable Mr. LaFontaine moved, seconded by Mr. Leslie, that the further consideration of all the votes under the heads, "For Public Works, Canada East," and "Canada West," be postponed until the next ensuing Session of Parliament.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, Desmarier, DeWitt, Hall, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Leslie, Merril, Morin, Rousseau, and Taché—(17.)

NAVS.

Baldwin, Boulton, Cameron, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Lantier, Leterrière, Laurin, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, M'Connell, Methot, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Powell, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster and Woods—(47.)

So it passed in the negative.

Grant for Cascades Road.

The question being then put upon the said one hundred and forty-fifth Resolution, it was agreed to by the House.

The one hundred and forty-sixth to the one hundred and seventy-eighth and last of the said Resolutions being again severally read, and the question being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the said Resolutions be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper, the Honourable Mr. Robinson, Mr. Roblin, and the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General Sherwood, to prepare and report a Bill in conformity thereto.

Mr. Roblin, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Resolutions of Supply, to prepare and report a Bill in conformity thereto, presented to the House a Bill to make provision for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, which was received and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

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 any amendment:—

"An Act for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies, and Agriculture in Upper Canada." Agriculture, Upper Canada.

"An Act to establish the Boundaries of the Lots and Gores of Lands in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth concessions of the township of Beverly, in the county of Halton." Boundaries, Beverly.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intitled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery," with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Montreal Medical College.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada, being read, Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Cauchon took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Cauchon reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill, to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities in Lower Canada, being read, Municipal Authorities, Lower Canada.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Nelson took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Municipal Authorities, Lower Canada.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Nelson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Militia, Lower Canada.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time, a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, 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:—

METCALFE.

The Governor General recommends, for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, the copy of an Address from the Honourable the Legislative Council, on the subject of an annual Salary being granted to the *Speaker* of that House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 24th March, 1845.

Salary to Speaker of the Legislative Council.

(Copy.)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Saturday, 22nd March, 1845.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to inform His Excellency that this House being impressed with the expediency of remunerating their *Speaker*, by an annual Salary, for the arduous and important duties attached to his high office, humbly pray that he may be paid from the time of his appointment, at the same annual rate as the *Speaker* of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That such members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency, the Governor General with the said address.

Attest.

(Signed,) CHARLES DELERY,
Clk. Asst. Legt. Coun.

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General, copies of two Despatches; and the said Despatches are as followeth:—

(Copy.)

No. 342.

DOWNING STREET,
4th February, 1845.

MY LORD,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch, No. 181, of the 17th December, transmitting a Resolution of the House of Assembly of *Canada*, on the subject of the anticipated interruption of the Post Office Packet Service between *Quebec* and *Nova Scotia*.

Post Office Packet Service between Quebec and Nova Scotia.

Her Majesty's Government trust that the Province will not experience, to any serious extent, the inconvenience which is apprehended by the House of Assembly by the proposed change in the mode of maintaining the Post communication with *Quebec*. Considerations affecting the convenience of all parts of *Canada*, as well as financial motives, certainly render it desirable to effect an alteration in the present system of conveying letters to *Canada*; if, at least, by that alteration the system can be made more generally conducive to the interests of the Public. With this view, therefore, a proposal from the Contractors of the North American Mail Packets to discontinue the running of the "*Unicorn*" to *Quebec*, has, for some time, been under consideration, the Contractors having offered to accept such discontinuance as an equivalent for a very considerable deduction from the sum they receive from Her Majesty's Government. With a view to the diminution of the very heavy expense which will necessarily attend the conveyance of the *Canada* mails through the *United States*, Her Majesty's Government have felt disposed to accept the offer made to them by the Contractors, foreseeing that, in the event of the mails being sent through the *United States*, the communication maintained by the means of the steamship "*Unicorn*," would, so far as the service of the Post Office is concerned, be scarcely of any advantage.

At present, however, the negotiations on this subject are not concluded; but in the state in which they are, there is reason to think that the change in question will be completed. I therefore can only state, that if the Legislature of *Canada* should be desirous of keeping up the Post communication with *Quebec* by steam, there is no other mode of which I am aware, of accomplishing that object, except by an arrangement between the Province and the owners of the "*Unicorn*."

I have, &c.

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Lord Metcalfe, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 353.

DOWNING STREET,
2nd March, 1845.

MY LORD,

With reference to my Despatch No. 342 of the 4th ultimo, I have the honour to acquaint your Lordship that Her Majesty's Government concluded an agreement on the 14th February last, with the Post Master General of the *United States*, for the conveyance through that country, of the British Mails, to and from *Canada*. Under this agreement the correspondence between this country and *Canada* will, after this Mail, be landed and embarked at *Boston*, instead of at *Halifax*, as at present. The letters

Conveyance of British Mails through the United States.

Conveyance of British Mails through the United States. will be forwarded, through the *United States*, in iron boxes, and placed under the charge of an officer appointed by the Post Master General.

The first Homeward Mail to be despatched by this route, will be conveyed by the Packet appointed to leave *Boston* on the first of next May.

I have, &c.

(Signed.) STANLEY.

The Right Honourable
Lord METCALFE, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

And also.

Board of Works.

Return to two Addresses from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency, the Governor General, the first dated 17th January last, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to direct the Board of Works to inquire and report, with as little delay as possible, into the feasibility of giving to the inhabitants of the district of *Three Rivers*, the benefit of an Ice Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, by means of three or more piers to be placed between the *Batture à Léonard*, near the parish of *St. Pierre Les Beequets* and the *Batture à Bigot*, near the parish of *Champlain*, or in the vicinity of these places:—and the second, dated 21st January, praying His Excellency to cause an inquiry to be made by the Board of Works, as to the feasibility of procuring, during each Winter, to the inhabitants of the city and district of *Quebec*, the benefit of an Ice Bridge between the city of *Quebec*, and the parish of *Pointe Levy*.

(For the said Return, see Appendix L. L. L.)

Ice Bridge, Quebec

Private Stock Welland Canal

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, respecting the Debentures for buying up the Stock held by private individuals in the *Welland Canal*, presented to this House on the tenth of February last, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Price took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And Mr. Price reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Orders of the Day.

Mr. Armstrong moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. LaFontaine, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

Montreal Harbour.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*; to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose; to consolidate the Laws now in force relating to the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Murney took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Murney reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Montreal Harbour.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. LaFontaine,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 26° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Horâ, A. M.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. Chalmers, the Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Broute Harbour*.

By Mr. DeWitt, the Petition of *William Botham* and others, of the county of *Missisquoi*.

By the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, the Petition of *James Burns* and *John Gordon*, Merchants, at *Montreal*.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the charge of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying during a period therein specified certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity to all concerned, was read for the third time.

Moneys Advanced from the Treasury.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to authorize the charge of a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying, during a period therein specified, certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity therefor to all concerned."

Ordered, That Mr. Christie do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue for a limited time a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Militia, Lower Canada and Upper Canada.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Culling and Measurement of Timber, Masts, Spars, Deals, Staves, and other

Culling and Measurement of Timber, &c.

Culling and
Measurement
of Timber.

articles of a like nature, and to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned," as amended, be now read for the third time.

The said amendments were accordingly read for the third time.

Resolved, That the said amendments, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Petitions read. Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions were read:—

Of *James Corbett*, *Alexis Paulet* and *Louis Millette*, praying to be remunerated for their services in taking the Census for the parish of *Sorel*.

Of *Archibald McDonell* and others, of the township of *Osgoode*, praying for the construction of a road, leading from *Bytown* through *Osgoode*, to the *St. Lawrence*.

Of *Edmund H. Parsons* and others, of the city of *Montreal*, praying to be remunerated for their services in reporting the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly during the present Session.

Of Captain *John Longworth*, of the Second *Huron* Militia, praying to be reimbursed a certain sum for expenses and losses sustained by him during the late Rebellion.

Petition of E.
Parson and
others.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*, that the Petition of *Edmund H. Parsons*, and others, of the city of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

The question having been put upon the said motion, it passed in the negative.

Report on the
Petition of J.
McBean.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John McBean*, of *Lancaster*, in the Eastern district, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix M. M. M.)

Report on the
Petition of W.
Morrison and
others.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *W. Morrison* and others, of the township of *Brandon*, in the county of *Berthier*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix N. N. N.)

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

Report on the
Petition of
Reid and
Shepherd.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*, and other references, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, and from time to time, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix S. S. S.)

Second Report.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Reid* and *Robert Shepherd*, of the city of *Montreal*, and other references, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, and from time to time, presented to the House, the second Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee, after a careful examination of the claim of *Peter Anderton*, of the Eastern district, and of the evidence relative thereto, are of opinion that the prayer of his Petition should be granted.

Second Report
on the Petition
of Reid and
Shepherd.

Evidence of J. B. MILLS, Esquire.

There is an item for the excavation of section No. 11, for a five feet boom, as per Colonel *Philpott's* letter of the 6th July, 1839, which was paid for at fivepence per cubic yard, upon which Mr. *Anderton* claims sevenpence farthing, or the contract price, equal to twopence farthing more upon the appropriate number of yards. If there were no agreement for a modified price for the said work, and no compensating circumstances connected therewith, I do not see the reason of the said deduction, and I am inclined to the belief, that the same principle should apply to the rejected earth lying in the bottom of the canal, upon the completion of the Puddle Trench, (say three hundred yards.)

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Special Committee, to which were referred all the Statements furnished by the Chartered Banks and Insurance Offices of this Province, pursuant to the Order of this House of the 10th January last, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Report on
Statements
from Chartered
Banks.

Your Committee having been deeply impressed with the importance of satisfying themselves, that the Institutions in question are in a sound and healthy condition, controlling, as they do, about £3,000,000, the greater of the circulating medium of the Province,—they have examined with great care the several Statements rendered by them, and are fully satisfied of their perfect solvency. Your Committee find that those Chartered Institutions within the limits of *Upper Canada*, are required by Law to make their annual Returns to the Legislature under oath, while those in *Lower Canada* are exempt from this provision; your Committee conceive that all the Banking and Insurance Companies in the Province should be placed on the same footing in this respect, and therefore recommend the passing of an Act to require such of these Institutions as are within the limits of *Lower Canada*, to make their annual Returns to the three branches of the Legislature under oath.

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

Mr. *Dickson*, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, in accordance with the Resolution of the Committee of the whole House, on the subject of the Petition of *Alexander McLeod*, of the township of *Stamford*, in the district of *Niagara*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

A. McLeod.

Your Committee have prepared, in obedience to the order of your Honourable House, the draught of an Address to Her Majesty; which they have the honour to report herewith:—

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, humbly beg leave to approach Your Majesty in behalf of Your Majesty's faithful subject, *Alexander McLeod*, now residing in the township of *Stamford*, in the *Niagara* district of this Province, and to submit to Your Majesty's favourable consideration, the result of a strict investigation into the circumstances connected with his case, by a Special Committee of this House.

A. M. Leod.

We would also, in thus recommending to the favourable consideration of Your Majesty, and of Your Majesty's Government, the said *Alexander M. Leod*, beg leave, most respectfully, to express to Your Majesty our firm conviction that he has been deeply injured in his pecuniary circumstances, by the treatment he received from the Government of the neighbouring *States*, the occasion of which arose, alone, from his loyal conduct in assisting to uphold and retain, in a time of peril, the rightful authority of Your Majesty, in this portion of Your Majesty's dominions.

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 Address to Her Majesty, relative to the imprisonment of *Alexander M. Leod* by the authorities of the *United States*, and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the said Address 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.

On motion of Mr. *Scott*, seconded by Mr. *Taché*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal College of Medicine and Surgery*," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read and are as followeth:—

Press 1. Line 45.—Leave out "College" and insert "School."

" 2, " 24.—Leave out from "that" to "Corporation" in the 37th line both inclusively, and insert "that the said Corporation shall yearly and every year, cause to be delivered, at least, one hundred and twenty Lectures of at least one hour each, in the English Language, and the like number, of the same duration, in the French Language, on the following branches of Medical Science, to wit:—Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Pharmacy, Materia Medica, Theory and Practice of Physic and Principles and Practice of Surgery and Midwifery, and diseases of women and children, to be given by competent Lecturers at some place in the city of *Montreal*, between the first day of October and the last day of April."

" 3, " 1.—Leave out "College," and insert "School."

" 3, " 2.—Leave out from "and the fee," to "shall," in the 5th line, both inclusively, and insert "to."

" 3, " 24.—Leave out "and examination."

" 3, " 29.—Leave out "qualification," and insert "attendance."

" 3, " 33 and 34.—Leave out "duly qualified to practice, and having, if they shall deem necessary," and insert "having attended such lectures, and having."

Press 3, Line 35.—Leave out "and."

" 3, " 37.—Leave out from "Provided" to "qualification," in Press 4, Line 10, both inclusively.

" 4, " 22.—Leave out "no member," and insert "each and every member."

" 4, " 30.—Leave out "College," and insert "School."

Title.—Leave out "College," and insert "School."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Scott* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Mrs. *Jennet Roy*, widow of the late *Thomas Roy*, Civil Engineer, of the city of *Toronto*, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing an Act of the present Session relative to the Duties on Stills, and to make further provision, on the same subject.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Colville* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Colville* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*,

Ordered, That the Accounts of the Corporation of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, received in conformity to the 20th section of the Act 4 and 5 *Victoria*, chapter 15, and laid before the House on the 11th December, 1844, and 20th January, 1845, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the nature and extent of the restrictions which exist on the Commerce of *Canada*, in passing from the interior to or from the Mother Country, our sister Colonies, or Foreign parts, by the River *St. Lawrence*.

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Mrs. J. Roy.

Duties on Stills.

Trinity House,
Quebec.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Daly*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of addressing the three Branches of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, for the repeal of that provision of the 31st Clause of the Imperial Act 3 and 4 *William IV.*, chapter 59, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in foreign vessels on the Inland Waters of this Province, and for the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels, employed on the said waters.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which Resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That the increased importance of the interests of owners of ships and vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, require that the same protection and privileges be extended to vessels so employed, as are enjoyed by British vessels in all other parts of Her Majesty's Dominions.
2. *Resolved*, That the provision of the 31st section of the Act passed in the 3rd and 4th years of the reign of His late Majesty, *William IV.*, which permits goods, the produce of foreign countries, to be brought or imported by inland navigation from any adjoining foreign country in foreign vessels or boats, as well as in British vessels or boats, is no longer necessary or advantageous for the interests of this Province, and that the repeal of that part of the clause in question which contains the aforesaid provision, would tend greatly to advance the prosperity of the inland trade of this Province.
3. *Resolved*, That the extension of the Acts passed in the 3rd and 4th years of the reign of His late Majesty, *William IV.*, intituled respectively, "*An Act for the Registering of British Vessels*," and "*An Act for the encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation*," to vessels built and owned in this Province, employed in navigating the inland waters, would, by securing to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, owning vessels so employed, the valuable privileges and advantages enjoyed by British vessels in other portions of Her Majesty's Dominions, greatly tend to the encouragement of British shipping and navigation, and the commercial interests of this Province.
4. *Resolved*, That many persons of foreign birth, having emigrated to this Province at an early period, and taken up their permanent residence here, under the encouragement held out to them by the Government, have become naturalized subjects of Her Majesty, under, and by virtue of various Acts of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, as well as of Acts of the Provincial Parliament of the late Provinces of *Lower and Upper Canada*, respectively, while others are now in process of becoming naturalized

under the said Acts, and it is probable that in the course of the settling of the country, others may hereafter acquire the rights of naturalization, by virtue of Acts of the Provincial Parliament to be hereafter passed for that purpose.

5. *Resolved*, That the privileges of naturalization thus obtained, availing the parties only within the limits within which the Jurisdiction of the Provincial Parliament in this particular extends, it is highly desirable that in any amendment of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament, 3rd and 4th *William IV.*, chapter 59, with a view to give effect to the object in the foregoing Resolutions, a provision should be made, by which all the rights of natural born British subjects, as respects Trade, Shipping, and Navigation, and the ownership of goods and shipping engaged, or to be engaged in the same, should be conferred by Imperial Legislation, upon all such persons as already have, or hereafter may become naturalized, by, or under the authority of any such Provincial Acts, passed, or to be passed as aforesaid, so far at least as respects the coasting trade and fisheries of the Province itself, and the direct trade between it and the Mother Country, our Sister Colonies, and Foreign Nations.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, Mr. *Leslie*, and the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, be appointed to prepare and report the draughts of humble Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolutions.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draughts of humble Petitions to Her Majesty, and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, in conformity to the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of addressing the three Branches of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, for the repeal of that provision of the 31st clause of the Imperial Act 3 and 4, *William IV.* chapter 59, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in foreign vessels on the inland waters of this Province, and for the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters, presented to the House the Petitions prepared by the said Committee, which Petitions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave humbly to approach your Majesty, and to represent:

That the increased importance of the interests of owners of ships and vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, require that the same protection and privileges be extended to vessels so employed, as are enjoyed by British vessels in all other parts of Your Majesty's dominions.

That the provision of the thirty-first section of the Act passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William the Fourth*, which permits goods, the produce of foreign countries, to be brought or imported by inland navigation from any adjoining foreign country in foreign vessels or boats, as well as in British vessels or boats, is no longer

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necessary or advantageous for the interests of this Province: and that the repeal of that part of the clause in question, which contains the aforesaid provision, would tend greatly to advance the prosperity of the inland trade of this Province.

That the extension of the Acts passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, intituled respectively, "An Act for the registering of British Vessels," and "An Act for the encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation," to vessels built and owned in this Province, employed in navigating the inland waters, would, by securing to Your Majesty's subjects in this Province, owning vessels so employed, the valuable privileges and advantages enjoyed by British vessels in other portions of your Majesty's dominions, greatly tend to the encouragement of British shipping and navigation, and the commercial interests of this Province.

