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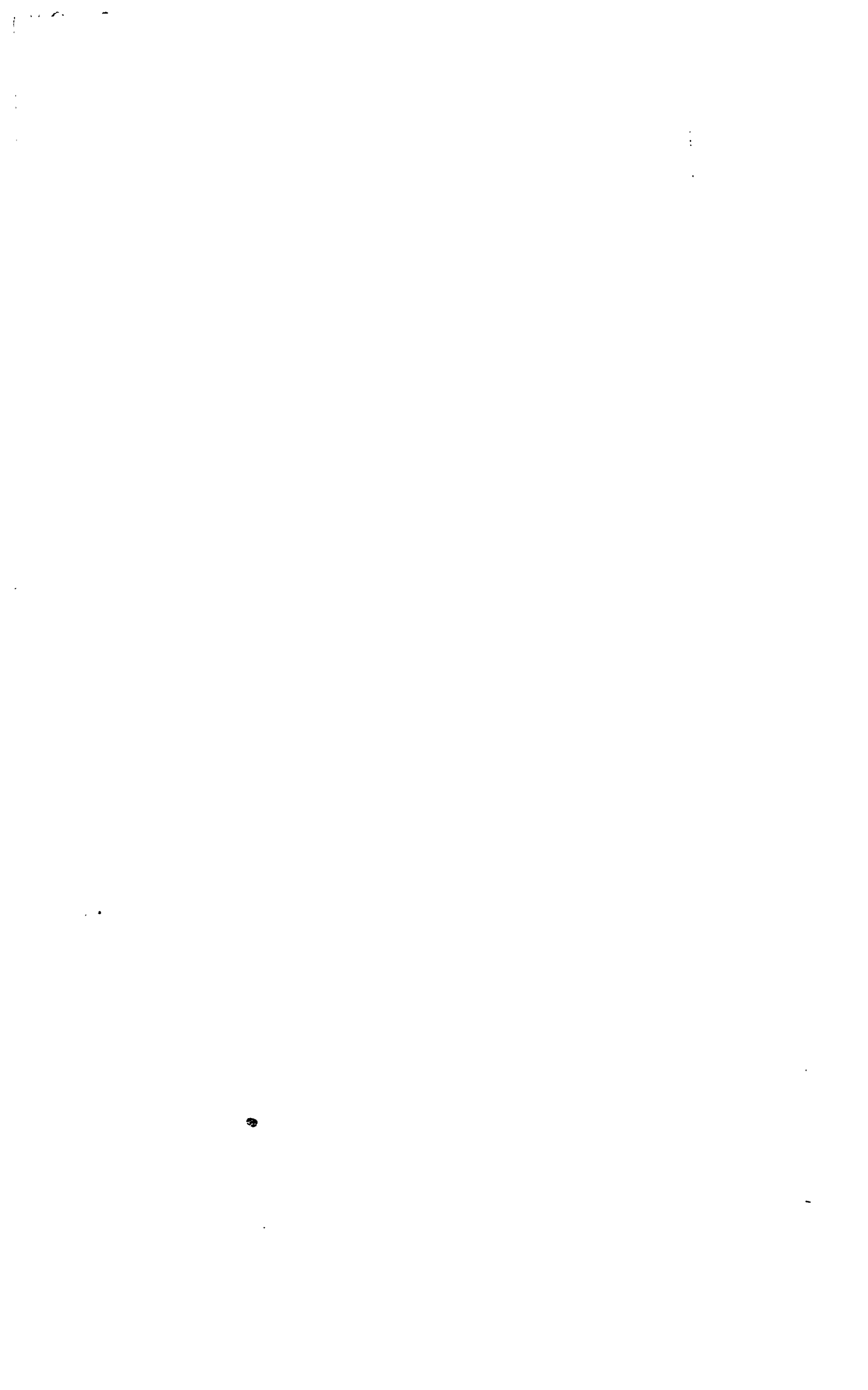
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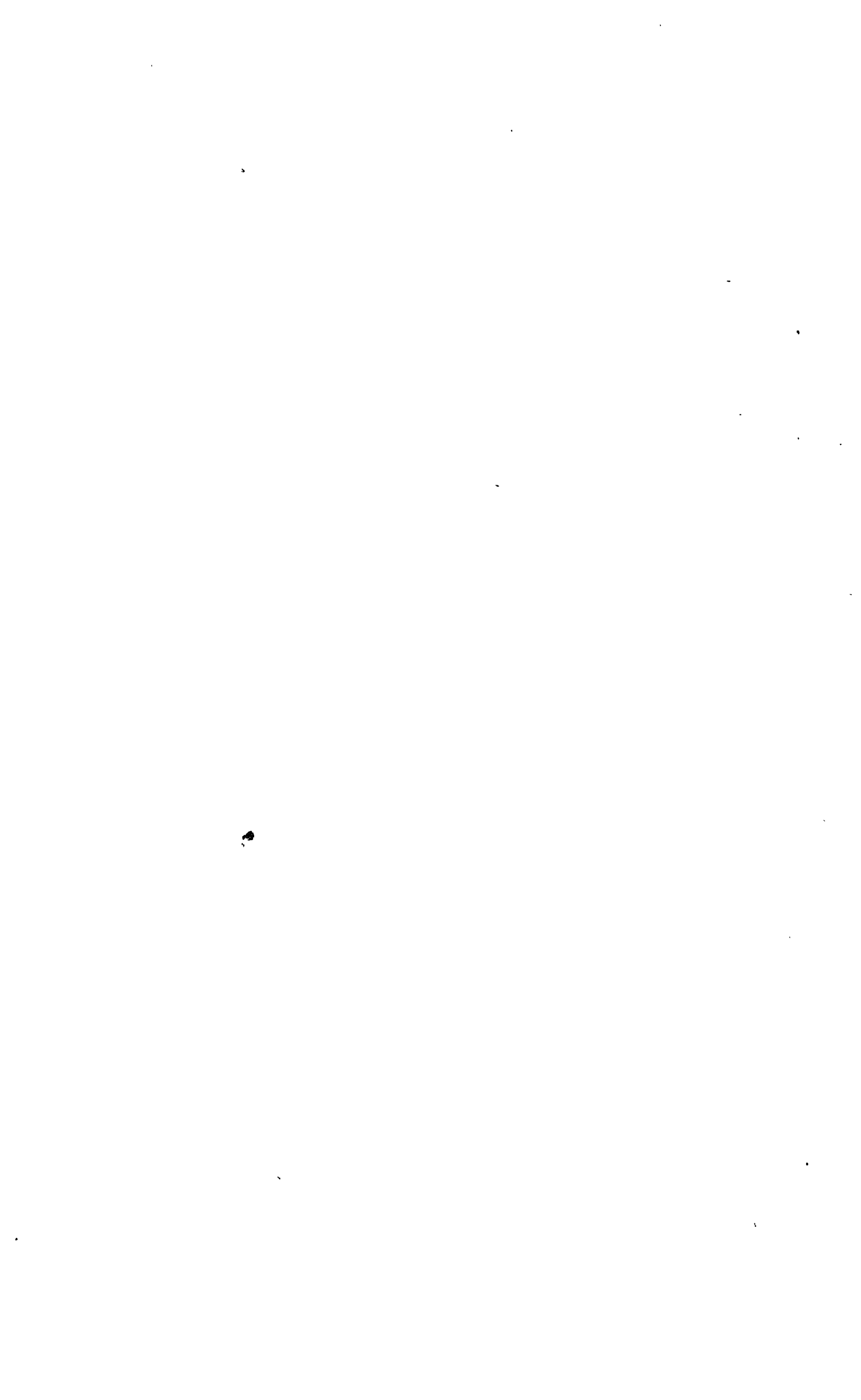
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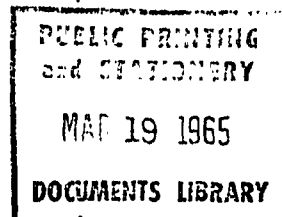
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FROM THE 2ND DAY OF JUNE TO THE 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1847,

BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE,

AND IN THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH YEARS OF THE REIGN OF OUR SOVEREIGN LADY

QUEEN VICTORIA.

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

SESSION, 1847.

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PROCLAMATIONS.

Province of }
Canada. } **CATHCART.**

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

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in British *North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this ninth day of July, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } **CATHCART.**

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

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the ninth day of July now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-sixth day of August instant, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on Monday, the fifth day of the month of October now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in British *North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this twentieth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } *CATHICART.*

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

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twentieth day of August now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the fifth day of October instant, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that, on Saturday the fourteenth day of the month of November now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this first day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } *CATHICART.*

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

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the first day of October now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the fourteenth day of November instant, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that, on Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of the month of December now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this fifth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } *CATHICART.*

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

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the fifth day of November now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the twenty-fourth day of December instant, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations,

Parliament
prorogued to
24th Decem-
ber, 1846.

Parliament
prorogued to
14th Novem-
ber, 1846.

Parliament
prorogued to
2d February,
1847.

Parliament
prorogued to
14th Decem-
ber, 1846.

Parliament
prorogued to
2nd February,
1847.

and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on Tuesday, the second day of the month of February next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.— Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed; Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart, of Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in British *North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this eighteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } CATHCART.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern,—

GRADING:

A PROCLAMATION.

Royal Assent
to Bills:

Great Western
Railroad Bill:

Toronto and
Lake Huron
Railroad Bill:

Niagara Sus-
pension Bridge
Bill:

Treason At-
tainders re-
served Bill:
Wolfe Island
Railroad Bill:

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

"a certain other Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Peterboro'* and *Port Hope* Railway Company," and also a certain other Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Kingston* Railroad Company," were passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and were, at the prorogation of the said Session, on the ninth day of June aforesaid, presented to Our Governor General of Our said Province, for Our Assent thereto, who, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and according to his discretion, then and there declared, that he reserved the aforesaid Bills for the signification of Our Pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bills, respectively intituled, "An Act to incorporate a Company to extend the Great Western Railroad from *Hamilton* to *Toronto*," "An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William the Fourth*, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company," "An Act for erecting a Suspension Bridge over the *Niagara* River at or near the Falls of *Niagara*," "An Act to restore the rights of certain persons attainted for High Treason," "An Act to incorporate the *Wolfe Island*, *Kingston* and *Toronto* Railroad Company," "An Act to incorporate the *Peterboro'* and *Port Hope* Railway Company," "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Kingston* Railroad Company," having been laid before Us, in Council, on the thirtieth day of October now last past, We have been pleased to assent to each and every of the same; and We do by these presents, and according to the provisions of the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland* passed in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, assent to each and every of the aforesaid respective Bills; of all which Our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice, and to govern themselves accordingly.

Peterboro' and
Port Hope
Railway Bill:

Montreal and
Kingston Rail-
road Bill:

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed; Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray, Earl Cathcart, of Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in British *North America*: At *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this twenty-fourth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
D. DALY,
Secretary.

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Canada. } *CATHCART.*

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

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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the eighteenth day of December now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the second day of February now next, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that, on Monday, the fifteenth day of the month of March next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin, Lieutenant General the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K. C. B., Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, and Commander of Our Forces in *British North America*: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, this twentieth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.*

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

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may concern,—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, at a Session of the Parliament of Our Province of *Canada*, holden at the City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, on the twentieth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and prorogued on the ninth day of June then next ensuing, in the ninth year of Our Reign, a certain Bill, intituled, "An Act for supplying the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent thereto with Water," was passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly, and was at the prorogation of the said Session, on the ninth day of June aforesaid, presented to Our Governor General of Our said Province for Our Assent thereto, who, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by a certain Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, intituled, "An Act to reunite the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," and according to his discretion, then and there declared that he reserved the aforesaid Bill for the signification of Our Pleasure thereon: Now know ye, that the aforesaid Bill, intituled, "An Act for supplying the City of *Quebec* and parts adjacent thereto with Water," having been laid before Us, in Council, on the nineteenth day of December now last past, We have been pleased to assent to the same; and We do, by these presents, and according to the said Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, passed in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, assent to the said Bill; of all which Our loving subjects, and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
D. DALY,
Secretary.

Province of }
Canada. } *ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.*

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

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

GREETING :

Parliament
prorogued to
15th March,
1847

Royal Assent
to Quebec
Water Supply
Bill

Parliament
prorogued to
24th April,
1847.

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OF

CANADA.

SESSION, 1847.

Mercurii, 2^o die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Message to attend His Excellency.

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 Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Council Chamber, and being returned;

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that he had issued his warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out new writs for the election of Members to serve in the present Provincial Parliament, in the room of Members whose seats had become vacant; and that the Clerk of this House had received from the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following certificates of Returns of Members elected during the recess upon the said new writs.

Carleton, Prince Edward, Cornwall, and L'Islet Writs.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 30th June, 1846.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the twenty-second day of May last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Carleton*, (*Simon Fraser*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the County of *Carleton* in the present Parliament, in the room of *James Johnston*, Esquire, who had resigned his seat, *George Lyon*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the twenty-third day of June instant, which is lodged of record in my office.

Certificate of the Return of Mr. Lyon for Carleton.

FELIX FORTIER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Certificate of the Return of Mr. Conger for Prince Edward.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 8th July, 1846.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the first day of June last past, issued by

His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Prince Edward*, (*Philip Low*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the County of *Prince Edward* in the present Parliament, in the room of *John P. Roblin*, Esquire, who, since his election, had accepted the office of Collector of Customs for the Port of *Pictou*, *Roger Bates Conger*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the first day of July 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.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 21st August, 1846.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the thirtieth day of July last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the Town of *Cornwall*, (*Alexander McLean*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the Town of *Cornwall* in the present Parliament, in the room of *Holland Macdonald*, Esquire, who had resigned, *John Hillyard Cameron*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the seventeenth day of August, instant, which is lodged of record in my office.

Certificate of the Return of Mr. J. H. Cameron for Cornwall.

FELIX FORTIER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 14th May, 1847.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the sixth day of April last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *L'Islet*, (*Barthelemy Pouliot*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the said County of *L'Islet* in the present Parliament, in the room of *Etienne P. Taché*, Esquire, who had accepted an office of profit under the Crown, *Charles François Fournier*, Esquire, hath been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated

Certificate of the Return of Mr. Fournier for L'Islet.

the sixth day of May, 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.

Members take
their seats

George Lyon, Esquire, Member for the County of *Carleton*; *Roger Bates Conger*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Prince Edward*; the Honorable *John Hilliard Cameron*, Member for the Town of *Cornwall*, and *Charles François Fournier*, Esquire, Member for the County of *L'Islet*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the roll containing the same, took their seats in the House.

Missisquoi
Kingston, and
Toronto Writ.

Mr. Speaker then acquainted the House, that he had issued his warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out new writs for the election of Members to serve in the present Provincial Parliament, in the room of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Smith*, Member for the County of *Missisquoi*, who had accepted the office of one of Her Majesty's Justices for the Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal*; also, in the room of *John Alexander Mardonald*, Esquire, Member for the City of *Kingston*, who had resigned his seat; and, also, in the room of the Honorable *Henry Sherwood*, Member for the City of *Toronto*, who had accepted the office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for that part of the Province called *Upper Canada*.

Simcoe Writ

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, that he had issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ for the election of a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the Honorable *William B. Robinson*, whose seat had become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works; and laid before the House the following certificate, upon which he had issued his warrant:—

Toronto, 26th June, 1846.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that having accepted the office of "Chief Commissioner of Public Works" for this Province, I have thereby vacated my seat as Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Simcoe*; and request that you be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken for issuing a new writ for that County.

W. B. ROBINSON.

To the Hon. Sir *A. N. MacNab*,

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
Province of *Canada*.

Mr. Speaker further acquainted the House, that he was informed that a warrant, signed by two Members, purporting to be under the provisions of the Act 7th *Victoria*, cap. 65, had also been addressed to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, upon which warrant that Officer had made out and issued a new writ for the said County of *Simcoe*; and that the Clerk of this House had received from the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following certificate of the return of the Honorable *William B. Robinson*, upon the said new writ.

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 4th August, 1846.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the seventh day of July last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Simcoe*, (*Gerald Alley*, Esquire,) for the election of one Mem-

ber to represent the County of *Simcoe* in the present Parliament, in the room of *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, who, since his election, had vacated his seat by his acceptance of an office of profit under the Crown, *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the twenty-seventh day of July last past, which is lodged of record in my Office.

FELIX FORTIER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,

Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

The Honorable *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. Robinson
takes his seat.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith lay on the table of this House, the warrants referred to by Mr. Speaker relating to the writ issued for the County of *Simcoe*.

Warrants for
Simcoe Writ.

The said warrants were accordingly laid on the table by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery; and are as followeth:—

To *Felix Fortier*, Esquire,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

You are hereby ordered and required forthwith to issue a new writ for the election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament in the County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the Honorable *William B. Robinson*, whose seat has become vacant by his acceptance of the office of "Chief Commissioner of Public Works."

Dated this fourth day of July, 1846.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

Province of *Canada*, }
To wit. }

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

Whereas the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, has vacated his seat in the said Assembly, as Member or Representative of the Town of *Hamilton*, by his acceptance of an office of profit under the Crown, by means whereof there is no Speaker of the said Legislative Assembly; and whereas *William B. Robinson*, since his election as Member or Representative for the County of *Simcoe*, hath accepted an office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, in and for the said Province of *Canada*, by means whereof his seat in the said Legislative Assembly is become vacant: We, whose names are underwritten, being two Members of the said Legislative Assembly, do hereby certify that the said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, hath, since his said election, accepted of an office of profit under the Crown, to wit, the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works in and for the Province of *Canada*, by means whereof his seat hath become vacant; and we give you this notice pursuant to the above Statute, and hereby direct you to make out a new writ of election for the election of a Member or Representative for the said County of *Simcoe*, in lieu of the said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, and this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

Certificate of
the Return of
Mr. Robinson
for Simcoe

Given under our hand and seals, at *Montreal*, this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

D. DALY, M. P. P.
J. SMITH, M. P. P.

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

Mr. Draper
vacates his seat.

The Honorable *William Henry Draper* 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 7th *Victoria*, chap. 65, he vacated his seat accordingly.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,
The House adjourned till Friday next.

Veneris, 4^o die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Certificate of
the Return of
Mr. J. A. Mac-
donald for
Kingston.

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 City of *Kingston*, in the room of *John Alexander Macdonald*, Esquire, who had resigned 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, 4th June, 1847.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the twenty-first day of May last, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the City of *Kingston*, (*Thomas Weeks Robison*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member for the said City of *Kingston*, in the room and place of *John A. Macdonald*, Esquire, who had resigned his seat for the said City of *Kingston*, *John Alexander Macdonald*, Esquire, Barrister at Law, of the said City, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return of the said writ, (A.) dated the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, 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.

Note (A.)

The Indenture purports to have been made in the eleventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and states that the Returning Officer acted in pursuance to the writ of election of Her Majesty bearing date the twenty-first May, 1847, at *Kingston*, instead of "at the City of *Montreal*."

FELIX FORTIER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House forthwith, with the last Return for the City of *Kingston*, and do amend the same by erasing the words "eleventh" and "*Kingston*," and inserting the words "tenth" and "*Montreal*," in lieu thereof.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended at the table, and amended the Return accordingly.

Kingston Re-
turn amended.

Mr. J. A. Mac-
donald takes
his seat.

The Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald*, Member for the City of *Kingston*, 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 Honorable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, Copies of all Correspondence had between the Honorable *Dominick Daly*, Provincial Secretary, and the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, upon the subject of the alleged acceptance of the office of Adjutant General of Militia by the Honorable the Speaker.

Correspondence on the subject of the alleged acceptance of office by Mr. Speaker.

The said Correspondence is as followeth:—

Dundurn, 25th June, 1846.

My dear Sir,

I have ascertained that Major *Kenneth Cameron*, late of the 79th Regiment, will accept the appointment of Deputy Adjutant General for *Canada West*, and a most excellent appointment it will be; that point being settled, the sooner we are gazetted the better. Perhaps His Excellency may consider the 1st July a convenient day, being the end of the quarter. No time must be lost in sending up the writ for *Hamilton*.

Yours truly,

(Signed,) ALLAN N. MACNAB.

The Hon. *D. Daly*,
Secretary.

3rd July, 1846.

My dear Sir *Allan*,

I have not been able sooner to answer your private letter of the 25th ultimo, as the appointment of Deputy Adjutant General for *Upper Canada* was not finally determined upon. After the fullest consideration with the Members of his Council, the Governor General has come to the conclusion, that it is more expedient to appoint Colonel *D. Macdonel* than any other person, and he has directed the immediate issue of his Commission accordingly.

Dr. *Taché* is appointed, and now here; and the appointments of yourself and Deputies will appear in the next Official Gazette.

His Excellency desires me to say he will much regret if Colonel *Cameron* should feel any disappointment in this matter, as circumstances beyond his control have occasioned the departure from his former intention, and nothing in any degree affecting Colonel *Cameron's* high personal character.

I hope we shall soon see you here.

Yours truly,

(Signed,) D. DALY.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Kt.,
&c. &c. &c.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Montreal, 4th July, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to transmit to you herewith a Commission appointing you Adjutant General of Militia for *Canada*.

The Fee, £2, you will please remit.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) D. DALY.

Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, Kt.,
Hamilton.

Hamilton, 7th July, 1846.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 3d instant, in reply to mine of the 25th ultimo, I have this moment received (at the Post Office from whence I write,) accompanied with a Commission, appointing me Adjutant General of the Militia of *Canada*, and also informing me, that Colonel *Macdonell* is appointed Deputy Adjutant General. I beg you will convey to His Excellency

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my thanks for the same; but, under the circumstances, I am under the necessity of declining the appointment and returning the Commission, and will by to-morrow's Post address His Lordship more fully on the subject.

I have, &c.

(Signed.) ALLAN N. MACNAB.

The Hon. D. Daly,
&c. &c. &c.

Dundurn, 8th July, 1846.

My Lord,

Your Lordship will undoubtedly have heard from Mr. Secretary *Daly*, of my having returned the Commission appointing me Adjutant General of Militia: and I have now the honor to explain more fully to Your Excellency, what compelled me to take that step. In the first place it is due to Your Lordship that I should express my best thanks for the honor intended me, and for the kindness and courtesy which I have always experienced at Your Excellency's hands, and I trust you will not attribute my prompt return of the Commission, in any degree, to a want in the high respect that is due, and which I entertain for Your Lordship.

In the various conversations which I have had the honor of holding with Your Lordship on the subject of the Militia, and of my appointment to the Adjutant Generalship, it was my desire and endeavour to impress upon Your Excellency how anxious I was to be well supported in the subordinate officers of the Department. It was because I look upon the task of re-organizing the Militia, and of carrying out with effect the earnest desires and comprehensive views of Your Lordship on this subject, and of permanently and usefully superintending the whole body of the Militia throughout this extensive Province, as a difficult and weighty undertaking, and one to which I did not feel myself adequate, without the aid of able and efficient assistants.

Notwithstanding his want of military experience, I consider Dr. *Taché* quite eligible to the office of Deputy Adjutant General, more especially with a view to the *Lower Canada* population, and so expressed myself to Your Excellency: but he being a civilian, and unacquainted with military matters, I deemed it the more desirable that the other Deputy should be conversant with military affairs, and familiar with their details, and I took the liberty of submitting Colonel *Cameron's* name, as in my estimation possessing these qualifications. Although Colonel *Macdonell* was also spoken of, as proposed by some gentlemen of the Executive Council, I did not understand Your Excellency to entertain his recommendation in opposition to Colonel *Cameron*, and left *Montreal* under the full impression that Your Excellency had finally resolved in favor of the latter. With Your Excellency's sanction, I have communicated with him on the subject, and have done so in the persuasion that he had been selected for the appointment.

After leaving *Montreal*, I heard nothing more on the subject until the receipt of Mr. *Daly's* letter of the 3d instant, transmitting the Commission for myself, and intimating that after the fullest consideration with the members of the Council, Your Excellency had come to the conclusion, that it was more expedient to appoint Colonel *Macdonell*, Deputy Adjutant General, than any other person, and that you had directed the immediate issue of his Commission accordingly. Your Excellency may readily believe my surprise, when I found that he had been substituted for Colonel *Cameron*. I felt at once that, under such circumstances, I could not satisfactorily accept the office of Chief of the Department; and to preclude the possibility of any question respecting my seat in the

Legislative Assembly, and the Speaker's chair, which would be vacated by my accepting office, I, without a moment's delay, addressed a few lines to Mr. *Daly*, declining the appointment, and returning the Commission. (This I trust will satisfactorily account for what might otherwise have appeared an abrupt proceeding on my part.) I much regret that my name has appeared in the Gazette before he could possibly have received my communication. I of course can have no personal objection to Colonel *Macdonell*—his claims for the favor of the Government are well known to Your Lordship, and I would in no degree wish to detract from them. So far therefore as respects him individually, I am very glad that he is to receive preferment, though I could have wished his interests had been promoted in some other way; for I must frankly confess that I do not consider him the most eligible selection that might have been made, or possessed of the qualifications which I deemed essential: and distrusting my own ability to manage with advantage to the public, or with satisfaction to the Government, or to myself, so extensive and important a Department, without the aid of those in whose ability and fitness I can confidently rely, I am unwilling to venture upon the arduous duty under existing circumstances.

Mr. *Daly's* letter informs me that it has been determined to appoint Colonel *Macdonell*, in accordance with the advice of the Council; still I would respectfully remark that the office is not a political one, and that I do not understand the Council have, nor would I concede to that Honorable Body, the privilege of controlling in appointments of this kind.