That many persons of foreign birth having emigrated to this Province at an early period, and taken up their permanent residence here, under the encouragement held out to them by the Government, have become naturalized subjects of Your Majesty, under, and by virtue of various Acts of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, as well as of Acts of the Provincial Parliament of the late Provinces of *Lower* and *Upper Canada* respectively, while others are now in process of becoming naturalized under the said Acts; and it is probable that, in the course of the settling of the country, others may hereafter acquire the rights of naturalization by virtue of Acts of the Provincial Parliament, to be hereafter passed for that purpose.

That the privileges of naturalization thus obtained, availing the parties only within the limits within which the jurisdiction of the Provincial Parliament in this particular extends; it is highly desirable that in any amendment of this said Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, with a view to give effect to the object hereinbefore referred to; a provision should be made, by which all the rights of natural born British subjects, as respects trade, shipping, and navigation, and the ownership of goods and shipping engaged, or to be engaged in the same, should be conferred by Imperial Legislation upon all such persons as already have been, or hereafter may become naturalized by, or under the authority of any of such Provincial Acts passed, or to be passed as aforesaid, so far at least as respects the coasting trade and fisheries of this Province itself, and the direct trade between it and the Mother Country, and Sister Colonies, and Foreign relations.

To the Lords Spiritual and Temporal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled:

HUMBLY SHEWETH:—

That the increased importance of the interests of owners of ships and vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, require that the same protection and privileges be extended to vessels so employed, as are enjoyed by British vessels in all other parts of Her Majesty's dominions.

That the provisions of the thirty-first section of the Act passed in the third and fourth years of the reign

of his late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, which permits goods, the produce of foreign countries, to be brought or imported by inland navigation from any adjoining foreign country in foreign vessels or boats, as well as in British vessels or boats, is no longer necessary or advantageous for the interests of this Province, and that the repeal of that part of the clause in question which contains the aforesaid provision, would tend greatly to advance the prosperity of the inland trade of this Province.

That the extension of the Acts passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, intituled, respectively, "An Act for the registering of British Vessels," and "An Act for the encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation," to vessels built and owned in this Province, employed in navigating the inland waters, would, by securing to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, owning vessels so employed, the valuable privileges and advantages enjoyed by British vessels in other portions of Her Majesty's dominions, greatly tend to the encouragement of British shipping and navigation, and the commercial interests of this Province.

That many persons of foreign birth have emigrated to this Province at an early period, and taken up their permanent residence here, under the encouragement held out to them by the Government; have become naturalized subjects of Her Majesty, under and by virtue of various Acts of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, as well as of Acts of the Provincial Parliament of the late Provinces of *Lower* and *Upper Canada* respectively, while others are now in process of becoming naturalized under the said Acts; and it is probable that, in the course of the settling of the country, others may hereafter acquire the rights of naturalization by virtue of the Acts of the Provincial Parliament, to be hereafter passed for that purpose.

That the privileges of naturalization thus obtained, availing the parties only within the limits within which the jurisdiction of the Provincial Parliament in this particular extends, it is highly desirable, that in any amendment of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, with a view to give effect to the object hereinbefore referred to, a provision should be made, by which all the rights of natural born British subjects, as respects Trade, Shipping, and Navigation, and the ownership of goods and shipping engaged, or to be engaged in the same, should be conferred by Imperial Legislation upon all such persons as already have been, or hereafter may become naturalized, by, or under the authority of any of such Provincial Acts passed, or to be passed as aforesaid; so far at least as respects the coasting trade and fisheries of this Province itself, and the direct trade between it and the Mother Country, our Sister Colonies, and Foreign relations.

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament Assembled:

HUMBLY SHEWETH:—

That the increased importance of the interests of owners of Ships and Vessels navigating the inland waters of this Province, require that the same pro-

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tection and privileges be extended to a vessel so employed, as are enjoyed by British Vessels in all other parts of Her Majesty's dominions.

That the provision of the thirty-first Section of the Act passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, which permits goods, the produce of Foreign Countries, to be brought or imported by inland Navigation from any adjoining foreign country in foreign vessels or boats as well as in British Vessels or Boats, is no longer necessary or advantageous for the interests of this Province, and that the repeal of that part of the clause in question which contains the aforesaid provision, would tend greatly to advance the prosperity of the inland trade of this Province.

That the extension of the Acts passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, intitled, respectively, "*An Act for the registering of British Vessels*," and "*An Act for the encouragement of British Shipping and Navigation*" to vessels built and owned in this Province employed in navigating the inland waters, would, by securing to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province owning vessels so employed, the valuable privileges and advantages enjoyed by British vessels in other portions of Her Majesty's dominions, greatly tend to the encouragement of British shipping and navigation, and the commercial interests of this Province.

That many persons of foreign birth having emigrated to this Province at an early period, and taken up their permanent residence here, under the encouragement held out to them by the Government, have become naturalized subjects of Her Majesty under, and by virtue of various Acts of the Provincial Parliament of this Province, as well as of Acts of the Provincial Parliament of the late Provinces of *Lower and Upper Canada*, respectively, while others are now in process of becoming naturalized under the said Acts; and it is probable that, in the course of the settling of the country, others may hereafter acquire the rights of naturalization by virtue of Acts of the Provincial Parliament, to be hereafter passed for that purpose.

That the privileges of naturalization thus obtained, availing the parties only within the limits within which the jurisdiction of the Provincial Parliament in this particular extends; it is highly desirable that, in any amendment of the said Act of the Imperial Parliament, passed in the third and fourth years of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, with a view to give effect to the object hereinbefore referred to, a provision should be made, by which all the rights of natural born British subjects, as respects trade, shipping, and navigation, and the ownership of goods and shipping engaged, or to be engaged in the same, should be conferred by Imperial Legislation upon all such persons as already have been, or hereafter may become, naturalized by, or under the authority of any of such Provincial Acts passed, or to be passed, as aforesaid, so far at least as respects the coasting trade and fisheries of this Province itself, and the direct trade between it and the Mother Country, our Sister Colonies, and foreign relations.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Petitions to Her Majesty, and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, be communicated to the Honourable the Legislative Council, by Message, requesting the concurrence of their Honours thereto.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, do carry the said Message.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to appoint a Commission to enquire into all matter of complaint against the Board of Works, both as to such Public Works as they themselves have initiated, and such as they have assumed from Commissioners; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; to summon witnesses, and examine them on oath; and to report from time to time to His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council.

Complaints against the Board of Works.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said motion, be postponed till the afternoon Sitting of the House, this day.

Then, the House adjourned, until three o'clock, P. M., this day.

3 à Hora, P. M.

According to Order, the House resumed the consideration of the motion made this day, "That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency to appoint a Commission to enquire into all matter of complaint against the Board of Works, both as to such Public Works as they themselves have initiated, and such as they have assumed from Commissioners; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; to summon witnesses, and examine them on oath; and to report from time to time to His Excellency, the Governor General, in Council."

And the said motion being again read, Mr. *Boulton* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, that all the words after the word "enquire," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "into the manner in which the Public Money is, and has been, expended under the Board of Works, and whether any improvement can be made in the constitution of that Board."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Boulton, Chalmers, Colville, Drummond, Duggan, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lacoste, Lantier, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Scott, and Sherwood of BROCKVILLE—(18.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cameron, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, DeBleury, Desauter, Attorney General Draper, Foster, Greive, Hale, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Methot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Papineau, Petrie, Price, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWNS, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, and Williams—(40.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS,

Armstrong, Chalmers, Colville, Duggan, Dunlop, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Lacoste, and Lantier—(11.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cameron, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Greive, Hale, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL,

Macdonald of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merrill*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Petric*, *Price*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Roblin*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, Attorney General *Smith*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson*, *Webster*, and *Williams*—(45.)

So it passed in the negative.

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 following Bills, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly:—

Winter Roads. "An Act further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*."

Civil and Political Rights. "An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen *Victoria*, intituled 'An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British subjects, and to make further provision regarding aliens.'"

And then he withdrew.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Wednesday, 26th March, 1845.

Culling and Measurement of Timber. *Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council hath agreed to their amendment made to the amendments of this House to the Bill, 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," without any amendment.

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,

Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And then he withdrew.

Damages, St. Lawrence Canal. *Ordered*, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, relating to the claims of the inhabitants of the county of *Dundas*, for damages occasioned by the *St. Lawrence Canal*, laid before this House, on the eighteenth instant, be printed in each of the English and French Languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

Counsel on Quieting of Titles to Lands Upper Canada. *Resolved*, That the Honourable *Thomas Cushing Aylwin*, a Member of this House, have leave to appear as Counsel at the Bar of the Honourable the Legislative Council, to support the Bill, intituled, "An Act to quiet the title to Lands of persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, passed in the first year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada. Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Municipal Authorities, Lower Canada. Mr. *Nelson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Private Stock, Welland Canal. Mr. *Price*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Message of His Excellency, the Governor General, respecting the Debentures for buying up the Stock held by private individuals in the *Welland Canal*, presented to this House on the tenth of February last, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that it is expedient to authorize the issue of Debentures for the sum of two thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine pounds, eighteen shillings and ninepence, currency, for the full purchase of the Stock held by private Shareholders in the *Welland Canal*, on the same terms and conditions as those already authorized by law.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, that this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, *Bouillon*, *Chalmers*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Duggan*, *Dunlop*, Attorney General *Draper*, *Foster*, *Greive*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Macdonald* of CORNWALL, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *MacConnell*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Papineau*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Roblin*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, Attorney General *Smith*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Walls* and *Webster*—(33.)

NAYS.

Aylwin, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Cameron*, *Cauchon*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Guillet*, *Johnston*, *LaFontaine*, *Lotterrière*, *Laurin*, *LeMoine*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Price*, *Scott*, and *Taché*—(21.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for purchasing the Stock in the *Welland Canal*, held by private Shareholders.

He accordingly presented the 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.

Montreal
Harbour.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*; to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose; to consolidate the Laws now in force relating to the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Expenses of
Civil Govern-
ment.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to make provision for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Couchon* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Couchon* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordinance
Estates.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to explain and amend part of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for vesting in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance, the estates and property therein described, for granting certain powers to the said officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned," being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Luterrière* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Luterrière* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Petition of R.
G. Belleau and
others.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*, and other references, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Petition of R.
G. Belleau and
others.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* reported, that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*,

That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend and consolidate the provisions of the "Ordinance, to incorporate the city and town of *Montreal*," and of a certain Ordinance amending that Ordinance, and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation, created by the said first mentioned Ordinance, be now read.

Montreal
Incorporation.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, for ascertaining the liabilities of the several Municipal districts in *Lower Canada*, and their means of discharging the same, being read,

Municipal
Districts,
Lower Canada.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Seymour* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Seymour* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Report of the Select Committee, appointed to enquire into the present method of disposing of the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands; the amount collected and paid from year to year into the Public Revenue, or any other fund, from the proceeds thereof; expenses attending the same, and from what fund paid, including the receipt and expenditure of the Territorial Revenue, with an instruction to the said Committee, being read,

Crown, Clergy
and School
Lands.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *McConnell* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to revive certain provisions of the Act incorporating the "Great Western Railroad Company," and to enable them to carry on that work, being read,

Great Western
Railroad Com-
pany.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Registration of
Titles, Lower
Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of Titles to, and Incumbrances upon, Real Property in Lower Canada, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Cameron took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And Mr. Cameron reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Taxes on Lands
Upper Canada.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in Upper Canada to be charged with Local Taxes, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Smith, of Frontenac, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And Mr. Smith reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Roads ap-
proaching the
City of Mont-
real.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the third Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of M. F. Valois and others, inhabitants of Lachine and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend Antoine Duransauc and others, inhabitants of Montreal and its vicinity; the Petition of Gabriel Roy and others, inhabitants of the Côte St. Laurent, in the parish of St. Laurent; and the Petition of Hyacinthe Brunet, and others of Ste. Anne, Pointe Claire, and other parishes; and other references, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Cummings took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And Mr. Cummings reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which Resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

1. Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Ordinances which provide for the improvement of the roads in the neighbourhood of, and leading to the city of Montreal, by providing that the Toll-gates thereon be annually let by auction to the highest bidder; and that the repairs on the said roads be annually given out to public competition.
2. Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal so much of the Act of the Parliament of Lower Canada, of the 36 George III., cap. 9, as requires the occupiers of lands adjoining the several macadamized roads, to perform Statute labour thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Laurin have leave to bring in a Bill to oblige the Trustees of the Montreal

turnpike roads to lease the Tolls thereon; and to exempt the owners of lands lying on such roads from performing Statute labour thereon.

Montreal
Turnpike
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, to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Quebec Forwarding Company, being read,

Quebec For-
warding Com-
pany.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the benefit of a certain Act of Upper Canada, therein mentioned, to the Clergyman or Minister of the Evangelical Association, being read,

Evangelical
Association.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Boulton took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Boulton reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of N. H. Baird, Civil Engineer, being read,

Petition of N.
H. Baird.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Thompson reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams on streams in Upper Canada, being read,

Aprons to
Mill Dams.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Roblin took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Roblin reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the limitation of Actions; for avoiding Suits at Law; and for rendering a written Memorandum necessary to the validity of certain promises and engagements, in that part of the Province which heretofore constituted the Province of Lower Canada, being read,

Limitation of
Law Suits.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Montreal
Turnpike
Roads.

Limitation of
Law Suits.

Mr. *Dunlop* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Dunlop* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Chambly
Canal.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the First Report of the Special Committee appointed to inquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of Dues on the *Chambly Canal*, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hall* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hall* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Kingston
Incorporation.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act, passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Kingston*, under the name of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of *Kingston*," being read,

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, that the word "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the words "this day six months" substituted.

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Boutillier, Christie, DeWitt, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Jessup, Johnston, Luterrière, Méthot, Moffatt, Seymour, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWS, Taché, and Webster—(17.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Boulton, Cameron, Chalmers, Chauveau, Cummings, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Grice, Guillet, Hale, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of SPRINGMOUNT, Meyers, Morin, Petric, Price, Robinson, Roblin, Thompson, and Williams—(27.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Hall* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hall* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to render permanent two certain Acts therein mentioned, incorporating the Boards of Trade of *Montreal* and *Quebec*," being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read for the second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath passed the same, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to empower any religious community, being the Scignior of the Fiefs *Nazareth, St. Augustin, and St. Joseph*, in the city of *Montreal*, or either of them, to invest the moneys arising from any commutation of Tenure granted by them, in Real Property, and other securities, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Lantier* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Lantier* reported that the Committee had gone through the said Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

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 present condition and state of the ancient Archives, and Public Records of *La Nouvelle France*, of *Canada*, and of the Province of *Quebec*, remaining in the vaults of the *Evêché*, or Parliament Buildings at *Quebec*, or elsewhere, with a view to the adoption of measures, as well for their arrangement and preservation from decay, as to the collection from all accessible sources wheresoever, of such ancient and authentic Records and Documents, relating to the first settlement of *Canada*, as in the opinion of the Committee may cast light upon, or be conducive to the general advancement of Literature in the Province, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, together with a copy of the Report of the Select Com-

La Nouvelle
France.

mittee of this House, relating to the ancient Archives and Public Records of *Canada*, remaining in the vaults of the Parliament Buildings at *Quebec*, and praying His Excellency will graciously be pleased to take the same into consideration, and adopt such measures as to His Excellency shall seem most conducive to the purposes recommended by the said Select Committee, as well for the preservation of those records as for procuring other Public Documents, papers, or authentic information from sources legitimately accessible in *England* or *France*, tending to throw further light upon the ancient Government and History of *Canada*; and to assure His Excellency, that this House will make good such expenses as may be incurred for the aforesaid purposes.

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

Quebec Medical School.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*, being read.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And the Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

To continue
certain Acts.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to continue further for a limited time the several Acts therein mentioned, being read.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto: which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Orders of the
Day.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, that the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cummings, DeWitt, Jessup, Johnston, LaFontaine, Macdonell of Stormont, Méthot, Meyers, Morin, Price, Roblin, Taché, and Thompson.—(16.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Boutillier, Cameron, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Attorney General Draper, Gowan, Greire, Hale, Hall, Lantier, Laurin, Macdonald of KISASROS, Merritt, Moffitt, Robinson, Seymour, Attorney General Smith, and Stewart of BYROWS.—(20.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, that this House do now adjourn.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, DeWitt, Attorney General Draper, Jessup, Johnston, LaFontaine, and Morin.—(9.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Boutillier, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Cummings, Gowan, Greire, Hale, Hall, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Macdonell of KISASROS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Meyers, Moffitt, Price, Roblin, Seymour, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYROWS, Taché and Thompson.—(25.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend the Ordinances incorporating the city of *Quebec*, being read.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry Atkinson, Esquire*, and others, of the city of *Quebec*, be referred to the said Committee.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein.

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

And the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they be then the first Orders of the Day.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*.

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 27 die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Horâ, A. M.

PURSUANT to the Orders of the Day the following Petitions were read:—

Of *John Scriver* and others, settlers on the Clergy Reserves, in the township of *Hemmingford*, in the county of *Beauharnois*, praying that no measures may be adopted which would prevent their acquiring permanent titles to the said lands at a moderate rate.

Of *George R. S. de Beaujeu*, of *Coteau du Lac*, Esquire, praying that no proceedings be had on the Petition presented this Session, relating to the division line between *Upper and Lower Canada*, previous to his being heard on the subject.

D. Cameron,
of Thorah.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Entries in the Journals of the second Session of the twelfth Provincial Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, which relate to the Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of the township of *Thorah*, in the North Riding of the county of *York*; and the Report of the Select Committee, to which the same was referred, dated 12th April, 1836, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

(For the said Report, see Appendix O. O. O.)

Avoiding Suits
at Law.

An engrossed Bill for the limitation of Actions, for avoiding Suits at Law, and for rendering a written *Memorandum* necessary to the validity of certain promises and engagements, in that part of the Province which heretofore constituted the Province of *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Elementary
Instruction,
Lower Canada.

An engrossed Bill to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Ordnance
Estates.

An engrossed Bill to explain and amend part of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for vesting in the principal offices of Her Majesty's Ordnance, the Estates and Property therein described; for granting certain powers to the said officers; and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart*, of *Bytown*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Commutation
of Tenure.

An engrossed Bill to empower any religious community, being the Seignior of the Fiefs *Nazareth*, *St. Augustin*, and *St. Joseph*, in the city of *Montreal*, or either of them, to invest the Moneys arising from any commutation of Tenure granted by them, in Real Property and other securities, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to empower the Seigniors of the Fiefs *Nazareth*, *St. Augustin*, and *St. Joseph*, in the city of *Montreal*, or either of them, to invest the Moneys arising from any commutation of Tenure granted by them, in Real Property and other securities."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Winter Roads,
Lower Canada.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*," be now taken into consideration.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Chalmers, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Cummings*, *DeBleury*, *Dunlop*, *Ermatinger*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WESTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRES-CORR*, and *Williams*.—(21.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boulton*, *Boullillier*, *Cameron*, *Cauchon*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Merrill*, *Melhot*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Riddell*, *Rousseau*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, and *Tuché*.—(25.)

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*,

Resolved, That the Honourable the *Speaker* of this House be authorized to make arrangements during the Recess, for the purpose of effecting a more convenient access to the Library, or to remove the same to the second flat, at the West end of this building, and such other arrangements as he may think fit.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, communicating a copy of the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *Peter Anderton*, of the Eastern district: and also a copy of the said Petition, and praying His Excellency will be pleased to take the same into his favourable consideration.

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

Ordered, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Report of the Board of Works, on the subject of forming Ice Bridges over the River *St. Lawrence*, in the districts of *Quebec*, and *Three Rivers*, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of authorizing the levying of Tolls on certain Public Works in this Province, and that the usual notice be dispensed with as to the present motion.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *Gowan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Gowan* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the afternoon Sitting of this day.

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

Civil and Political Rights.

Ordered. That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, passed in the fourth and fifth years of the reign of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, intituled, 'An Act to secure to, and confer upon certain inhabitants of this Province, the Civil and Political Rights of natural born British subjects, and to make further provision regarding aliens,' be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

- Press 1, Line 18.—Leave out from "that" to "enacted" in press 2, line 13, both inclusively.
- " 2, " 17.—Leave out "seven" and insert "more than five."
- " 2, " 20.—After "mentioned" insert "provided always that in special cases, requiring immediate interference of the Governor in Council, it shall, and may be lawful for the said Governor in Council, to grant the certificate hereinafter prescribed in favour of any particular individual or individuals, presenting the memorial hereinafter mentioned, although such individual or individuals shall not have been domiciled in this Province for a period of five years."
- " 2, " 22.—Leave out "as mentioned in the next preceding section of this Act," and insert "as aforesaid."
- " 2, " 42.—After "book," insert "or books," same line, after "person," insert "or persons."
- " 2, " 43.—Leave out from "administer" to "cited," in the 44th line both inclusively, and insert "that effect by the Governor in Council."
- " 3, " 3 and 4.—Leave out "within sixty days from the date of such certificate."
- " 3, " 8.—Leave out from "I, A. B." to "God" in the 11th line both inclusively, and insert "I, A. B. do sincerely promise and swear, that I will be faithful, and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, as lawful Sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of this Province of Canada, dependent on, and belonging to the said United Kingdom; and that I will defend her to the utmost of my power against all traitorous conspiracies, and attempts whatever which shall be made against Her Person, Crown, and Dignity, and that I will do my utmost endeavour to disclose and make known to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, all treasons and traitorous conspiracies, and attempts which I shall know to be against Her or any of them; and all this I do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation; and renouncing all pardons and dispen-

sations from any person or persons whatever to the contrary, so help me God."

Civil and Political Rights.

Press 3, Line 13 and 14.—Leave out "some person," and insert "one of the persons."

" 3, " 14.—Leave out from "administer" to "contained," in the 15th line inclusively, and insert "that effect by the Governor in Council."

" 3, " 22.—After "the" insert "person or."

" 3, " 39.—Leave out from "except" to "Act," in the 40th line both inclusively.

" 5, " Leave out the schedule, oath, and declaration.

Preamble, Line 1.—Leave out from "the time" to "Province," in the 11th line, both inclusively, and insert "it is expedient that His Excellency, the Governor General of this Province by, and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, should be enabled to grant to aliens, the rights and capacities of natural born British subjects, under such regulations and exceptions as are hereinafter provided."

Title.—Leave out from "amend" in the first line, to "to" in the 5th line, both inclusively.

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered. That Mr. *Pocell* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cummings*, Public Accounts. that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to direct the proper officer to prepare the Public Accounts for presentation to this House, for the preceding year, within the first fifteen days of the next ensuing Session; also, that the Public Accounts be published in pamphlet form, and one copy furnished to each township Clerk in every township in *Upper Canada*, and the proper officer in the different townships and parishes in *Lower Canada*, together with one thousand copies for the Members of the Legislature, for the purpose of diffusing general information regarding the Resources and Extent of the Provincial Revenue; also, Statistical Tables. Statistical Tables, showing the Tariffs, in *Halifax* currency, on each specific article, and the Products. *ad valorem* duty under Imperial or Provincial Acts; also, the quantity of products, from an American to an American port, passing any of our canals, American to a British port, and our own internal trade from one British port to another; also, that a Statement of the Revenue and Expenditure be furnished in Revenue and Expenditure. Tables appended to the said Report, comprising, First, an Abstract Statement of the different branches of the Expenditure of the Provincial Government, (as per Form No. 1, hereto annexed;) Second, a Statement Land Granting Department. of Receipts and Expenditure of the Land Granting Department, cash amount; Third, a Statement Scrip Account. of the Scrip or Barter Account; Fourth, a Statement Territorial Revenue. of the Territorial Revenue, showing the total amount received, expenses of collection, and names of persons employed in the collection of the Revenue, under each separate head, as specified in the present

Public Accounts, with amount of per centage for collecting the same; Fifth, a Statement of the Annual Receipts and Expenses of the University of King's College, Upper Canada College, and Grammar School Fund; Sixth, a Statement of the amount paid the Post Office Department, specifying the amount paid by each separate branch of the Public Service; Seventh, a Statement of the amount of Debentures issued prior to the Union, (as per Form No. 2, hereto annexed;) Eighth, also, a Table showing the number and amount issued since the Union; Ninth, an account of Balances in the hands of the several Collectors, Deputy Collectors, Inspectors, Treasurers of Districts, Militia Officers, Agents, and all Public Officers and Servants, in charge or in receipt of any of the foregoing sources of Revenue, and in arrear

on the 1st day of January, 184 , so far as from their Returns or other information is or may be known to the Inspector General, (as per Form No. 3, hereto annexed;) Tenth, Statement showing the gross amount of Receipts and Expenditure for the Administration of Justice for 184 , from the Provincial Revenue and District Funds, (as per Form No. 4, hereto annexed;) Eleventh, Returns of Population and amount of Taxes from the different Districts, as in Appendix to Journals 1842 and 1843; Twelfth, Statement showing the amount of Interest paid for the construction of each separate Public Work, and the amount received for Tolls thereon, and the Expenditure since 1841, (as per Form No. 5, hereto annexed.)

University of King's College.
Post Office.
Debentures.
Balances in hands.

Administration of Justice.
Population and Taxes.
Interest on Public Works.
Tolls.

FORM No. 1.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

ABSTRACT Statement of the REVENUE and EXPENDITURE for the year 1844.

Revenue and Expenditure.

Revenue and Expenditure.

Heads of Revenue.	Where Collected.		General Total.	Heads of Expenditure.	Civil List.			Permanent Acts and Ordinances.			Permanent Acts of the Province of Canada.			Votes of Parliament.			General Total.	
	Canada E.	Canada W.			Total.	Canada E.	Canada W.	Total.	Canada E.	Canada W.	Province.	Total.	Canada E.	Canada W.	Province.	Total.		

FORM No. 2.

PROVINCIAL DEBT.

The following Statement shews the Amount of Debentures issued constituting the PROVINCIAL DEBT prior to the Union, and the amount required to pay the annual interest thereon.

Debentures.

Debentures.

Principal.	Rate of Interest.	Amount Annually.	Arrears of Interest or present Liabilities.	When due.	For what object issued.
	At 6 per cent.				
	" 5 "				
	" 4 "				
Total ... £					

FORM No. 3.

ACCOUNT of Balances in the hands of the several Collectors, Deputy Collectors, Inspectors, Treasurers of Districts, Militia Officers, Agents, and all Public Officers and servants in charge or in receipt of any of the foregoing sources of Revenue, and in arrear on the 1st day of January, 184 , so far as from their Returns, or other information, is or may be known to the Inspector General.

Balance in the hands of Public Officers.

Balance in the hands of Public Officers.

Name of Accountant.	Port, District, or Station.	Designation.	Amount of Balance unpaid.	Remarks as to when due, date of last Return from said Accountant, Secretary, steps taken to enforce or recover amounts, &c. &c. &c.

FORM No. 4.

ADMINISTRATION of Justice for 184 , from the Provincial Revenue and District Funds.

Receipts and Expenditure for the Administration of Justice.

Receipts and Expenditure for the Administration of Justice.

Receipts.	Amount.			Expenditure.			Amounts.		
	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Fees received.				Provincial Funds	...	...	
(Under what authority.)				Court of Appeals	...	...	
				“ Chancery	...	...	
				“ Queen's Bench	...	...	
				“ Vice Admiralty	...	...	
				District Courts	...	...	
				Division Courts	...	...	
				Police	...	...	
				Pensions	...	...	
				Other items	...	...	
Total ...	£			Total ...	£				
				District Funds	...	...	
				(Items as above)	...	...	
				Total ...	£				

FORM No. 5.

Public Works. STATEMENT shewing the Amount of Interest paid for the construction of each separate Public Work, Public Works, and the amount received for Tolls thereon, and the Expenditure since 1841.

Name of Work.	Expenditure since 1841.	Interest.	Toll.	Gain.	Loss.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Dickson,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying he will please to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, at an early day after the opening of the next Session, a Return or Estimate of the amount of the increased duties, received under the 4th and 5th Victoria, cap. 14, and whether the same, or what part thereof, has been applied for the object for which those increased duties were imposed—the payment of the sum of one million, six hundred and eighty-two pounds, sterling, for the completion of various Public Works, as expressed under the provisions of 4th and 5th Victoria, cap. 23.

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

On motion of Mr. Cameron, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper,

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Contingencies, to inquire and report, what indemnity it would be proper to allow to the Officers of this House, with regard to expenses incurred by them in consequence of the removal of the Seat of Government.

On motion of Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. Johnston,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address to Her Majesty reported by the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable James Crooks, of the district of Gore.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honours thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Dunlop do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Mr. Macdonald, of Kingston, from the Committee of the whole on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of Mrs. Jennet Roy, widow of the late Thomas Roy, Civil Engineer, of the city of Toronto, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee: which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the purpose of being paid to Mrs. Jennet Roy, as an equivalent for the services of her late husband.

On motion of Mr. Dunlop, seconded by Mr. Johnston,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, communicating a copy of the Petition of Mrs. Jennet Roy, and of the Report of the Select Committee thereon, and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to take the same into his favourable consideration.

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

Mr. Colville, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing an Act of the present Session, relative to the Duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same

Increased duties under 4 and 5 Vict., chapter 14.

Instructions to Committee on Contingencies

Petition of the Honourable James Crooks.

Duties on Stills

Duties on Stills subject, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal and amend the several Laws now in force levying Duties on Stills.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act of the present Session, relative to the duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same subject.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the said Report be received at the next sitting of this House.

Montreal Harbour.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose, to consolidate the Laws now in force, relating to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned, reported according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill, to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose, to consolidate the Laws now in force relating to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Resolved. That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Expenses, Civil Government.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to make provision for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered. That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Petition of R. G. Belleau.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Report of the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, inhabitants and tenants in the county of *Quebec*, and other references, reported according to order, the Resolutions of the said Committee; which Resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend the Ordinance of the Governor and Special Council, passed in the fourth year of the reign of Her Majesty, 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."

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to allow the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust to borrow the sum of eight thousand eight hundred and eighty-two pounds, upon the security of the Province for the payment of the interest only.

3. *Resolved*, That in case the bridge belonging to Messrs. *Smith* and *Anderson*, over the River *St. Charles*, and commonly called "*Dorchester Bridge*," should at any time hereafter be acquired by the Government and placed under the controul of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust, it will then be expedient that the Toll-bar which is now at the entrance of the Road leading to *Beauport*, be transferred to the said bridge, and the tolls on the said road and bridge united, provided that both tolls united do not exceed by more than one-half the amount which shall then be lawfully demanded at the other toll-gates, and that the said Road of *Charlesbourg*, up to *Charlesbourg-Church*, be then under the operation of the said Ordinance as amended by the present Statute, and be under the controul, charge, and management of the said *Quebec* Turnpike Trust.

4. *Resolved*, That the Trustees shall be compelled to commute with persons residing out of the town, at the rate of sixty days' passing and re-passing for each vehicle, not kept for pleasure only, and at the rate of a hundred days for vehicles kept for pleasure.

5. *Resolved*, That the tenth section of the Ordinance 4 *Victoria*, chapter 17, be repealed, and that other tolls be exacted at the different Toll-gates on the turnpike roads in the vicinity of *Quebec*, in lieu of those now demanded by the Trustees of the said turnpike roads.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the turnpike roads near *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, at the next sitting of the House, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Mr. *Cameron*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the registration of Titles to, and Incumbrances upon, Real Property in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in *Upper Canada* to be charged with local taxes, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Quebec Roads.

Registration, Lower Canada.

Lands liable to Taxes, Upper Canada.

Aprons to
Mill Dams

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams on streams in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to order, the amendment made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Dues on the
Chambly
Canal.

Mr. *Hall*, from the Committee of the whole House on the First Report of the Special Committee appointed to enquire into all matters and things connected with the management and collection of Dues on the *Chambly Canal*, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, representing to His Excellency, that after an investigation of the claims contained in a Petition, presented to this House by *Samuel Andres* and *Stephen R. Andres*, Contractors for certain Works on the *Chambly Canal*; it appears to this House that the said *Samuel* and *Stephen R. Andres* have a legal claim against the Commissioners of the said *Chambly Canal*, for the sum of ten thousand six hundred and sixteen pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence, with interest from the 21st December, 1840, and costs, as awarded by a judgment of Her Majesty's Court of *Queen's Bench of Montreal*, dated the 30th September, 1844, and that this House, therefore, humbly recommends that the above claim should be reimbursed to the said *Samuel* and *Stephen R. Andres*, from out of the unappropriated Funds of this Province, and assuring His Excellency, that this House will make good the same.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*, that this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Address.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Boutillier, Colrile, Daly, DeBleury, Drummond, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Gowen, Greive, Guillet, Hale, Hall, Johnston, Lacoste, Macdonald of Cornwall, Macdonald of Kingston, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Attorney General Smith, Smith of Westworth, Stewart of Bytowns, Taché, Webster and Williams.—(31.)

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Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, DeWitt, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Morin, Price, Rousseau, and Smith of FRONTENAC.—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, accordingly.

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

Then, the House adjourned until three o'clock, P. M., this day.

3 à Horâ, P. M.

An engrossed Bill, to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local or Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Municipal
Authorities,
LowerCanada.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Papineau* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, to revive certain provisions of the Act incorporating "The Great Western Railroad Company," and to enable them to carry on that work, was read for the third time.

Great Western
Railroad Com-
pany.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to extend the benefit of a certain Act of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the Clergyman or Minister of the Evangelical Association, was read for the third time.

Evangelical
Association.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the Clergymen or Ministers of the Evangelical Association."

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to make provision for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, was read for the third time.

Certain Ex-
penses, Civil
Government.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to remove all doubts as to the liability of certain Lands in *Upper Canada* to be charged with local taxes, was read for the third time.

Lands liable to
Taxes, Upper
Canada.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to declare certain Lands in *Upper Canada* liable to assessment, and to oblige the owners of such Lands to make returns thereof to the District Treasurer."

Ordered, That Mr. *Cummings* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Hall*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to amend an Act passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the town of *Kingston*, under the name of the Mayor and Common Council of the town of *Kingston*," reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Kingston In-
corporation.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*, reported, according to

Quebec Medi-
cal School.

Quebec Medical School.

order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Quebec Incorporation.

The Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Ordinances incorporating the city of *Quebec*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Tolls on Public Works.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of authorizing the levying of Tolls on certain Public Works in this Province, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the imposition and levying of Tolls on certain Public Works in this Province, constructed out of the Public Funds.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* have leave to bring in a Bill, to make provision for the levying of Tolls on certain Public Works, and for the proper use of the said 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.

Duties on Stills

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to repeal an Act of the present Session, relative to the Duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same subject, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Quebec Turnpike Roads.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads, near *Quebec*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Sherwood* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Welland Canal Stock.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to amend the Act for purchasing the Stock in the *Welland Canal*, held by private Shareholders, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Armstrong* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Armstrong* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron*, that the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions of the "Ordinance, to incorporate the city and town of *Montreal*," and of a certain Ordinance amending that Ordinance; and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation created by the said first mentioned Ordinance, be now read a second time.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Cameron, Chalmers, Cummings, DeBleury, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Moffatt, Papineau, Riddell, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Webster—(24.)

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Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Christie, Desanvier, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merrill, Méthot, Morin, Murney, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Seymour, Taché, and Thompson—(23.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and the said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, moved, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, that the engrossed Bill to amend an Act, passed in the first year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the town of *Kingston* under the name of the Mayor and Common Council of the town of *Kingston*," be now read for the third time.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*, that all the words after the word "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of striking out that part of the Bill which relates to Lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*."

The question having been put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Berthelot, De Witt, Dickson, Dunlop, Gowan, Johnston, Laterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Moffatt, Seymour, Smith of FRONTENAC, Taché, and Webster—(13.)

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Baldwin, Bertrand, Cauchon, Christie, Desautier, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Guillet, Hall, Lacoste, La-Fontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Methot, Meyers, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Price, Riddell, Roblin, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Thompson, and Williams—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, then moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*, that all the words after the word "now," in the main motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "committed to a Committee of the whole House to reduce the rate of Assessment upon Lot No. 24, in the first concession of the township of *Kingston*, for the first five years after the said Bill shall have come into effect."