That principle was, I believe, settled with the approbation of the Home Government under the Administration of Lord *McCaulfe*, and his steadfast maintenance of the right of the Queen, and of Her Majesty's Representative, to exercise a free discretion in Militia appointments were, I supposed, clearly established. On the present occasion I believed that Your Excellency, in the exercise of an undoubted prerogative right, had approved of Colonel *Cameron* for one of the Deputy Adjutants General, an appointment to which the Council, I am sure, could urge no objections on political or personal grounds; and while I would strenuously maintain Your Excellency's constitutional right to make it irrespective of the Executive Council, I at the same time freely confess that it was equally in Your Excellency's discretion to defer to their advice, and relinquish the intention which had been formed, and to bestow the patronage of the Crown upon another, since it seemed to Your Excellency more expedient so to do.

Assuring Your Excellency that I have adopted the course which I feel best becomes me under the altered state of the arrangements, I will only trespass further to repeat my acknowledgments for the honorable and valuable office Your Excellency has been graciously pleased to design for me, and my regret at being obliged to decline its acceptance.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed.) ALLAN N. MACNAB.

The Right Honorable
The Lord *Cathcart*, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Dominick Daly*, a Member of this House, now present in the House, be examined in his place respecting any certificates, warrants, or writs, or any other matter affecting the Representation of the City of *Hamilton*.

The Honorable *Dominick Daly* examined; as followeth:—

Correspondence on the subject of the alleged acceptance of office by Mr. Speaker.

Evidence on the subject of the Representation of the City of *Hamilton*.

Examination of Mr. *Daly*.

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of Mr. Daly.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

1. Is it your name that is signed to the warrants for new writs for the County of *Simcoe*, dated 6th July, 1846, and for the Town of *Cornwall*, dated 30th July, 1846?—It is my name.

2. Have you in your possession, and can you produce any letters, papers, or documents connected with the issue of the Commission of the Adjutant General of Militia, with the offer of the office in question to Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, or with his acceptance or supposed acceptance thereof by him, other than those already put in?—I have not.

3. Are there to your knowledge any other letters, papers, or other documents connected with the offer of the office in question to Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, or his real or supposed acceptance thereof, which have not been already delivered in; or have you any reason to believe that there are any such, and if so, in whose hands have you reason to believe they now are?—I know of no other documents.

4. What are the facts upon which you founded the recital contained in the warrants for *Simcoe* and *Cornwall*, that Sir *Allan N. MacNab* had vacated his seat for *Hamilton*, by his acceptance of an office of profit under the Crown, by means whereof there was no Speaker of this House?—I have no other facts than those contained in the documents now before the House.

5. What are the grounds for your entertaining the impression that Sir *Allan N. MacNab* had accepted the office in question, upon which you founded the recital referred to?—I have no other grounds or facts than those contained in the papers now before the House, except my belief.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

6. Had you any communication with Sir *Allan N. MacNab* in relation to the office of Adjutant General of Militia, prior to the date of the letter of the 25th June, 1846, produced by you?—I had no communication, except a verbal one; but the tenor of that conversation led me to believe that Sir *Allan N. MacNab* was prepared to accept the office of Adjutant General.

7. Did Sir *Allan N. MacNab* tell you in express terms that he had accepted the office of Adjutant General?—He did not.

8. What did, as near as you can recollect, Sir *Allan N. MacNab* say, which led to the impression you speak of?—Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, as well as I can recollect, informed me, that at an interview with the Governor General he had expressed his readiness to accept the office. Sir *Allan N. MacNab* at the same time mentioned Colonel *Cameron* as being a fit and proper person to be the Deputy Adjutant General, and that that appointment had been the subject of conversation with Lord *Cathcart*.

9. Did Sir *Allan N. MacNab* say that he had stipulated for such appointment of Colonel *Cameron*, or words to that effect, as a condition to his acceptance of the Adjutant Generalship?—He did not; but Sir *Allan N. MacNab* informed me that he had left under the impression that Colonel *Cameron* was to be appointed.

By Mr. *Duggan*,

10. Did Sir *Allan N. MacNab* state expressly, or to the effect that it was understood, that Colonel *Cameron* was to be his Deputy?—He did state that such an understanding had been come to, or words to that effect.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

11. Was the salary of the Speaker refused to be paid; and if so, when was that salary refused, and what were the grounds of refusal?—I am not aware that the salary was refused. Some mistake had been made by a clerk in the Receiver General's Office,

which might have led to a supposition that delay was intended; but I am unacquainted with the details.

12. Did you take the advice of the Attorney General, or of any other Crown Officer, as to Sir *Allan N. MacNab's* having vacated his seat for *Hamilton*?—I did not.

13. Did you, previous to signing the said warrants, or either of them, make any enquiry whether a new writ had issued for the City of *Hamilton*, in consequence of the real or supposed acceptance of office by Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, or whether a warrant for any such writ had been made by any of the Honorable Members of this House; or had you been informed, or had you then or have you now, any reason to believe that such warrant had been then, or has been since, made by any Members of this House; if so, who were the Members who signed such last mentioned warrant; what was the date of the same, as nearly as you can recollect; in whose hands did you see it; what, as far as you know, or have reason to believe, were the proceedings had upon such warrant; when were such proceedings had, as nearly as you can recollect; and where, to the best of your knowledge and belief, is such warrant at present?—I have no knowledge of any such warrant having issued.

14. Can you give this House any further information on the point to which you have been interrogated; or is there any one who, you have reason to believe, can afford such further information, or any information respecting the offer of the said office to Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, or his acceptance or supposed acceptance thereof?—I do not believe that I can give any further information. I know of no other person but Lord *Cathcart* and Sir *Allan N. MacNab*. There may have been further conversation with my colleagues in office on the affair, and with the clerk of the Receiver General's Office alluded to in my answer to a previous question.

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

Ordered, That *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, do attend this House forthwith, to be examined respecting any certificates, warrants, or writs, or any other matter affecting the Representation of the City of *Hamilton*. The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended accordingly, and was examined; as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

15. Was there any warrant for a new writ for *Hamilton* delivered to you during the last recess of Parliament; by whom was it signed; what was its date; when did you receive it; and what was done upon it?—I received no warrant.

16. Did you receive any paper in the nature of a notice or warrant, or have you any reason to believe that any notice or warrant was made; and if so, can you give the House any information as to where such notice or warrant may be, or who are cognizant of its existence?—I have never received any paper, notice or warrant, relating to the election of *Hamilton*, nor have I any knowledge of any such paper having been issued.

17. Can you give this House any further information on the points to which you have been interrogated, or is there any one who you have reason to believe can afford such further information?—I can give no further information; nor can any one else give any information, because all warrants and notices required by law, must be addressed to me as Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

That Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, now present in this House, be examined in the chair, respecting any cer-

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tificates, warrants, or writs, or any other matter affecting the Representation of the City of *Hamilton*.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron of LANARK, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauwa, Christie, Conger, Desautric, De Witt, Drummond, Fournier, Franchère, Gowan, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Merritt, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of WENTWORTH, Thompson, and Watts.*—(36.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Boulton, Brooks, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Colville, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Moffatt, Murney, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, and Williams.*—(34.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered, Accordingly.

The Honorable Sir Allan N. MacNab was then examined; as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

18. Will you inform this House whether the office of Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province was ever offered to you since your last election as a Member of this House, and whether you ever accepted that appointment; and whether you or your agent experienced at any time any difficulty or delay on the ground of the said acceptance, or supposed acceptance, and the consequent vacancy of your seat, or otherwise, in the regular receipt of your salary as Speaker of this House; and will you also inform the House of all the facts and circumstances connected with such offer and acceptance, or supposed acceptance, or in any way relating thereto, and lay before the House all commissions, letters, papers, and other documents in your hands, or within your control, connected with or relating to the same?—It was offered to me by the late Governor General, Earl *Cathcart*, and it was my intention to have accepted the office. On the first offer being made to me, I declined; but at a subsequent conversation with the Governor General, I agreed to accept it, under certain conditions, namely, that I should be permitted to have the most efficient aid in the office. The Governor General was desirous to have a French Deputy Adjutant General for *Lower Canada*, and I suggested the name of Colonel *Taché*, the present Deputy Adjutant General for *Lower Canada*, and his Lordship assented. I then endeavoured to impress on the Governor General my desire to have a Deputy for *Upper Canada*, who had experience, and was thoroughly conversant with military details. I suggested Colonel *Cameron*, and His Lordship assented. The thing remained in this unsettled state at the prorogation of the Parliament; after the prorogation, I saw the Governor General, and had several conversations with him. It had been proposed to me that I should be gazetted here. I left the Governor General with the understanding that Colonel *Cameron* was to be my Deputy. With the approbation of His Excellency, I went directly to Mr. *Daly*, and told him that I accepted the office of Adjutant General from His Excellency, on the express condition that Colonel *Cameron* was to be my Deputy, and that I had His Excellency's authority to say so; and that so soon as I could be certain that Colonel *Cameron* would accept the office of Deputy Adjutant

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of Sir Allan N.
MacNab.

General, we were both to be gazetted. I had occasion then to go to *Quebec*, and Mr. *J. H. Cameron*, the present Solicitor General, being then in town, and in order to expedite business, as I was about to leave for *England*, and Mr. *Cameron* then being about to proceed to *Upper Canada*, I requested him to write to Colonel *Cameron*, to know if he would accept the office. On my arrival at *Toronto*, after my return, I called on Mr. *Cameron*, who informed me that he had written to Colonel *Cameron*, and had received Colonel *Cameron*'s answer, that he would accept the office. On getting this information, I wrote to Mr. *Daly* on the twenty-fifth of June. On the third of July, I received an answer. On the receipt of that letter, I declined the office in the letter laid before the House. I should have stated that, after my return from *Quebec*, and before my departure for *Upper Canada*, while in *Montreal*, I called to take leave of the Governor General: His Lordship stated to me that some Members of his Council were anxious that he should appoint Colonel *Macdonell*, but he said, I told them that I had authorized you to offer the appointment to Colonel *Cameron*. I told him that I was much obliged to him, and that I felt that the services of Colonel *Cameron* would be indispensable to me, especially as I had to leave for *England* for a short time. After leaving the Governor General, I called on the late Receiver General, and he expressed himself in favor of Colonel *Macdonell*; I said, if there is any difficulty relating to this matter, I will go back to the Governor General; he said that there was no necessity, and that they would endeavour to provide for Colonel *Macdonell* in some other way. I had no other communication with the Executive Government, or the Governor General, except what is contained in the written documents on the table; nor have I since seen the Governor General.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,

19. Did you, in any written communication, subscribe your name, adding thereto the title of Adjutant General?—I did not.

20. Did you address any document to any public officer, in connection with your appointment as Adjutant General, in the discharge of the duties of that office?—I never signed any document as Adjutant General, nor did I do any official act in that capacity. Previous to my refusal of the office, I had sent in a plan for the re-organization of the Militia, addressed to Captain *Talbot*.

21. How long after your letter to Lord *Cathcart*, did you leave *Canada* for *England*?—I think I left by the next steamer for *England*.

22. Had you made any arrangements with the Government for the discharge of your duties, in the anticipation of your absence?—I made arrangements that Colonels *Taché* and *Cameron* should perform the duties of my office in my absence.

23. Had you the express sanction of Lord *Cathcart* for your absence?—I understood from Lord *Cathcart*, that in case of my accepting the office, I should have leave of absence; and I wrote a letter making application for leave of absence, which letter I sent to Captain *Talbot*, to be delivered when required.

24. Was any specific application made for such leave?—There was no specific application made for leave. After I received Mr. *Daly*'s letter, stating the regret of His Excellency at his inability to carry out the original intention of appointing Colonel *Cameron*, I had no further communication with the Executive Council, or with any other person, except my letter to Mr. *Daly* declining the appointment, and my letter to Lord *Cathcart* explaining my reasons.

Resolution declaring Sir Allan N. MacNab has not vacated his seat as member for Hamilton.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, That it appears to this House, that Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, having been offered from the Crown the place of Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province, did consent to accept that office upon condition that Colonel *Cameron* should be appointed the Deputy Adjutant General for *Upper Canada*, and that he was thereupon authorized to communicate to that gentleman the offer of this latter office; that notwithstanding Colonel *Cameron* having consented to accept such office, and Sir *Allan N. MacNab* having communicated such consent to the Provincial Government, another gentleman was appointed to that office; and that the condition upon which Sir *Allan N. MacNab* had thus consented to accept the office of Adjutant General not having been complied with, and he having immediately on receipt of the Commission returned the same, and refused to accept thereof on the ground of the non-performance of such condition, his seat in this House did not become vacant.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Brooks*, that all the words after "That" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted:—"this House having heard the evidence with reference to the offer of the office of Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province to Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, is of opinion that Sir *Allan N. MacNab* did not accept office, and has not vacated his seat as Representative for the City of *Hamilton*."

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.

Messieurs *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Draper*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *McConnell*, *Moffatt*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(38.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Rousseau*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(36.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chabot*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Draper*, *Drummond*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemoine*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Moffatt*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Nelson*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Watts*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(72.)

NAY.

Mr. *Aylwin*.—(1.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That this House having heard the evidence with reference to the offer of the office of Adjutant General of the Militia of this Province to Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, is of opinion that Sir *Allan N. MacNab* did not accept office, and has not vacated his seat as Representative for the City of *Hamilton*.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* 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 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 next.

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

Ordered, That the Speaker do inform this House during what period he was absent from this Province during the last Recess of Parliament.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he left the Province on the twelfth of July, and returned on the thirtieth of November.

Mr. Speaker then reported that, when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General, on Wednesday the second instant, 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 is as followeth:—

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

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

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

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

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

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

Resolution declaring Sir Allan N. MacNab has not vacated his seat as member for Hamilton.

Justices of the Peace Oath Bill.

Speaker's absence from the Province.

Mr. Speaker reports His Excellency's Speech.

Speech.

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

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

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

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

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

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

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

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Town of *London*, in the room of the Honorable *William Henry Draper* who hath resigned his seat.

London Writ.

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

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 *Dorchester*, in the room of *Joseph André Taschereau*, Esquire, who, since his election, hath accepted the office of Circuit Judge for the District of *Quebec*.

Dorchester Writ.

On motion of Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *DeBligny*,

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to 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 the 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; and that this Order do take effect from the first day of the present Session.

Postage on Letters to and from Members.

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

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered on Wednesday last to both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, be taken into consideration on Monday next.

His Excellency's Speech to be considered.

Ordered, That one hundred copies of the Draught of an Address in answer to the said Speech, be printed in each of the English and French languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Draught of Address to be printed.

A Petition of *Louis Guillet*, Esquire, a Member of the House, was presented to the House by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the same was received and read; setting forth: That at the last general Election the Petitioner was elected a Member for the County of *Champlain*, being at the same time entrusted as sub-agent with the administration of the Jesuits Estates in the District of *Three Rivers*, acknowledging as his immediate superior, the Honorable *John Stewart*, Chief Commissioner for the management of the said Estates: That although the Petitioner's position has not been altered with respect to his duties or his emoluments, he has become directly responsible to the Crown Land Department by virtue of recent arrangements adopted by the Government for the administration of the Jesuits Estates: That the Petitioner resides at *Baliscan*, where he discharges his said duties, being paid by commission on the monies collected by him: That the Petitioner has remarked that by the 7th *Vic.*, chap. 65, it is among other things enacted, that all subordinate Clerks receiving annual salaries in the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, shall be disqualified from being elected or returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly, nor shall any such person or persons so disqualified be competent to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly; and that if any person so disqualified, shall sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly, he shall incur a penalty of five hundred pounds, currency, for each and every day during which he shall have been so sitting and voting as aforesaid in the said Legislative Assembly: That not knowing whether he must be considered as coming within the operation of the said Act, and subject to the penalty thereby imposed for sitting in the House, the Petitioner can appeal to no other tribunal in order that it may be decided if his seat has become vacant; and praying the House will be pleased to pronounce their opinion without delay on the subject of the present Petition.

Petition of Mr. Guillet, a member, respecting his seat.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

The House adjourned till Monday next.

Luna, 7^o die Junii.ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Félix Michel* and others, of the Parish of *St. François de la Beauce*, in the County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of *Augustin Morin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*, in the County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of *James Morgan* and others, of *St. Jean* and other Parishes, in the County of *Lotbinière*; the Petition of *William Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; the Petition of *Jean Bte. Miville Déchène*, of *St. Henri*, Trader; the Petition of *Miville Déchène*, M.D. and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri de Lauzon*, in the County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of *J. Bouchard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Beauce*, in the County of *Dorchester*; the Petition of the Reverend *Jean Baptiste Bernier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme* in the County of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of *E. Dalairé* and others, of *Pointe Lévi*, in the County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *P. P. Lachapelle*, junior, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of *John Mathewson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, and others, shareholders in the *Montreal Mining Company*.

By Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*,—The Petition of *Charles J. Forbes*, Esquire, and others, of *Carillon*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of *Peter Patterson*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Pierre Vieau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jesus*; and the Petition of *Thomas Mussen* and others, of the Island and County of *Montreal*, and of the Counties of *Terrebonne* and *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *C. Gamble*, President, and others, stockholders of the *Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Cutter* and others, of the Township of *Lobo*, in the District of *London*.

By Mr. *Webster*,—The Petition of *George J. Grange*, Esquire, and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*.

By Mr. *Williams*,—The Petition of *Joseph Major* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *W. G. Cook* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *William Ware* and others, Surveyors of the District of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *William Patton* and others, of *St. Thomas* and adjoining Parishes, in the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *Hilaire Nadeau* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *W. R. Doak* and others, of *Melbourne* and other Townships; and the Petition of *Samuel Daniels*, Mayor, and others, of *Shipton* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Watts*,—The Petition of *James Stewart* and others, of the Township of *Kingscy* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to assessment); and the Petition of *Samuel Gamble* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Woodhouse*.

By Mr. *LeMoine*,—The Petition of *Toussaint Beaudin* and others, of *St. Edouard*, County of *Huntingdon*; the Petition of *Joseph O'Clair*, senior, of *Lacadie*, County of *Chambly*; and the Petition of *Jacques Catudal* and others, of *Blairfindie* and *Napierville*, in the County of *Huntingdon*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of *Richard M. Bride* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the District of *Talbot*; the Petition of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*; and the Petition of *Henry P. Smith* and others, of the Township of *Walsingham*, in the District of *Talbot*.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*,—The Petition of *Tunis Van Camp*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, tanner; the Petition of *Thomas Moss*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District; and the Petition of *John Dillabough*, of *Williamsburgh*, County of *Dundas*, Eastern District.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *Adolphus Williams* and others, of the Township of *Malahide*, in the District of *London*.

By Mr. *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *Isaac Beecher*, of the Town of *Brockville*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Western District, (relating to a new District;) and the Petition of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, Judge of the District Court of *London*.

By Mr. *Cummings*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town.)

By Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,—The Petition of *Thomas Devison*, senior, and others, of the rear part of the Township of *Portland*, in the County of *Frontenac*; and the Petition of *William Holditch* and others, of the Township of *Loughborough*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to a road from *Barrie* to *Orillia*;) the Petition of *Edmund Sally* and others, of the District of *Simcoe*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the reduction of postage;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to aid for roads;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the old survey of *West Gwillimbury*;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Assessment Law;) and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*, (relating to the Collector's Returns.)

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *Jean Langevin*, Esquire, of *Montreal*; the Petition of *P. Boissonnault* and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of *J. A. Chiniquy*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*; the Petition of the Reverend *C. J. Ducharme* and others, of *St. Jérôme* and other Parishes, in the County of *Terrebonne*; the Petition of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*; and the Petition of *Joseph Boucher de Niverville*, Esquire, of the Town of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Charles Joseph Macdonagh*, of the Town of *St. Catherines*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the Militia Law); and the Petition of *Peter Bradt*, of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Antoine L'égaré* and others, of the Association of School Teachers of the District of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Charles Garneau* and others, of the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Webster*,—The Petition of *George J. Grange*, Esquire, and others, of the Districts of

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Wellington and Gore; and the Petition of *Richard Carney* and others, of the Districts of *Simcoe* and *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Drummond*.—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Lefrançois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*.—The Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*, merchant; the Petition of Mrs. *M. H. Mountain*, and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*, in connection with the Church of *England*; and the Petition of the British American Land Company.

By Mr. *Chabot*.—The Petition of *Joseph Hamel*, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Address to
Correspondence
relative to
proposed changes
in the Executive
Council

On motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*, Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be graciously pleased to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence in the possession of the Government, had since the last Session of Parliament, on the subject of obtaining the co-operation and assistance in the Government of this Province, of gentlemen possessing or supposed to possess the confidence of the people of *Lower Canada*.

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

Notarial Or-
ganization Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *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 fifteenth instant.

Winter Road-
Bill.

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 of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec*, on the South of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Compulsory
Commutation
of Lands Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to render commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture* into that of free and common soccage, compulsory on the Seigneur at the pleasure of the *Censitaire* or landholder, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned relating to the optional commutation of such 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 Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to the partitioning of lands in free and common soccage in *Lower Canada*, among co-heirs of the proprietors thereof, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned.

Cobiers Lands
Partition Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to Letters Patent whereby any waste and other lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith, occasioning delay and expense.

Letters Patent
Crown Lands
Bill.

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

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered on Wednesday last, to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, being read;

Consideration
of Speech de-
ferred.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed till to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, The House adjourned.

Martis, 8° die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

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By Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*.—The Petition of *P. Thornton* and others, the visiting and examining Committee of the *Burlington Ladies Academy*, and others, *Canada West*; and the Petition of *James Davis* and others, of the *Gore* District.

By Mr. *Woods*.—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Western District (relating to a new District;) and the Petition of *William Ridley* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*, in the Western District.

By Mr. *Seymour*.—The Petition of *John V. Ham*, of the Township of *Murray*, in the District of *Newcastle*.

By Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*.—The Petition of *Edward Malloch*, Esquire, one of the Candidates for the representation of the County of *Carleton*, at the election held on the 23d day of June, 1846.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*.—The Petition of *Benjamin Vaughan*, of *St. Johns*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*.—The Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and the Petition of *George S. Tiffany*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Murney*.—The Petition of *Robert Best* and others, Bible Christians, of the District of *Newcastle*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*.—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others; and the Petition of *Thomas Coulombe* and others, of *St. Pierre* and other Parishes in the County of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*.—The Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*; and the Petition of *Siméon Ecuyer* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *M. McKenzie* and others, of *Aldborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*; and the Petition of *W. W. Branam* and others, of the Township of *Brook*, in the Western District.

By Mr. *Boutillier*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By Mr. *Nelson*,—The Petition of *George J. Pacaud*, Esquire, on behalf of *Pierre Vandandaigue dit Gudois*, and others.

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Skinner*, Moderator, and *William Proudfoot*, Synod Clerk, on behalf of the Missionary Presbyterian Synod of *Canada* in connection with the United Secession Church of *Scotland*; and the Petition of *James Douglass* of the Township of *Toronto*, in the Home District.

By the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Richard Whitwell*, Rector, and others, of the Parish of *St. Armand West*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of *David Torrance* and others, stockholders in the *Canada Mining Company*.

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others; the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Christian Wurtele* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Michel Dery* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lovette*, in the County of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Michael Scott* of *Cap Rouge*.

By Mr. *Cummings*,—The Petition of *John Flett*, of *Chippawa*, in the Township of *Willoughby*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *John Prince*, Esquire, and others; and the Petition of *William F. Wallace* and others, of the District of *London*.

Resolution,
that an Address
be presented to
His Excellency
on the safe ar-
rival of the
Countess of
Elgin, and
other members
of her family.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, congratulating His Excellency on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin* and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province; and that the Rules of this House be suspended in so far as relates to this motion.

Mr. *Prince* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, that after the words "Countess of *Elgin*," in the said motion, the following words be inserted, "and His Lordship the Earl of *Durham*."

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.

Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Cauchon*, *Conger*, *DeWitt*, *Franchère*, *Lantier*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, and *Thompson*.—(15.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chabot*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Desaunier*, *Draper*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Nelson*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Viger*, *Watts*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(53.)

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.

Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Colville*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeWitt*, *Draper*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Lantier*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Merritt*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(50.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Chabot*, *Christie*, *DeBleury*, *Desaunier*, *Gowan*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Rousseau*, and *Watts*.—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, congratulating His Excellency on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin*, and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province; and that the Rules of this House be suspended in so far as relates to this motion.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, and the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency, in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Resolution,
that an Address
be presented to
His Excellency
on the safe ar-
rival of the
Countess of
Elgin, and
other members
of her family.

Committee to
draught the
said Address.

On motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be graciously pleased to cause to be laid before the House, a Statement of all the fees, emoluments, allowances, salaries, perquisites, and receipts, of every description, of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas for *Upper Canada*, including all sums received through his deputies, as well for civil as for criminal proceedings, and business of every description,—shewing the amount for each year for the last four years; also, shewing all the disbursements attending the said office for the same period, and the amount for each year, with the number of clerks, assistants, and servants employed, with their respective names, and the general nature of the peculiar duties of each, and the salary of each for the same period,—shewing how much for each year to each of them, and whether any such salary, or any portion thereof, is paid by fees or perquisites,—and shewing particularly how the amount of each salary or allowance is made up.