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.

DeBleury, DeWitt, Dickson, Dunlop, Gowan, Johnston, Luterrière, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Seymour, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Webster, and Williams—(14.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Chauveau, Christie, Desautier, Drummond, Ermatinger, Foster, Greive, Jessup, Lacoste, Lantier, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Nelson, Papineau, Powell, Price, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Thompson—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

The said Bill was accordingly read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Address of this House of the fourth instant to Her Majesty, praying for a reduction of the duty on Tobacco, the produce of this Province, imported into the United Kingdom, and the Address of this House of the twenty-sixth instant to Her Majesty, relative to the imprisonment of *Alexander McLeod* by the authorities of the *United States*; together with the Addresses of the twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth instant to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying he would be pleased to transmit the said Addresses to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honourable 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.

Appropriation
to Members.

Mr. *Dunlop* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favour of the *Speaker* of this House, for the sum of nine thousand five hundred pounds, to enable him to

defray certain Contingencies of the Session, which are provided for in a Bill of Appropriation which has passed this House. Appropriation
to Members.

Mr. *Johnston*, moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Cornwall*, that all the words after "that," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "for the services and attendance of Members of this House, during the present Session, no indemnity be allowed, and that henceforward the services of the Members of the Provincial Legislative Assembly, shall be given freely and without reward or remuneration."

The question having been put upon the said motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:

YEAS.

Chalmers, DeBleury, Greive, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, and Smith of FRONTENAC—(6.)

NAYS.

Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Dickson, Drummond, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Guillet, Hall, Jessup, LaFontaine, Lantier, Luterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, McConnell, Merritt, Methot, Meyers, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Roblin, Rousseau, Seymour, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Taché, and Webster—(42.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, accordingly.

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

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 repeal and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force for the preservation of Salmon, in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," without any amendment. Preservation of
Salmon.

Also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Thursday, 27th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council hath agreed to their Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament, relating to the repeal of the provision of the 31st clause of the Imperial Act, 3rd and 4th *William IV.*, cap. 59, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in Foreign vessels on the Inland Waters; to the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters; and to the right of persons naturalized by Provincial Acts to the privileges of British subjects, in matters connected with Trade and Navigation, by severally filling up the blanks with the words, "Legislative Council and the". Petitions to Her
Majesty and
both Houses of
the Imperial
Parliament.

Attest.

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Thursday, 27th March, 1845.

Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed an Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Petitions of both Houses to Her Majesty and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, in relation to the repeal of that provision of the thirty-first clause of the Imperial Act, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in Foreign vessels on the Inland Waters; to the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters; and to the right of persons naturalized by Provincial Acts, to the privileges of British subjects, in matters connected with Trade and Navigation; to which Address they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Attest.

CHARLES DELERY,
Clk. Asst. Legt. Coun.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable CHARLES THEOPHILUS, Baron METCALFE, of Fernhill, in the County of Berks, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Canada, have agreed upon joint Petitions to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to the Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom, in relation to the repeal of that provision of the thirty-first clause of the Imperial Act, 3rd and 4th William IV., cap. 59, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in Foreign vessels on the Inland Waters; to the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters; and to the right of persons naturalized by Provincial Acts, to the privileges of British subjects, in matters connected with Trade and Navigation; and we now most respectfully present the said Petitions to Your Excellency, humbly requesting that Your Excellency would be pleased to transmit them to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that the Petition to Her Majesty may be laid at the foot of the Throne, and that the several Petitions to the Right Honourable the House of Lords, and the Honourable the House of Commons may be submitted to them respectively.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Papineau,

Resolved, That this House do concur in the Address of the Honourable the Legislative Council to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Petitions of both Houses to Her Majesty, and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, in relation to the repeal of that provision of the thirty-first clause of the Imperial Act, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in

Foreign vessels on the Inland Waters; to the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters; and to the right of persons naturalized by Provincial Acts, to the Privileges of British subjects, in matters connected with Trade and Navigation; that the blank therein be filled up with the words, "and Legislative Assembly," and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this House.

Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honours that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Petitions of both Houses to Her Majesty, and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, in relation to the repeal of that provision of the thirty-first clause of the Imperial Act, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in Foreign vessels on the Inland Waters; and to the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters; and to the right of persons naturalized by Provincial Acts to the privileges of British subjects, in matters connected with Trade and Navigation.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General Draper laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Extract of a Despatch from the Secretary of State to the Right Honourable Lord Sydenham, Governor General, dated Downing Street, 12th October, 1840:—

Kingston University.

Extract of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, to the Right Honourable Lord Sydenham, Governor General, dated,

DOWNING STREET,
12th October, 1840.

The Act numbered in the Records of this Department, No. 1261, entitled, "An Act to establish a College of the name and of the style of the University of Kingston," established at Kingston a University, which is to be exclusively of the Scotch Presbyterian persuasion. All the Governing Body must belong to that Church, and they must all avow their adherence to the Confession of Westminster. If this College were to be maintained by the Private Funds of the founders alone, the exclusiveness of their religious opinions would be a matter of no importance. But this is not the case. The Act purposes that the Governor should be authorized to take from the Funds of King's College a sum adequate to the maintenance, at the College of Kingston, of a Theological Professorship, which payment is to be received by the Church of Scotland, as a satisfaction of the claims of that church to have a Theological Professor of their own maintained at King's College. This, therefore, is a distinct avowal of the principle that the Funds of King's College are to be applied, not for the purposes of Education in which the members of every Christian Society can participate, but for purposes of Education from which many Christians must necessarily be excluded. If this Act be sanctioned, I am not aware how it will be possible to refuse a corresponding advantage to the members of any other Christian Church, by which a separate College or University might be established. Thus the Funds of King's College, instead of being appropriated to purposes in which all the inhabitants would be

Kingston
University.

equally interested, must be drained for the support of Chairs of Theology in as many different Universities as may be founded in *Upper Canada*. Now the principle for which the Assembly of that Province have so earnestly contended, is directly opposed to such an employment of these Funds; the House has invariably maintained that they should be sacred to purposes of general Education, in the higher branches of Literature and Science, for the common benefit of society at large. The establishment of a Professorship of Theology in connection with the Church of *England* was deprecated as an infringement of this principle. Is it less infringed by providing for such Professorship in connection with the Church of *Scotland*? If this step be taken, I do not perceive how the benefit of the precedent could be refused to the Roman Catholics, to the Wesleyan Methodists, or indeed to any other of the sects which divide between them the population of *Upper Canada*. If all are thus to be aided in disseminating their peculiar views of Christianity, the Government would speedily be involved in certain polemical questions of Theology, into which it is, on every account, most undesirable that the secular power should in any manner engage.

I am the more impressed with the importance of maturely considering this measure, because when I refer to the Charter of *King's College*, it is impossible not to perceive that the design of its authors was to secure the predominance in that Body of the Church of *England*. It may have been inevitable that this design should be frustrated by the resistance of the popular branch of the Legislature, supported as it was by public opinion. But, if the Church of *England* has been refused the means of carrying this Charter into effect, according to the obvious design of it, it would seem indefensible to give to another church the very privilege which has thus been practically denied to the Church of *England*; and to maintain the principle of exclusiveness, at the expense of *King's College*, at the very moment when the operations of the College have been defeated, because its Constitution embraces that principle. If the Church of *England* is not to possess privileges to the disadvantage of other Churches, it must, at least, follow that other Churches should not possess privileges to her disadvantage.

In deference, however, to your Lordship's apparent approbation of this Law, Her Majesty's decision on it will be suspended until I shall be in possession of your views on the subject, and your answer to the preceding remarks. Some facts may have escaped my attention, upon which you have relied in forming your judgment.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the said Despatch be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. *Speaker* and the House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, will receive this House, with its Addresses, of the fourth and twenty-sixth instant, to Her Majesty, and of the twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth instant, to His Excellency, to-morrow, at three o'clock, P. M. at the Government House.

Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Pedlars.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to prevent Pedlars and other persons to sell goods within the limits of the city of *Quebec*, being read,

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Pedlars.

Mr. *Laurin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lacoste*, that the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, to make valid the Registration of Title-Deeds and other documents, in the county of *Hastings*, being read,

Registration,
County of
Hastings.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Ermatinger* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair.

An engrossed Bill, to repeal an Act of the present Session, relative to the Duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same subject, was read for the third time.

Duties on Stills

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Mr. *Greive*, that the following engrossed Clause be added to the said Bill, by way of *Ryder*, and do follow the fourth Clause thereof.

"Provided always, that if the amount of duty payable by any party, for a license to use any still or stills, shall amount to, or exceed one hundred pounds, currency, such amount may be paid quarterly, one-fourth at the time of taking out the license, and the one-fourth at the end of each three months thereafter, until the whole be paid; and the amount due at any time shall be recoverable with costs, of any process by which debts to the Crown may be recovered, and the party by whom any such duty shall be due and unpaid, shall be deemed to be without a license until the same be paid in full, and shall be liable to the penalty imposed on persons acting as distillers without a license, if, during the time the same shall remain unpaid, such party shall use any still or stills, or act as a distiller."

The said Clause being thrice read, and the question being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Robinson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of Titles to, and Incumbrances upon Real Property in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Registration,
Lower Canada.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill, to continue further for a limited time the several Acts therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

To continue
several Acts.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Aprons to Mill Dams.

An engrossed Bill, to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams on streams in *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams on streams in the district of *Huron*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Quebec Medical School.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec School of Medicine*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Thursday, 27th March, 1845.

Petitions to Her Majesty and both Houses of the Imperial Parliament.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that His Excellency, the Governor General, has appointed to-morrow at three o'clock, P. M., at the Government House, to be attended with the Petitions of both Houses to Her Majesty and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, relating to the repeal of that provision of the 31st clause of the Imperial Act 3 and 4 *William IV.*, chapter 59, which authorizes the importation of certain goods in Foreign vessels on the inland waters; to the extension of the Registry Laws of the United Kingdom to British vessels employed on the said waters; and to the right of persons naturalized by Provincial Acts to the privileges of British subjects in matters connected with Trade and Navigation, and that the Legislative Council do intend to be there at that time.

Attest.

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And then he withdrew.

Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Mechanics' Institute of Montreal*, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the town of *St. Catharines*, being read, St. Catharines Incorporation.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill the better to facilitate commutation of the Tenure *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of Free and Common Soccage, being read, Commutation of Tenure.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Chauveau* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Chauveau* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. *Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*, that the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the erection of Common School Houses in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, be now read. Common School Houses, Upper Canada.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the First Report of the Select Committee, to which were referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Duransaux* and others, inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Gabriel Roy* and others, inhabitants of the *Côte St. Laurent*, in the parish of *St. Laurent*; and the Petition of *Hyacinthe Brunet* and others, of *Ste. Anne, Pointe Claire*, and other parishes, and other references, being read, Report on the Petition of M. F. Valois and others, and other Petitions.

On motion of Mr. *Lantier*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*,

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged, and that the said Report, and Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine* and other parishes; and the Petition of *E. M'Naughton* and others, of the island of *Montreal*, be severally referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Lantier*, Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Dundas*, and Mr. *Guillet*, 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 inquire into the merits of the Petition of *E. M'Naughton* and others, of the island of *Montreal*, and to receive upon the prayer of the different Petitioners, the evidence of the Chairman of the Board of Works.

College of
Regiopolis.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estates to the College of *Regiopolis*, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold Real Property to a certain amount, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estates to the College of *Regiopolis*, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold Real Property to a certain amount, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, do carry the said 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 authorizing the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and the Act to continue and amend the same, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Gowan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Gowan* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Petition of M.
F. Valois and
others, and
other Petitions.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Second Report of the Select Committee, to which were referred the Petition of *M. F. Valois* and others, inhabitants of *Lachine*, and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Duranseau* and others, inhabitants of *Montreal* and its vicinity; the Petition of *Gabriel Roy* and others, inhabitants of the *Côte St. Laurent*, in the parish of *St. Laurent*; and the Petition of *Hycinthe Brunt* and others, of *Ste. Anne*, *Pointe Claire*, and other parishes, and other references, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Boulton* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Boulton* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Pilots.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to compel Pilots to qualify themselves for piloting vessels through all the channels of the river *St. Lawrence* below *Quebec*, and other references, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Pilots Committee.

Mr. *Foster* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Foster* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

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

Then the House adjourned.

Veneris, 28° die Martii,

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1845.

10 à Hora, A. M.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Boulton*, the Petition of the Reverend *Robert Knight* and others, members of the Church of *England*, in the township of *Frampton*, in the county of *Dorchester*, and other places.

By Mr. *McConnell*, the Petition of *Samuel S. Sykes* and others, of the township of *Dunham*.

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

Of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Bronté Harbour*, praying for an extension of the time allowed them to complete the said Harbour.

Of *William Botham* and others, of the county of *Missisquoi*, praying that no change may be made in the present disposition of the Clergy Reserves.

Of *James Burns* and *John Gordon*, merchants at *Montreal*, praying to be relieved from the payment of wharfage on Wheat, in cases where transhipment is made in the stream.

Mr. *Hale*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *J. H. Maitland* and *J. C. Becket*, of the *Canada Sunday School Union*, praying that measures be adopted to establish a cheap and uniform rate of postage, and all other Petitions presented to this House upon the subject of the Post Office, and other references, presented to the House, the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

Cheap rate of
Postage.

(For the said Report, see Appendix P. P. P.)

Mr. *Roblin*, from the Standing Committee, on Contingencies, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Fifth Report.
Contingencies.

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *John Healy*, have made enquiry into the circumstances of his case, and have agreed to recommend that £20 a-year be granted to him out of the Contingencies of your Honourable House.

In reference to the Petition of *Gabriel Marchand* and *P. P. Demaray*, the former as a Commissioner, and the latter a Clerk, praying for remuneration for services performed in taking evidence upon the contested Election for the county of *Missisquoi* in 1831; your Committee find that the accounts were sanc-

Fifth Report,
Contingencies.

tioned by the Assembly of *Lower Canada*, but never paid; they therefore recommend their payment, viz. to *Gabriel Marchand*, the sum of £13 2s. 11d., and to *P. P. Demaray* the sum of £9 16s. 10d.

Your Committee would recommend that the sum of £50 be paid to the Keeper of the Inner Door, for his services for the present Session.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the consideration of a claim of the Chief Office Clerk to your Honourable House, to remuneration for his services in acting for the past three years as Deputy Clerk during the recesses of Parliament: Your Committee find, that on the 16th September 1841, Mr. *Speaker* reported to the House the following letter from the Clerk, viz. :—

“ CLERK'S OFFICE, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
“ *Kingston*, 15th September, 1841.

“ SIR,

“ As I have a considerable portion of the work connected with the printing of the Journals of the last Session of the Special Council, to superintend, and the work is undertaken, and must be completed at *Quebec*, I am desirous of availing myself, with the permission of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly, of the power given me by my commission, as its Clerk, by appointing a Deputy to act for me here during the recess; and I therefore respectfully request that you will lay this application before the House, if you are of opinion that it can be conveniently granted. The gentleman whom I propose to appoint as my Deputy, is *William Poyntz Patrick*, Esquire, one of the Officers of the House, whose long experience in the service of the Assembly of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, has perfectly qualified him to undertake the duty; and in whose diligence and attention I have the fullest confidence,

I have, &c.

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assembly.

“ To the Honourable the *Speaker*
of the Legislative Assembly.”

And upon this letter the following Resolution was passed, touching the same, viz. :—

“ On motion of Mr. *Neilson*, seconded by Mr. *Aylwin*,

“ Resolved, That this House doth approve of the Clerk of this House appointing *William Poyntz Patrick*, Esquire, to act as his Deputy during the Recess of Parliament.”

That your Committee have taken evidence from the Clerk as to the Duties performed by his said Deputy, who states that they have been satisfactorily performed by him from the time of his appointment to the commencement of the present Session, and that those duties have been as well laborious as responsible. Your Committee therefore feel bound to recommend the case to the favourable consideration of your Honourable House, and herewith beg to report a blank Resolution, to be filled up with such sum as your Honourable House may see fit.

The sum of £100 to the Clerk for House Rent, and £60 to the Clerk Assistant, for his usual extra Sessional allowance have been, since 1841, yearly paid to those Officers, and £20 additional Salary to the Door-keeper; your Committee therefore would recommend the like sums for the present year.

Fifth Report,
Contingencies.

Your Committee would recommend that an allowance of £10 each be made to *H. Hartney*, *H. Barton*, and *W. LeMoine*, extra writers, for their travelling expenses; and they would also recommend that £5 each be allowed to the following Messengers :—*Robert Defries*, *Robert Baillie*, *Michael M. Carthy*, *James Vollar*, *John Healy*, *John Kay*, *Alexander Dickson*, and *William M. Crae*, a like sum having been heretofore granted for their travelling expenses in coming to, and returning from the Seat of Government. Your Committee have recommended this payment, with the express provision that it will not be allowed in future.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Report of *Charles J. de Montreuil* being referred to your Committee, they beg to report that they have agreed to recommend that the sum of £13 15s. be paid to the Petitioner, as the recognized legatee of *Amable Schindler*, this being a balance due her as Housekeeper to the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*.

Your Committee, in obedience to the instruction of your Honourable House, have examined into the claims of such of the Officers of the House as have incurred expenses in consequence of the removal of the Seat of Government, and they beg leave to recommend that the under-mentioned sums be granted, as a final compensation for all expenses incurred, or to be incurred, in consequence of the late removals of the Seat of Government :—

W. B. Lindsay	£25	0	0
G. B. Faribault	25	0	0
W. P. Patrick	25	0	0
G. W. Wicksteed	25	0	0
William Ross	25	0	0
Alfred Patrick	20	0	0
Thomas Vaux	25	0	0
Henri Voyer	5	0	0
P. Gagnon	25	0	0
G. M. Muir	25	0	0
Alfred Todd	20	0	0
J. B. Morand	15	0	0
William Winder	21	10	0
A. L. Cardinal	22	10	0
H. M'Lennan	17	10	0

They beg leave, in conclusion, to recommend that an Address to His Excellency be passed, praying for a further advance of £9,187 2s. 1½d., on account of the Contingencies of the present year.

Estimate of Contingencies for the first Session and Recess of the Second Parliament; for the payment of Arrears of the last Session and Recess beyond the former Estimate; and for the Salaries of the Officers, from the 31st December, 1844, to the 31st December, 1845:

Legislative Assembly.

Salaries, including the Clerks, Translators, Librarians, Sergeant-at-Arms, Door-keeper, and Chief Messenger	£3250	0	0
Extra Clerks, (including those employed in the Translator's Office)	1000	0	0
Messengers	750	0	0
Witnesses, and other expenses of Committees	500	0	0
Books, &c., for Library	500	0	0
Postage	2789	0	0
Printing and Binding	6199	0	0
Stationery	1085	0	0
Newspapers and Publishing	250	0	0
Fuel, including Wood, Coal, and Coke	100	0	0

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Contingencies.

Incidental on removing to <i>Montreal</i> , (including Cabinet-making, Car- pets, &c.).....	£1500	0	0
Carpentering.....	80	0	0
Sundry Trades' People and others, (including Oil, Candles, &c.).....	950	0	0
Insurance.....	50	0	0
Petty Contingencies.....	100	0	0
	£19103	0	0
Received on two Ad- dresses this Session £9000	0	0	0
Amount of Fees re- ceived on Private Bills.....	280	0	0
Balance in hands of the Clerk at last Audit.....	1464	2	7½
	10744	2	7½
(Required by Address).....	8358	17	4½
Sum required to cover recommenda- tions in Final Report.....	828	4	0
Total.....	£9187	2	1½

Winter Roads.

Mr. *Colville* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, that the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*," be now taken into consideration.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, that the word "now," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "this day six months."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Desautier, DeWitt, Hall, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell of STONMONT, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Papineau, Powell, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, and Taché—(28.)

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Chalmers, Colville, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSBORN, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Robinson, Scott, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, and Williams—(26.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Laws relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*," be taken into consideration this day six months.

On motion of Mr. *Roblin*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,

Contingencies.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Fifth Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Hale* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

Contingencies.

And Mr. *Hale* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions; which resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

- Resolved*, That it is expedient to allow to *John Healy*, a Messenger in the service of this House, the sum of twenty pounds, per annum, from the Contingencies, as a retired allowance, from the end of the present Session.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed to *Gabriel Marchand*, the sum of thirteen pounds, two shillings and elevenpence, as Commissioner, and to *P. P. Demaray*, the sum of nine pounds, sixteen shillings and tenpence, currency, as Clerk, for their services in taking evidence upon the contested Election for the county of *Missisquoi*, in 1831.
- Resolved*, That there be paid to the Keeper of the Inner Door of the Legislative Assembly, the sum of fifty pounds, for his services for the present Session.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed to *William P. Patrick*, Esquire, Chief Clerk, to remunerate him for his services in acting as Deputy Clerk, during the recess for the three past years, the sum of fifty pounds, in addition to his salary, for each of the three years during which he has acted in that capacity.
- Resolved*, That there be paid to the Clerk of this House, the usual allowance to him of one hundred pounds, for house rent, and to the Clerk Assistant, the sum of sixty pounds for his usual extra Sessional allowance.
- Resolved*, That the Doorkeeper be allowed the sum of twenty pounds in addition to his Salary for the present year.
- Resolved*, That the sum of ten pounds be allowed to each of the following extra Writers, to pay their expenses in travelling to the Seat of Government, to attend the present Session, viz., *Henry Hartney, King Barton, William LeMoine*, and to the Sergeant-at-Arms, and to Mr. *Thaddeus Patrick*.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed to the following Messengers, the sum of five pounds to each to cover their travelling expenses to the Seat of Government, at the commencement of the present Session, viz., *Robert Defries, Robert Buillie, Michael M'Carthy, James Vollar, John Healy, John Kay, Alexander Dickson, and William M'Crae*.
- Resolved*, 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.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed to *Charles J. de Montreuil*, as the recognized Legatee of *Amable Schindler*, the sum of thirteen pounds, fifteen shillings, currency, being a balance due her, as Housekeeper to the late House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*.
- Resolved*, That there be allowed to the under-mentioned Officers of this House, the sums set opposite to their respective names, to compensate them for travelling expenses incurred by them in consequence of the removal of the Seat of Government, viz.:—

Contingencies.	Messrs. Lindsay, Faribault, W. P. Patrick, Wicksteed, Ross, Vaux, Gagnon, and Muir,.....	£25	0	0	each.
	“ A. Patrick and Alfred Todd,	20	0	0	each.
	“ Dr. Winder,	21	0	10	
	“ J. B. Morand,	15	0	0	
	“ H. Voyer,	5	0	0	
	“ A. Leroux dit Cardinal,...	22	10	0	
	“ H. McLennan,	17	10	0	

12. *Resolved*, That Messieurs *Dénéchaud, Berthelot, Spinks, Burrage, Taylor and Hall*, be considered as Extra Clerks, and as such entitled to a remuneration of fifteen shillings per diem.

13. *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favour of *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, for the further sum of nine thousand one hundred and eighty-seven pounds, two shillings and one penny farthing, towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of the present year, and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same at the next Session.

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

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

Sessional Allowance.

Resolved, That the Sessional allowance for the present Session to Members, be: To those who have attended since the opening of Parliament, and not been absent without leave for more than twenty days, one hundred pounds, and mileage at the rate of ten shillings for twenty miles, in coming to Parliament, and thence in returning home; and to Members elected during the present Session, an allowance in proportion.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *DeBligny*, seconded by Mr. *Gouvan*,

Royal Institution.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to revoke the Commissions of the present members of the Board of the Royal Institution, and to appoint a sufficient number of members resident in *Montreal*, to constitute a quorum of the said Board, and to fix their place of meeting at *Montreal*, in accordance with the authority given to His Excellency in this behalf by the 41st *George III.*, chapter 17.

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

Indian Department.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the Indian Department, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Hale*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,

Post Office Department.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that He will be pleased to use his endeavour to procure during the Recess from the Home Government, for the information of the Legis-

lature, a copy of the Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into the Post Office Department.

Post Office Department.

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

Mr. *Chalmers*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of *John Wettenhall* and others, of the township of *Nelson*, in the district of *Gore*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Clergy Reserves.

After many years of discussion and political excitement, from the consequences of which this Province has not yet recovered, the question relating to the disposal of the Clergy Reserves was set at rest by the Imperial Statute 3 and 4 *Victoria*, chapter 78. This Act provides for the sale of the Reserves, and distribution of the proceeds in a manner which was intended by the Imperial Legislature to be the final settlement of the matter, and which has been accepted by the inhabitants of this Province as such. Notwithstanding this final disposition of the Lands in question, numerous Petitions have been presented by the Church Societies of *Toronto* and *Quebec*, and others, in favour of giving to the Church of *England* its share of the Lands, according to the proportion of the funds assigned by the said Act, for the support of that Church.

Petitions nearly as numerous against this proposition, have been referred to your Committee, and they have great reason to fear, that if this scheme should be adopted, the country will again be agitated by a renewed discussion on the subject.

The assignment to the Church of *England* of its proportion of the Lands, involves, as a matter of course, the conveyance to the Church of *Scotland* of its share also; and doubtless, the other religious denominations will feel themselves entitled to the controul and management of their several proportions.

After a careful consideration of the subject, your Committee have come to the conclusion, that while the advantages of dividing the Clergy Reserves, as prayed for, are very doubtful, the disadvantages are certain and obvious.

In the first place, it will be difficult, if not impracticable, to make a satisfactory division. In order to approximate to a fair division, an enormous expense must be incurred in valuing each Lot separately, and even then there will be a rivalry as to choice and location, and suspicions will (with or without reason,) be created of favoritism towards some particular sect or sects. According to the present law, the management and disposal of the Lands are in the hands of a Government responsible for the same, and over whom the Legislature can exercise an active supervision. Should the proposed distribution take place, they would be placed beyond the controul of Parliament, and vested in Ecclesiastical Corporations, responsible to no one, and which will dispose of them to their own advantage, and without reference to the general good.

The progress of improvement in *Canada*, has, it is generally believed, been greatly impeded by the accumulation of its uncultivated land in the hands of owners, who will not bring their property to sale, but retain it as a matter of speculation, and in expectation of a future increase in value, not from any expenditure of capital, but from the industry and skill of the neighbouring agriculturists. The conveyance of such a large quantity of land to Corporations, not

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desirous of disposing of them at their present prices, and which intend, not to sell, but to lease, would, in your Committee's opinion, greatly increase this evil, and would have a tendency to substitute an inferior order of tenantry, for an independent body of yeomenry.

Great apprehension is expressed by the Petitioners, lest the interests of those occupants of Clergy Reserves, who hold by lease or otherwise, should suffer by the proposed transfer of their Lands. The Government very properly gives such occupants every opportunity of earning the purchase money from the cultivation of the land itself, and thus enable many an industrious man to become a freeholder and owner of property, which he could not in any other way hope to acquire. This is not likely to be the case, when the Lands are vested in private parties, whose object is to sell at the largest prices and receive the highest rents: your Committee, therefore, earnestly recommend that the interests of all parties now occupying these Lands should be fully protected and provided for, in any arrangement that may be made.

While your Committee are of opinion, that any transfer of the controul of the Clergy Reserves from the Government is inadvisable, they, at the same time, must express their regret, that the Crown Lands Department have hitherto conducted the management so expensively, and with so little advantage to the fund.

Should the present system be persisted in, the whole endowment will be wasted and swallowed up, by the expense of management, and the benefits intended to be conferred on the Province will be lost.

On enquiry, your Committee are convinced that the whole management of the Lands could be profitably undertaken by competent persons who would agree to defray every attendant expense, for the moderate remuneration of seven and a half per cent on the proceeds of the actual sales. And they sincerely hope that the Government will lose no time in making so desirable an arrangement.

Ordered. That five hundred copies of the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, seconded by Mr. *Roblin*,

Public Lands.

Ordered. That the Bill to extend the provisions of the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located Lands prior to the fourth April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Gowan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Gowan* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the said Committee have leave to sit again at the next sitting of this House.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*,

The House adjourned until a quarter to three o'clock, P. M. this day.

2½ Hour, P. M.

Mr. *Speaker* reported that both Houses had waited upon His Excellency, the Governor General, with their joint Address to His Excellency, humbly requesting he will be pleased to transmit the joint Petitions on the subject of the importation of certain goods in Foreign vessels on the inland waters, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, praying that the Petition to Her Majesty may be laid at the foot of the Throne, and that the several Petitions to the Right Honourable the House of Lords, and the Honourable the House of Commons, may be submitted to them respectively; and that His Excellency had been pleased to give the following answer:—

Petitions to the
Queen, Lords
and Commons.

Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

I will not fail to transmit your joint Petitions to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to the Lords and Commons of the United Kingdom, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, according to the desire which you have expressed.

At the hour appointed, Mr. *Speaker* and the House attended upon His Excellency with the Addresses of the House.

And being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* reported that the House had attended upon His Excellency, the Governor General, with their Address of the fourth instant, to Her Majesty, praying for a reduction of the Duty on Tobacco, the produce of this Province, imported into the United Kingdom, and the Address of the twenty-sixth instant, to Her Majesty, relative to the imprisonment of *Alexander McLeod*, by the authorities of the *United States*, together with their Addresses of the twenty-fourth and twenty-sixth instant, to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying he would be pleased to transmit the said Addresses 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:—

Duty on
Tobacco.

A. McLeod.

GENTLEMEN,

I will not fail to transmit your Addresses to the Secretary of State, in order that they may be laid at the foot of the Throne for Her Majesty's Gracious consideration.

Ordered. That the Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency, the Governor General, relative to *William Moore Kelly*, Esquire, late Collector of Customs at the Port of *Toronto*, laid before the House on the twenty-fourth instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

W. M. Kelly.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to extend the thirteenth section of an Act of the Province of *Canada*, intituled, "An Act for the Disposal of Public Lands," and to enable persons who located Lands prior to the fourth April, 1839, to perfect their titles to the same, being read,

Public Lands.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Gowan* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Gowan* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, 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:—

METCALFE.

Supplementary Estimate.

The Governor General recommends to the Legislative Assembly, the accompanying Supplementary Estimate of sums required for the service of the present year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Montreal, 19th March, 1845.

Supplementary Estimate of certain Sums required for the Expenses of the Civil Government of the Province of *Canada* during the present year:—

For Salary of <i>Speaker</i> of the Legislative Council, from 8th November to 31st December, 1843, at the rate of £1000 currency, per annum.....	£146 14 9
Salary for the year 1844.....	1000 0 0
“ for the year 1845.....	1000 0 0
Total.....	£2146 14 9
Deduct Amount paid on Account....	250 0 0
Sum for which a provision is required, currency.....	£1896 14 9

W. B. ROBINSON,
Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 18th March, 1845.

Welland Canal Stock.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill to amend the Act for purchasing the Stock in the *Welland Canal* held by private Shareholders, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* moved, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*, that the engrossed Bill to amend the Act for purchasing the Stock in the *Welland Canal* held by private Shareholders, be now read for the third time.

The question having been put on the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Cummings, DeBleury, Duggan, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Hall, Johnston, Leslie, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, M'Connell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Murney, Riddell, Robinson, Roblin, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Smith, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, and Williams.—(31.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Chauveau, Christie, DeWitt, Drummond, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Macdonell of STORMONT, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Taché, and Thompson.—(23.)

So it was carried in the affirmative,

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Welland Canal Stock.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to make provision for the levying of Tolls on certain Public Works, and for the proper use of the said Works, being read, Tolls on Public Works.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Drummond* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Drummond* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to make provision for the levying of Tolls on certain Public Works, and for the proper use of the said Works, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*, was read for the third time. Mechanics' Institute.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Resolution of this House of the ninth of September, 1842, the engrossed Bill to amend the Ordinances incorporating the city of *Quebec*, was brought up to be read for the third time. Quebec Incorporation.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hale*, that the said Bill be amended by striking out the fifth clause.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Chalmers, Colvile, Cummings, DeBleury, Dickson, Duggan, Dunlop, Attorney General Draper, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Greive, Hale, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Webster.—(27.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chauveau, Daly, Desunier, DeWitt, Drummond, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Roblin, Scott, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché and Thompson.—(32.)

So it passed in the negative,

The said Bill was then read,

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Municipal Districts, Lower Canada.

An engrossed Bill for ascertaining the liabilities of the several Municipal Districts in *Lower Canada*, and their means of discharging the same, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act for ascertaining the liabilities of the several Municipal Districts of *Lower Canada*, and their means of discharging the same."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Felix* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*.

Petition of the Honourable James Crooks.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address to Her Majesty, reported by the Select Committee, to which was referred the Petition of the Honourable *James Crooks*, of the district of *Gore*.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honours thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dunlop* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Turnpike Roads, Quebec.

Mr. *Sherwood*, of *Brockville*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads, near *Quebec*, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads, near *Quebec*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montreal Corporation.

Mr. *Macdonell*, of *Stormont*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions of the "Ordinance to incorporate the City and Town of *Montreal*," and of a certain Ordinance amending that Ordinance, and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation created by the said first mentioned Ordinance, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the fifteenth clause of the said Bill be expunged, and the following substituted:—

And be it enacted, that the said several Wards shall be represented in the Council of the said City, as follows, to wit, the said East Ward, Centre Ward, and West Ward, by three Councillors each; and the said *St. Anne's* Ward, the said *St. Antoine* Ward, the said *St. Lawrence* Ward, the said *St. Louis* Ward, the said *St. James* Ward, and the said *St. Mary's* Ward, respectively, by two Councillors.

And be it enacted, that the term of office of the several Councillors now representing the Queen's Ward, the *St. Lawrence* Ward, and the *St. Mary's* Ward, in the said Council, shall expire and be determined on the first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and forty-six; and the said Councillors so as aforesaid representing the said several Wards, to wit, the said Queen's Ward, the said *St. Lawrence* Ward, and the said *St. Mary's* Ward, in the said Council of the said city, shall then severally go out of office.

And be it enacted, that on the first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the inhabitants, householders, and persons qualified to vote as aforesaid, shall openly assemble in the several Wards aforesaid, and elect from the persons qualified to be Councillors, two fit and proper persons to be Councillors for each of the said Wards herein before designated as the *St. Ann's* Ward, the *St. Antoine* Ward, the *St. Lawrence* Ward, the *St. Louis* Ward, the *St. James* Ward, and the *St. Mary's* Ward respectively, and also from the persons qualified to be Councillors for each of the other three Wards, namely, the East Ward, the Centre Ward, and the West Ward respectively, such number of persons as shall be required to supply the places of those who shall then go out of office; and also from the persons qualified to be Councillors as aforesaid, two fit and proper persons to be Assessors for each of all the said Wards respectively; and that on the first Monday of the month of March in every succeeding year, the inhabitants and persons qualified to vote, as aforesaid, shall openly assemble in the several Wards aforesaid, and elect from the persons qualified to be Councillors for each of such Wards, such number of fit and proper persons as shall be required to supply the places of those who shall then go out of office, and also from the persons qualified to be Councillors as aforesaid, two fit and proper persons to be Assessors for each of the said Wards respectively: Provided always, that if the day so appointed for such Election shall, in any year, happen to be a Holiday, such Election shall take place the day following.