Address for
statements re-
lative to the
office of Clerk
of the Crown
and Pleas for
Upper Canada.

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

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Bertrand*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, all Documents and Correspondence between His Excellency and the Secretary for the Colonies, respecting the Address of the Legislature of this Province on the subject of the use of the French Language in all Public Documents.

Address for
Correspond-
ence on the
subject of the
French Lan-
guage.

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

His Excellency's Speech considered.

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

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

Mr. Colville moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Lyon, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne.

To congratulate His Excellency upon his assumption of the Government of this Province.

To express the gratification of this House that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate as Her Representative in the *North American Colonies*, a Governor whose previous official career in another Colony of the British Empire, offers the happiest promise, under His Excellency's guidance, of a prosperous administration of the affairs of this great Province.

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

That we assure His Excellency of our great satisfaction that the Colonial Legislatures, by a Statute passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, are empowered to repeal differential duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British Produce.

That we will give our most attentive consideration to this important subject, and to the communications relating to it, which His Excellency has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

That His Excellency may rely on our attention being directed to such measures as may be submitted for the purpose of extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland Ports, and for effecting other improvements in our Commercial System.

We are gratified to learn that inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, and that a Survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government, and is still in progress.

We shall be happy to receive from His Excellency the communication of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which Her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-rights.

The expectation of a large Emigration has, we are prepared to find, rendered prudent measures for providing additional accommodation and medical attendance for the sick, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required, and are gratified to learn that an increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service: and while we regret the too great probability of much want and suffering

among certain classes of Emigrants, we trust that the favorable anticipations of His Excellency of the character of a large portion of the Emigration may be happily realized.

His Excellency's Speech considered.

That we will give our best consideration to the Accounts of the past year and Estimates of the current year, which will be laid before us by His Excellency; and we learn with the highest satisfaction that there is an increase in the revenue derived from Public Works.

That His Excellency may fully rely upon our making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province as may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which *Canada* has won for herself, and, we firmly believe, will ever continue to maintain.

That we acknowledge our gratitude to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of famine, with which another part of the Empire has been so severely afflicted, and we thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony of all classes and origins, including our Indian Brethren, have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects.

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

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

That we thank His Excellency for his promises of cordial co-operation in effecting these important objects, and for his renewal of the assurance of the earnest desire of Our Gracious Queen to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine, That after the words "affairs of this great Province," in the second paragraph of the main motion, the following be inserted, viz:—

"And to state that this House, on this first occasion of approaching His Excellency, cannot, in justice either to their own feelings or those of their constituents, refrain from referring to the gratifying circumstance of His Excellency's connexion with the family of the late Earl of *Durham*. To that distinguished Statesman we are indebted for the Imperial recognition of our undoubted right as British subjects, to have the Government of the Province conducted by the assistance, counsel, and information of a Provincial Administration, under the Representative of the Sovereign, which, while appointed by the Crown in the exercise of its undoubted prerogative, remains responsible to the Provincial Parliament, on the same principles which have been found so perfectly efficacious in the administration of the Government of the Parent State. That grateful for the important part thus taken by him in procuring us this act of constitutional justice, we cannot but indulge the pleasing confidence, that under one so nearly connected with him, and to whom his memory must necessarily be dear, we shall witness the practical application of this great principle, and realize the benefits which it is calculated to secure."

And a Debate arising thereupon;
On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until tomorrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 9^a die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Kingston*, President, and Mr. *A. Dupuis*, Secretary, of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Armstrong*,—The Petition of the Honorable *B. Joliette* and others, of the County of *Berthier*; and the Petition of the Very Reverend *Antoine Mansau*, V. G. Superior of the College *Joliette*, in the County of *Berthier*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*,—The Petition of *John Elliot* and others, of the County of *Dundas*.

By Mr. *Berthelot*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne*; and the Petition of the Very Reverend *A. Mailloux*, V. G. and others, of *Rivière Ouelle* and adjoining Parishes.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Emily Mackie* and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec Infant School*; and the Petition of *Robert Cobban*, of the Township of *Inverness*, in the County of *Megantic*.

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

Of *Félix Michel* and others, of the Parish of *St. François de la Brauce*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *Augustin Morin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *James Morgan* and others, of *St. Jean* and other Parishes, in the County of *Lobinière*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *William Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Frampton*; praying for a grant, to enable them to erect a Public Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, in the said Township, and also for the improvement of the main high Road leading thereto.

Of *Jean Bte. Miville Déchène* of *St. Henri*, trader; praying to be indemnified for the loss of a Schooner wrecked while in the employ of Government.

Of *Miville Déchène*, M. D., and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri de Lauzon*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that no rights be granted to Mr. *Motz*, more ample or more explicit than those granted him by the Statute 58th *Geo. III.*, chap. 25.

Of *J. Bouchard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Brauce*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that the Education Law be repealed.

Of the Reverend *Jean Baptiste Bernier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *E. Dalairé* and others, of *Pointe Lévi*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *P. P. Lachapelle*, junior, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying for leave to construct a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*. Petitions read.

Of *John Mathewson* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated as the "New City Gas Company of *Montreal*."

Of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, and others, shareholders in the *Montreal Mining Company*; praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of *Charles J. Forbes*, Esquire, and others, of *Carillon*; praying that the Ordinances 4 *Vict.* chap. 45 and 46, for making a Railroad from *Carillon* to *Grenville*, be re-enacted.

Of *Peter Patterson*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Mining Company.

Of *Pierre Vieau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jésus*; praying for leave to construct a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*.

Of *Thomas Mussen* and others, of the Island and County of *Montreal*, and of the Counties of *Terrebonne* and *Two Mountains*; praying that certain persons therein mentioned be authorized to construct a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between *La Visitation* and *Isle Jésus*.

Of *C. Gamble*, President, and others, stockholders of the *Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*; praying for an Act of incorporation.

Of *Benjamin Cutler* and others, of the Township of *Lobo*, in the District of *London*; praying to be relieved from the burden of repairing a certain part of the graded road from *London* to *Port Sarnia*, from which they receive no benefit,—and that a grant of money be made for that purpose.

Of *George J. Grange*, Esquire, and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*; praying for an Act to incorporate them as a Company, to construct a Road leading from the Town of *Guelph* to the Macadamized Road from *Dundas* to *Waterloo*.

Of *Joseph Major* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*; praying to be incorporated as the *Port Britain Harbour and Wharf Company*.

Of *W. G. Cook* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*; praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said institution.

Of *William Ware* and others, Surveyors of the District of *Quebec*; praying that an Act be passed to revive the Surveyors Act of *Lower Canada*, 2d *Will. IV.*, chap. 21.

Of *William Patton* and others, of *St. Thomas* and adjoining Parishes, in the District of *Quebec*; praying for a grant of money for the purpose of establishing an Institution for the Education of young Girls.

Of *Hilaire Nadeau* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*; praying that measures may be adopted to secure to them the free enjoyment of the Lands they have occupied almost from time immemorial.

Of *W. R. Doak* and others, of *Melbourne* and other Townships; praying for a grant to repair the Stage Road through the Township of *Brompton* and the upper part of *Melbourne*.

Of *Samuel Daniels*, Mayor, and others, of *St. John*, and other Townships; praying for aid to complete the *Arthabaska Road*, and to open a new cut leading to the Village of *Dunville*, through the valley of *Nicolet River*.

Of *James Stewart* and others, of the Township of *Kingsey* and its vicinity; praying for the completion of the Road leading from the *Cosford Road* in the Township of *Halifax*, to the main road leading from *Kingsey* to *Melbourne*.

Petitions read.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that a more equitable system of assessment may be adopted throughout the Province.

Of *Samuel Gamble* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Woodhouse*; praying that the town line of the said Township, as surveyed by *Mr. Walsh*, may be established in the stead of that laid down by *Mr. Humly*.

Of *Toussaint Beaudin* and others, of *St. Edouard*, County of *Huntingdon*; praying to be indemnified for certain losses incurred during the troubles of 1837 and 1838.

Of *Joseph O'Clair*, senior, of *Lacadie*, County of *Chambly*; praying to be indemnified for certain losses incurred during the late troubles.

Of *Jacques Catudal* and others, of *Blairfindie* and *Napierville*, in the County of *Huntingdon*; praying that Commissioners be appointed to enquire into certain losses they have sustained in consequence of the late troubles.

Of *Richard M'Bride* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the District of *Talbot*; praying that no alteration may be made in the limit between that Township and the Township of *Walpole*.

Of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*; praying that the Act to prevent obstruction in Rivers and Rivulets, may be so amended as to make it general and efficient.

Of *Henry P. Smith* and others, of the Township of *Walsingham*, in the District of *Talbot*; praying to be incorporated as the *Big Creek* Navigation Company, and for a grant by way of loan to enable them to carry out the object of their association.

Of *Tunis Van Camp*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, tanner; praying remuneration for certain losses sustained by the construction of the *St. Lawrence* Canal.

Of *Thomas Moss*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District; complaining that he has suffered losses in consequence of the construction of the *Cornwall* Canal, and that he has been unable to obtain redress,—and praying relief.

Of *John Dillabough* of *Williamsburgh*, County of *Dundas*, Eastern District; praying for a Pension as a disabled Militiaman.

Of *Adolphus Williams* and others, of the Township of *Malahide*, in the District of *London*; praying to be secured from any legislative supervision in the education of their children.

Of *Isaac Beecher*, of the Town of *Brockville*; praying that he may be empowered to take out a Patent for an improvement in the Bark Mill, as the assignee of the inventor.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District, praying that the County of *Kent* may be erected into a new District, with *Chatham* as the District Town.

Of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, late Judge of the District Court of *London*; praying for an investigation into the cause of his dismissal from the said office.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying for the removal of the site of the District Town to a more central part of the District, and that the future site may be left to their choice.

Of *Thomas Denison*, senior, and others, of the rear part of the Township of *Portland*, in the County of *Frontenac*; praying for an Act to authorize a new survey of the rear concession of the said Township.

Of *William Holditch* and others, of the Township of *Loughborough*; praying for the establishment of certain boundary lines in the said Township.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for aid to construct a road between the Town of *Barrie* and the village of *Orillia*.

Of *Edmund Sally* and others, of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for aid to construct a road from the Town of *Barrie* to the village of *Orillia*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for a reduction in the rates of Provincial Postage.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for aid towards completing the improvement of the Roads in the said District.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying that no portion of the said District may be separated from it under any plea whatever.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for a more equitable mode of assessment on all rateable property.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*; praying for an alteration in the period for making Returns of taxes to the Treasurer of the District by the Township Collectors.

Of *Jean Langevin*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that an Act be passed to oblige the present Municipalities to pay him and other persons who may have claims against the late Municipalities for services rendered.

Of *P. Boissonnault* and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the Registry Office for the County of *Bellechasse* be established at *St. Michel*.

Of *J. A. Chiniquy*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Bellechasse*; praying that a wharf be constructed by the Board of Works at *St. Michel*.

Of the Reverend *C. J. Ducharme* and others, of *St. Jérôme* and other Parishes, in the County of *Terrebonne*; praying that the Registry Office of the said County may be removed back to *St. Thérèse*, its original site.

Of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company; praying for amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of *Joseph Boucher de Niverville*, Esquire, of the Town of *Three Rivers*; praying that some recompense be given him for his services during the last war.

Of *Charles Joseph Macdonagh*, of the Town of *St. Catherines*; complaining that he has been refused remuneration for damages sustained by him as a Contractor on the *Welland* Canal, by the Board of Works, and also by the Executive Government, and praying relief.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that such part of the Act 9th Vict., chap. 28, as refers to Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, may be amended.

Of *Peter Bradt*, of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying for an Act to authorize the removal of certain boundary monuments in the said Township.

Of *Antoine Légaré* and others, of the Association of School Teachers of the District of *Quebec*; praying for pecuniary aid.

Of *Charles Garneau* and others, of the County of *Quebec*; praying that *Dorchester* Bridge may be purchased and placed under the control of the Turnpike Trustees.

Of *George J. Grange*, Esquire, and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*; praying for the expenditure of five hundred pounds on the *Brock* Road.

Of *Richard Carney* and others, of the Districts of *Simcoe* and *Wellington*; praying that certain Townships and lands therein mentioned be set apart as the County of *Metcalfe*,—with a view of becoming a separate District hereafter, with certain exemptions and privileges; that the Town of *Sydenham* may be the District Town, and that the Justices of the Peace or District Councillors thereof may be vested with certain powers.

Of the Reverend *A. Lefrançois* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*; praying for aid to improve a

Petitions read.

Petitions read. Hill which lies on the route from the said Parish to Quebec.

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

Of *Mrs. M. H. Mountain* and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*, in connection with the Church of *England*; praying for pecuniary aid in support of the said Institution.

Of the British American Land Company; praying for a Provincial Act to recognize their letters patent and Imperial charter, and to provide that the Imperial Act conferring the same may be received as evidence in the Provincial Courts in proof of such charter and letters patent.

Of *Joseph Hamel* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying that the sum voted by the Legislature in the last Session, for the sufferers by the *Quebec* Fire, be granted them immediately.

Resolved, That the Petition of *E. Dulaire* and others, of *Pointe Lévi*, in the County of *Dorchester*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Laurin*, the Honorable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Chauveau*, *Mr. Desautier*, and *Mr. Fournier*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Jean Baptiste Bernier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, in the County of *Dorchester*, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Augustin Morin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri*, in the County of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of *J. Bouchard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph de la Beauce*, in the County of *Dorchester*, be referred to the said Committee.

Mr. Laurin moved, seconded by *Mr. Bertrand*, That the Petition of *James Morgan* and others, of *St. Jean* and other Parishes, in the County of *Lotbinière*, be referred to 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:—

YEA.

Mr. Laurin.—(1.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cayley*, *Chabot*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Duggan*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *M-CConnell*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRES-COTT*, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(56.)

So it passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Holditch* and others, of the Township of *Loughborough*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Smith* of *Frontenac*, *Mr. Stewart* of *Bytown*, *Mr. Seymour*, *Mr. Webster*, and *Mr. Murney*, 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 *Thomas Denison*, senior, and others, of the rear part of the Township of *Portland*, in the County of *Frontenac*, be referred to the said Committee.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Hilaire Nadeau* and others, of the *Magdalen* Islands, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Christie*, the Honorable *Mr. Laterrière*, the Honorable *Mr. Aylwin*, the Honorable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Williams*, *Mr. DeWitt*, 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.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Ware* and others, Surveyors of the District of *Quebec*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Fournier*, the Honorable *Mr. Aylwin*, the Honorable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Franchère* 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 *Samuel Gamble* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Woodhouse*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Merritt*, *Mr. Cummings*, *Mr. Smith* of *Wentworth*, 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.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Richard M'Bride* and others, of the Township of *Woodhouse*, in the District of *Talbot*, be referred to the said Committee.

Resolved, that the Petition of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Powell*, *Mr. Thompson*, *Mr. Smith* of *Wentworth*, *Mr. Cameron* of *Lanark*, 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.

Ordered, That *Mr. Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to define and extend the power of the Courts of Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada*, relative to usurpations and vacancies occurring in Corporations, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

He accordingly presented the said 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. Stewart* of *Bytown* have leave to bring in a Bill to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*; to establish a Town Council therein, 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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That *Mr. Macdonell* of *Stormont* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, authorizing the erection of an Asylum for Insane and Lunatic persons, and to provide in a more effectual manner for the safe keeping and maintenance of such Insane or Lunatic persons as have become dangerous to society in the several Districts of *Upper Canada*.

Petition of T. Denison and others, referred

Petition of H. Nadeau and others, referred.

Petition of William Ware and others, referred.

Petition of S. Gamble and others, referred.

Petition of R. M'Bride and others, referred.

Petition of J. Edmiston and others, referred.

Queen's Bench (L.C.) Power Extension Bill.

Bytown Incorporation Bill.

Lunatic Asylum (U.C.) Bill.

Petition of E. Dulaire and others, referred.

Petition of the Rev. J. B. Bernier and others, referred.

Petition of A. Morin and others, referred.

Motion to refer Petition of J. Morgan and others, negatived.

Petition of W. Holditch and others, referred.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Montreal New City Gas Company Bill

Ordered. That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*.

Address for Return of Fee Fund, and amount paid to Judges of District Courts

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 amounts received on account of the Fee Fund for the year 1846, and of the salaries paid to the Judges of the District Courts in that portion of *Canada* formerly *Upper Canada*, for the same year.

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

Toronto & Niagara Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company Bill

Ordered. That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara* Electro Magnetic Telegraph Company.

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

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Le-Moine*.

Address for Correspondence on the subject of Resolutions adopted last Session relating to Trade at Montreal

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, whatever Despatches or Correspondence may have taken place between the Imperial and Provincial Governments, on the subjects of sundry Resolutions discussed by this House, during the past Session:—First, relating to an Address to Her Majesty, praying that all existing duties on the productions of *Canada*, when admitted into the markets of *Great Britain*, may be repealed, that Her Majesty's subjects in *Canada* may realize the commercial advantages they should derive as a portion of the Empire:—Second, relating to an Address to Her Majesty, praying that negotiations would be entered into with the Government of the *United States*, to procure the admission of Canadian products for consumption in their markets, on the same terms as the products of the *United States* are admitted for consumption into *Canada*, that perfect reciprocity may be established in the productions of the two countries:—Third, relating to the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, to place Canals thereon upon the same footing as the *Holland*; and that any craft or article might pass from *Chicago* to *Boston* or from any ports on the *Atlantic Ocean* to any port on those inland waters, within the Territory of the *United States*, on the payment of Toll only, with no greater restriction than now exists, if passing between the two points on the *Eric Canal*, or on Railroads:—Fourth, relating to the repeal of all Imperial Acts which affect the trade and commerce of *Canada*.

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

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

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, Copies of all Correspondence which has taken place between the Executive Government and *Joseph André Taschereau*, Esquire, late Solicitor General for *Lower Canada*, touching his resignation, and touching his appointment to the office of Circuit Judge.

Address for Correspondence between the Executive and Mr. J. A. Taschereau

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

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

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 amount of duties collected in *Upper Canada* on Salt, in each separate year since the 6th March, 1830, under the provisions of the 11th *George IV.* cap. 21, for the payment of the War Losses, which Act was to continue in force until the sum of £57,412 10s. and the interest thereon, should be fully paid, and no longer; also, the amount of duty collected in *Upper Canada* each year since 18th September, 1841, under the authority of the 4th and 5th *Victoria*, cap. 14, imposing a duty of 2s. 6d. sterling on Salt; also, the amount of debentures issued on account of the War Loss Claims, and now outstanding, and the interest paid thereon since their issue,—in order that this House may ascertain whether the amount collected from this duty is equal to the principal and interest of the debt for which it was imposed.

Address respecting Duties on Salt, and payment of War Loss claims.

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

Ordered. That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act therein mentioned, and to allow certain Fees to Advocates appearing in cases before Commissioners' Courts in the City of *Quebec*.

Advocates' Fees Bill (L. C.)

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*,

Resolved. That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—

Standing Committees to be appointed.

- 1—ON PRIVILEGES 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.

Resolved. That a Select Committee of eleven Members, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Gowan*, Mr. *Colville*, Mr.

Committee to prepare Lists.

Leslie, Mr. Murney, Mr. Chauveau, and Mr. Boulton, be appointed to prepare and report with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the six Standing Committees ordered by this House.

Winter Roads Bill deferred.

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 of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec*, on the South of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively, being read;

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

Speech further considered.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate upon the amendment which was yesterday 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.

To congratulate His Excellency upon his assumption of the Government of this Province.

To express the gratification of this House that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate as Her Representative in the *North American Colonies*, a Governor whose previous official career in another Colony of the British Empire, offers the happiest promise, under His Excellency's guidance, of a prosperous administration of the affairs of this great Province.

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

That we assure His Excellency of our great satisfaction that the Colonial Legislatures, by a Statute passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, are empowered to repeal differential duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British Produce.

That we will give our most attentive consideration to this important subject, and to the communications relating to it, which His Excellency has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

That His Excellency may rely on our attention being directed to such measures as may be submitted for the purpose of extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland Ports, and for effecting other improvements in our Commercial System.

We are gratified to learn that inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, and that a Survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government, and is still in progress.

We shall be happy to receive from His Excellency the communication of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which Her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-rights.

The expectation of a large Emigration has, we are prepared to find, rendered prudent measures for providing additional accommodation and medical attendance for the sick, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required, and are gratified to learn that an increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service; and while we regret the too great probability of much want and suffering among certain classes of Emigrants, we trust that the favorable anticipations of His Excellency of the character of a large portion of the Emigration may be happily realized.

That we will give our best consideration to the Accounts of the past year and Estimates of the current year, which will be laid before us by His Excellency; and we learn with the highest satisfaction that there is an increase in the revenue derived from Public Works.

That His Excellency may fully rely upon our making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province as may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which *Canada* has won for herself, and, we firmly believe, will ever continue to maintain.

That we acknowledge our gratitude to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of famine, with which another part of the Empire has been so severely afflicted, and we thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony of all classes and origins, including our Indian Brethren, have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects.

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

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

That we thank His Excellency for his promises of cordial co-operation in effecting these important objects, and for his renewal of the assurance of the earnest desire of Our Gracious Queen to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

And which amendment was, that after the words, "affairs of this great Province," in the second paragraph of the main motion, the following be inserted:— "And to state that this House, on this first occasion of approaching His Excellency, cannot, in justice either to their own feelings or those of their constituents, refrain from referring to the gratifying circumstance of His Excellency's connexion with the family of the late Earl of *Durham*. To that distinguished Statesman we are indebted for the Imperial recognition of our undoubted right as British subjects, to have the Government of the Province conducted by the assistance, counsel, and information of a Provincial Administration, under the Representative of the Sovereign, which, while appointed by the Crown in the exercise of its undoubted prerogative, remains responsible to the Provincial Parliament, on the same principles which have been found so perfectly efficacious in the administration of the Government of the Parent State. That grateful for the important part thus taken by him

Speech further considered.

"in procuring us this act of constitutional justice, we cannot but indulge the pleasing confidence, that under one so nearly connected with him, and to whom his memory must necessarily be dear, we shall witness the practical application of this great principle, and realize the benefits which it is calculated to secure."

And a Debate arising thereupon,

Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas* moved, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*. That the further Debate be adjourned till tomorrow.

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.

Messieurs *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Draper*, *Duggan*, *Erma-tinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *McConnell*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRES-COTT*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(39.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *LANSARK*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrrière*, *Laurin*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Methot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(38.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered, Accordingly.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 10° die Junii.

ANNO 10° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Webster*.—The Petition of *A. J. Fergusson*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of the Magistrates of the District of *Wellington*, in Quarter Sessions assembled; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*, (relating to a new District;) and the Petition of *Robert Campbell* and others, of the Townships of *Wellesley* and *Peel*, in the District of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Cummings*.—The Petition of *Isaac Humphrey Culp*, of the Township of *Stanford*, in the District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*.—The Petition of *H. B. Smith* and others; and the Petition of *John Egan*, Esquire, and others, Merchants, Lumberers, and others engaged in the Timber Trade on the *Ottawa* River and its tributaries.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*.—The Petition of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate: the Petition of *John Clark*, of the Parish of *Longue Pointe*, Esquire: and the Petition of the *Quebec Bank*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*.—The Petition of *Nicolas Benjamin Doucet*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Notary Public.

By Mr. *Colville*.—The Petition of *David Davidson* and others.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petitions read

Of *P. Thornton* and others, the Visiting and Examining Committee of "The *Burlington Ladies Academy*," and others of *Canada West*; praying that a grant may be made to enable the said Institution to carry on its operations.

Of *James Davis* and others, of the *Gore* District; praying that the Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to make its intended advantages general and efficient.

Of the Municipal Council of the Western District; praying for the erection of the County of *Kent* into a new District, with *Chatham* as the District Town.

Of *William Ridley* and others, of the Township of *Orford*, in the Western District; praying for the erection of the County of *Kent* into a new District, with *Chatham* as the District Town, and that the necessary tax be imposed for that purpose.

Of *John V. Ham*, of the Township of *Murray*, in the District of *Newcastle*; praying for certain amendments to the Division Court Act.

Of *Edward Malloch*, Esquire, one of the Candidates for the representation of the County of *Carleton*, at the election held on the 23d day of June, 1846.

setting forth: That the Petitioner was one of the Candidates for the representation of the County of *Carleton*, at the election held on the 23rd day of June, 1846: That *George Lyon*, Esquire, who at present is said to represent the said County in the House, was returned as duly elected: That the Petitioner duly protested against the return of the said *George Lyon*, for the following and other reasons, and that he, the Petitioner, solemnly by these presents, protest for the said following and other reasons, against the return of the said *George Lyon*, and which he is prepared to prove and substantiate before the House: That the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks, nominated and appointed to hold the Polls in the different Townships, were not appointed and qualified to act, neither did they act, according to law: That the times and places of polling were not proclaimed according to law: That there was not within the Townships of *March* and *Torbolton*, Polls opened and held pursuant to the statute in that behalf: That the Poll in the Township of *Marlborough* was not kept open two days, but was closed contrary to law: That numerous bad votes were polled for the said *George Lyon*: That good votes were refused to be polled at several Townships for the Petitioner, contrary to law: That the said *George Lyon* succeeded in inducing a member of one of the other branches of the Legislature to improperly and injudiciously interfere in the election of a member of the House, contrary to the statute and acknowledged custom in that behalf: That the said *George Lyon*, as one of the Candidates at the said election, pursued such a course in other respects, as is sufficient of itself to induce the House to declare the alleged return of the said *George Lyon*, invalid, null, and void, and of none effect; and praying the House will take such steps as will not only afford justice in the premises to the Petitioner, but to the County of *Carleton*.