And be it enacted, that no Councillors to be hereafter Elected for any of the said Wards herein before designated, as the *St. Ann's* Ward, the *St. Antoine* Ward, the *St. Lawrence* Ward, the *St. Louis* Ward, the *St. James* Ward and *St. Mary's* Ward, shall continue in office without being re-elected for any longer period than two years; and that on the first day of March, in each and every year, a Councillor for each and every of the said Wards shall go out of office, and that on the first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, that a Councillor for each of the said *St. Ann's*, *St. Antoine*, *St. Lawrence*, *St. Louis*, *St. James* and *St. Mary's* Wards shall go out of office, who shall have been elected by the smallest number of votes in each of the said Wards, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and thenceforward those members of the Council for each of the said Wards respectively, shall go out of office who shall have been members thereof for the longest time without re-election: Provided always, that if any two members of the Council, for any of the said Wards shall have been elected by an equal number of votes in the said year, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, or if no poll shall have been taken in any of the said Wards, in the said year, then it shall be determined by a majority of the Council, which of the members thereof, for such said Ward, shall go out of office in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven: Provided also, that if, on the the first

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day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, or any subsequent year, there shall be a vacancy in the office of any Member of the Council for any of the said six Wards, hereinbefore enumerated, who would not, under the provisions of this section, have gone out of office on that day, then a Member of the Council shall be elected for the said Ward or Wards, to fill such vacancy, as well as in the place of the Member who shall then go out of office, under the provisions of this section: And Provided further, that any Member going out of office, may be re-elected, if then qualified according to the provisions of this Act.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

St. Catharines
Incorporation.

Mr. Macdonell, of Dundas, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the town of St. Catharines, reported, according to order, the amendment made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the town of St. Catharines, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Merritt do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Commutation
of Tenure.

Mr. Chauveau, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Bill the better to facilitate commutation of the Tenure *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of Free and Common Socage, reported, according to order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill the better to facilitate commutation of the Tenure *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of Free and Common Socage, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act the better to facilitate optional Commutation of the Tenure of Lands *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of *franc aleu roturier*."

Ordered, That Mr. Christie do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Petition of M.
F. Valois and
others, &c. &c.

Mr. Bouillon, from the Committee of the whole House, on the Second Report of the Select Committee, to which were referred the Petition of M. F. Valois and others, inhabitants of Lachine and other parishes; the Petition of the Reverend Antoine Duransaux and others, inhabitants of Montreal and its vicinity; the Petition of Gabriel Roy and others, inhabitants of the Côte St. Laurent; and the Petition of Hyacinthe Brunet and others, of Ste. Anne, Pointe Claire, and other parishes, and other references, reported, according to order, the Resolutions of the said Committee; which Resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorise the Trustees of the Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road, to plank or otherwise improve the road leading along the Basin of Chambly, from

the plank road leading to the Horse Boat Ferry, on the said Basin of Chambly, to the plank road leading to the Fort or the Canton of Chambly, and to levy tolls thereon.

Petition of M.
F. Valois and
others, &c. &c.
&c.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to authorise the said Trustees to raise, by way of loan, a further sum of four thousand pounds, at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum; to be applied to the payment of any debt heretofore contracted by them, and of the expense of planking or otherwise improving the road above referred to.

Ordered, That Mr. Lacoste have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Ordinance relative to the Turnpike Road from Montreal to Chambly.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. Chauveau took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Chauveau reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an amendment thereto; which amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the "President, Directors, and Company of the Humber Harbour and Road Company," being read,

Humber
Harbour.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Webster took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Webster reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

Supply.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honourable Mr. DeBleury took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And the Honourable Mr. DeBleury reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House, whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received this day.

The Honourable Mr. DeBleury also acquainted the House, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again this day.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Supply.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee: which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Salary to the Speaker of the Legislative Council.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that there be granted to Her Majesty, a sum not exceeding one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six pounds, fourteen shillings and ninepence, to pay the arrears of Salary to the *Speaker* of the Legislative Council, and provide for his Salary, for the year 1845.

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* moved, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, that the question of concurrence be now put upon the said Resolution.

Mr. *Riddell* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*, that the words "one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six pounds, fourteen shillings and ninepence," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "one thousand and ninety-three pounds."

The question having been put on the motion of amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Boulton, Colvile, Cummings, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Johnston, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Riddell, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Webster, and Williams.—(18.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Drummond, Attorney General Draper, Foster, Greive, Hale, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Méthot, Morin, Robinson, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, and Taché.—(28.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, Christie, Daly, DeBleury, DeWitt, Drummond, Attorney General Draper, Foster, Greive, Hale, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Méthot, Morin, Robinson, Solicitor General Sherwood, Attorney General Smith, and Taché.—(28.)

NAYS.

Boulton, Colvile, Cummings, Dunlop, Ermatinger, Gowan, Johnston, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Riddell, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WESTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Webster, and Williams.—(18.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

And the said Resolution being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House, and

Resolved, accordingly.

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 any amendment:—

"An Act to authorize the charge of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying during a period therein specified, certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity therefor to all concerned." Expenses of the Civil Government.

"An Act to make provision for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government of this Province for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five." Ditto.

"An Act to empower the Seigniors of the Fiefs *Nazareth, St. Augustin, and St. Joseph*, in the city of *Montreal*, or either of them, to invest the moneys arising from any Commutation of Tenure granted by them, in Real Property and other securities." Seigniors of certain Fiefs.

"An Act for the limitation of actions, for avoiding Suits at Law, and for rendering a written memorandum necessary to the validity of certain promises and engagements in that part of the Province which heretofore constituted the Province of *Lower Canada*." To avoid Suits at Law.

"An Act to explain and amend part of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for vesting in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance the Estates and Property therein described, for granting certain powers to the said officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'" Ordnance Estates.

"An Act to declare certain Lands in *Upper Canada* liable to Assessment, and to oblige the owners of such Lands to make returns thereof to the district Treasurer." Assessment on certain Lands.

"An Act to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose, to consolidate the Laws now in force relating to the same, and for other purposes therein mentioned." Montreal Harbour.

"An Act to revive certain provisions of the Act incorporating the Great Western Railroad Company, and to enable them to carry on that work." Great Western Railroad Company.

"An Act to regulate the Fees of certain District Officers in that part of this Province called *Upper Canada*." Fees of District Officers.

"An Act to quiet the title to Lands of persons naturalized under the statute of *Lower Canada*, passed in the first year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, and for other purposes therein mentioned." To quiet Titles to Lands, Lower Canada.

Also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*," with sever^{al} amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly. Militia, Lower Canada. Militia, Upper Canada.

And then he withdrew.

Speaker's
Salary Legisla-
tive Council.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill for granting a sum of money for the Salary of the *Speaker* of the Legislative Council.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and the Act to continue and amend the same, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Smith*, of *Frontenac*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Smith* reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Toronto In-
corporation.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Hale* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Hale* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto, and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

IN THE BILL.

Press 2, Line 1.—Leave out from "and" to "force" in the eleventh line, both inclusively.

IN THE TITLE.

Line 3.—After "*Canada*" leave out the re- Militia Laws.
mainder of the Title.

And the said amendments being again read,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree with the Legislative Council in the said amendments.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of three Members, composed of the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, and the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, be appointed to draw up reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council at a conference, to be held upon the amendments made by their Honours to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*."

The Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, 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 Honours to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*," reported that the Committee had prepared the said reasons; which said reasons were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and are as followeth:—

Because the annual training of the Militia in *Upper* Reasons.
Canada, under the present Law, is felt to be a great burden, without any corresponding advantage either to the people, or for the defence of the Province, inasmuch as a meeting of one day in the year is wholly useless for the purpose of military training.

Because the power of the Governor General to call out the Militia in case of emergency is all that is at present necessary for the public service or defence.

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Honourable the Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them the reasons which induced this House not to concur in the amendments made by their Honours to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said conference.

An engrossed Bill to amend and extend the Ordinance relative to the Turnpike Road from Montreal and Chambly
Montreal to Chambly, was read for the third Turnpike Road
time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of M^cGill College,
the Bill, to enable the Corporation of the Governors, Montreal.
Principal, and Fellows, of *M^cGill College* at *Montreal*, to hold the property of the said College, and to dispose of certain portions of Land for the better support of said College, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mutual
Assurance
Companies.

Militia Laws,
Lower and
Upper Canada.

Militia Col-
lege, Montreal.

Mr. Meyers took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. Meyers reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning's Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Friday, 28th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council agrees to the conference desired upon the subject matter of the amendments made by this House, to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time, a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*," and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honourable Messieurs *Crooks* and *Fergusson*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly, required by Parliamentary Usage, presently in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

Attest.

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

Also.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Friday, 28th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the capture and detention on the part of the *United States* Government of the Schooner "Lord Nelson," in the year 1812, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and the."

Attest.

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And also.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Friday, 28th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the capture and detention on the part of the *United States* Government, of the Schooner "Lord Nelson," in the year 1812, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Attest,

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable CHARLES THEOPHILUS, Baron METCALFE, of Fernhill, in the County of Berks, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our joint Address on the subject of the capture and detention, on the part of the *United States* Government, of the Schooner "Lord Nelson," in the year 1812, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

R. E. CARON, *Speaker*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Friday, 28th March, 1845.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That four Managers be appointed to meet the Managers appointed by the Honourable the Legislative Council, at the time and place appointed, for the holding the conference desired upon the amendments made by their Honours to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Draper*, the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood*, and Mr. *Goacan* be appointed Managers on the part of this House.

An engrossed Bill, to amend the Act of incorporation of the City of *Toronto* Gas Light and Water Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Solicitor General *Sherwood* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill for granting a sum of money for the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. Attorney General *Smith* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the incorporation of certain individuals under the name and style of the *Montreal* Building Society, being read,

The said Bill was accordingly read, and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr. *Christie* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Christie* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Militia Laws,
Lower and
Upper Canada.

Capture and
Detention of
the Schooner
"Lord Nelson"

Capture and
Detention of
the Schooner
"Lord Nelson."

Militia Laws,
Lower and
Upper Canada.

City of *Toronto*
to Gas Light
and Water
Company.

Speaker's
Salary Legisla-
tive Council.

Montreal
Building
Society.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Winter Roads.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee, on the Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec* to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the South side of the River *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers* inclusively, on the North side, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Johnston* took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Johnston* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the inferior district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers*, which extends from the district of *Quebec* to the parish of *Nicolet*, on the South side of the River *St. Lawrence*, and to the town of *Three Rivers*, inclusively, on the North side, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers*, which is or was in the Municipal District of *Portneuf*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. *Johnston*, seconded by Mr. *Dunlop*,

Resolved, That this House do concur in the Address of the Honourable the Legislative Council to His Excellency, the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the joint Address to the Queen, on the subject of the capture and detention, on the part of the *United States* Government, of the Schooner "*Lord Nelson*," in the year 1812, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "and Legislative Assembly," and that the said Address be signed by Mr. *Speaker* on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honourable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honours that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency, the Governor General, on the subject of the capture and detention, on the part of the *United States* Government, of the Schooner "*Lord Nelson*," in the year 1812.

Ordered, That Mr. *Johnston* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Third Report of the Special Committee, to which were referred the Public Accounts of 1843, laid before this House the 13th December, 1844, with an instruction and other references, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. *Speaker* resumed the chair,

And Mr. *Macdonald* reported, that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same; and also, that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

An engrossed Bill to amend and consolidate the Provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the city and town of *Montreal*, and of a certain Ordinance amending that Ordinance; and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation created by the said first mentioned Ordinance, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Corporation of the Governors, Principal, and Fellows of *M'Gill College*, at *Montreal*, to hold the property of the said College, and to dispose of certain portions of Land, for the better support of said College, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill to pass, and title be, "An Act to enable the Corporation of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, to dispose of certain portions of Land, for the better support of the University of *M'Gill College*, at *Montreal*."

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then, the House adjourned.

Sabbati, 29° die Martii.

ANNO OCTAVO, VICTORLE REGINE, 1845.

10 á Horâ, A. M.

An engrossed Bill for the Incorporation of certain individuals under the name and style of the *Montreal Building Society*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill to pass.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Capture and Detention of the Schooner "Lord Nelson."

Humber Har-
bour Company An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the title be, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the Humber Harbour and Road."

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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 following Bills, without any amendment:—

Tolls on
Public Works. "An Act to make provision for the levying of tolls on certain Public Works, and for the proper use of the said Works."

Duties on Stills "An Act to repeal the Act of the present Session, relative to the duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same subject."

College of
Regiopolis. "An Act to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estates to the College of *Regiopolis*, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold Real Property to a certain amount."

Commutation
of Tenure. "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of Lands *en roture* in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc alev roturier*."

Municipal
Districts,
Lower Canada. "An Act for ascertaining the liabilities of the several Municipal districts in *Lower Canada*, and their means of discharging the same."

Welland Canal
Stock. "An Act to amend the Act for purchasing the Stock in the *Welland Canal*, held by private Shareholders."

Toronto Gas
Light and
Water Com-
pany. "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of *Toronto Gas Light and Water Company*."

Speaker's
Salary Legisla-
tive Council. "An Act for granting a sum of money for the Salary of the *Speaker* of the Legislative Council."

Also,

Quebec Incor-
poration. The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Ordinances, incorporating the city of *Quebec*," with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Assembly.

Also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Friday, 28th March, 1845.

Militia Laws,
Upper and
Lower Canada. *Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council do not insist on their amendments to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time, a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*, to which the Legislative Assembly disagree.

Attest.

CHARLES DELERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And also,

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Friday, 28th March, 1845.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, to acquaint that House, that His Excellency, the Governor General, has appointed to-morrow at two o'clock, P. M., to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses, on the subject of the capture and detention, on the part of the *United States Government*, of the Schooner "*Lord Nelson*," in the year 1812, and that in consequence of the advanced state of the Session, the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members of this House as are Members of the Executive Council only, to attend His Excellency at that time on the part of this House.

Attest.

CHARLES DE LERY,
Clerk Asst. Leg. Council.

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Dunlop*, seconded by Mr. *Johnston*,

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province, do attend His Excellency, the Governor General, on the part of this House, with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the capture and detention on the part of the *United States Government*, of the Schooner "*Lord Nelson*," in the year 1812.

Mr. *Macdonald*, of *Kingston*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty, and on the Third Report of the Special Committee to which were referred the Public Accounts of 1843, laid before this House the 13th December, 1844, with an instruction, and other references, reported, according to order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Special Committee, to which were referred the Public Accounts for the years 1841, 1842, 1843, and 1844.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie*, have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize certain sums of money therein mentioned, advanced and applied towards defraying certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Government, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, not otherwise provided for, to be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill to authorize certain sums of money therein mentioned, advanced and applied towards defraying certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Government, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, not otherwise provided for, to be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province, was read for the third time.

Capture and
Detention of
the Schooner
"Lord Nelson."

Public
Accounts, 1843

Advance to
defray certain
Expenses of
the Govern-
ment.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Report on the
Petition Geo.
Wright and
others.

Mr. *Duggan*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *George Wright* and others, of the *Home* and *Sincoe* districts, and another reference, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was again read at the Clerk's table, and is as followeth:—

Lakes Huron
and Ontario
Plank Road.

Your Committee have examined the Petitions to them referred, on the subject of opening up a communication, by means of a Plank Road, from Port *Credit*, on Lake *Ontario*, to Lake *Huron*, and are of opinion, that the subject is one of great public importance, and entitled to the consideration of the Government, that the value of this communication is such as early to attract attention, and your Committee are of opinion that *Huronario* Street was laid out as a line of Road, with a view to that object.

Your Committee are further of opinion, that as the work is one involving the interest not only of large numbers of Her Majesty's subjects, in the older and populous townships through which this Road should pass, but also affecting, as it will, Public Lands, and a large tract of country which its accomplishment will open up, and for which great benefits might accrue, not only to the inhabitants in the locality, but to a large portion of the country.

Your Committee recommend that an humble Address should be presented by your Honourable House, praying that His Excellency may be graciously pleased to cause a competent Engineer to examine the subject, and report the most eligible route, with an estimate of the probable expenses, in order that this important work may engage early attention, and be satisfactorily undertaken.

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

Quebec Incor-
poration.

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Ordinance incorporating the city of *Quebec*," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendment was read, and is as followeth:—

Press 2, Line 5.—Leave out from "and" to "repealed" in the twelfth line, both inclusively.

And the said amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendment.

Then the House adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M. this day.

3 à Houré, P. M.

Capture and
Detention of
the Schooner
"Lord Nelson."

The Honourable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, reported that he had, according to order, waited upon His Excellency, the Governor General, on the part of this House, with the joint Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the capture and detention, on the part of the *United*

States Government, of the Schooner "*Lord Nelson*," in the year 1812; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would transmit the same to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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 any amendment:—

"An Act to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*." Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.

"An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of *Upper Canada* therein mentioned, to the Clergymen or Ministers of the Evangelical Association." Evangelical Association.

"An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts therein mentioned." Several Acts continued.

"An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads near *Quebec*." Turnpike Roads, Quebec.

"An Act for the incorporation of certain individuals under the name and style of the '*Montreal Building Society*.'" Montreal Building Society.

"An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of 'The President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road*.'" Humber Harbour Company.

"An Act to authorize certain Sums of Money therein mentioned, advanced and applied towards defraying certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Government for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, not otherwise provided for, to be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province." To defray certain Expenses of Government.

"An Act to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams on Streams, in the district of *Huron*." Aprons to Mill Dams.

"An Act to amend and extend the Ordinance relative to the Turnpike Road from *Montreal* to *Chambly*." Montreal and Chambly Turnpike Road.

"An Act to amend and consolidate the provisions of the Ordinance to Incorporate the City and Town of *Montreal*, and of a certain Ordinance amending that Ordinance, and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation, created by the said first mentioned Ordinance." Montreal Incorporation.

"An Act to Incorporate the Town of *St. Catharines*." St. Catharines Incorporation.

"An Act to enable the Corporation of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning to dispose of certain portions of Land, for the better support of the University of *M'Gill College* at *Montreal*." M'Gill College.

"An Act to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and the Act to continue and amend the same." Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly:—

"An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*." Quebec Medical School.

Registration,
Lower Canada.

"An Act to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of Titles to and Incumbrances upon Real Property in *Lower Canada*."

Municipal
Authorities,
Lower Canada.

"An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*."

Elementary
Instruction,
Lower Canada.
Winter Roads.

"An Act to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*."

"An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances, therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads, in that part of the Province heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the district of *Quebec*, the district of *Gaspé*, and that part of the district of *Three Rivers* which is, or was, in the Municipal district of *Portneuf*."

And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Taché*, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*.