Of *Benjamin Vaughan*, of *St. Johns*, in the District of *Montreal*, legal Tutor to the minor children of the late *Tilly Rice*, Esquire; complaining that they have not been indemnified for the destruction of their father's property during the troubles of 1837 and 1838, and praying relief.

Of *J. T. Brondgeest* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying to be incorporated as a Provincial Life Assurance Company, on mutual principles.

Of *George S. Tiffany*, Esquire, and others, Trustees of the *Upper Canada Mining Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Robert Best* and others, Bible Christians, of the District of *Newcastle*: praying to be allowed the same

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rights and privileges as are enjoyed by other denominations of Christians in the Province:

Of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others; praying for aid to establish a College in *Montreal*, for the instruction of youth.

Of *Thomas Coulombe* and others, of *St. Pierre* and other parishes in the County of *Bellechasse*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the parish of *Ancienne Lorette*; praying for an enquiry into the conduct of the *Quebec* Turnpike Commissioners.

Of *Siméon Ecuyer* and others, of the parish of *Ancienne Lorette*; praying that the Education Act 8th *Victoria*, chap. 41, be revived, and substituted for the 9th *Victoria*, chap. 47.

Of *M. McKenzie* and others, of *Aldbrough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*; praying that certain Townships therein mentioned may be set apart as a new District, by the name of the District of *Elgin*, and also as a distinct County.

Of *W. W. Branan* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, in the Western District; praying that the said Township may be annexed to the District of *London*.

Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for pecuniary aid in favor of the said Seminary.

Of *George J. Pacaud*, Esquire, on behalf of *Pierre Vandandaigue dit Gadbois* and others, Militiamen; praying that they may be remunerated for their services during the last war.

Of the Reverend *James Skinner*, Moderator, and *William Proudfoot*, Synod Clerk, on behalf of the Missionary Presbyterian Synod of *Canada* in connection with the United Secession Church of *Scotland*; praying that the Ministers of other denominations may have the same exemption as those of the Churches of *England* and *Rome*, from appearing at the Quarter Sessions to be licensed to perform the ceremony of Marriage.

Of *James Douglas*, of the Township of *Toronto*, in the Home District; praying that an enquiry may be instituted into the right by which the Rector of *Toronto* Township took possession of and received rent on a certain piece of land, and that he may have the privilege of purchasing the said piece of land in consideration of his residence upon it.

Of the Reverend *Richard Whitwell*, Rector, and others, of the Parish of *St. Armand West*; praying that the practice of selling property at the Church doors after Divine Service, on Sundays, may be discontinued.

Of *David Torrance* and others, stockholders in the *Canada* Mining Company; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others; praying to be incorporated under the name of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for a grant of money, to enable them to alleviate the distress of Emigrants now arriving at that City.

Of *Christian Wurtele* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as the District Bank of *Quebec*.

Of *Michael Scott*, of *Cap Rouge*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize him to convey the water of the River *Lorette* by a canal to his mills at *Cap Rouge*.

Of *Michel Déry* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Quebec*; praying that *Michael Scott* be authorized by law to convey the water of the River *Lorette* by a canal to his mills at *Cap Rouge*.

Of *John Flett*, of *Chippawa*, in the Township of *Willoughby*; complaining that he has to pay more than his equitable share of taxes, and also, of unjust

proceedings at the Township Meetings,—and praying that the laws regarding Assessments and Township Meetings may be amended.

Of *John Prince*, Esquire, and others; praying to be incorporated as the *British North American* Mining Company.

Of *William F. Wallace*, and others, of the District of *London*; praying that no division of the said District may be made, as petitioned for.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town,) be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Thompson*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Chalmers*, 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 *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Bertrand*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, and Mr. *Fournier*, 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 *P. P. Lachapelle*, junior, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, in the District of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *LeMoine*, and Mr. *Lacoste*, 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 *Pierre Vieau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jésus*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Boutillier*, 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 *Thomas Mussen* and others, of the Island and County of *Montreal*, and of the Counties of *Terrebonne* and *Two Mountains*, be referred to the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* reported from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General, congratulating His Excellency on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin*, and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province, 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 Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, most humbly beg leave to tender to Your Excellency our congratulations on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin*, and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province.

Petitions read.

Petition of Municipal Council of District of *Niagara* referred.

Petition of G. O'Kill Stuart and others referred.

Petition of P. P. Lachapelle referred.

Petition of P. Vieau and others referred.

Petition of T. Mussen and others referred.

Congratulatory Address to His Excellency, on the safe arrival of his Family.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

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

Lock-up-Houses Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Ermatinger* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish Lock-up-Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada West*.

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

Mr. *Ermatinger* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cummings*. That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday the twenty-fourth instant.

Mr. *Hall* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Mardonell of Dundas*, That all the words after "on" 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 it passed in the negative.

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

Ordered, Accordingly.

Towns and Villages (U. C.) Corporate Powers Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Ermatinger* have leave to bring in a Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, not specially incorporated.

He accordingly presented the said 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-first instant.

Committee on Seignior of Lauzon

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Laurier*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *DeWitt*, and Mr. *Gowan*, be appointed to enquire into the manner in which the affairs of the Seignior of *Lauzon*, since its acquisition by the Province, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature thereof, in part payment of the defalcation due to *Lower Canada* by the late Sir *John Caldwell* in his quality of Receiver General of that Province, have been managed, and the annual expense of management; the right of the Executive Government to dispose of the same without the authority of an Act of Parliament; the annual revenue of the said Seignior during the last five years, and outlay upon the same, together with a specification of its general resources as far as they can be determined; and whether any and what waste has been committed since the acquisition of the Seignior upon such resources, and the description and amount thereof; the extent and value of the unconceded lands remaining in the said Seignior, their locality and probable value, and the expediency of granting the same in free and common socage; the extent and probable value of the Beach or Water Lots, and other water privileges, along the front of the said Seignior on the *St. Lawrence*, together with such statistical information relating to the same, as, in the opinion of the Committee, it may be necessary to collect and lay before this Honorable House, with a view to enable it to form a just appreciation of the value and importance of the said Seignior, and to judge of the propriety of an

humble Address to His Excellency, to arrest the intended sale of the Seignior of *Lauzon* until, upon further advice with respect thereto, His Excellency shall determine what may be most proper to be done thereupon; with an instruction to the said Committee, to enquire and report whether, as contemplated by the Executive Government, it is expedient finally to sell and alienate the said Seignior of *Lauzon*, or to preserve the same as part of Her Majesty's Domain in this Province, and the expedience of appropriating the income arising therefrom to the purposes of Education in *Lower Canada* generally; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Committee on Seignior of Lauzon.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*.

Montreal Mining Company Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification by law required of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province.

Magdalen Islands Justices of the Peace 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 the twenty-fourth instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to afford a legal recourse in this Province for the recovery of legal and just claims upon the Executive Government thereof.

Government Claimants 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 the twenty-fourth instant.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for all documents and information proper to be communicated to this House, in relation to the Survey of the River *St. Charles*, and the proposed improvements thereof.

Address respecting Survey of the River St. Charles.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Rousseau* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska*, from *La Baie to St. François du Lac*.

Yamaska Registry Office Bill.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that all documents and information in relation to the sale and disposal of the Forges of *St. Maurice*, and the Lands dependent thereupon, be communicated to this House.

Address respecting 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 Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Speech further considered.

The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate upon the amendment which was, on Tuesday last, 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.

To congratulate His Excellency upon his assumption of the Government of this Province.

To express the gratification of this House that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate as Her Representative in the *North American Colonies*, a Governor whose previous official career in another Colony of the British Empire, offers the happiest promise, under His Excellency's guidance, of a prosperous administration of the affairs of this great Province.

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

That we assure His Excellency of our great satisfaction that the Colonial Legislatures, by a Statute passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, are empowered to repeal differential duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British Produce.

That we will give our most attentive consideration to this important subject, and to the communications relating to it, which His Excellency has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

That His Excellency may rely on our attention being directed to such measures as may be submitted for the purpose of extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland Ports, and for effecting other improvements in our Commercial System.

We are gratified to learn that inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, and that a Survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government, and is still in progress.

We shall be happy to receive from His Excellency the communication of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which Her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-rights.

The expectation of a large Emigration has, we are prepared to find, rendered prudent measures for providing additional accommodation and medical attendance for the sick, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required, and are gratified to learn that an increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service; and while we regret the too great probability of much want and suffering among certain classes of Emigrants, we trust that the favourable anticipations of His Excellency of the character of a large portion of the Emigration may be happily realized.

That we will give our best consideration to the Accounts of the past year and Estimates of the current year, which will be laid before us by His Excellency; and we learn with the highest satisfaction that

there is an increase in the revenue derived from Public Works.

That His Excellency may fully rely upon our making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province as may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which *Canada* has won for herself, and, we firmly believe, will ever continue to maintain.

That we acknowledge our gratitude to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of famine, with which another part of the Empire has been so severely afflicted, and we thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony of all classes and origins, including our Indian Brethren, have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects.

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

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

That we thank His Excellency for his promises of cordial co-operation in effecting these important objects, and for his renewal of the assurance of the earnest desire of our Gracious Queen to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

And which amendment was, that after the words, "affairs of this great Province," in the second paragraph of the main motion, the following be inserted:—"And to state that this House, on this first occasion of approaching His Excellency, cannot, in justice either to their own feelings or those of their constituents, refrain from referring to the gratifying circumstance of His Excellency's connexion with the family of the late Earl of *Durham*. To that distinguished Statesman we are indebted for the Imperial recognition of our undoubted right as British subjects, to have the Government of the Province conducted by the assistance, counsel and information of a Provincial Administration, under the Representative of the Sovereign, which, while appointed by the Crown in the exercise of its undoubted prerogative, remains responsible to the Provincial Parliament, on the same principles which have been found so perfectly efficacious in the administration of the Government of the Parent State. That grateful for the important part thus taken by him in procuring us this act of constitutional justice, we cannot but indulge the pleasing confidence, that under one so nearly connected with him, and to whom his memory must necessarily be dear, we shall witness the practical application of this great principle, and realize the benefits which it is calculated to secure."

And a Debate arising thereupon, Mr. *Riddell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That the further Debate be adjourned 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.

Messieurs *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Duly*, *Dickson*, *Draper*, *Duggan*, *Ernatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of

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KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *McConnell*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Petric*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(38.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Fournier*, *Jobin*, *Jacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Luterie*, *Laurin*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt*, *Methot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Pocell*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(37.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered, Accordingly.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonell* of Dundas, seconded by Mr. *Brooks*, The House adjourned.

Veneris, 11° die Junii.

ANNO 10° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Certificate of the Return of Mr. Badgley for Missisquoi.

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 *Missisquoi*, in the room of the Honorable *James Smith*, who, since his election, hath accepted the office of Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal*.

And the said certificate was read and is as followeth:—

Province of Canada.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, *Montreal*, 11th June, 1847.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the fourteenth day of May last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Missisquoi*, (*John Chamberlin*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the said County of *Missisquoi* in the present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *James Smith*, whose seat had become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal*, the Honorable *William Badgley* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the tenth day of June 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. Badgley takes his seat.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, Member for the County of *Missisquoi*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed, before the Commissioners, the roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. *Cummings*,—The Petition of *John Usher* and others, of the Townships of *Stamford* and *Wilmington*.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of Dundas,—The Petition of *Joshua Young Cozens*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District.

By the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of *Ruggles Wright* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of Lanark,—The Petition of *F. Baby* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the Western District; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*, (relating to the Common School Act;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*, (relating to the Assessment Laws;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*, (relating to School Monies;) and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*, (relating to a District Road.)

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Chalmers*,—The Petition of *John Paterson* and others, of the Village of *Dundas*, in the Gore District.

By Mr. *Scott*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Augustin Norbert Morin*, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Paquin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Germain Hudon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, County of *Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Williams*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Zacheus Burnham*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Lewis Burwell* and others, of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Gowan*,—The Petition of *Frederick Fraser Carruthers*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Paul Lepper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette*, and of the settlement of *Valcartier* and others.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *John Moore*, Esquire, and others, Justices of the Peace, and Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of *Eaton*.

By Mr. *Webster*,—The Petition of *George C. Hamilton* and others, of the District of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Mayor of the City of *Quebec*, (relating to amendments to their Charter.)

By Mr. *Hale*,—The Petition of *Joseph Hazard Terrill*, of the Township of *Ascot*, in the District of *St. Francis*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of Miss *Eliza Taylor*, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the affairs of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*; the Petition of *P. Benoit* and others, of *Deschambault*; and the Petition of *William Henry*, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. R. Burrage*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of *William Spier* and others, the Officers and Board of Management of the *Montreal* Firemen's Benevolent Association; and the Petition of Sir *James Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Baronet.

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

Of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Kingston*, President, and Mr. *A. Dupuis*, Secretary, of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*; praying for pecuniary aid in favour of the said Institution.

Of the Honorable *B. Joliette* and others, of the County of *Berthier*; praying for the Incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from the Village of *Industry* to the River *St. Laurence*, through the Parishes of *Lavaltrie* and *Lanoraie*.

Of the Very Reverend *Antoine Manseau*, V. G., Superior of the College *Joliette*, in the County of *Berthier*; praying for pecuniary aid in favour of the said Institution.

Of the *Montreal* Gas Light Company; praying for an increase of their Capital Stock, and an extension of the term of their Incorporation.

Of *John Elliot* and others, of the County of *Dundas*; praying for a grant of money to enable them to erect a Bridge over the River *Nation*.

Petitions read.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne*; praying for pecuniary aid in favour of the said Institution.

Of the Very Reverend *A. Mailloux*, V. G., and others, of *Rivière Ouelle* and adjoining Parishes; praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to increase an establishment erected at the *Rivière Ouelle* for the purposes of Education.

Of the Directresses of the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*; praying for pecuniary aid in favour of the said Institution.

Of Mrs. *Emily Mackie* and other Ladies, the Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; praying for the usual grant in support of the said Institution.

Of *Robert Cobban*, of the Township of *Inverness*, in the County of *Megantic*; praying to be indemnified for his loss in repairing a certain road—that enquiry be made into the cause of the delay of justice in his case,—and that an Act may be passed to compel non-resident proprietors to perform settlement and road duties.

Petition of J. Davis and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Davis* and others, of the *Gore* District, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*.

Petition of John Prince and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Prince*, Esquire, and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Storont*, Mr. *Webster*, Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, and the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of G. Robitaille and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Daly*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Hale*, and Mr. *Laurin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Resolved, That in addition to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, there be added two other Standing Committees, viz. :—

7—ON RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPH LINES,

8—ON ROADS AND BRIDGES;

which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things touching those subjects as may be referred to them by this House, and report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that such Private Bills only as do not fall under either of these heads be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the six Standing Committees ordered by the House on Wednesday last, to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the two additional Standing Committees ordered by the House this day.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the eight Standing Committees ordered by this House, 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, in obedience to the orders of Your Honorable House, proceeded to prepare

Lists of Members to compose Standing Committees, which they beg leave to report:—

Lists of Members to compose Standing Committees.

1ST.—ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,
Mr. *Chauveau*,
The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*,
The Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,
The Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
The Honorable Mr. *Viger*, and
Mr. *Williams*.—7.

2ND.—ON EXPIRING LAWS.

Mr. *Chabot*,
Mr. *Watts*,
Mr. *Hall*,
Mr. *Boutillier*,
Mr. *Cauchon*,
Mr. *Conger*, and
Mr. *Stewart* of *Prescott*.—7.

3RD.—ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. *Berthelot*,
Mr. *Sherwood*,
Mr. *Ermatinger*,
Mr. *Hale*,
Mr. *Lantier*,
Mr. *Webster*, and
Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*.—7.

4TH.—ON STANDING ORDERS.

Mr. *Drummond*,
Mr. *Duggan*,
Mr. *Leslie*,
Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*,
Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,
Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, and
Mr. *Fournier*.—7.

5TH.—ON PRINTING.

Mr. *Govan*,
Mr. *Brooks*,
The Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,
Mr. *Laurin*,
Mr. *Riddell*,
Mr. *Monro*, and
Mr. *Powell*.—7.

6TH.—ON CONTINGENCIES.

Mr. *Petrie*,
Mr. *Thompson*,
Mr. *Jessup*,
Mr. *Christie*,
Mr. *DeWitt*,
Mr. *Foster*, and
Mr. *Rousseau*.—7.

7TH.—ON ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mr. *Armstrong*,
Mr. *Bertrand*,
Mr. *Chalmers*,
Mr. *Cummings*,
Mr. *Desaunier*,
Mr. *McConnell*, and
Mr. *Seymour*.—7.

8TH.—ON RAILROADS AND TELEGRAPH LINES.

Mr. *Boulton*,
Mr. *Colville*,
Mr. *Jobin*,
The Honorable Mr. *Latterrière*,
Mr. *Murney*,
Mr. *Merritt*, and
Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*.—7.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law and facilitate proceedings in actions of *Dower*.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

List of Members to compose Standing Committees, reported.

Prescription Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, 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.

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

Address respecting Land 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, a Statement of the amount paid by the late Lord *Dalhousie*, to one *Hugh Fraser*, for the land held by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in *Bytown*: with a copy of the instructions of Lord *Dalhousie* to Colonel *By*, in reference to such lands:—together with a tabular statement shewing the names of the parties to whom town lots were located, the date of location, the size of the lot, the amount of rent, the amount for which each lot was commuted into freehold, the names of the parties to whom leases or deeds have issued, the amount charged for such leases or deeds, and the date of each respectively,—accompanied by a map of said lands shewing what lots are at this date in the possession of the Ordnance on the several streets in the said Town; together with a copy of any Orders in Council placing value upon any of the unconceded lots, in terms of the Act 7th *Vict.*, cap. 11, section 7.

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

Western District Division Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Woods* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Western District of the Province of *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 Friday next.

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

Address respecting Road from Bytown to L'Orignal

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper officer to lay before this House, a detailed statement of all monies expended out of the appropriations of 1845, and 1846, for the improvement of the Post Road from *Bytown* to *L'Orignal*, on other roads and lines than that contemplated by the Legislature.

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

Brockville Assessment Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes.

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

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

Address relating to grants of Land for

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that all papers and documents in relation to the

grants of land in certain parts of Upper *Canada* for Mining purposes, be communicated to this House, together with all rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Government or the Crown Lands Department, in relation to such grants of land.

Mining purposes.

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

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from the Council, with an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Patents for Inventions.

Legislative Council,
Thursday, 10th June, 1847.

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 an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of Patents for Inventions, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly.

Attest.

CHARLES DE LERY,
Clerk Legislative Council.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:

The Address.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

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

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

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

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

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

PETER M'GILL,
Speaker.

Legislative Council,
Thursday, 10th June, 1847.

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The House, according to Order, resumed the adjourned Debate upon the amendment which, on Tuesday 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.

To congratulate His Excellency upon his assumption of the Government of this Province.

To express the gratification of this House that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate as Her Representative in the *North American Colonies*, a Governor whose previous official career in another Colony of the British Empire, offers the happiest promise, under His Excellency's guidance, of a prosperous administration of the affairs of this great Province.

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

That we assure His Excellency of our great satisfaction that the Colonial Legislatures, by a Statute passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, are empowered to repeal differential duties heretofore imposed in the Colonies in favor of British Produce.

That we will give our most attentive consideration to this important subject, and to the communications relating to it, which His Excellency has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

That His Excellency may rely on our attention being directed to such measures as may be submitted for the purpose of extending more generally Warehousing facilities to Inland Ports, and for effecting other improvements in our Commercial System.

We are gratified to learn that inquiries have been instituted with the view of ascertaining the practicability and probable cost of the construction of a Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, and that a Survey of the proposed line has been undertaken by the Imperial Government, and is still in progress.

We shall be happy to receive from His Excellency the communication of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, describing the course which Her Majesty's Government propose to take in order to remedy the inconvenience which the Provinces of British *North America* have sustained from the operation of the Imperial Statute for the protection of Copy-rights.

The expectation of a large Emigration has, we are prepared to find, rendered prudent measures for providing additional accommodation and medical attendance for the sick, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required, and are gratified to learn that an increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service; and while we regret the too great probability of much want and suffering among certain classes of Emigrants, we trust that the favorable anticipations of His Excellency of the character of a large portion of the Emigration may be happily realized.

That we will give our best consideration to the Accounts of the past year and Estimates of the current year, which will be laid before us by His Excellency; and we learn with the highest satisfaction

that there is an increase in the Revenue derived from Public Works.

That His Excellency may fully rely upon our making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province as may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which *Canada* has won for herself, and, we firmly believe, will ever continue to maintain.

That we acknowledge our gratitude to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of famine, with which another part of the Empire has been so severely afflicted, and we thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony of all classes and origins, including our Indian Brethren, have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects.

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

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

That we thank His Excellency for his promises of cordial co-operation in effecting these important objects, and for his renewal of the assurance of the earnest desire of Our Gracious Queen to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

And which amendment was, that after the words, "affairs of this great Province," in the second paragraph of the main motion, the following be inserted:—
"And to state that this House, on this first occasion of approaching His Excellency, cannot, in justice either to their own feelings or those of their constituents, refrain from referring to the gratifying circumstance of His Excellency's connexion with the family of the late Earl of *Durham*. To that distinguished Statesman we are indebted for the Imperial recognition of our undoubted right as British subjects, to have the Government of the Province conducted by the assistance, counsel, and information of a Provincial Administration, under the Representative of the Sovereign, which, while appointed by the Crown in the exercise of its undoubted prerogative, remains responsible to the Provincial Parliament, on the same principles which have been found so perfectly efficacious in the administration of the Government of the Parent State. That grateful for the important part thus taken by him in procuring us this act of constitutional justice, we cannot but indulge the pleasing confidence, that under one so nearly connected with him, and to whom his memory must necessarily be dear, we shall witness the practical application of this great principle, and realize the benefits which it is calculated to secure."

And 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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron of LANARK, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Conger, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Fournier, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald* of

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GLENGARY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Methot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Prince, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of WENTWORTH, Thompson, and Watts.—(36.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Badgley, Boulton, Brooks, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Moffatt, Monro, Murrey, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, Webster, and Williams.—(38.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin then moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Lafontaine, That after the words "and to give its Institutions that hold on the affections of the people, which is the foundation of public and private credit, and the best security for social progress," in the fourteenth paragraph, the following be inserted, viz: "a hold which such Institutions in their fundamental characteristics will undoubtedly obtain, if faithfully given effect to in their true spirit, by an efficient Provincial Administration, formed and acting in conformity with the practice of the Parent State.

"That this House cannot however avoid expressing their regret that His Excellency should not have been advised to assemble Parliament at an earlier period, for the consideration not only of those matters to which His Excellency has been graciously pleased to refer, but also of the important subjects of the Municipalities and Education, and others of great moment, upon which measures had been promised by Her Majesty's confidential Provincial Servants, as well as for the consideration of the state of our Finances, and of those public improvements which the people of different parts of the Province had been led to expect, would early have engaged the attention of the Government and the Legislature. But especially for the consideration of such measures as the altered policy of the Parent State render necessary for the promotion of Canadian interests, in the important departments of Agriculture, Commerce, and Navigation.

"And that this House have further to regret that the changes which have recently taken place among the responsible advisers of His Excellency, should not have been made in time to have had the Elections to this House, necessarily consequent upon those changes, completed, and the different Members of the Provincial Administration returned to Parliament by the opening of the Session."

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.

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So it passed in the negative.

Mr. Watts then moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Morin, That after the words "social progress," in the fourteenth paragraph of the main motion, the following be inserted: "That with these views we are constrained to express to His Excellency, our confident hope that the promises heretofore made on the subject of bettering the existing enactments about Schools, Municipalities, and Roads, will be realized during the present Session."

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.

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So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House, 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.

To congratulate His Excellency upon his assumption of the Government of this Province.

To express the gratification of this House that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate as Her Representative in the North American Colonies, a Governor whose previous official career in another Colony of the British Empire, offers the happiest promise, under His Excellency's guidance, of a prosperous administration of the affairs of this great Province.

That we are much gratified to learn that the representations which have proceeded from this and the neighbouring Provinces on the subject of the Post Office have engaged the anxious consideration of the Imperial Government, and that His Excellency is enabled to inform us, that Her Majesty's Ministers are prepared to surrender to the Provincial Authorities, the control of that Department, so soon as, by concert between the several Legislatures, arrangements shall be matured for securing to British North America the advantages of an efficient and uniform Post Office System.

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That we will give our most attentive consideration to this important subject, and to the communications relating to it, which His Excellency has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and from the Lieutenant Governors of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

That His Excellency may rely on our attention being directed to such measures as may be submitted for the purpose of extending more generally Ware-

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The expectation of a large Emigration has, we are prepared to find, rendered prudent measures for providing additional accommodation and medical attendance for the sick, and for increasing the means of forwarding the destitute to places where their labour may be required, and are gratified to learn that an increased grant has been made by the Imperial Parliament in aid of this service; and while we regret the too great probability of much want and suffering among certain classes of Emigrants, we trust that the favorable anticipations of His Excellency of the character of a large portion of the Emigration may be happily realized.

That we will give our best consideration to the Accounts of the past year and Estimates of the current year, which will be laid before us by His Excellency; and we learn with the highest satisfaction that there is an increase in the revenue derived from Public Works.

That His Excellency may fully rely upon our making such provision for the maintenance of the establishments and credit of the Province as may be necessary to support the high character for probity and good faith which *Canada* has won for herself, and, we firmly believe, will ever continue to maintain.

That we acknowledge our gratitude to Providence for our exemption from the calamity of famine, with which another part of the Empire has been so severely afflicted, and we thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the liberality which the inhabitants of this Colony of all classes and origins, including our Indian Brethren, have evinced in contributing to the relief of their suffering fellow subjects.

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

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

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Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Colvile*, Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, and Mr. *Duggan*, 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.

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

The Address reported, and agreed to.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

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

We respectfully offer to Your Excellency our congratulations upon your assumption of the Government of this Province; and we request permission to express our gratification that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to nominate as Her Representative in the *North American* Colonies, a Governor whose previous official career in another Colony of the British Empire offers the happiest promise, under Your Excellency's guidance, of a prosperous administration of the affairs of this great Province.

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

We humbly thank Your Excellency for your cordial co-operation in effecting these important objects, and for your renewal of the assurance of the earnest desire of Our Gracious Queen to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and the happiness of its people.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

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

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

The House adjourned till Monday next.

Luna, 14^o die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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 City of *Toronto*, in the room of *Henry Sherwood*, Esquire, who, since his election, hath accepted the office of Attorney General for that part of the Province of *Canada* which formerly constituted the Province of *Upper Canada*.

Certificate of the Return of Mr. H. Sherwood for *Toronto*.

And the said certificate was read; and is as followeth:—

Province of *Canada*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 14th June, 1847.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the twenty-ninth day of May last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the City of *Toronto*, (*Robert Stanton*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the said City of *Toronto* in the present Parliament, in the room and place of *Henry Sherwood*, Esquire, whose seat had become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Attorney General for that part of the Province of *Canada* which formerly constituted the Province of *Upper Canada*, the Honorable *Henry Sherwood* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the tenth day of June 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 Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, Member for the City of *Toronto*, 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. Sherwood takes his seat.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, and, also, the Address to His Excellency congratulating him on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin* and other members of her family, and of the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province, this day, at half-past three o'clock, P. M., at the Government House.

Messengers Report.

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

Petitions brought up.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme* and others, of the Corporation of the "*Petit Seminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*," in the County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Armstrong*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Barthelemi Joliette*; and the Petition of *Charles Emond* and others, Trustees of the Academy of *Berthier*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Hector Granger* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne des Plaines*, in the County of *Terrebonne*; the Petition of the Reverend *B. Mercier* and others, inhabitants of *St. Vincent de Paul* and *St. François de Sales*; and the Petition of *C. Germain* and others, Members of the Municipal Council of *St. Vincent de Paul*, County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Foster*,—The Petition of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, Directors of the *Shefford Academy*.

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By Mr. Cameron of Lanark,—The Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*, (relating to duties on grain and flour;) the Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*, (relating to duties on Imports;) and the Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Hamilton Board of Trade* (relating to Usury.)

By the Honorable Mr. Maffatt,—The Petition of the Bank of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Norbert Dumas* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. Riddell,—The Petition of *A. W. Light*, Esquire, and others, of the *Brock, London, and Talbot* Districts.

By Mr. Bertrand,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. S. Malo* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*; the Petition of *Francis Rice* and others, of the Parish of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Rimouski*; the Petition of *Benjamin Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *Kakouana*, and other places in the County of *Rimouski*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*, in the County of *Rimouski*; the Petition of *A. Beaubien* and others, the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of *Rivière du Loup*, in the District of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Pierre Belanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, in the County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. Desautier,—The Petition of *Valère Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. Bte. Chartré* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. Ermatinger,—The Petition of *Henry W. Swan*, Esquire, in behalf of the Inhabitants of *Port Burwell*.

By Mr. Nelson,—The Petition of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M.D., and others, the Corporation of the *Montreal School of Medicine*; the Petition of *C. Gravel* and others, School Teachers in the Parish of *Sorel*; and the Petition of *Jesse Dunn Armstrong*, Esquire, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. Morin,—The Petition of *F. Joseph Pouliot* and others, of *St. Germain* and other Parishes, County of *Rimouski*; the Petition of *B. Mercier* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Fabien* and *St. Cécile*, forming the Municipality of *Bic*; the Petition of *Edward M. Leprohon*, Esquire, and *Joseph A. Berthelot*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the President, Vice-President, and Members of the Corporation of the *Banque du Peuple*.

By Mr. Macdonell of Stormont,—The Petition of *Hugh McGillis*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District; the Petition of *Edmund Ryan*, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, in the Eastern District; and the Petition of *Peter* and *Robert Mackay*, contractors on the *Cornwall* branch of the *St. Lawrence Canal*.

By Mr. Merritt,—The Petition of *Alexander Douglas* and others, of the District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. Brooks,—The Petition of *Israel Rice*, of the Township of *Ham*, in the District of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. Boutillier,—The Petition of *Mrs. Charlotte Frémont*, widow of the late *Jasper Brewer*, Esquire; and the Petition of *E. Cartier* and others, of *St. Hyacinthe* and other Counties.

By Mr. Cummings,—The Petition of *James Stanton* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. Conger,—The Petition of *John Allison*, Esquire, and others, of *West Green Point*, in the Township of *Sophiasburgh*.

By the Honorable Mr. Cayley,—The Petition of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, of the Township of

Bosanquet, in the Western District; and the Petition of *James Hill* and others, Bible Christians of the District of *Huron*.

By Mr. Fournier,—The Petition of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L'Islet*; the Petition of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, (relating to a wharf;) the Petition of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *L'Islet*; the Petition of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L'Islet*, (relating to the Education Act;) and the Petition of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, (relating to a Registry Office.)

By Mr. Prince,—The Petition of *J. J. Elliot*, Esquire, and others, of *Upper Canada*; and the Petition of *Thomas Renuick* and others, of *Romney* and other Townships, Western District.

By Mr. Chabot,—The Petition of *Joseph Légaré*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of Messieurs *Atkinson, Osborne, and Company*, and others, of the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. Drummond,—The Petition of *Louis Poulin* and others, of the Village of *St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of *John Glen*, Esquire, and others, Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Roads.

By Mr. Duggan,—The Petition of *John Lynch* and others, of *Toronto* and other Townships.

At the hour appointed, Mr. Speaker and the House attended upon His Excellency the Governor General, with the several Addresses of the House.

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And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended upon His Excellency with the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, and, also, the Address to His Excellency, congratulating him on the safe arrival of the Countess of *Elgin*, and other members of her family, and the Lady *Elma Bruce*, in this Province; to which several Addresses His Excellency was pleased to make the following answers:

Gentlemen,

I thank you for your Address, and for your congratulations on my assumption of the Government of this Province, and I rely on your support and assistance in all measures calculated to secure and advance its prosperity.

His Excel-
lency's answers

Gentlemen,

I sincerely thank you for your congratulations on the arrival of my family, and I truly appreciate the kindness and consideration which prompt you to offer them.

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

Of *A. J. Fergusson*, Esquire, Chairman, on behalf of the Magistrates of the District of *Wellington*, in Quarter Sessions assembled; praying that a Stipendiary Magistrate be appointed to certain remote Townships in the said District, that the inhabitants of the *Owen Sound* Settlement be compelled to elect Municipal and Township Officers, and that the Division Court Act may be amended.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; praying that no division of the said District may be made for the purpose of erecting new Districts.

Of *Robert Campbell* and others, of the Townships of *Wellesley* and *Peel*, in the District of *Wellington*; praying that the said Townships may not be separated from the said District in order to form part of a new District.

Petitions read.

Of *Isaac Humphrey Culp*, of the Township of *Stamford*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying for the payment of a claim held by the late *Robert Randall*, for expenses incurred while representing a large portion of the Inhabitants of *Upper Canada* in *England* in the year 1827.

Of *H. B. Smith* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railroad from *Carillon* to *Grenville*.

Of *John Egan*, Esquire, and others, Merchants, Lumberers, and others engaged in the Timber Trade on the *Ottawa* River and its tributaries; praying that the duties on certain articles used in the Lumber Trade may be remitted, so far as regards the said Trade.

Of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; praying to be relieved from the necessity of proving the Act by which he holds the Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*—and to be secured in the enjoyment of his said Bridge, and the Tolls arising therefrom.

Of *John Clark*, of the Parish of *Longue Pointe*, Esquire; praying that he may be enabled to recover the amount due him by the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, for ground taken from him and damages suffered under the Ordinance 3 *Victoria*, chap. 31.

Of the *Quebec* Bank; praying for an increase of its capital stock, and for certain amendments to its charter.

Of *Nicolas Benjamin Doucet*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Notary Public; praying for aid in consideration of the utility and labour of a work compiled by him, called "Fundamental Principles of the Laws of *Canada*."

Of *David Davidson* and others; praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from *Lake St. Louis* to the Province line.

Of *John Usher* and others, of the Townships of *Stamford* and *Willoughby*; praying for a further grant in aid of the sufferers by the late Rebellion.

Of *Joshua Young Cozens*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District; praying for the confirmation of the Report of a Committee of the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, of 1836, relative to certain lands purchased by him from the Indians in 1796; or that he may be repaid the amount paid to them by him in consideration of the said land.

Of *Ruggles Wright* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*; praying that the said County may be set apart as a new District.

Of *F. Baby* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the Western District; praying that no alterations may be made in the present route of the main Road leading from the Town of *Sandwich* to *Windsor*, on the *Detroit* River.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*; praying that the apportionment of Schools Funds to the said District for the year 1847, may be payable notwithstanding the want of the necessary Report.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*; praying for the amendment of the Assessment Laws.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*; praying that the District Superintendent of Schools may be authorized to pay over the monies appropriated for 1845, without assessment.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*; praying for a grant to improve the Road leading from the *Rideau* Canal to the Western extremity of the said District.

Of *John Paterson* and others, of the Village of *Dundas*, in the *Gore* District; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the said Village.

Of the Honorable *A. N. Morin*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for leave to construct a Bridge on the North River at *St. Jérôme*.

Of the Reverend *J. Paquin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*; praying for a consideration of their claim to indemnification for the loss of their Church and Convent, destroyed during the Rebellion of 1837.

Of *Germain Hudon*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, County of *Kamouraska*; praying that the Education Act be repealed.

Of the Honorable *Zacheus Burnham*; praying for the confirmation of a grant of land on the *Sault Ste. Marie*, ceded by the Chiefs and Warriors of the *Chippawa* Tribe of Indians to *Robert Rogers* and others, in the year 1760, or that some remuneration be made in lieu thereof.

Of *Lewis Burwell* and others, of *Brantford*; praying for an Act of Incorporation of the said Town.

Of *Frederick Fraser Carruthers*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery, respectively, to admit him to practise therein as an Attorney and Solicitor.

Of *Paul Lepper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette*, and of the settlement of *Valcartier* and others; praying for the macadamization of the *J'Ornière* Road from the Commissioners Bridge to the Church of *St. Ambroise*.

Of *John Moore*, Esquire, and others, Justices of the Peace and Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of *Eaton*; praying for aid to complete the Road leading from *Quebec* to the Province Line.

Of *George C. Hamilton* and others, of the District of *Wellington*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to construct a plank, macadamized, or gravelled Road from the Town of *Guelph* to the Village of *Arthur*.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the consolidation and amendment of the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the said City.

Of *Joseph Hazard Terrill*, of the Township of *Ascot*, in the District of *St. Francis*; praying remuneration for his services as High Constable of the District of *St. Francis*.

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

Of *P. Benoit* and others, of *Deschambault*; praying for amendments to the Education Act of *Lower Canada*.

Of *William Henry*, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for a confirmation of his title to certain lands purchased from the Warriors and Chiefs of the *Chippawa* Tribe of Indians.

Of the Reverend *R. R. Burrage*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an increased allowance as teacher of the Free Grammar School, in consideration of his long services, and losses in the public service.

Of *William Spier* and others, the Officers and Board of Management of the *Montreal* Firemen's Benevolent Association; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of Sir *James Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Baronet; praying for an Act to facilitate and effect a partition of a certain part of the Township of *Bolton*, in the District of *Montreal*, granted under Letters Patent to *Nicholas Austin* and his associates, their heirs and assigns, in the year 1797.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose

Lists of Members to compose Standing Committees agreed to.

the eight Standing Committees ordered by this House on Wednesday last.

Petition of B. Joliette and others;
Of A. N. Morin and others;
Of D. Davidson and others;
Of J. Major and others;
Of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company;
Of L. Burwell and others;
Of J. Mathewson and others;
Of H. B. Smith and others;
Of G. J. Grange and others;
Of P. Bradt;
Of G. C. Hamilton and others;
Of F. Fraser Carruthers, referred;
A Committee dissolved; and Petitions of W. Holditch and others, and of T. Denison and others again referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable B. Joliette and others, of the County of *Berthier*; the Petition of the Honorable Augustin Norbert Morin, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of David Davidson and others; the Petition of Joseph Major and others, of the Township of *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*; the Petition of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*; the Petition of Lewis Burwell and others, of *Brantford*; the Petition of John Mathewson and others, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of H. B. Smith and others; the Petition of George J. Grange, Esquire, and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*; the Petition of Peter Bradt, of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*; the Petition of George C. Hamilton and others, of the District of *Wellington*; and the Petition of Frederick Fraser Carruthers, of the City of *Toronto*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which were referred the Petition of William Holditch and others, of the Township of *Loughborough*, and the Petition of Thomas Denison, Senior, and others, of the rear part of the Township of *Portland*, in the County of *Frontenac*, be dissolved; and that the said Petitions be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

A Committee dissolved; and Petitions of T. Mussen and others, and of P. Vieau and others again referred.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which were referred the Petition of Thomas Mussen and others, of the Island and County of *Montreal*, and of the Counties of *Terrebonne* and *Two Mountains*, and the Petition of Pierre Vieau and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jésus*, be dissolved; and that the said Petitions be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Petition of G. J. Pacaud referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of George J. Pacaud, Esquire, on behalf of Pierre Vandandaigue dit Gadbois and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Nelson, Mr. Boutilier, the Honorable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Scott, 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.

Petition of M. McKenzie and others referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of M. McKenzie and others, of *Albborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Ermatinger, Mr. Christie, Mr. Powell, Mr. Price, Mr. Duggan, Mr. Williams, Mr. Webster, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Cummings, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of L. Guillet referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of Louis Guillet, Esquire, a Member of this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Petition of Municipal Council of Niagara committed

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the Militia Law,) be referred to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Report on the Commons' Private Bill System.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by their Resolution of the 9th June, 1846, he had deputed Mr. Alpheus Todd to enquire into and report upon the

system pursued in the House of Commons with regard to Private Bills, and upon the Resolutions it might be expedient to adopt for the future regulation of the Private business of this House; and he communicated to the House a Report which he had received from Mr. Alpheus Todd on that subject.

(For the said Report, see Appendix B.)

Appendix (B.)

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

To be printed.

Mr. Fournier, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of William Ware and others, Surveyors of the District 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 Petition of W. Ware and others.

Your Committee having examined the allegations of the Petition referred to them, and the different laws therein mentioned, are of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to adopt legislative measures to meet the object of the said Petition.

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Chalmers,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper officer to lay before this House a detailed statement of the sums expended in constructing the *Lake Ontario and Rice Lake macadamized Road*, from its commencement to the present period.

Address respecting Lake Ontario and Rice Lake Road.

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

On motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Armstrong,

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 communications between the Provincial and Imperial Government, (subsequent to the last Session of Parliament,) in relation to the works in operation on *Lake St. Peter*, together with all reports made to the Provincial Government in pursuance thereof, and all decisions come to by the Executive Council thereon; and also, a Report of a Commission of Enquiry, held at *William Henry* in December last, in reference to the management of the said works, with the decision of the Government thereon.

Address respecting the works on 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 Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of Slander and Libel.

Slander and Libel Law Bill.

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

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

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering the expediency of amending and extending the Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*."

Hastings Registration of Titles Act considered.

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 it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the last Session, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*."

Hastings Registration of Titles Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Murney* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, 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. *Cummings*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Address respecting Ferries.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will please to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all the Ferries now under lease in the Province, together with the names of the respective lessees, and the term of time of each lease; also, the annual amount to be paid for each, and the names of their sureties, and by whom the money is collected on the part of the Government in the several Districts.

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

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*.

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

Aliens' Relief Bill

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and continue the 4th and 5th sections of an Act passed in the 4th and 5th 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 Friday next.

L'Islet Registry Office Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fournier* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

London Town Council Bill.

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

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

first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday, the twenty-eighth instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron*, of *Lanark*, have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society* Bill."

Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town.

Quebec Incorporation Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*.

Quebec District Bank Bill.

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture* in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutation, being read;

Queen's Domain Land Commutation Bill.

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 render commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture* into that of free and common soccage, compulsory on the Seigneur at the pleasure of the *Censitaire* or landholder, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned relating to the optional commutation of such tenure, being read;

Compulsory Commutation of Lands Bill.

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 relating to the partitioning of lands in free and common soccage in *Lower Canada*, among co-heirs of the proprietors thereof, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned, being read;

Co-heirs' Land Partition Bill.

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Drummond* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Lafontaine*, That all the words after "be," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "read a second time on Monday next."

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Badgley*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *DeBleury*, *Descaulier*, *DeWitt*, *Dickson*, *Drummond*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Latterrière*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *McConnell*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, and *Thompson*.—(37.)

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Messieurs *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Cummings*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Hale*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON,

Morin, Petrie, Riddell, Sherwood of Brockville, Stewart of Bytown, Stewart of Prescott, Viger, Williams, and Woods.—(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 on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to Letters Patent whereby any waste or other lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith, occasioning delay and expense, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Colville*, Mr. *DeWitt*, and Mr. *Brooks*, 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 define and extend the power of the Courts of Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada*, relative to usurpations and vacancies occurring in Corporations, and for other purposes therein mentioned, 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 provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 15^o die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

Library, Legislative Assembly,
2d June, 1847.

The Librarian begs leave to report, for the information of Your Honourable House, that pursuant to the authority of the Honorable the Speaker, the valuable collection of Books recommended to be purchased by the Library Committee of last Session, has been procured, and deposited in the Library. They consist of upwards of a thousand volumes in French and English literature.

The French Works, selected with considerable care by the Committee, will be found, in connection with those purchased last year, to supply numerous deficiencies, in that section of the Library, previously neglected, and to bring down the several classes of French literature to a very recent date.

The English Works comprise standard legal publications, hitherto much required, as well as others, on general subjects of great interest.

Additions have also been made to the important class of works on the History of *America*, which may be regarded as extremely valuable, in a nationa

point of view, as materials for the present investigator and future historian of American annals.

Report of Librarian.

The charge of procuring the new Books was entrusted, by order of Mr. Speaker, to Messrs. *Fabre*, and *Armour and Ramsay*, of *Montreal*, respectively; and it is pleasing to state that their commissions have been executed with the utmost promptitude, economy and care.

In consequence of the extensive additions to the Library during the past recess, it has been deemed advisable to compile a supplementary catalogue for the use of Members; printed copies of which will be placed in their hands without delay.

Lists of the Books received since last Session, under the provisions of the Copyright Act, and of a few procured subsequent to the printing of the supplementary catalogue, are appended to this Report.

The total number of Books now in the Library, exclusive of the American class above referred to, is 9450,—that class contains 1170 volumes, making a total of 10,620.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM WINDER,
Librarian, Legislative Assembly.

Books received since last Session under the provisions of the Copyright Act, from Messrs. *H. and W. Rowsell*, Publishers, *Toronto*—

Smith's Canadian Gazetteer for Canada West.

Burns on Book-keeping. Part II.

Heischfelder's German Lexicon.

Beaven's Recreations of a Long Vacation.

Notation Chart, by Messrs. Fuller and Palmer; received from the proprietor in the *United States*.

Books added to the Library since the printing of the supplementary catalogue:—

Head's, (Sir F. B.,) Emigrant.

Mitchell's Gazetteer.

Merry's Commercial Calculator.

King's Argentine Republic.

Catalogue of New York State Library, 1846.

Vie de Mgr. Laval, Premier Evêque de Québec.
(2 Copies.)

Almanach de Québec, 1846.

The Quebec Guide.

New York Congress Journals, 1775–1777, 2 vols.

St. John's Copper Mines of Lake Superior.

Von Schudi's Travels in Peru, 2 vols.

Simpson's (Sir George) Overland Journey round the World, 2 vols.

Lemercier. Cours de Littérature Générale, 4 vols.
(restored to the Library.)

Maury's Statesmen of America.

Griswold's Prose Writers of America.

Williams' Addresses and Messages of the Presidents of the United States, from 1789 to 1846, 2 vols.

Select Works of Porphyry (restored to the Library.)

Revised Statutes of Massachusetts, do.

L'Univers—Amérique, 4 vols.

Doctrine de l'Eglise Catholique sur la Revolte, (two Copies.)

Journal Historique des Evénemens arrivés à St. Eustache, (2 Copies.)

Père Jean, or the Jesuit Missionary.

Life and Voyages of Americus Vesputius.

Trumbull's History of the Indian Wars.

Mr. Speaker also communicated to the House, a Report of the Compilers of the General Indices to the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of the late Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*; and which Report is as followeth:—

Report of the Compiler of General Indices.

Report of the
Compiler of
General Indices

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The undersigned, to whom were respectively entrusted the charge of compiling General Indices to the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of the late Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, beg leave to report:—

That the Index to the Journals of the *Upper Canada* Assembly is now finished; the Compiler having brought the same to completion shortly before the commencement of the present Session. The series of Journals indexed, begins at the year 1825, and continues from thence to the end of the last Session of the *Upper Canada* Legislature, in 1840. Of those prior to 1825, no regular series exists in *Canada*, the Legislative records of *Upper Canada* having been, on two occasions, destroyed by fire, once on the taking of *York* by the *Americans* in 1812, and again at a subsequent period from an accidental cause. With four or five exceptions no copies of these volumes are known to exist, save in the office of the Secretary of the Colonies at *London*, where they may be found in manuscript, the printed series not having been commenced until 1825. With regard to the missing volumes, the Compiler would respectfully suggest the expediency of making immediate application to the Colonial Secretary for copies of the same, with a view to the completion of the series in the possession of Your Honorable House.

The Index to the Journals of the *Lower Canada* Assembly, though not entirely completed, lacks only the insertion of "cross-references," throughout, to finish it. To ascertain these, and add them in their proper places, is essential to facilitate reference to the work, to those unaccustomed to the use of it; but the want of them will not prevent the Index from being, meanwhile, of great use to all who may be seeking information from the Journals referred to.

The *Lower Canada* series of Journals is complete from the time of the first meeting of the Provincial Assembly in 1792, until the last convocation in 1837; the Index volume is consequently of considerably greater extent than that relating to *Upper Canada*.

In conclusion, the Compilers would respectfully beg that the House would be pleased to refer the result of their labours to the examination of a Select Committee, by whom it might be determined whether their undertakings have been accomplished in such a manner as to merit the approbation of Your Honorable House; and from whom a deliberate opinion could be obtained upon the most expedient and desirable plan for the future preservation of the General Indices,—whether by the transcription of a fair manuscript copy of each, to be preserved for reference in the Library, or by printing a limited number of copies for the use of Members. The latter course is the one, which, in the opinion of the Compilers, would for several reasons be found to be the most advantageous. Without adverting to the risk, where but one copy of a work exists, of its being lost, destroyed, or injured so as to impair its usefulness,—the Compilers would rely mainly on the nature of the work itself, in support of their views concerning it. In the compilation of the Indices, pursuant to the directions of Your Honorable House, they chose for their model the General Index to the Journals of the House of Commons, from 1820 to 1837, the plan of which, adopted after mature deliberation, and with the advantage of the experience attained by the successive labours of previous Compilers, has been found of the greatest practical value. Its chief merit consists in the combination of simple reference to Journal entries, with an abstract or digest of all proceedings bearing on the same subject, or connected together, by which, at a glance, an historical summary of every legislative proceeding on any given question can be readily ascertained. Such a digest of the Parlia-

mentary proceedings of the Assemblies of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* is the more desirable from the scarcity of many of the earlier Journals of those bodies, one copy only of some Sessions being in the possession of Your Honorable House. For this reason they have so arranged their Indices, as to make them, as much as possible, independent of the Journals themselves, and valuable compendiums of every important matter connected with the past legislative history of the *Canadas*.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED TODD,
(Compiler of the Index to the U. C. Journals.)

ALPHEUS TODD,
(Compiler of the Index to the L. C. Journals.)
Montreal, 4th June, 1847.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Statement of the affairs of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, for the year 1846; which Statement is as followeth:—

Statement of the cost of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad and appurtenances, and also the Receipts and Expenditure upon the same, together with the amount of Tonnage and Passengers transported by the Company for the season or year 1846, as required by the 49th Section of the Act 2d. *Will.* IV. cap. 58, of the late Province of *Lower Canada*.

PERIOD.	No. of Passengers.	No. of Tons Freight.	Total Receipts.	Total Expenditure.
For the Year 1846,	52,477	17,969	£20,700	£24,427 17 4
Total Cost of Railroad and Appurtenances.....				£62,000 4s. 0d.