Quebec Medi-
cal School.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec Medical School*," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 3, Line 1.—Leave out from "that," to "Corporation," in the 19th line, both inclusively, and insert "that the said Corporation shall yearly, and every year, cause to be delivered at least one hundred and twenty lectures of at least one hour each, in the English Language, and the like number, and of the same duration, in the French language, on the following branches of Medical science, to wit: Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Pharmacy, Materia Medica, Theory and Practice of Physic, Principles and Practice of Surgery and Midwifery, and Diseases of women and children, to be given by competent lecturers at some place in the city of *Quebec*, between the first day of October, and the last day of April."

" 3. " 22.—Leave out from "and" to "shall" in the 27th line, both inclusively, and insert "to."

" 4. " 14.—Leave out "and examination."

" 4. " 22.—Leave out "qualification" and insert "attendance."

" 4. " 28 and 29.—Leave out "duly qualified to practice, and having, if they shall deem it necessary," and insert "having attended such lectures, and having."

" 4. " 31.—Leave out "and."

" 4. " 33.—Leave out from "provided" to "qualification," in press 5, line 11, both inclusively.

" 5. " 12.—Leave out "no member," and insert "each and every member."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *LaFontaine*, seconded by Mr. *Lacoste*,

Ordered, That the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of Titles to, and Incumbrances upon real Property in *Lower Canada*," be now taken into consideration.

Registration of
Titles, Lower
Canada.

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

And the said amendment was read, and is as followeth:—

Press 3, Line 36.—After "instrument" insert the following clause:—

And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue, and be in force, for, and during the space of two years, and to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

And the said amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lacoste* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendment.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*," be now taken into consideration.

Municipal
Authorities,
Lower Canada.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 20, Line 9.—After "thereof," insert the following Clauses A. and B.

CLAUSE A.

And be it enacted, that no Councillor nor Assessor shall be elected or appointed, or enabled to act under the provisions of this Act, unless he shall be a qualified voter, resident in such parish, township, or municipality, and holding real property therein to the value of two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, over and above every charge or incumbrance thereon.

CLAUSE B.

And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force for and during the period of two years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer.

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honourable Mr. *DeBleury* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

On motion of Mr. Hale, seconded by Mr. Foster, Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendment was read, and is as followeth:—

Press 15, Line 22.—After "same" insert the following Clause:—

"And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue and be in force for, and during the period of two years, and from thence to the end of the then next ensuing Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer."

And the said amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Hale do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to the amendment.

On motion of Mr. Laurin, seconded by Mr. Chauveau,

Winter Roads.

Ordered, That the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads, in that part of the Province heretofore Lower Canada, in so far as regards the district of Quebec, the district of Gaspé, and that part of the district of Three Rivers, which is, or was in the Municipal district of Portneuf," be now taken into consideration.

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

And the said amendments were read, and are as followeth:—

Press 1, Line 31.—Leave out "repealed," and insert "suspended for and during the space of one year."

IN THE TITLE.

Line 1.—Leave out "repeal," and insert "suspend for a limited time."

And the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Laurin do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honours that this House hath agreed to their amendments.

The Honourable Mr. Daly, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, the Governor General,

Board of Works.

Return to an Address of the House of Assembly, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to order the proper officer to lay before them, an account in detail of all Moneys expended under the authority of the Board of Works in and upon the Cobourg Harbour; and also, the Orders in Council and other authority, under which the expenditure took place; and also, to inform them if any Survey was made by or under the authority of the Board of Works, to connect that Harbour with the planked or macadam-

ized road, now being made between Port Hope and the Rice Lake, and why such Survey was made, and if the same proved practicable, why such connecting Road was not constructed.

Board of Works.

(For the said Return, see Appendix Q. Q. Q.)

A Message from His Excellency, the Governor General, by Frederick Starr Jarvis, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

House to attend His Excellency the Governor General.

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency, the Governor General, to acquaint this Honourable House, that it is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency; where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's Name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—

"An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts therein mentioned."

To continue several Acts.

"An Act to extend the benefit of a certain Act of Upper Canada therein mentioned, to the Clergymen or Ministers of the Evangelical Association."

Evangelical Association.

"An Act to provide for the collection of arrears of Taxes in the district of Johnstown, and for other purposes."

Arrears of Taxes, District of Johnstown.

"An Act to provide for the distribution of the printed copies of the Laws."

Distribution of Printed Copies of the Laws.

"An Act to incorporate the town of Saint Catharines."

St. Catharines Incorporation.

"An Act to authorize the assessment and collection of Taxes in the township of Gloucester, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-four."

Collection of Taxes, Gloucester.

"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."

Measurement and Culling of Timber.

"An Act to incorporate certain persons as the Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company, for the purpose of constructing a Plank Road from a certain place in Niagara, to the Ten Mile Creek, in Grantham."

Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road.

"An Act to incorporate the town of Niagara, and to establish a Police therein."

Niagara Incorporation.

"An Act to authorize the conveyance of certain Real Estates to the College of Regiopolis, and to enable the said College to acquire and hold Real Property to a certain amount."

College of Regiopolis.

"An Act to allow the issuing of Testatum Writs of *Capias ad respondendum* in the several districts in Upper Canada, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Testatum Writs.

"An Act for ascertaining the liabilities of the several Municipal districts in Lower Canada, and their means of discharging the same."

Municipal Districts, Lower Canada.

"An Act to authorize the appointment of a Reporter in the Court of Chancery."

Reporter, Court of Chancery.

"An Act to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Registration of Titles to, and Incumbrances upon, Real Property in Lower Canada."

Registration, Lower Canada.

"An Act for the Limitations of Actions, for avoiding Suits at Law, and for rendering a written *Memorandum* necessary to the validity of promises and engagements in that part of the Province which heretofore constituted the Province of Lower Canada."

Limitation of Actions, Lower Canada.

Commutation of Tenure.	"An Act better to facilitate optional commutation of the Tenure of Lands, <i>en roture</i> , in the Seigniories and Fiefs in <i>Lower Canada</i> , into that of <i>franc aleu roturier</i> ."	"An Act to amend and consolidate the provisions of the Ordinance to incorporate the city and town of <i>Montreal</i> , and of a certain Ordinance amending that Ordinance, and to vest certain other powers in the Corporation, created by the said first mentioned Ordinance."	Montreal Incorporation.
Profanation, Lord's Day.	"An Act to prevent the Profanation of the Lord's Day, commonly called 'Sunday,' in <i>Upper Canada</i> ."	"An Act to detach the Island of <i>Orleans</i> from the county of <i>Montmorency</i> , for the purposes of Registration of Titles, and to establish a Registry Office in the said Island."	Island of Orleans.
Appropriation of certain sums of Money.	"An Act to correct and amend an Act passed in the Session held in the fourth and fifth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act to appropriate certain sums of money for Public Improvements in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned."	"An Act to empower the Seigniors of the Fiefs <i>Nazareth</i> , <i>Saint Augustin</i> , and <i>Saint Joseph</i> , in the city of <i>Montreal</i> , or either of them, to invest the moneys arising from any Commutation of Tenure granted by them, in Real Property and other Securities."	Commutation of Tenure in certain Fiefs.
Roman Catholic Bishops' Incorporation.	"An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Bishops of <i>Toronto</i> and <i>Kingston</i> , in <i>Canada</i> , in each diocese."	"An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the President, Directors, and Company of the <i>Humber Harbour and Road</i> ."	Humber Harbour and Road Company.
Great Western Railroad	"An Act to revive certain provisions of the Acts incorporating the <i>Great Western Railroad Company</i> , and to enable them to carry on that work."	"An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the city of <i>Toronto Gas Light and Water Company</i> ."	Toronto Gas Light and Water Company.
Winter Roads.	"An Act to suspend for a limited time two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province heretofore <i>Lower Canada</i> , in so far as regards the district of <i>Quebec</i> , the district of <i>Gaspé</i> , and that part of the district of <i>Three Rivers</i> , which is, or was in the Municipal district of <i>Portneuf</i> ."	"An Act to repeal part of a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, and to enable Notaries to act as Clerks of Circuit and Commissioners' Courts in <i>Lower Canada</i> ."	Notaries.
Riding over Bridges.	"An Act to prevent persons Riding or Driving at a fast rate over Bridges of more than a certain length in <i>Upper Canada</i> ."	"An Act to repeal certain Ordinances therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in <i>Lower Canada</i> ."	Municipal Authorities, Lower Canada.
Boards of Trade, Montreal and Quebec.	"An Act to render permanent two certain Acts therein mentioned, incorporating the Boards of Trade of <i>Montreal</i> and <i>Quebec</i> ."	"An Act to give further powers to the <i>North American Colonial Association of Ireland</i> ."	North American Colonial Association.
Administration of Justice, Gaspé.	"An Act supplementary to an Act of the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the Administration of Justice in the <i>Gaspé</i> district."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery</i> ."	Montreal School of Medicine.
Fees to District Officers.	"An Act to regulate the Fees of certain District Officers in that part of this Province called <i>Upper Canada</i> ."	"An Act for the Incorporation of certain individuals under the name and style of the <i>Montreal Building Society</i> ."	Montreal Building Society.
Kingston Incorporation.	"An Act to repeal a certain provision of the Act incorporating the town of <i>Kingston</i> , and to provide for the assessment and collection of the District Taxes in the said town, by an assessor and collector to be appointed by the District Council."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Sherbrooke Cotton Factory</i> ."	Sherbrooke Cotton Factory.
Aprons to Mill Dams.	"An Act to provide more effectually for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams, or Streams in the district of <i>Huron</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Mechanics' Institute of Montreal</i> ."	Mechanics' Institute, Montreal.
McGill College.	"An Act to enable the Corporation of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning, to dispose of certain portions of Land for the better support of the University of <i>McGill College</i> ."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company</i> ."	Chambly Cotton Manufacturing Company.
Tax on Dogs.	"An Act to empower the district Councils of Municipal districts, and Boards of Police of incorporated towns in <i>Upper Canada</i> , to impose a Tax on Dogs within their respective districts and towns."	"An Act to amend a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the Turnpike Roads, near <i>Quebec</i> ."	Quebec Turnpike Roads.
Taxes on certain Lands, Upper Canada.	"An Act to declare certain Lands in <i>Upper Canada</i> liable to Assessment, and oblige the owners of such Lands to make returns thereof to the District Treasurer."	"An Act to amend the Act for purchasing the Stock in the <i>Welland Canal</i> held by private Shareholders."	Private Stock, Welland Canal.
Mutual Fire Assurance Companies.	"An Act to amend the Act authorizing the establishment of Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and the Act to continue and amend the same."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Quebec School of Medicine</i> ."	Quebec School of Medicine.
Quebec Incorporation.	"An Act to amend the Ordinances incorporating the city of <i>Quebec</i> ."	"An Act to amend and extend the Ordinance relative to the Turnpike Road from <i>Montreal</i> to <i>Chambly</i> ."	Chambly Turnpike Road.
Small Debts, Upper Canada.	"An Act to amend an Act passed in the fourth and fifth years of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Laws now in force in that part of this Province, formerly <i>Upper Canada</i> , for the recovery of Small Debts, and to make other provisions therefor."	"An Act to incorporate the <i>Quebec Charitable Firewood Society</i> ."	Quebec Firewood Society.
		"An Act to repeal and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force for the preservation of Salmon, in that part of this Province formerly <i>Upper Canada</i> , and for other purposes therein mentioned."	Salmon Preservation.
		"An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in <i>Upper Canada</i> , and for other purposes therein mentioned."	Insolvent Debtors.
		"An Act for better enforcing the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of <i>Upper Canada</i> , for the regulation of Ferries, and for protecting the rights of the Lessees of Ferries."	Lessees of Ferries, Upper Canada.

Militia Laws.

"An Act to revive and continue for a limited time, a certain Ordinance therein mentioned, for regulating the Militia in *Lower Canada*, and to suspend for a like time a certain provision of the Militia Law of *Upper Canada*."

Wild Fowl Protection.

"An Act to prevent certain Wild Fowl and Snipes from being destroyed at improper seasons of the year, and to prevent the trapping of Grouse and Quail in this Province."

River Richelieu, Bridge.

"An Act to authorize *John Yule*, the younger, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Richelieu*, in the parish of *Saint Joseph de Chambly*; to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon; and to provide Regulations for the same."

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad.

"An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company.'"

The Titles of the following Bills were then read:

Harris' Divorce.

"An Act to dissolve the Marriage of *Henry William Harris*, Esquire, with *Eliza Walker*, otherwise called *Eliza Loch Walker*, his now wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

To quiet the Titles of Lands Lower Canada.

"An Act to quiet the Title to Lands of persons naturalized under the statute of *Lower Canada*, passed in the first year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordinance Estates.

"An Act to explain and amend part of an Act passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act for vesting in the principal officers of Her Majesty's Ordinance, the Estates and Property therein described, for granting certain powers to the said officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'"

Lots in Beverly.

"An Act to establish the boundaries of the Lots and Gores of Lands in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth concessions of the township of *Beverly*, in the county of *Halton*."

Claims upon the Executive Government.

"An Act to provide a legal recourse to Her Majesty's subjects in this Province, having legal or just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, and to enable Her Majesty the more effectually to do justice in such cases."

Attachment of Salaries.

"An Act to authorize to a certain extent, the Seizure and Attachment of Official Salaries towards payment of the Incumbent's Debts."

Aliens.

"An Act to make further provision regarding Aliens."

To each of which it was His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure to say, that he reserved the said Bills for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Then the Honourable *Speaker* of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

Supplies.

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, approach Your Excellency, at the close of a long and arduous Session, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's Person and Government; and humbly beg leave to present a Bill to appropriate the Supplies granted for the present year,—thus placing at the disposal of the Crown, the means by which the Government may be made efficient for the service and welfare of the country.

The Supplies for which this Bill provides, we respectfully observe to Your Excellency, are granted under the system of Responsible Government, which has been so fully, and so graciously conceded by Her Majesty, to Her faithful Canadian subjects.

Many subjects of deep and abiding interest to the country, have pressed on our consideration during the progress of our Parliamentary labours, and among the Bills we have passed, there are few more important than that which provides for the payment of the losses sustained by Her Majesty's loyal subjects in *Western Canada*, who, from their exposed position on the frontier, during a period of great internal commotion and disorder, in the years 1837 and 1838, suffered great pecuniary distress, and were compelled to make great sacrifices of life and property, in defending that section of the Province from the invasion of a lawless and piratical enemy.

Under the pressure of considerable difficulties, and the necessity of great economy, we have great satisfaction in being assured that our finances are in a flourishing and improving condition.

The increasing importance of our Commercial operations, is also a source of much gratification; and after due deliberation, we indulge the hope, that adequate arrangements may be made for their future regulation, and thereby conduce to the combined advantages of the Commerce and Revenue of the Country.

In pursuance of the duty which devolves upon me, I have the honour of tendering to Your Excellency, a Bill to apply a sum out of the Revenues of this Province, for the Service of the year 1845, and to appropriate the Supplies granted in the present Parliament, to which, (in all humility) we pray Her Majesty's Royal Assent.

The Honourable the *Speaker* of the Legislative Assembly then presented the following Money Bills, praying that His Excellency would be pleased, in Her Majesty's Name, to give the Royal Assent thereto:

"An Act to make provision for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five."

Expenses Civil Government.

"An Act to provide for the payment of Claims arising out of the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*, and to appropriate the duties on Tavern Licenses to local purposes."

Rebellion Claims.

"An Act to make provision for the levying of Tolls on certain Public Works, and for the proper use of the said Works."

Tolls, Public Works.

To each of these three Bills the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's Name, His Excellency, the Governor General, thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

"An Act to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*; to authorize the Commissioners to borrow a further sum of money for that purpose; to consolidate the Laws now in force relating to the same; and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Harbour of Montreal.

"An Act to make better provision for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*."

Elementary Instruction, Lower Canada.

"An Act for granting a sum of money for the Salary of the *Speaker* of the Legislative Council."

Speakers' Salary, Legislative Council.

"An Act to authorize certain sums of money therein mentioned, advanced and applied towards defraying certain Expenses of 1845."

To defray certain Expenses of 1845.

To defray cer-
tain Expenses
of 1843.

certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Government, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, not otherwise provided for, to be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province."

Duties on
Stills.

"An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session, relative to the duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same subject."

Agriculture,
Lower Ca-
nada.

"An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies there-in."

To authorize
the defraying
of certain Ex-
penses.

"An Act to authorize the charge of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying, during a period therein specified, certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province, and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity therefor to all concerned."

Agriculture,
Upper Canada.

"An Act for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*."

And to each of the eight last preceding Bills the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's Name His Excellency, the Governor General, doth assent to this Bill."

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses:—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

Speech,
Proroguing.

I thank you for your indefatigable attention to the laborious duties which you have had to perform during this unusually long Session. I trust that the Acts which have been passed, will prove beneficial to the Province: and I consider myself justified in especially congratulating you on those for improving the Administration of Justice in *Upper Canada*, and those relating to Education and Municipal Institutions in *Lower Canada*; all of which are of the highest value, and promise to render essential service to the community. I regret at the same time to notice, that several important measures have been unavoidably postponed. On this account, I am reluctant to part with you, for I am loth to lose your assistance while any thing remains to be done which the good of the Country requires. Nevertheless, I am sensible that your presence is much required at your homes, and that it would be unreasonable to expect your longer attendance at the present period. Whatever has been left incomplete, will, I hope, be accomplished at our next meeting.

I have had the satisfaction of assenting, in Her Majesty's Name, to nearly all of the Enactments which you have passed, and the few reserved for the decision of Her Majesty's Government, have been so dealt with under circumstances, which, from positive

instructions or otherwise, have rendered it imperative on me to pursue that course. The Act to amend the Ordinance Act of the last Session of the late Parliament comes necessarily under that description, as it affects the property of the Crown.