Railroad Office,

Montreal, 7th June, 1847.

I, *Wm. D. Lindsay*, do make oath that the present Statement is just and true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WM. D. LINDSAY, Commissioner.
Sworn before me, this 9th June, 1847.
W. HALL, J. P.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, a Statement of the affairs of the *Sherbrooke* Cotton Factory, pursuant to the Act 8th *Victoria*, cap. 91; which Statement is as followeth:—

List of Shareholders holding shares in the stock of the *Sherbrooke* Cotton Factory, prepared in conformity with the Provincial Statute, 8th *Vict.* cap. 91.

The B. A. L. Company,	P. Leon M'Dougall,
Jos. S. Walton,	Wm. Willard,
Elias Cheney,	John Low,
Edward Hale,	Thos. Tait,
Wm. Belknapp,	John Leeming,
F. Loomis,	Benj. Pomroy,
Alex. T. Galt,	Robert Campbell,
Thos. Griffith,	R. D. Morkill,
O. Camaron,	A. W. Kendrick,
L. C. Ball,	Wm. Footner,
John Griffith,	Jos. Pennoyer,
J. G. Robertson & Co.,	Arba Stimson,
D. Thompson,	Alfred Savage,
Wm. Browne,	Jas. M'Alley,
J. W. Stockwell,	John Wadleigh,
John Moore,	Jas. Ferrier, jun.,
Geo. W. Brooks,	S. L. Terrill,
Hiram Moe,	G. R. Robertson,
Wm. Brooks,	W. Walker,
Jos. H. Terrill,	F. Bureau,
Thomas Gordon,	— Dickenson,
Alex. Osgood,	H. Beckett,
Willard & Goodall,	G. F. Bowen,
C. B. Cleveland,	W. L. Felton,
Edw. Cotter,	Jos. Bailey,
Leon Goodall,	John C. Reynolds.
A. G. Woodward.	

Report of the
Compiler of
General Indices.

Statement of
the Champlain
and St. Lawrence
Railroad.

Statement of
Sherbrooke
Cotton Factory.

Statement of Sherbrooke Cotton Factory.

STATEMENT of the Affairs, Assets, and Liabilities of the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, prepared in conformity with the Provincial Statute 8 *Vict.*, Cap. 91.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cost of the Factory Buildings					1154	8	8
Cost of Machinery	2038	15	4				
Duties thereon	115	2	0				
Freight thereof	438	7	9				
Putting up the same	770	5	0				
Charges thereon and Furniture	371	0	11				
					3733	11	1
Cost of Charter.....				20	0	0	
Debts due to the Factory for Goods sold, &c.				589	7	6	
Amount due on Instalments in arrear,				550	0	0	
				£	6047	7	3

LIABILITIES.		£	s.	d.
Amount paid up on account of Stock		3825	0	0
Unliquidated claims against the Factory for work, machinery, &c.....		1839	0	4
		£	5664	0

Edward Hale, President of the *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that the above List of Shareholders and Statement of Affairs are true and correct, to the best of his knowledge, and hath signed.

(Signed,) EDWD. HALE,
President, *Sherbrooke Cotton Factory*.

Sworn at *Sherbrooke* this eighth day of March, A. D. 1847. Before me,
(Signed,) JOHN FELTON, J. P.

Certified to be a true copy,
EDWD. HALE, P. S. C. F.

Return of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, a Return of immoveable property held by the Corporation of the *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, pursuant to Act 8 *Vic.* cap. 102, section 6; which Return is as followeth:—

RETURN of immoveable property held by the Corporation of the "*Canada Baptist Missionary Society*."

	ESTIMATED					
	Value.			Rental.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
I. A Lot of land situate between Guy Street and Charles Street, St. Antoine Suburbs, containing two acres and three perches, more or less, with a Stone Building and a Cottage.....	7000	0	0	No	ne.	
II. A Lot of land measuring 115 feet by 92 feet, with a Stone House and Out-buildings, situate at the corner of St. Antoine Street and Richmond Square	1200	0	0	120	0	0
III. A Lot of land, measuring 95 feet by 47 feet 6 inches, with a Brick Building used as a School-house, situate in Ann Street, Griffintown,	500	0	0	30	0	0
IV. A piece of land in Roxton Township, Canada East, containing 10 acres, more or less, with a Dwelling House, School-house and Out-buildings	200	0	0	No	ne.	

JAMES HEARLE,
Treasurer, *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*.
To the Honorable Legislative Assembly,
Montreal, June 14th, 1847.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House, the Accounts of the Trinity Houses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, for the year ended the 31st December, 1846.

(For the said Accounts, see Appendix D.)

Trinity Houses Accounts.

App. (D.)

Also,

Reports of Agricultural Societies in *Upper and Lower Canada*, pursuant to Acts 8th *Victoria*, chapters 53 and 54.

(For the said Reports, see Appendix E.)

Agricultural Societies Reports.

App. (E.)

Also,

Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*, for the year 1846.

(For the said Accounts, see Appendix F.)

Montreal Turnpike Trust Accounts.

App. (F.)

Also,

The Registrar's Report of Bonds and Securities, in compliance with the Act 4 and 5 *Vict.* cap. 91, sec. 15.

(For the said Report, see Appendix G.)

Report of Bonds and Securities.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *Philemon Dugar*, of the Township of *Rawdon*; the Petition of *John E. Mills*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *John E. Mills*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad*.

By Mr. *Petrie*,—The Petition of *John Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland* and *Clarence*, District of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Leslie*,—The Petition of Mrs. *S. S. Wilkes* and other Ladies, Office-bearers of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*.

By Mr. *Riddell*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock*, (relating to the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railroad*;) and the Petition of *John Finker* and others, proprietors and holders of Saw and Grist Mills on the *Otter* and *Big Creeks*, in the Districts of *Brock*, *London*, and *Talbot*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal General Hospital*; the Petition of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, (relating to a new Gas Company;) and the Petition of the *Montreal Ladies Benevolent Society*.

By Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*,—The Petition of the Reverend *George Romanes*, Moderator of the Synod of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*, (relating to a Fund for Ministers' Widows and Orphans;) the Petition of the Reverend *George Romanes*, Moderator of the Synod of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*, (relating to King's College;) and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Litchfield*, in the District of *Sydenham*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Daniel Arnolli*, Esquire, and others, Medical Practitioners of *Canada East*.

By Mr. *Nelson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Théberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Andrew William Cochran*, D. C. L., Vice President of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, (relating to Historical Documents;) the Petition of the Honorable *Andrew William Cochran*, D. C. L., Vice President of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, (relating to general objects of the Society;) and the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D. D., and others, the Minister, Elders, and Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church*, *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *J. N. Muir* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation du Sault au Collet*, in the County of *Montreal*; the Petition of *F. A. Pillet* and others, of *Lachine* and other Parishes; and the Petition of *Eusèbe Hétiér* and others, of the lower part of *Ste. Rose*, in *Isle Jésus*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Alexis Thibodeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Turner* and *Murray*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Dickson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, of the Village of *Dundas*; the Petition of *Edward C. Campbell* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to School rates;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the insane and destitute;) and the Petition of *Archibald Gilkison*, of the City of *Hamilton*, Esquire.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Lessard*, in the County of *Rimouski*; the Petition of the Municipality of *Rimouski*, (relating to the registration of Deeds;) the Petition of *C. F. Caron*, Mayor, and *H. Garon*, S.T., on behalf of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Simon*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Rimouski*, (relating to the Education Law;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*, (relating to a Bridge;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *St. Simon*, (relating to the formation of a new District;) the Petition of *Alexis Rivard*, Esquire, and *Joseph Garon*, Esquire, of *Rimouski*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Bic*, (relating to the formation of a new District;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Mitis*, (relating to the formation of a new District;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*, (relating to the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski*;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Matane*; the Petition of *Joseph Richard Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, Home District; the Petition of *Mathew Cowan* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, in the Home District; the Petition of *Abner Heard*, of the Township of *Reach*, in the Home District; the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Trois Pistoles*, (relating to Registry Offices;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Bic*, (relating to a Registry Office;) the Petition of *Russell Farmer* and others, of the Townships of *Reach*, *Brock*, and *Uxbridge*, in the Home District; and the Petition of *Abner Nash* and others, of the Townships of *Whitby*, *Pickering*, and *Reach*.

By Mr. *Williams*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle*, (relating to Collectors, Assessors, and the Council.)

By Mr. *Stewart* of *Prescott*,—The Petition of *Peter M. Lauren* and others, of the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the County of *Prescott*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *C. H. Lassiseraye*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*; and the Petition of *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, and others, proprietors of the *Quebec Library*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *B. H. LeMoine*, Esquire, and others, associates of the *Garden River* and *Huron Mining Company*; the Petition of *George Desbarats* and *T. A. Stayner*, Esquires, associates of the *British and Canadian Mining Company* of *Lake Superior*; and the Petition of *Josiah Clarkson*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Society of Education of the District of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Isaac Beecher*, of the Town of *Brockville*; the Petition of *John Paterson* and others, of the Village of *Dundas*, in the *Gore District*; the Petition of *A. Simpson*, Esquire and others, shareholders in the *Montreal Mining Company*; the Petition of *David Torrance* and others, stockholders in the *Canada Mining Company*; the Petition of *Joseph Donegani*, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; and the Petition of the

British American Land Company, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others, be dissolved; and that the said Petition be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

A Committee dissolved; and Petition of G. O. Stuart and others, again referred.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *P. P. Lachapelle*, junior, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, in the District of *Montreal*, be dissolved; and that the said Petition be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

A Committee dissolved; and Petition of P. P. Lachapelle, again referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Joshua Young Cozens*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, 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.

Petition of J. Y. Cozens, referred.

Mr. *DeWitt*, 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 agreed to by the House; and is as followeth:—

First Report on Contingencies.

Your Committee have had laid before them the Account Current of the Contingencies of the House, since the date of the last audit, 2d April, 1846, and have proceeded in part with the examination thereof. The balance in favor of the House, on the 1st day of June instant, the date of the present Account, being expended, Your Committee recommend that the sum of Five thousand pounds, in part payment of the Contingencies of this House during the present Session, be advanced to the Clerk for that purpose; and for which an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General has been prepared accordingly.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Five thousand pounds currency, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Address for £5000 on account of Contingencies.

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

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Letter from Mr. Draper.

Montreal, 12th June, 1847.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that this morning I officially communicated to the Honorable the Secretary of the Province, my acceptance of the offer which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to make me, of the situation of Puisné Judge of the Court of Queen's Bench of *Upper Canada*.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,
WM. H. DRAPER.

The Honorable
Sir Allan N. MacNab, Knight,
Speaker of the
House of Assembly.

Petition of I. Beecher; Of J. Paterson and others; Of A. Simpson and others; Of D. Torrance and others; Of J. Donegani; Of J. Motz; Of the British American Land Company, referred.

Toronto Hospital Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Hospital*.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Merchants, &c. Protection Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Accidental death Provision Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill for compensating the families of persons killed by accident.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the Inspector General, or other proper officer, to lay before this House, a Statement of the outstanding Debentures issued prior to the Union in both Provinces, under what Act authorized, rate of interest, when due, and for what object issued, in separate columns; also, a Statement of the Debentures issued under the guarantee of the Imperial Government, similar to the above; if no Return of the same in the Inspector General's Office, to present a Statement of the amounts received on account of the Loan of a million and a half, the date, rate of exchange, when expended, for what purpose, and the balance on hand; also, a Statement of the amount of Debentures issued since the Union, with date, rate of interest, when due, and for what object, as above; also, a Statement of amount borrowed, from what Institution, what rate of interest, when payable, and for what object,—that the entire debt of the Province may be seen at the end of the column; also, a Statement of the amount required to complete each separate work now commenced, also to complete those works not commenced,—that the entire debt and liability of this Province may be ascertained; with a report of the same, with any remarks the Inspector General may make touching any part of the above expenditure, shewing what part of the public debt for which Debentures are issued, has been expended for public works, and for other objects to be therein designated; and append a tabular Statement of the same to the Public Accounts.

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

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 Chief Commissioner of the Board of Works, or other proper officer, to lay before this House, a Statement

Address for information respecting Public Works.

of the amount expended on each public work in *Upper or Lower Canada*, prior to the Union, for Debentures outstanding, and which forms a portion of the debt of *United Canada*; also, the amount expended on those works which were commenced prior to the Union, out of the one and a half million Loan for Debentures since issued, and from any other source; also, the amount still to be expended to complete those works for which a further grant from the Legislature is required, to be numbered Class 1: also, a Statement of the amount expended on those public works for the completion of which the one and a half million Loan was obtained, and the amount still to be expended to complete those works for which a further grant is required from the Legislature, to be numbered Class 2: also, a Statement of the amount expended on all other public works in *Canada*, when authorized, when commenced, amount expended under the Loan of one and a half million for Debentures issued, money borrowed, or from any other source, and the amount still to be expended to complete those works for which a further grant is required, and naming those works not yet commenced, to be called Class No. 3: also, a Statement of the annual interest due on the Debentures issued for the construction of each of those works, under each class, and the amount of income received under each, to be made out in tabular form, and the difference shewn in two separate columns; and report for the information of this House, which works are likely to repay the interest, and which are not, with any other information he may think it advisable to communicate; and append a copy of the same to the Report of the Board of Works.

Address for information respecting Public Works.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors in certain cases.

Judgment Debtors Bill.

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*, being read;

Notarial Organization Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Laurin*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Jobin*, and Mr. *Méthot*, 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 define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes, being read;

Bytown Incorporation Bill.

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

Mr. *Monro* took the chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Monro* 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
Bill

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 of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*: the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec*, on the South of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the North of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively, being read:

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Smith* of *Fronterac*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 16° die Junii.

ANNO 10°, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions
brought up

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

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *S. M. Eastman* and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the Western District; and the Petition of *Charles M. Niason*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the Western District.

By Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Thomas McKay* and others, of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *William Evans* and others, proprietors on the line of the *Lachine Canal*, *Côte St. Paul*, Parish of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Malcolm McNaughton* and others, of *Côte St. Paul*, and others.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,—The Petition of *J. T. Broulgeest*, Esquire, President of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*, and others, (relating to the formation of Manufacturing and other Companies;) and the Petition of *Theodore Hart* and others, stockholders of the "*Echo Lake Mining Company*."

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *Raphuël Marcotte* and others, of the Parish of *La Petite Nation*; the Petition of *Thomas Meagher* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud*, in the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Joseph Bradshaw* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Scholastique*, County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *William Wiseman*, Junior, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the Western District; and the Petition of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, and others, stockholders in the "*Lake Huron Silver and Copper Company*."

By Mr. *Leslie*,—The Petition of *Andrew Shaw* and others, stockholders of the "*Montreal Telegraph Company*."

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. T. Caron* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jésus*.

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Library Association*.

By Mr. *Conger*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of the Town of *Pictou*, in the District of *Prince Edward*; and the Petition of *Stephen Bowerman*, of the Township of *Hallowell*, District of *Prince Edward*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of the Very Reverend *J. Demers* and others, Priests, members of the Catholic Clergy of the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Charles C. Farran*, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, in the Eastern District.

By the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Edward G. Sutton* and others.

Petitions
brought on

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

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Christie Roberts* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*.

By Mr. *Duggan*,—The Petition of *George Desbarats* and *S. C. Sewell*, Esquires, in behalf of the "*Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company*."

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *E. Desjardins* and others, of *St. Vincent de Paul* and other Parishes.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*,—The Petition of the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan* and others, officers and members of the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*, (relating to their Incorporation;) and the Petition of the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan*, President, and others, officers and members of the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*, (relating to an aid.)

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of the Reverend *George Slach* and others, of the neighbourhood and District of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Robert James Begly*, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *S. Derbshire*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*, in behalf of himself and others.

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

Of the Reverend *Charles J. Ducharme* and others, the Corporation of the *Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, in the County of *Terrebonne*; praying for aid to enable them to go on with the construction of their College.

Of the Honorable *Barthelemi Joliette*; praying that an Act be passed to oblige the different Municipalities to pay the debts contracted by the late Municipal Councils in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Charles Emond* and others, Trustees of the Academy of *Berthier*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying for pecuniary aid in favor of the said Academy.

Of *Hector Grauger* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne des Plaines*, in the County of *Terrebonne*; praying that *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* be allowed to build a Bridge from *Sault au Recollet* to *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Of the Reverend *R. Mercier* and others, inhabitants of *St. Vincent de Paul* and *St. François de Sales*; praying that *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* be allowed to build a Bridge from *Sault au Recollet* to *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Of *C. Germain* and others, Members of the Municipal Council of *St. Vincent de Paul*, County of *Terrebonne*; praying that *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* be allowed to build a Bridge from *Sault au Recollet* to *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Of *Norbert Dumas* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the privilege of erecting a Toll Bridge over the River *Ottawa*, at a certain point asked for by *P. P. Lachapelle*, may be granted to him.

Of *Stephen S. Foster*, Esquire, and others, Directors of the *Shefford Academy*; praying for aid in support of the said institution.

Of *J. T. Broulgeest*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*; praying for a repeal of the duty upon wheat imported into *Canada*, also of the Provincial duty on flour,—and that measures be adopted to obtain a repeal of the Imperial duty on flour.

Of *J. T. Broulgeest*, Esquire, and others, on behalf of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*; praying that measures may be adopted to induce the Imperial

Petitions read.

authorities to make certain alterations in the protective duties and Navigation Laws.

Of *J. T. Broulgeest*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*; praying that the Usury Laws may be assimilated to the Laws of Great Britain.

Of the Bank of *Montreal*; praying for an increase of its Capital Stock.

Of *A. W. Light*, Esquire, and others, of the *Brock, London, and Talbot* Districts; praying an Act of Incorporation for the *Woodstock and Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

Of the Reverend *L. S. Malo* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*; praying that the right of interfering with the Public Roads be taken from the Municipal Councils, and that the office of *Grand Voyer* be re-established.

Of *Francis Rice* and others, of the Parish of *Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying that a sum of money be granted them for the purpose of continuing and repairing the road leading therefrom to *Madawaska*.

Of *Benjamin Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *Kakouana*, and other places, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying that the sale of Wood to monopolists be prevented.

Of the Reverend *J. Doucet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying for pecuniary aid to open a road to *New Brunswick*.

Of *A. Beaulieu* and others, the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of *Rivière du Loup*, in the District of *Quebec*; praying for amendments to the Education Act.

Of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L'Islet*; praying that amendments be made to the Education Act.

Of *Pierre Bélanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying that an old Road in the said Parish, which was shut up by the Municipal Council, be re-opened.

Of *Valère Guillet*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Three Rivers*; praying that they may be paid what is due to them by the Municipal Council of the said District.

Of the Reverend *J. Bte. Chartré* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Ursule*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for the repeal of the Education Act.

Of *Henry W. Swan*, Esquire, in behalf of the inhabitants of *Port Burwell*; praying for a grant to construct a Harbour at *Port Burwell*.

Of *Francis C. T. Arnoldi*, M.D., and others, the Corporation of the *Montreal School of Medicine*; praying that the Act 8 *Victoria*, chap. 81, sec. 3, may be amended, by making the Course of Lectures delivered in the said School of six months duration.

Of *C. Gravel* and others, School Teachers in the Parish of *Sorel*; praying for the payment of their just claims.

Of *Jesse Dunn Armstrong*, Esquire, and others; complaining of certain grievances connected with the Post Office at *William Henry*, (*Sorel*), and praying relief.

Of *F. Joseph Pouliot* and others, of *St. Germain* and other Parishes, County of *Rimouski*; praying for the establishment of a Custom House and a Court in the said County.

Of *B. Mercier* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Fabien* and *St. Cecile*, forming the Municipality of *Bic*; praying that a permanent Court with a resident Judge be established in the Parish of *St. Germain*.

Of *Edouard M. Leprohon*, Esquire, and *Joseph A. Berthelot*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*; praying to be authorized to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the ferry of the Village of *St. Eustache*.

Petitions read.

Of the President, Vice-President, and Members of the Corporation of the *Banque du Peuple*; praying for a certain amendment in their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Hugh M'Gillis*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District; praying for the payment of certain damages sustained by the detention of his raft in *Lake St. Peter*, by pickets driven into the bottom of the said Lake by order of the Board of Works.

Of *Edmund Ryan*, of the Township of *Osnabruch*, in the Eastern District; praying indemnification for damages sustained by the construction of the *Cornwall Canal*.

Of *Peter* and *Robert M'Kay*, Contractors on the *Cornwall* branch of the *St. Lawrence Canal*; praying for the payment of a certain claim for work done on the said Canal.

Of *Alexander Douglas* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; praying for a renewal of the Charter of the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.

Of *J. J. Elliot*, Esquire, and others, of *Upper Canada*; praying for an extension of time to the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*, to complete the said Road.

Of *Israel Rice*, of the Township of *Ham*, in the District of *St. Francis*; stating that for many years he was the only settler on the *Gosford Road*, and saved the lives of many travellers, and maintained them at his own risk and expense,—and praying relief.

Of *Mrs. Charlotte Frémont*, widow of the late *Jasper Brewer*, Esquire; praying that the pension of her late husband may be continued to her for one or two years.

Of *E. Cartier* and others, of *St. Hyacinthe* and other Counties; praying for aid to establish a new College at *St. Hyacinthe*.

Of *James Stanton* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, District of *Niagara*; praying that the proceedings had in the House respecting the removal of the District Town of the said District, last Session, may be read and revived.

Of *John Allison*, Esquire, and others, of *West Green Point*, in the Township of *Sophiasburgh*; praying for the establishment of certain boundary lines in the said Township.

Of *Benjamin Brewster* and others, of the Township of *Bosauquet*, in the Western District; praying that the said Township may be reunited to the District of *Huron*.

Of *James Hill* and others, Bible Christians of the District of *Huron*; praying to be allowed all the rights and privileges of other Religious denominations.

Of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L'Islet*; praying that the minutes of *Procès-verbaux* of the former *Grand Voyer* be placed in their hands.

Of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*; praying for aid to construct a wharf.

Of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *L'Islet*; praying for aid to construct a wharf.

Of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*; praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in the said Municipality.

Of *Thomas Rennie* and others, of *Romney* and other Townships, Western District; praying for the construction of a Harbour at the mouth of the *Two Creeks*, in the Township of *Romney*.

Of *Joseph Légaré*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying to be incorporated as the *Canada Fire Assurance Company*.

Petitions read.

Of Messrs. *Atkinson, Usborne* and Company, and others, of the District of *Quebec*; praying for a grant to extend the improvements of the *Cove Road*, and to macadamize the *Route de l'Eglise*, near the City of *Quebec*.

Of *Louis Poulin* and others, of the Village of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying that the said Village be erected into a separate Municipal District, independent of the Parish.

Of *John Glen*, Esquire, and others, Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road; praying for authority to extend the *Chambly* and *Granby* Turnpike Road over a certain interval of about three quarters of a mile.

Of *John Lynch* and others, of *Toronto* and other Townships; praying to be incorporated as a Joint Stock Company for the purpose of improving the *Centre Road* or *Hurontario Street*.

Petition of the Banque du Peuple;

Ordered, That the Petition of the President, Vice President, and Members of the Corporation of the *Banque du Peuple*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Of P. Paterson and others; Of A. W. Light and others; Of W. Spier and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Peter Paterson*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *A. W. Light*, Esquire, and others, of the *Brock, London, and Talbot* Districts; the Petition of *William Spier* and others, the Officers and Board of Management of the *Montreal* Firemen's Benevolent Association; the Petition of *John Allison*, Esquire, and others, of *West Green Point*, in the Township of *Sophiasburgh*; the Petition of *John Lynch* and others, of *Toronto* and other Townships; and the Petition of *John Prince*, Esquire, and others, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of J. Allison and others;

Of J. Lynch and others;

Of J. Prince and others;

Of J. Stanton and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Stanton* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, District of *Niagara*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town.)

Of P. Lepper and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Paul Lepper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette*, and of the settlements of *Valcartier* and others; and the Petition of *Charles Garneau* and others, of the County of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*.

Of C. Garneau and others;

Of W. F. Wallace and others, referred

Ordered, That the Petition of *William F. Wallace* and others, of the District of *London*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. McKenzie* and others, of *Aldborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*.

Motion to refer Petition of T. Moss, negatived.

Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas* moved, seconded by Mr. *Dichson*, That the Petition of *Thomas Moss*, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, Mr. *Dichson*, 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 upon the said motion, a division ensued: and it passed in the negative.

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

Time for presenting Private Petitions extended.

Resolved, That the time for presenting Petitions to this House for Private Bills, or Reliefs in any way, be extended until Thursday the first day of July next.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

First Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Honorable *B. Joliette* and others, and the Petition of *P. P. Lachapelle*, and find that in their cases all the notices required by the Rules of Your Honorable House have been complied with.

They have also examined the Petition of *David Davidson* and others, and have had proofs before them of the publication of notice in a paper within the District, but no certificate of the notice having been posted on the Church doors; Mr. *Colville*, however, (a Member of Your Honorable House,) appeared before Your Committee, and stated, that after publishing the notices in the Gazette, he transmitted copies of the same, by his own servants, to be placarded on the Church doors of the several Parishes interested in the matter; he subsequently saw several of these notices after they were affixed to the Church doors, and has every reason to believe that all of them were posted up according to his direction. Your Committee would respectfully recommend that this evidence be received as sufficient proof that the Rules of Your Honorable House have been complied with.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill relating to Letters Patent, whereby any waste and other lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith occasioning delay and expense, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Letters Patent Crown Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Law and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery.

Forgery Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.

Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Bill.

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

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

Ordered, That the proper officer do lay before this House, a Statement of the amount of Customs Duties collected and paid into the Provincial Treasury, at the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, the expense attending the same, and the nett amount received, in separate columns; also, a like Statement from *St. John's, Kingston, Toronto, and Hamilton*; also, a like Statement from every other interior Port in *Canada*, for the years 1840, 1841, 1845, and 1846; also, a Statement of the expenses attending the new Department called the Commissioner of Customs,—in order that the comparative amounts received, and cost of collection and expenses at each separate Port may be contrasted, for the information of this House; and that a tabular Statement of the same may be appended to the Public Accounts.

Customs.

Lands Parti-
tion Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in certain cases, 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 twentieth instant.

Service of Pro-
cess Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the service of process in real actions wherein the party Defendant is resident without the limits of the District of the situation of the property in dispute.

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

Limitation of
Actions Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Statute of the 8 *Victoria*, Chapter 31, and to make other provisions for the limitation of Actions.

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

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

Address re-
specting Quar-
antine Station
at *Grosse Isle*.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to pray that all communications and documents in relation to the Quarantine Station at *Grosse Isle*, and also all instructions and orders relating to the management of the same, be communicated to this House.

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

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

Address re-
specting the Sa-
guenay Terri-
tory.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will take into his consideration the remote and isolated situation of the new Settlements on the *Saguenay*, and the total want of roads to communicate with the old Settlements,—their want of Courts of Justice, the disadvantages of locality and climate to which the Settlers there are subjected, the indigence and destitute condition generally of those who locate themselves in that quarter,—and, finally, the importance of encouraging emigration into the extensive and unsettled regions bordering on the *Saguenay* and *Lake St. John*, from the surplus population of the neighbouring parts of *Lower Canada*; and will graciously be pleased to grant to all such Settlers as are actually at the present time settled upon the waste Lands of the Crown in the County of *Saguenay*, and have *bonâ fide* made improvements thereupon, titles to the land they respectively occupy, not exceeding one hundred acres to each family, at such low rate, per acre, as will suffice to cover the expense of Survey, and without a view to the production of revenue from the sale of such lands to the *bonâ fide* occupants thereof.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to take into consideration the expediency of ordering an exploration of that part of the country in the rear of *Quebec*, in a straight line as far as *Lake St. John*, so as to ascertain whether in that locality the soil is fit for agricultural purposes, and of such value as to justify the tracing, and subsequently the opening, of a road between those two localities.

Address for
Survey of
country in rear
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 Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron of Lanark* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the payment of School money to the Teachers in the *Bathurst* District, for the year 1845, notwithstanding that there was no assessment for schools in that District in said year.

Bathurst
School Money
Bill for 1845.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron of Lanark* have leave to bring in a Bill to declare the operation of the third clause of the 13th section of the Act of the 9th *Victoria*, chapter twenty, in operation in the *Bathurst* District, for the year 1846, the said District not being in a position to fulfil the requirements of said clause.

Bathurst
School Money
Bill for 1846.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to double costs, notices of actions, limitation of actions, and pleas of the general issue, under certain Acts of Parliament.

Double Costs
Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances.

Malicious In-
juries Bill.

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

Mr. *Monro*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, 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.

Bytown Incor-
poration Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, being read;

Montreal New
City Gas Com-
pany Bill.

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

Toronto, &c.
Telegraph
Company Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*, being read;

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

Advocates (L.
C. Fees Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act therein mentioned, and allow certain Fees to Advocates appearing in cases before Commissioners Courts in the City of *Quebec*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read: and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Hastings Re-
gistration of
Titles Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to alter and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings* in *Upper Canada*," being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read: and committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

Winter Roads
Bill

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 of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec* on the south of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the north of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively, 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.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 17° die Junii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Chalmers*,—The Petition of *Caleb Hopkins*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Nelson*, *Trafalgar*, and *Esquesing* in the *Gore* District.

By Mr. *Monro*,—The Petition of *Joseph Tomlinson*, and others, of *Markham* and other Townships in the *Home* District.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of Mrs. *M. A. F. Viger* and other Ladies, Directresses of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of *Thomas Waters* and others, of *Port Dover* and its neighbourhood, in the District of *Talbot*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of *John Frothingham*, Esquire, and others, the President, Vice-President, and Directors of the City Bank.

By Mr. *Scott*, The Petition of *F. E. Globensky*, Esquire, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *Joseph Burray* and others, of the County of *Megantic*,

and of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, in the County of *Lotbinière*.

An engrossed Bill to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned, relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec* on the south of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the north of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Boutillier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, That the following Clause, marked A, be added to the said Bill by way of *Ryder*, and do make part thereof:

CLAUSE A.

"Provided always, and be it enacted, that so much of the said Ordinances as aforesaid, shall be and is hereby repealed also, in so far as regards the County of *St. Hyacinthe* and the County of *Richelieu*, anything in the foregoing section to the contrary notwithstanding."

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Chabot, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt, Powell, Price, Prince, Scott, and Thompson*.—(22.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Brooks, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Fournier, Hale, Lyon, Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *M'Connell, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Viger, Webster, and Williams*.—(30.)

So it passed in the negative.

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 of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec* on the south of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the north of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively."

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes, 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.

An engrossed Bill relating to Letters Patent whereby any waste and other lands of the Crown in *Lower Canada* are granted, and to dispense with certain unnecessary formalities connected therewith occasioning delay and expense, was read 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.

Winter Roads
Bill passed

Bytown Inco-
poration Bill
passed.

Letters Patent
Crown Lands
Bill passed.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Philemon Dugar*, of the Township of *Rawdon*; praying remuneration for a certain sum expended by him in erecting a Bridge for the benefit of the public in the said Township.

Of *John E. Mills*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Montreal*; praying to be authorized to construct a Railroad to form part of a direct line to the Cities of *New York* and *Boston*, and also to erect a Bridge over the River *Richelieu* in connection therewith.

Of *John E. Mills*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; praying for an extension of their Charter, and for authority to borrow a sum of money for the purposes of the said Company.

Of *John Cameron* and others, of the Townships of *Cumberland* and *Clarence*, District of *Ottawa*; praying for an inquiry into the proceedings of the Board of Works with reference to the Post Road from *I. Orignal* to *Bytown*, and that the work thereon may proceed without delay.

Of *Mrs. S. S. Wilkes* and other Ladies, Office-bearers of the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum; praying pecuniary aid in support of the said Institution.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Brock*; praying the House to sanction the construction of a Railroad from *Woodstock* to *Lake Erie*, and commodious Harbours and Steamboats on the said Lake.

Of *John Finker* and others, proprietors and holders of saw and grist mills on the *Otter* and *Big Creeks*, in the Districts of *Brock*, *London*, and *Talbot*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railroad from *Woodstock* to *Port Burwell*, and to form Harbours and build Steamboats and Schooners on *Lake Erie*.

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital; praying for an increase of grant in aid of the said Institution.

Of the *Montreal* Gas Light Company; praying that in the event of the formation of a new Gas Light Company in the City of *Montreal*, their rights may be guarded by certain provisions.

Of the *Montreal* Ladies Benevolent Society; praying for pecuniary aid.

Of the Reverend *George Romanes*, Moderator of the Synod of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; praying for an Act to establish a Fund for the support of the widows and orphans of Ministers of the said Synod.

Of the Reverend *George Romanes*, Moderator of the Synod of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*; praying that the constitution of the University of *King's College* may be amended and placed under more liberal management, and that in the meantime a separate endowment be made for *Queen's College* at *Kingston*.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Litchfield*, in the District of *Sydenham*; praying for aid to improve the road from the village of *Portage du Fort* in the said Township, to the head of the *Calumette* Rapids.

Of *Daniel Arnoldi*, Esquire, and others, Medical Practitioners of *Canada East*; praying to be incorporated as the "College of Physicians and Surgeons" of *Canada East*, and that they may enjoy certain powers, rights, and privileges.

Of the Reverend *A. Théberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying that *P. P. Lachapelle* have the exclusive privilege of constructing a Bridge from *Sault au Recollet* to *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Petitions read.

Of *Eusebe Hétier* and others, of the lower part of *Ste. Rose*, in *Isle l'Jesus*; praying that *P. P. Lachapelle* have the exclusive privilege of constructing a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, opposite *Sault au Recollet*.

Of *J. N. Muir* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation du Sault au Recollet*, in the County of *Montreal*; praying that *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* have the exclusive privilege of constructing a Bridge from *Sault au Recollet* to *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Of the Honorable *Andrew William Cochran*, D.C.L., Vice President of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying for a further grant to enable them to obtain certain documents relating to the early History of *Canada*.

Of the Honorable *Andrew William Cochran*, D.C.L., Vice President of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; praying for the usual grant in aid of the general objects of the said Society.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, the Minister, Elders, and Trustees of *St. Anne's Church*, *Quebec*; praying pecuniary aid in support of a school in connection with the said Church.

Of *F. A. Pillet* and others, of *Lachine* and other Parishes; praying for amendments to the *Montreal Turnpike Roads' Act*.

Of *Alexis Thibodeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*; praying for the repeal of the Education Act.

Of Messieurs *Turner* and *Murray*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying compensation for loss and damage sustained by them by the non-payment and delay of certain amounts due them by the Board of Works.

Of the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, of the Village of *Dundas*; praying that the Petition for the incorporation of the said Village be not entertained.

Of *Edward C. Campbell*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; praying for a general Act to incorporate all proprietors of Telegraph Lines.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the Town of *Niagara* may be exempted to a certain extent from the operation of the common School Act, 9 *Vict.* ch. 20.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying that the duties and powers of providing for the Insane destitute persons in the said District may be transferred to them from the Justices of the Peace.

Of *Archibald Gilkison*, of the City of *Hamilton*, Esquire; praying that the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada* may be authorized to admit him, at their discretion, to practise therein as an Attorney and Solicitor.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Lessard*, in the County of *Rimouski*; of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Rimouski*; of *C. F. Caron*, Mayor, and *H. Garon*, S.T., on behalf of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Simon*; of the Municipal Council of *Trois Pistoles*; and of the Municipal Council of *Bic*; praying for amendments to the Registry Laws.

Of the Municipal Council of the Municipality of *Rimouski*; praying for amendments to the Education Act.

Of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*; praying for aid to enable them to construct a Bridge over the *Rimouski* River, and a Wharf at *St. Germain*.

Of the Municipal Council of *St. Simon*; of the Municipal Council of *Bic*; and of the Municipal Council of *Metis*; praying for the establishment of a permanent Court in the Parish of *St. Germain*.

Of the Municipal Council of *Rimouski*; praying that in the event of the union of the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski* for Judiciary purposes, the chief place be established at *St. Germain*.

Petitions read.

Of the Municipal Council of *Matane*, relating to the formation of a new District of the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Rimouski*, and praying that the chief place be established at *St. Germain*.

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

Of *Joseph Richard Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, Home District; praying for aid to complete the Provincial Road from the Narrows on *Lake Simcoe* to *Windsor Harbour*.

Of *Mathew Cowan* and others, of the Township of *Brock*, in the Home District; praying that the Act to provide for the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams over certain streams may be extended to all streams in this Province.

Of *Abner Hurd*, of the Township of *Reach*, in the Home District; praying remuneration for damage sustained by him in consequence of the construction of a certain part of the *Windsor* and *Scugog* Road above and partly upon his mill dam.

Of *Russell Farmer* and others, of the Townships of *Reach*, *Brock*, and *Uxbridge*, in the Home District; representing the advantages which would result from opening and improving the Centre Road from the fifth Concession of *Reach* to the *Talbot River*, and praying relief.

Of *Abner Nash* and others, of the Townships of *Whitby*, *Pickering*, and *Reach*; representing the advantages which would result from completing the line of Road from *Windsor* to *Sturgeon Bay*, and praying relief.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle*; praying that the appointment of Collectors and Assessors may be vested in them, and that they may be empowered to enforce order in the said Council.

Of *Peter M'Lauren* and others, of the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the County of *Prescott*; praying for the division of the said Township in two parts, and that the rear half be called the Township of *Elgin*.

Of *C. H. Lasisseraye*, of the Town of *Three Rivers*; praying for payment of certain arrears due the School of which he is the Principal Master.

Of *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, and others, proprietors of the *Quebec Library*; praying for the repeal of the Ordinance 4 *Vict.* chapter 20, incorporating the Trustees of the said Library.

Of *B. H. LeMoine*, Esquire, and others, Associates of the *Garden River* and *Huron Mining Company*; praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of *George Desbarats* and *T. A. Stayner*, Associates of the *British and Canadian Mining Company of Lake Superior*; praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Josiah Classon*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying indemnification for certain losses sustained by him as a Contractor to the Government during the late War with the *United States*.

Of the Corporation of the Society of Education of the District of *Quebec*; praying the usual pecuniary aid, and a further grant to defray certain additional expenses in consequence of the fire of 28th June, 1845.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Edouard M. Leprohon*, Esquire, and *Joseph A. Berthelot*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *John E. Mills*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Chairman of the Committee of Management of the Company of Proprietors of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad; and the Petition of *John E. Mills*, Esquire, and others, of the District of *Montreal*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Petition of Leprohon and Berthelot;

Of J. E. Mills;

Of J. E. Mills and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, and others, proprietors of the *Quebec Library*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, 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.

Petition of A. Campbell and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Jesse Dunn Armstrong*, Esquire, and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Boutillier*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, Mr. *Williams*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, and the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Petition of J. D. Armstrong, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Frederick Fraser Carruthers*, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Prince*, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, Mr. *Gowan*, and Mr. *Price*, 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 F. F. Carruthers, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Isaac Humphrey Culp*, of the Township of *Stamford*, in the District of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, 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.

Petition of I. H. Culp, referred.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Second Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Pierre Vieau* and others, and find that the notices required by the Rules of Your Honorable House have been duly given, as in also the case with regard to the Petition of Colonel *Light* and others.

As respects the Petitions of *Isaac Beecher*, *George C. Hamilton* and others, and *George J. Grange* and others, they find that the requisite notices have been published in the newspapers, but that notices have not been affixed to the church doors, or other public places in the different localities. This is also the case with the Petition of *John Prince* and others, praying for the incorporation of a Mining Company, whose operations are proposed to be carried on on the shores of *Lake Superior*; and there being no settlement within several hundred miles of this locality, the last mentioned provision could not of course be complied with.

In the case of the Petition of *Peter Bradt*, of *Clinton*, praying for the removal of certain boundary monuments therein, Your Committee find that no public notice whatever has been given.

The Petitions of *F. F. Carruthers*, and *T. Mussen* and others, Your Committee would respectfully submit, are not of such a nature as to come under their order of reference.

Your Committee beg leave also to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, the following Resolution, which they have adopted:—

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That the latter part of the 66th Rule, requiring notice of applications to the Legislative Assembly to be affixed to the church doors of the Parishes or Townships that such application may affect, has not been complied with in *Upper Canada*, nor is the same applicable thereto.

66th Rule.
On motion of Mr. *Leslie*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,
Resolved, That the latter part of the 66th Rule of
this House requiring notice of applications to be
affixed to the church doors of the Parishes or
Townships that such applications may affect in
Upper Canada, be suspended during the present
Session.

Petition to be
printed.
Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable
Andrew William Cochran, D.C.L., Vice-Presi-
dent of the Literary and Historical Society of
Quebec, be printed for the use of Members of
this House.

Address res-
pecting Indian
Affairs.
On motion of Mr. *Price*, seconded by the Honora-
ble Mr. *Baldwin*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented
to His Excellency the Governor General, pray-
ing that His Excellency will be pleased to cause
to be laid before this House, copies of all Cor-
respondence which has passed between His Ex-
cellency, or His Excellency's predecessors, and
Samuel P. Jarvis, Esquire, Chief Superintendent
of Indian affairs, relative to the Accounts of the
Indian Department; also, all and every Cor-
respondence which has passed between His Ex-
cellency, or his predecessors, and the several Ac-
countants who have been engaged in investi-
gating the said Accounts, together with the
Special Report of the *Kingston* Commission on
the said Accounts; as also, the several State-
ments of Account and Reports of the Account-
ants herein referred to, which have been rendered
to His Excellency, or his predecessors,—the said
Correspondence commencing from the period
Mr. *Jarvis* was directed to hand over his Ac-
counts to the Civil Secretary's office.

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

Address res-
pecting Emi-
grants.
On motion of Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by *Chauveau*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented
to His Excellency the Governor General, pray-
ing that His Excellency will be pleased to lay
before this House, copies of any Instructions
that may have been given to the Chief Agent
of Emigrants, or to any other person, respecting
the erection of Sheds for the reception of Emi-
grants within the City of *Quebec*, and copies of
any Correspondence that may have taken place
on this head; also, praying that His Excellency
will be pleased to cause immediate inquiry to be
made, whether such Sheds as may be necessary
might not be erected at some distance from the
City, or on the opposite side of the River at
Quebec; and also respecting the most convenient
place for a temporary Hospital out of the pre-
cincts of the City, for the reception of such
persons as may be unable from want or sickness
to proceed to their respective places of destina-
tion.

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

Address res-
pecting har-
bours, wharves,
&c. below
Quebec.
On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, seconded by Mr.
Méthot,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
His Excellency the Governor General, praying
him to order to be laid before this House, copies
of all Reports, Plans, Correspondence, &c.,
having taken place under the direction of the
Board of Public Works since the last Session of
Parliament, for the improvement of the River

St. Lawrence below *Quebec*, either in building
wharves, erecting harbours, or otherwise; and
also every other information which it is in the
power of the said Board of Works to give on
that subject.

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

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

Ordered, That it be a further instruction to the
Select Committee appointed to enquire into the
manner in which the affairs of the Seignior of
Lauzon, since its acquisition by the Province,
have been managed, to ascertain and report the
balance that may still be due upon the defalca-
tion of the late Sir *John Caldwell*, as Receiver
General of *Lower Canada*; the estate real, or
assets, remaining liable therefor, and the expe-
dience of legal measures for realizing such
balance from the residue of his said estate, in so
far as the same may be available for the purpose;
with leave to the said Committee to report from
time to time, as occasion may require.

Instruction to
a Committee.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, se-
conded by Mr. *Price*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to
His Excellency the Governor General, praying
that there be laid before the House, copies of
the several proclamations, orders, and letters of
instruction under which Tolls were collected at
the *Windsor* Harbour in the years 1845, 1846,
and 1847, respectively; the several proclama-
tions, orders, and letters of instruction for sus-
pending the collections of such Tolls in each
year respectively, with a Statement of the
amounts collected in each year, while the di-
rections for collecting them were in force; and
also a tabular Statement, shewing the rate of
Tolls imposed by the Executive Government, by
authority of Law, at the *Welland Canal*, *Bur-
lington Bay*, and *Windsor Harbour*, for those
years respectively, with separate columns shew-
ing the difference, if any, per centum, the Tolls
so imposed at *Windsor Harbour* bear to those
so imposed at the *Welland Canal* and *Burling-
ton Bay*, respectively; and also a Statement of
the aggregate amount of public money already
laid out upon each of those three works, if com-
pleted,—and if not completed, the amount laid
out, and the amount of the estimate for comple-
ting the same; and also the aggregate amount of
Tolls received from them respectively.

Address res-
pecting Tolls
on Welland
Canal and Bur-
lington Bay
and Windsor
Harbour.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* have leave
to bring in a Bill to enforce the fulfilment of
engagements between Master and Servant.

Master and
Servant 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.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, seconded
by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the
Governor General, delivered to both Houses of
the Provincial Legislature at the opening of the
present Session, be now taken into consideration.

Speech con-
sidered.

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

And the same was again read.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of that Motion.

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

Address respecting Scugog Lake Road.

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, information whether the two thousand pounds voted in 1845, for a line of Road referred to in the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Works for last year, under the name of the "Road from Scugog Lake to the Narrows Bridge," has been all expended, and if so, on what part of the said Road, and when the work was commenced, and when ended; and that he will be pleased to direct to be laid before this House a Statement of the particulars respecting the outlay of the one hundred pounds of this money referred to in Schedule C, of the said Report; and that he will also direct to be laid before this House, copies of the orders or instructions given by the Government and by the Department of Public Works, for laying out the balance of the said two thousand pounds; and also copies of the further report and information called for by the Government, for the purpose of coming to a decision as to the line of Road upon which the same was to be laid out, and referred to in the answer of His Excellency Earl *Cathcart*, to the Address of this House of the 22d May, 1846: and that His Excellency will be further pleased to inform the House, whether any and what decision has been come to by the Government, as to the line to be adopted in uniting the present *Windsor* and *Scugog* Road from the *Talbot* River to the *Narrows* Bridge; and, also, that he will be pleased to direct to be laid before this House, so much of the original and of all subsequent Reports made to the Department of Public Works, and by them to the Government, as relates to the continuation of the Road from the *Talbot* River to the *Narrows* of *Lake Simcoe*, towards its northern terminus at the *Narrows* Bridge, in a straight line to the Bridge,—and the subsequent alteration of that course carrying it westerly out of the direct line to the Village of *Atherlie*, and thus making it describe two sides of a triangle instead of one.

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

Witnesses attendance Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for enforcing the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates 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. *Cummings*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,

Claim of R. Randall.

Ordered, That the Entries in the Journal of the House of Assembly of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, of the 9th, 10th, and 11th Parliaments, and in the Journals of this House of last Session, relating to the claim of the late *Robert Randall*, Esquire, 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 *Isaac Humphrey Culp*, of the Township of *Stamford*, in the District of *Niagara*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Pascal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*, in the District of *Montreal*, and to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same. Lachapelle's Bridge 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 Mr. *Armstrong* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company*. Industry Village Railroad Bill.

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*, being read; Montreal Mining Company

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 amend the Law and facilitate proceedings in actions of *Dower*, being read; Dower Bill.

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 Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*; praying for amendments to the *Militia Act*, 9 *Vict.*, Chap. 28, being read; Militia Act.

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 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 Honorable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, the following Reports and Returns:— Geological Survey.

Report of the Progress made in the Geological Survey of the Province, in the year 1845-6.

Report of the Progress made in the Geological Survey of the Province, in the year 1846-7.

(For the said Reports, see Appendix C.) App. (C.)

Schedule of *Canada* Debentures, in sterling, outstanding and payable in *England*, shewing the periods when redeemable,—and Schedule of *Canada* Debentures, in currency, outstanding and payable within this Province, shewing the several rates of interest, the amount past due, the periods of those coming due, and the amount redeemed from commencement; being exclusive of the guaranteed loan. Debentures.

(For the said Schedule, see Appendix H.) App. (H.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be graciously pleased to cause to be laid before the House, "Copies of all Correspondence in possession of the Government, had since the last Session of Parliament, on the subject of obtaining the co-operation and assistance in the Government of this Province, of gentlemen Correspondence relative to proposed changes in the Executive Council.

“possessing or supposed to possess the confidence of the People of *Lower Canada*.”

(For the said Return, see Appendix I.)

App. (I.)

Correspondence between the Executive and Mr. J. A. Taschereau.

Return to an Address of the House of Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 9th June instant, and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause the proper officer to lay before the House, “Copies of all Correspondence which have taken place between the Executive Government and *Joseph André Taschereau*, Esquire, late Solicitor General for *Lower Canada*, touching his resignation, and touching his appointment to the office of Circuit Judge.”

App. (J.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix J.)

Slander and Libel Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law of Slander and Libel, being read;

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

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*, being read;

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

L'Islet Registry Office Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*, being read;

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

Advocates Fees Bill, (L.C.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to allow certain Fees to Advocates appearing in cases before Commissioners' Courts in the City of *Quebec*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Hastings Registration of Titles Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to alter and amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*,” being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Laurin* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Lunatic Asylum (U.C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to alter and amend an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, authorizing the erection of an Asylum for Insane and Lunatic Persons, and to provide in a more effectual manner for the safe keeping and maintenance of such Insane or Lunatic Persons as have become dangerous to society in the several Districts of *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday the twenty-fifth instant.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Meyers*, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 18° die Junii.

ANNO 10° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Lacoste*,—The Petition of *Mahlon Willett* and others, manufacturers of woollen fabrics and farmers, of *Canada*; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, founder of the College of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *L. Esdras Manseau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie*, County of *Yamaska*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Laterrrière*,—The Petition of the Tribe of *Montagnais* Indians inhabiting the territory formerly known as the *King's Posts*, on the north shore of the *St. Lawrence*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *M. Townsend* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Clarenceville* Academy, County of *Rouville*; the Petition of *A. Chapman* and others, of *Clarenceville*; and the Petition of *W. G. Clark* and others, sufferers of losses by the rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *H. K. Boomer* and others, incorporated as the *Niagara* District Bank; and the Petition of *W. L. Copeland* and others, of *St. Catherine's* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Foster*,—The Petition of *Joseph Scott* and others, of the Township of *Brome*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*, Master of the Grammar School at *Waterloo, Shefford*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *Arthur Acland* and others, of the District of *Huron*; the Petition of *E. W. Thompson*, Esquire, President, on behalf of the Provincial Agricultural Society of *Canada West*; and the Petition of the Magistrates of the District of *Huron*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *William Charles Hume* and others, of *Orillia*, in the District of *Simcoe*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *Jonathan Peasley* and others, of the Township of *Bolton*.