I have received authentic information, of the passing of an Act by the Legislature of the *United States*, which may seriously affect the Commercial interests of this Province. I will not fail to submit the subject for the attention of Her Majesty's Government, and I am sure that it will receive the most earnest consideration.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I return you my hearty thanks for the liberality with which you have provided the requisite means for the due administration of our Affairs. I shall anxiously co-operate with you in every measure of economy consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service. It is satisfactory to observe, that the prosperous condition of our Revenue enables us, after providing for a reduction of the Public Debt by commencing the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Guaranteed Loan, to apply a considerable sum to additional Public Works, calculated to produce great advantage.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

You are about to return to your homes to resume those occupations, which, in most cases, are indispensable for the support of your families, and which are unavoidably interrupted with some degree of injury to yourselves, by your attendance on Parliamentary Duties. I earnestly hope that you may be successful in your undertakings, and I beg you to convey to your several constituencies, the assurance that Her Majesty's Government ardently desires the welfare of this Province, and is anxious that the whole of its inhabitants, without distinction and with perfect equality, may enjoy all the rights and privileges of a Free People, and experience the prosperity, contentment and happiness, which are naturally derived from unfettered industry, prudent enterprise, good fellowship, and brotherly love. And now Gentlemen, with the heartfelt wish that you may be partakers in these blessings, I will say farewell until we meet again. I cannot, however, conclude, without expressing my warmest thanks for the aid and support which you have afforded to Her Majesty's Government by your loyal, zealous and patriotic labours.

Then the Honourable the *Speaker* of the Legislative Council, said—

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

It is His Excellency, the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Thursday, the eighth day of May next, to be then here holden; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the eighth day of May next.

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RETURN TO AN ADDRESS

FROM THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

To HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, bearing date the 10th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before them "an Account, in detail, of all Moneys raised by sale of Debentures under, and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled 'An Act granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be raised by Debentures, for the improvement of the Navigation of the River *Trent*,' passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, chapter 66, and a detailed Statement of the Expenditure thereof."

By Command.

D. DALY.

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

January 7, 1845.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 18th December, 1844.

SIR,

In obedience to the commands of His Excellency, the Governor General, conveyed in the order of reference on an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 10th instant, requesting a Return of the Moneys raised by Debenture for improvement of the Navigation of the River *Trent*, under the Act 7th, *William* IV. chapter 66, and a Statement of the Expenditure thereof. I have the honour to transmit a Return of the Debentures issued under that Act, payable in this Province, &c.

Under the Act *U. C.* 7 and 8 *William* IV. chapter 4, passed 11th July 1837, "to facilitate the negotiation of loans," Debentures to the amount of £269,650 sterling, payable in London, were issued in the years 1837 and 1838, of which £28,000 appears by the Schedules of Debentures rendered by the Receiver General, and annually laid before the Legislature, to have been intended for the River *Trent* Navigation; but as further information seems to be required by the Address, I respectfully submit that reference be had to the Receiver General's Department, by whom the Debentures in question were negotiated.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

JOS. CARY,

Deputy Inspector General.

Honourable D. DALY,
Provincial Secretary.

The Address is herewith returned.

RECEIVER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 23d December, 1844.

SIR,

In reply to your reference to me of the 20th instant, on the subject of Money raised by Debentures, on account of the Navigation of the River *Trent*, I have the honour to state as follows, viz. :—

Of the Sterling Debentures that were issued in the year 1837, it appears that the sum of £20,000 was intended to be applied to the navigation of the River *Trent*, but of which only £3,500 Currency was called for by the Commissioners until the month of July 1838. Meantime, to avoid loss from the accumulation of interest on the dormant balance, the residue was paid out for other Public Works then in progress, as will appear by the Public Accounts.

On the subsequent application of the Commissioners in July 1838, similar Debentures were issued to the amount of £8000 sterling, the whole of which, with £3050 issued in Currency Debentures, was paid to the Commissioners of the said work. I beg to return your reference with enclosures, herewith

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

W. MORRIS,

Receiver General.

To JAMES HOPKIRK, Esq.
Assistant Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

Debentures,
River Trent.

AN ACCOUNT of MONEYS raised by sale of DEBENTURES under, and by virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled, "An Act granting to His Majesty a Sum of Money to be raised by Debentures for the improvement of the Navigation of the River *Trent*," passed in the seventh year of the reign of His late Majesty, King *William* the Fourth, chapter 66, 4th March, 1837.

Debentures,
River Trent.

Furnished pursuant to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of tenth December, 1844.

DEBENTURES PAYABLE IN THE PROVINCE.

Date of Debenture.	To whom Payable.	When Redeemable.	Amount of Debenture, Currency.	Rate of Interest.
18th Sept. 1840.	Robert Barclay.	18th Sept. 1860.	£. s. d. 500 0 0	} 5 per cent. per annum.
do	do	do	500 0 0	
do	do	do	500 0 0	
do	do	do	270 0 0	
11th May, 1841.	G. S. Boulton.	11th May, 1861.	1280 0 0	
Total payable in the Province			£3050 0 0	

Debentures payable in *London*, interest at 5 per cent., under the Act 7 and 8 *William IV.*, chapter 4, "for facilitating the negotiation of Loans," £269,650, sterling, were issued in the years 1837 and 1838, of which £28,000 appears, by the Schedules of Debentures, rendered by the Receiver General, and laid before the Legislature, to have been intended for this work.

JOS. CARY,

Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Montreal, 18th December, 1844.

STATEMENT of the EXPENDITURE on the River *Trent* Navigation, under the Act, *U. C.*, 7, *William IV.*, chapter 66, passed 4th March, 1837, appropriating £77,507 11s. 4½d., for that service.

Furnished pursuant to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of tenth December, 1844.

Date of Warrant on Receiver General.	Name of Commissioners to whom paid.	Amount Paid, Currency.	Remarks.
31st October, 1837.....	Sheldon Hawley	£ s. d. 1500 0 0	
16th February, 1838.....	J. S. Cartwright	2000 0 0	
4th July, do	G. S. Boulton	5000 0 0	
1th November, do	J. S. Cartwright	2000 0 0	
31st January, 1839.....	G. S. Boulton	1888 17 9	£270 4s. 10d. paid by warrant, 8th February, 1839. Interest refunded.
25th May, do	do	1500 0 0	
29th August, do	do	3000 0 0	
15th July, 1840.....	do	300 0 0	
13th August, do	do	200 0 0	
14th September, do	do	200 0 0	
19th do, do	do	1770 0 0	
2nd October, do	do	300 0 0	
27th April, 1841.....	do	1276 2 6	
Currency....		£20935 0 3	

JOS. CARY,

Deputy Inspector General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Montreal, 18th December, 1844.

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STANDING RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF CANADA.

ADOPTED IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT,
(WITH THE AMENDMENTS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE THERETO.)

MEETINGS AND ADJOURNMENTS OF THE HOUSE.

Hour for meeting and adjournment.

1. RESOLVED.—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*.

When members shall leave their seats.

2. That when the House adjourns, the Members shall keep their seats until the Speaker leaves the Chair.

Names to be taken on adjournment for want of a Quorum.

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.

Appearance of a Quorum.

4. That upon the appearance of a QUORUM, the Speaker shall take the Chair, and the Members be called to order.

Black Rod.

5. That the Speaker shall always take the Chair when Black Rod is at the door, whatever the number of Members then present may be.

MINUTES.

Minutes, when read.

6. That immediately after the Speaker shall have taken the Chair, the Minutes of the preceding day shall be read by the Clerk: to the end that any mistake therein may be corrected by the House.

SPEAKER.

Order and decorum.

7. That the Speaker shall preserve Order and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the House.

Speaker when to vote.

8. 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.

Speaker explaining a point of order.

9. 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.

Member speaking.

10. That every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat uncovered, and address himself to the Speaker.

Two or more members rising at once.

11. 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?*"

When members may not vote.

12. 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.

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.

Order when the Speaker is putting a question.

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.

Members called to order.

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.

Disrespectful, unmannerly, or indecent language, &c.

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.

Member may demand that the question, &c., be read.

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.

Limitation of right of speaking.

18. That no Member shall speak more than once, without leave of the House, upon a previous question.

On 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 Sergeant at Arms to execute the order, without debate.

House cleared of strangers.

20. That it be recommended to every Member wishing to go out during the sittings, to inform the Sergeant at Arms of the place where he may be found, if wanted.

Members going out during sittings.

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.

Members absenting themselves.

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 this House.

Leave of absence.

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.

Messenger of the Legislative Council.

Messages to the Legislative Council.

24. That all Messages from this House to the Honourable the Legislative Council, be sent by one Member of this House.

Conferences with the Legislative Council.

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.

Messages from the Legislative Council.

26. That Messages from the Honourable the Legislative Council, shall be received into this House as soon as announced by the Sergeant at Arms.

Legislative Councillors attending the debates.

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.

Strangers leaving irregularly.

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 Sergeant at Arms, to await the judgment of the House.

JOURNALS, &c.

French copies of the Journals, &c.

29. That copies of the Journals translated into the French Language be laid on the table daily, for the use of the Members; and also Copies of Speeches from the Throne, Addresses, Messages, and Entries of other transactions and deliberations of the House when asked for by any two Members.

Copy of the Journals for the Governor.

30. That a copy of the Journals of this House be delivered to His Excellency the Governor, every morning of the day after the same has been read and approved of by the House, certified by the Clerk.

Index to Journals.

31. That the Clerk do immediately make an Index to the Journals of the House, referring to the several matters therein contained, and that at the end of each Session of Parliament, he do make a like Index to the Journals.

Legislative Council may search Journals.

32. That until this House shall adopt the measure of having its proceedings printed daily, this House doth consent that the Legislative Council may cause the Journals of this House to be searched, in like manner as this House may, according to Parliamentary usage, search the Journals of the Legislative Council.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

Rules how applied in Committees of the whole.

33. 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.

Unprovided cases.

34. 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.

Names when to be taken.

35. 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.

Motion to adjourn.

36. That a Motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

Motion that the Chairman leave the Chair.

37. That a Motion that the Chairman leave the Chair, shall always be in order, and shall take place of any other Motion.

Motions how made, how read.

38. 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 the two 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.

39. 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.

Motions not to be withdrawn without leave.

40. 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.

Motions on questions under debate.

41. That the Previous Question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and debate of the Main Question; and shall be in the following words: "Shall the Main Question be now put?"

Previous question.

42. That a Motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the Main Question.

Motions for commitment.

43. That all Questions, whether in Committee or in the House, shall be put in the order they are moved.

Order of questions.

44. That no Motion prefaced by any preamble, shall be admitted in this House.

No motion to have a preamble.

45. 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.

Reception of motions.

46. 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.

Motions contrary to rules or privileges.

AID AND SUPPLY.

47. That if any Motion be made in the House for any Public Aid, Subsidy, Duty or Charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof shall not presently be entered upon, but 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 to be reported before any Resolution or Vote of the House do pass thereupon.

Motions concerning aid and supply, when and how to be considered.

48. 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.

Rights of the House touching Aids and Supplies.

49. 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 and Supply to Her Majesty, or for any general or special purposes, by Rates, Tolls, Assessment or otherwise.

Its strict rights waived in certain cases.

PUBLIC BILLS.

50. 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.

Manner of introducing bills.

51. That no Bill shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read.

Two readings.

Amendments reported by Committees.

52. 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 to engross it shall be put.

Three readings on different days.

53. That every Bill shall receive three several readings, each on different days, previous to its being passed, except in urgent and extraordinary occasions, when it may be read twice or thrice in one day.

Exception.

Readings how certified.

54. That when a Bill is read in the House, the Clerk shall certify the readings and the time on the back.

Bills how read in Committee of the whole.

55. That Bills committed to a Committee of the whole House, shall first be read throughout by the Clerk, and then read by the Chairman and debated by Clauses, leaving the Preamble and Title to be last considered.

Bills passed by the House.

56. That when a Bill passes the House, the Clerk shall certify the same, with the date thereof at the foot of the Bill.

Bills originating in Legislative Council.

57. 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.

Certain duties assigned to the Law Clerk.

58. 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 indorsement 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 in order that he may be regularly apprised of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, it shall be the duty of the senior Clerk of the Committees of this House, to provide him daily during the Session, with a List of the Bills that shall have been read for the first time, and of the day on which they shall be fixed for the second reading; and that in every succeeding stage 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.

Bills and Breviats to be printed.

59. That all Bills, Public and Private, and Breviats and Abridgements thereof, be printed before the second reading, for the use of the Members of the Legislature, unless the House in certain cases dispense with such printing, with the exception nevertheless of certain Bills to continue the Acts or Bills of Reimbursements, or other short Bills, not introducing any important innovation, with the printing whereof the Speaker may dispense.

Exception.

PRIVATE BILLS.

Introduction of private Bills.

60. That Bills of a private nature shall be introduced by a Petition to be presented by a Member, and seconded.

To be preceded in certain cases by Report of a Committee.

61. That no Bill be ordered or permitted to be brought in, or any Petition for any work proposed to be carried on by tolls or duties to be levied, by subjecting of particular places to the same, until such Petition has been referred to a Committee, and they have examined the matter thereof, and reported the same to the House.

Petitioners not to be heard until after such Report.

62. 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 Council, against such Petition or Bill, until the matter thereof shall have been first reported to the House.

Sitting of any such Committee to be notified.

63. That the Chairman of the Committee for any private Bill do not sit thereupon, without giving a week's notice thereof, set up in the lobby.

64. That all persons whose interest or property may be affected by any private Bill, shall appear in person before the Committee 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 persons interested to be heard before it.

65. That when any Bill shall be brought into the House for confirming Letters Patent, there shall be a true copy of such Letters Patent annexed to the Bill.

Bills for confirming Letters Patent.

66. That before any Petition is presented to this House, for leave to bring in a private Bill, whether for the erection of a Bridge or Bridges, for the regulation of a Common, for the making of any Turnpike Road, or for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive rights or privileges whatsoever, or for the alteration or renewing of any Act of the Provincial Parliament, for the like purpose; notice of such application shall be given in one of the newspapers of the District, published in the English, and one in the French language, if any is published therein; and also by a notice affixed on the Church-doors of the Parishes or Townships that such application may affect, or in the most public place, where there is no Church, during two months at least before such Petition is presented.

Petitions for Bills granting exclusive rights to be preceded by certain public notice.

67. That hereafter this House will not receive any Petitions for private Bills after the first fifteen days of each Session.

Time for receiving Petitions for private Bills.

68. That this House will not receive any private Bills except in the first twenty-four days of each Session.

Time for receiving private Bills.

69. That this House will not receive any Report of a Special Committee upon any such private Bills, except within the first forty days of each Session.

Time for receiving reports on private Bills.

70. That before any Petition praying 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 sixty-sixth Rule, also at same time, and in the same manner, give a Notice, stating the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the Arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning whether they purpose to erect a Draw-Bridge or not, and the dimensions of such Draw-Bridge.

Notice (under rule No. 65) relating to petitions for bridge Bills, to contain certain particulars.

71. That all the expenses and costs attending on private Bills giving any exclusive privilege or advantage, and the relative proceedings in this House thereon, ought not to fall upon the Public, and that it is just and reasonable that part of such expenses and costs should be supported by those who apply for the said Bills; and that a sum not less than £20 be deposited in the hands of the Clerk of this House by the Petitioners before the second reading of any such Bills.

A certain sum to be deposited, before the second reading of a private Bill.

72. That the Clerk of this House be held, immediately after the issuing of the Proclamation convoking the Provincial Parliament for the dispatch of business, to announce in the *Quebec Gazette* and other Newspapers published in this Province, 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 that the said Clerk be also held to announce, by notice set up in the Special 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.

Clerk to give notice of the time for receiving petitions for private Bills, and reports, &c., thereon.

PETITIONS, &c.

73. That Petitions, Memorials and other papers addressed to the House, shall be presented by a Member in his place, who shall be answerable to this House that they do not contain improper or impertinent matter.

Petitions how presented.

Members interested in petitions for certain corporate powers.

74. 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 who 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.

See also BILLS PRIVATE, Rules 63, 66, 67, 68, 69.

PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSE—FORM OF READING.

Papers before the House or a Committee, how to be read.

75. 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.

Committee of the whole House, how formed.

76. 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 same authority.

Special Committees, mode of appointing.

77. That the mode of appointing a Special 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 that 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 the House, the Members so nominated shall compose the Committee.

Member introducing the matter referred, to be one of the Committee.

78. That every Member who shall introduce a Bill, Petition, or Motion upon any object which may be referred to a Committee, shall be one of the Committee without being named by the House.

Quorum of a Special Committee.

79. 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 in the motion of appointment.

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Mode of appointing Messengers.

80. 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 divides against the said Message, or against the subject thereof, cannot be appointed to be one of the Messengers.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

To have preference to motions.

81. That the Order of the Day shall have preference to any motion before the House.

Orders lost for want of a Quorum.

82. That it be a Standing Rule of this House, that when any Order or Orders of the Day shall be lost by a Committee of the whole House breaking up for want of a quorum, or by the House adjourning for want of a quorum, the Order or Orders so lost, shall be taken up in succession, as the first business to be proceeded on, at the next meeting of the House.

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84. That a Catalogue of the titles, editions, classes, cost and charges of the Books, be kept by the Clerk of the House, in whom the custody and responsibility thereof shall be vested.

85. That the Library be deposited in the Committee Room, or Clerk's Office, or such other part of this House as may hereafter appear to Mr. Speaker to be most convenient.

Place for the Library.

86. That no person whatsoever be entitled to resort to the Books except the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Person administering the Government, the Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and House of Assembly, and the Officers of the two Houses for the time being; that access may be had to the books at all hours during the sitting of the Legislature, and on every Tuesday of each week, from the hour of ten in the morning to three in the afternoon, during the prorogations; but on no pretence whatever ought any person, the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor or Person administering the Government excepted, to be permitted to carry any of them out of the building.

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Periodical works.

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89. 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 noon, and from one in the afternoon until eight o'clock, and from thence until the business of the day be completed.

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91. That the Clerk of this House do lay before this House, in the course of each Session, a general table of the Imports and Exports of this Province, taken from the returns which may be laid before this House by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief; that the said Clerk do also lay before this House next Session a similar table for the seven last years, and that he do cause the said table to be printed, in order that the same may be added to the Appendix to the Journals of next year, and that in each succeeding year he do cause to be printed a similar table, to be in like manner inserted in the Appendix to the Journals of those periods.

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