By Mr. *Webster*,—The Petition of *George John Grange* and others, of the District of *Wellington*, (relating to a Railroad.)

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Schuyler Shibley*, of the Township of *Portland*, in the *Midland* District; and the Petition of *Matthew Bostwick*, Preventive Officer in the Customs Department at *Sherbrooke*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of *J. S. Clarke*, M.A., Principal of the *Quebec* Academy; and the Petition of the Reverend *George Mackie* and others, the Committee for the management of the National Schools at *Quebec*.

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

Of *S. M. Eastman* and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the *Western* District; praying that the said Township may not be attached to the *Huron* District as petitioned for.

Of *Charles M. Nixon*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the *Western* District; praying that the said Township may be annexed to the District of *London*.

Of the Honorable *Thomas M'Kay* and others, of *Bytown*; praying an Act of Incorporation to construct a Railroad from *Bytown* to *Britannia*.

Of *William Evans* and others, proprietors on the line of the *Lachine* Canal, *Côte St. Paul*, Parish of *Montreal*; praying indemnification for damage sustained by them through the *Lachine* Canal.

Of *Malcolm M'Naughton* and others, of the *Côte St. Paul*, and others; praying that the *Côte St. Paul* Road to *Lachine* may be repaired and macadamized.

Petitions read.

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Of *J. T. Bronlgeest*, Esquire, President of the *Hamilton Board of Trade*, and others; praying for a general Law giving corporate privileges for manufacturing or other purposes, to any body of persons desiring the same, under proper restrictions.

Of *Thomas Meagher* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying for the repeal of the Municipal and Education Acts.

Of *Raphaël Marcotte* and others, of the Parish of *La Petite Nation*; praying for the repeal of the Municipal and Education Acts.

Of *Joseph Bradshaw* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Scholastique*, County of *Two Mountains*; praying for the repeal of the Municipal and Common School Acts, and that the School Law of 1830 may be revived.

Of *William Wiseman*, junior, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the Western District; praying that the existing law may be so amended as to relieve honest debtors from imprisonment for contempt of Court.

Of *A. Simpson*, Esquire, stockholders in the "*Lake Huron Silver and Copper Company*;" praying for an Act of Incorporation, or for a general Act conferring corporate powers on all such companies.

Of *Andrew Shaw* and others, stockholders of the "*Montreal Telegraph Company*;" praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *C. T. Caron* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin, Isle Jésus*; praying for amendments to the Education Act.

Of the *Quebec Library Association*; praying for a grant of money for the purchase of Books.

Of the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, Roman Catholic Inhabitants of the Town of *Picton*, in the District of *Prince Edward*; praying for a certain amendment to the Common School Act.

Of *Stephen Bowerman*, of the Township of *Halowell*, District of *Prince Edward*; praying for remuneration for land taken from him by a Survey.

Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*; praying for a grant of money in aid of said Seminary.

Of the Very Reverend *J. Demers* and others, Priests, members of the Catholic Clergy of the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*; praying that the Estates of the late Order of Jesuits may be appropriated to the object for which they were originally intended.

Of *Charles C. Farran*, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, in the Eastern District; praying payment of the amount of his award for damages and losses sustained by the construction of the *St. Lawrence Canal*.

Of the Reverend *Edward G. Sutton* and others; praying that the custom of selling property at the church doors after divine service, on Sundays, may be discontinued.

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

Of *Christie Roberts* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; praying that the Ordinance erecting the said Township into a Roman Catholic Parish may be abrogated, or that a Protestant Parish be erected within the said Township.

Of *George Desbarats* and *S. C. Sewell*, Esquires, in behalf of the "*Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company*;" praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of *E. Desjardins* and others, of *St. Vincent de Paul* and other Parishes; praying that no exclusive pri-

vilège be granted for constructing a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, unless it be above the present ferry.

Of the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan* and others, officers and members of the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the said Institute.

Of the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan*, President, and others, officers and members of the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*; praying a grant of money in aid of the said Institute.

Of the Reverend *George Slack* and others, of the neighbourhood and District of *Montreal*; praying for the repeal of the Act 4 *Victoria* cap. 16, establishing the *Chambly* and *Longueuil Road Trust*, and that the said Trust be placed under the management of the Commissioners of Public Works.

Of *Robert James Begly*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying an inquiry into his dismissal from office as Paymaster to the Board of Works, on a charge of defalcation,—and for the discontinuance of an action now pending against him on the said charge.

Of *S. Derbshire*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*, on behalf of himself and others; praying an Act of Incorporation as the "*Lake Huron and St. Mary's River Mining Company*."

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*; the Petition of *Andrew Shaw* and others, stockholders of the "*Montreal Telegraph Company*;" the Petition of the Honorable *Thomas McKay* and others, of *Bytown*; and the Petition of the *Quebec Bank*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Petitions read.

Petition of Montreal Gas Light Company.
Of A. Shaw and others;
Of T. McKay and others;
Of Quebec Bank;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles M. Nixon*, and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the Western District, and the Petition of *S. M. Eastman* and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the Western District, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. McKenzie* and others, of *Aldborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*.

Of C. M. Nixon and others;
Of S. M. Eastman and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry P. Smith* and others, of the Township of *Walsingham*, in the District of *Talbot*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*.

Of H. P. Smith and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Newcastle* (relating to Collectors, Assessors, and the Council,) be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Williams*, *Mr. Petrie*, *Mr. Chalmers*, *Mr. Dickson*, and *Mr. Cummings*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of Newcastle Municipal Council, referred.

Mr. Leslie, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the third Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Third Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Your Committee find that the Rules of Your Honorable House have been fully complied with in the Petitions of *Joseph Donegani*, *John Mathewson* and others, and *John Lynch* and others; and the notices upon which the Petitions of *A. Simpson* and others, *David Torrance* and others, and *Peter Patterson* and others, for incorporation of Mining Companies on *Lake Superior*, having been published in the *Canada Gazette*, Your Committee conceive that the Rules have also been complied with in these cases.

Third Report
of Committee
on Standing
Orders.

With respect to the Petition of *William Holditch* and others, of *Loughborough*, they find that notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette* only, and in no district paper; but *Mr. Smith*, a member of your Committee, having informed them that, to his certain knowledge, there is but one person in the locality who is opposed to the Petition, and that he has been fully aware of the application, they would recommend that the notice in this case be deemed sufficient.

On the Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin*, your Committee have to report, that all the notices required were given with the utmost publicity,—in some cases for five or six months, but that they ceased in February last, four months prior to the presentation of the Petition. Your Committee would however recommend, that in consideration of the length and full publicity of the notice, the informality in this case be overlooked.

In the case of the Petition of *James Motz*, your Committee have had no proof before them of notice having been affixed at the door of the parish church; but as there is a Petition before Your Honorable House against the prayer of this Petition, they would respectfully suggest that this may be deemed evidence of a sufficient notice.

They have examined the Petition of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and they find a matter contained therein which the notices given by the Company do not embrace, viz., an application for authority to acquire an additional quantity of land at their various termini, depôts and stations; your Committee conceive this to be so important an omission, that they cannot take upon themselves to recommend a suspension of the Rule.

The Petitions of the *British American Land Company*, and of *William Spier* and others, your Committee do not conceive to be of such a nature as to require the usual notice.

Members added to a Committee.

Ordered, That *Mr. Christie* and *Mr. Lantier* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*.

Petitions to be printed.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Seminary of *Nicolet*, and the Petition of the Very Reverend *J. Demers* and others, Priests, members of the Catholic Clergy of the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

School Act Amendment Bill (U.C.)

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Solicitor General Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Common School Act 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 *Mr. Merritt*, seconded by *Mr. Macdonell of Stormont*,

Address respecting Crown Land Department.

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 amount paid for the expenses of the Crown Lands Department, for the years 1845 and 1846, together with the amount of cash received for the sale of Crown Lands during each of the above years, with a Contingent Account shewing the amount paid for postage, law opinions, and other items; also, the amount expended for Register's Office and any other department, or for any other purpose connected with the sale of lands in any other part of the Province, and from what sources the deficiency is made up to pay those ex-

penses, similar to Statements 19 and 20 letter N. N. in Appendix to Journal of 1844; also to make out a Barter Account shewing the amount of Scrip issued for Land Claims, and the number of acres of land exchanged for that Scrip, which two Accounts or Statements will refer to Crown Lands alone; also, a Statement of the receipts and expenditure of each separate resource, from Timber and the Public Domain, yielding a Revenue; also a Statement of the number of acres of Land which has been granted for Claims authorized since the 1st of January, 1843, the amount of Scrip issued, and the amount still to be issued; to be appended to the Public Accounts.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Solicitor General Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works."

Board of Works Bill.

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

On motion of *Mr. Merritt*, seconded by *Mr. Cameron of Lanark*,

Ordered, That the proper officer do lay before this House, a Statement of the amount of Taxes collected in each separate District, from the Returns of the Inspector of Licenses, and paid into the Provincial Treasury; the amount of Taxes collected in each separate District, from the returns of the Clerk of the Peace; the amount of Taxes collected in each separate District, from individuals under the Militia Law, and expended for Militia purposes; the amount of Taxes collected in each separate District for Marriage Licenses, and for every other purpose; with a Statement of the expenditure, to what fund or to whom paid, and for what object, embracing at one view in one column, the total amount of internal Taxes paid by the inhabitants of the Province, for the information of this House; and a tabular Statement of the same to be appended to the Public Accounts.

Order respecting local Taxes.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*.

Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the issue of Debentures for the purposes therein mentioned.

Debentures Bill.

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

On motion of the Honorable *Mr. Cayley*, seconded by the Honorable *Mr. Attorney General Badgley*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the several Acts relating to Duties of Customs.

Customs Acts.

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

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole

Cobourg Railroad Act.

House, for the purpose of amending an Act passed in the last Session of this present Parliament, intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the "*Coboury* Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Medical Faculty (L.C.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery 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 Tuesday the twenty-ninth instant.

Municipal Authorities (L.C.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and 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 Tuesday the twenty-ninth instant.

Montreal Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, 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.

Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Arthur Road 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.

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas Road 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.

Plantagenet Township Division Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart of Prescott* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the *Ottawa* District, into two Townships.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Macdonell of Stormont*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Address respecting Lunatic Asylum (L.C.)

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for amounts in detail of the expenditure of the funds raised by virtue of the 13th and 14th sections of an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled, "An Act to authorize the erection of an Asylum within this Province, for the reception of Insane and "Lunatic Persons," to include the amounts paid from each District separately, when paid, and what steps have been taken to audit the accounts of the various District Treasurers with respect to the said fund; the amount paid for the purchase of ground for the site of the Asy-

lum, and the general expenditure in detail of the cost in the construction thereof,—and from what funds the temporary Asylum at *Toronto* has been supported, and the annual expenditure for the support thereof.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Riddell* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*. Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Bill.

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

The Honorable 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. Messages from His Excellency.

And the said Messages were read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and are as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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

Government House,
Montreal, 18th June, 1847.

Schedule of Despatches accompanying the Message of the 18th June, 1847.

No.	Date.	Subject.
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80	2d June ...	In reply to Address of Assembly respecting Mr. <i>Ryland</i> .
89	3d June ...	In reply to Address of Assembly praying that regard may be had to the interests of <i>Canada</i> , in any change made in the Laws for the admission of Foreign Wheat and Flour into the British Markets.
93	23d June...	In reply to Address of Assembly on Despatch respecting Railways in the Colonies.
103	3d July ...	In reply to Joint Address of Legislative Council and Assembly respecting the <i>New Brunswick</i> Boundary.
24	3d July ...	In reply to Address of Assembly respecting Provincial Duties on Supplies imported for the use of Her Majesty's Troops.
9	30th July...	In reply to Address of Assembly respecting Indian Presents.

(Copy.)
No. 80.

Downing Street,
2nd June, 1847.

My Lord,

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 55, of the 13th May, transmitting an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, praying a favorable consideration of the claims of Mr. *G. H. Ryland*, late Clerk of the Executive Council of *Lower Canada*. Mr. Ryland.

I have it in command to refer Your Lordship to my Despatch, No. 60, of the first of May, 1846, as conveying the views of Her Majesty's Government on Mr. *Ryland's* case; and you will ac-

Mr. Ryland.

quaint the House of Assembly that, for the reasons therein stated, Her Majesty has not been advised to entertain the prayer of their Address.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

The Right Honorable
Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Inclosure.)

(Copy.)
No. 60.

Downing Street,
1st May, 1846.

My Lord,

I have received Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 22, of the 9th of March, upon the subject of the claims of Mr. Ryland to redress for the non-fulfilment of certain expectations held out to him by the Executive Government of *Canada*, in 1841.

I have attentively examined all the documents relating to this case, and I can perceive no ground to doubt that the proper course for Your Lordship to pursue, is to acquaint the House of Assembly, and Mr. Ryland, that on behalf of the British Treasury, Her Majesty's Executive Government have invariably repudiated and denied all liability to make good the engagement formed by Lord Sydenham—that engagement being one which Her Majesty's Government had never authorized beforehand—which had never been reported to them by His Lordship, and which, when brought to their knowledge, they had disapproved, and declined to sanction. Such is the view which I confess myself to entertain of the case, but if the House of Assembly shall think fit to regard the claim as one which ought to be met from the Colonial Funds, I can have no objection to authorize Your Lordship to apply towards Mr. Ryland's indemnity, out of any Canadian Funds at the disposal of the Canadian Government, any sum which the House of Assembly may be of opinion ought to be applied to that gentleman's relief.

Your Lordship will be pleased to communicate the substance of this Despatch to Mr. Ryland, as comprising my answer to the different communications which he has addressed to me upon his case.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,
The Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)
No. 83.

Downing Street,
3rd June, 1846.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Despatch, No. 54, of the 13th May, transmitting to me for presentation to Her Majesty, an Address which has been voted by Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*. In this Address it is set forth that the Assembly of *Canada* regard the adoption of the principle of commercial intercourse, now under the consideration of the Imperial Parliament, with serious apprehension and alarm, and various grounds are stated for entertaining such impressions.

Her Majesty has been pleased to receive this Address with the fullest confidence in the loyalty and intelligence of Her faithful Commons of *Canada*, but it is with sincere concern that Her Majesty has learned the existence, in such a quarter, of anticipations of such a character.

I have it in command from Her Majesty to address to Your Lordship the following observations in regard to the matter of the Address, which have been

submitted by Her Majesty's advisers for Her gracious approval, and to which she has been pleased to give Her sanction.

Foreign Wheat
and Flour.

Her Majesty's Government conceive that the protection principle cannot, with justice, be described as the universal basis either of the general connection between the United Kingdom and its Colonies, or even of their commercial connection. There is a large and important group of the Colonies of this Country having a very extended commerce, and one of a peculiarly British character, in relation to which the protection system has at no time exercised a powerful influence, and in relation to which at present it has little more than a nominal existence. I speak of the Australian Colonies; and it cannot fail to be remarked that while these are the most distant, and, therefore, according to the suppositions of many, the most in need of commercial preference, they have also made the most rapid progress, and have thus most effectually belied that necessity. It is true, indeed, that a part of their material prosperity may be ascribable to the supply of penal labour: but this is far from affording an explanation of the case, since, perhaps the most remarkable instances of vigorous and rapid growth among the Australian Possessions of Her Majesty, have been instances in which penal labour has been altogether unknown. The energy of the Colonists has, without doubt, under Divine Providence, been the main cause of their singular advancement, stimulated but not overborne by distance, and aided, not repressed, by the enjoyment of commercial freedom. The same energies, with less disadvantage of distance to contend against, will, it may be confidently predicted, have a similar effect in developing the resources of British *North America*, and not with less but rather with the more signal success, when capital, industry, and skill shall be left to take their own spontaneous direction, and to turn to account, as individual prudence shall suggest, the abundant materials and instruments of wealth which the bounty of Heaven has bestowed.

Her Majesty's Government have been glad to find that the Assembly has viewed with an unmingled satisfaction the prosperity of *Canada* under the moderate system of protection which has hitherto prevailed: but the Assembly cannot fail to recollect that all the progressive relaxations of that system which, for a series of years past, have been introduced into the Law, have been met and resisted by predictions of the ruin that it was honestly but erroneously conceived would follow them, and that those predictions have with a remarkable uniformity been disappointed. Experience cannot but suggest that a similar insecurity attaches to the renewal of the same expectations founded on the same arguments.

It is not for the sake of controversial or purely argumentative advantage that Her Majesty's Government refer to former apprehensions, and to the manner in which they have been dissipated by the event. A retrospect of this kind is calculated to throw clear and abundant light upon the real merits of the question. The fears which are now entertained have reference to the circumstance that it is proposed to remove all differential duty between Canadian and Foreign Corn. Is it then to be shewn, that the Canadian Corn Trade has prospered heretofore in proportion to the amount of such differential duty? Far otherwise; the Law of 1828 diminished the difference in favour of *Canada*. The Law of 1842 farther and greatly diminished the difference in favor of *Canada*. The Law of 1843, which reduced the duty on Canadian Wheat to one shilling per quarter, still left a much smaller difference in its favor as against Foreign Wheat, than existed under either of the former Corn Laws. And yet the Corn Trade of *Canada* has grown and prospered, and its extension has doubtless contributed in no small degree

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to the happiness and prosperity of the people of the Colony which the Assembly, sharing in the unmingled satisfaction of Her Majesty and the British Parliament, has seen advancing in steady and successful progression. But this extension has taken place not under protection secured from change, nor under protection fortified by successive increments, but contemporaneously with a series of changes involving its great diminution.

It appears to be the impression of the Assembly that some great revolution of prices is likely to occur, as the consequence of the pending changes in the Law, which will deprive the Canadian Farmer of all hope of remuneration for his surplus produce. But the Canadian Farmer is advancing from year to year in capital and in science; and, to say nothing of the great advantages he cannot fail to derive from improved communications, it would surely be rash to assert, nor probably do the Assembly in their Address intend to imply, that his industry must be paralysed unless he shall continue to receive the precise amount of average payment for his grain that he has hitherto received for it. Doubtless the alarm which has been excited has reference to the idea of some sudden great and permanent reduction of price to follow the repeal of the British Corn Law. Without pretending to estimate too nicely the momentary or the occasional effects of that measure, Her Majesty's Government cannot but admit that they could better appreciate, at least, certain presumptive, though far from demonstrative grounds for the alarm of the Canadian Agriculturist in regard to the future fortunes of the Colony, if they shared in such an anticipation. To some reduction of average and usual price from the removal of artificial restraints they are disposed to look forward; but when they consider the steady and rapid growth of population in the Corn-producing countries of the globe, they cannot but be persuaded that it would be unwise, whether in the friends or the opponents of commercial relaxation, to recommend or dissuade it on the ground of any great revolution in permanent prices to be operated by it; and their expectations of advantage, sanguine as these expectations are, have reference in a greater degree to the increased steadiness of the market, and to the vigor which general trade will derive from the removal of restraints upon the exchange of commodities, and agriculture from the cessation of all artificial influence disturbing the balance of its several pursuits, and from the wholesome stimulus that competition, which in farming pursuits can scarcely become overwrought, rarely fails to impart to industry.

I am unwilling to repeat at length the arguments which I have addressed to Your Lordship in my Despatch No. 66, of the 18th of May, with respect to the other great subject of the alarm of the Assembly, namely, the trade in Lumber. When, however, we revert to the year 1842, it cannot but be acknowledged that this was the case of a trade peculiarly artificial as it stood under the former law. The reduction, though graduated, was decisive; perhaps in no case has it been more so, and certainly in no case have more uniform confident or sincere prophecies of ruin been hazarded by the opponents of the change. The result is, that the export of Timber from British North America to this Country attained during the last year to a height which it had never reached under the more protective law. I do not mean that the withdrawal of protection was either the exclusive, or even the principal direct cause of this prosperity; although there cannot be a doubt that many trades have to refer their vigor to the fact that the absence of artificial support has in their case given free operation to the stimulus necessary for the development of natural and permanent resources. Increased demand in the United Kingdom has without

doubt been the main and the immediate cause of the increased export of Wood from British North America; but it is the conviction of Her Majesty's Government that such increased demand was itself referable in no small degree to the relaxations of our Commercial Law, and therefore in its due proportion the growth of the Timber trade is truly and justly, even if circuitously, to be ascribed to that very diminution of protection from which its ruin had been anticipated. We are now to look forward with hope to a further increase of the consuming power of this country; a further encouragement to the use of Timber as compared with competing articles capable of being applied to the same purposes; a further encouragement to the use of Canadian Timber in combination with the wood of the *Baltic*, for those objects in regard to which the consumption of the one directly stimulates the consumption of the other; is it too much to hope that causes so similar may produce like effects, and that the caution with which Parliament has proceeded in the gradual reduction of the Timber Duties to a moderate standard, may be again rewarded by the satisfaction with which it will witness a further growth in the Wood trade of *Canada*.

Her Majesty's Government therefore, cannot, on the part of the Imperial Exchequer, share in the fear that increased Freedom of Trade will have the effect of crippling the resources of those important Public Works which are designed to facilitate the transit of the Produce of *Canada* by the *St. Lawrence* to the Sea. They can by no means subscribe to the opinion that the comparative dearthness of this route is an established fact; and they likewise feel that if they did subscribe to that opinion, although it might corroborate the propriety of the course they have pursued in suggesting to Parliament—the interposition of an interval before entire freedom shall be given to the Corn Trade, it could do no more: it could not induce them to ask, nor Parliament to grant,—nor, they are certain, could it induce the people of *Canada* to desire that the market of their Farm produce should be maintained by means of a perpetual tax upon the people of *England*.

In referring to the unchecked competition which, so far as British Law is concerned, will be established between Colonial and Foreign Corn by the repeal of the Corn Law, it perhaps may not have occurred to the Assembly, that British Law alone cannot suffice to establish this competition. The price which the Colonial and Foreign Exporters of Corn respectively will obtain for their Grain in *Great Britain*, must always be materially affected by the comparative degrees of facility which may be afforded in the country of the one and of the other, for the introduction of those British Goods by which payment for the Corn must substantially be made. British Goods are admitted into *Canada* at very low,—into the *American Union*, at very high Import Duties. The effect of this is not merely to give the British Exporter a better position in the Canadian Market than in that of the *United States*, but to enable him to give a better price for the commodity he purchases in return, and therefore to give to the Corn Trade of *Canada* a corresponding advantage, so long as the present Tariffs continue over that of the *United States*.

With respect to that portion of the Address which prays Her Majesty to invite the Government of the *United States* to establish an equality of Trade between the Dominions of the Republic and the British *North American Colonies*, I am commanded to instruct Your Lordship to assure the Assembly that Her Majesty will readily cause directions to be given to Her Minister at *Washington* to avail himself of the earliest suitable opportunity to press this important subject on the notice of that Government, and it will

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afford Her Majesty the most sincere satisfaction if any communication which may hereafter be held for this purpose, shall have the effect which is desired by Her faithful Commons of *Canada*.

Her Majesty's Government have, as may be known to the Assembly, on several occasions endeavoured to make arrangements with Foreign Powers for the mutual relaxation of Tariffs; and similar attempts have taken place among Foreign powers, one with the other; but almost uniformly with ill success. Whatever arguments may be used to shew the great increase of benefit that would accrue on both sides, if the *United States* could have been induced to act simultaneously for the purpose, experience has sufficiently shewn the difficulty of effecting these combined operations upon matters which are properly of domestic concern; and has suggested the wisdom of securing the incomplete advantage which depends upon our own free agency alone, rather than of foregoing it in the vain endeavour to realize benefits, larger indeed, but not within our reach.

Should the Government of the *United States* continue to maintain the scale of import duties now in force upon its frontier, Her Majesty's Government will view with regret a policy injurious to *Canada*: but they will reflect with satisfaction on the prevalence of laws more favourable to commerce on the Canadian side, and will anticipate from those laws both a direct benefit to the People and Trade of the Province, and the further advantage which a consistent example, given by this country and by its colonies, will, as they believe, not fail to realize, in disposing Foreign States towards the removal of restrictions on Trade.

With respect to that part of the Address which relates to the duty of one shilling per quarter, which it is proposed to charge on all Wheat imported into *England* after the repeal of the Corn Law, I am to refer Your Lordship to my Despatch No. 56, of the 18th of April, on the same subject. From the purport of that Despatch it would, of course, be even more difficult to recede at a period when the Bill introduced into the House of Commons by the Advisers of the Crown has passed through all its stages in that House, and has been affirmed as to its principle on the second reading in the House of Lords.

It is necessary for me here to offer an explanation with regard to an expression of mine which appears to have given rise to misapprehension. I have stated to Your Lordship in a previous Despatch that Her Majesty's Government desire that the Trade of *Canada* should in all respects approach as near to perfect freedom as the dispositions of its inhabitants and the exigencies of the Public Revenue there may permit; and from this it is inferred that the amount of 1s. per quarter, which has been adopted for a long period in this country as the standard of a nominal duty upon Corn, ought to be removed. But the language which I employed had reference to the Trade of *Canada* as affected by laws applicable in her own markets and on her own waters. Indeed, if the allusion had been to a rigid and perfect equality of trade in the ports and markets of this country, its first and most important bearing would, I apprehend, have been, not upon the nominal duty of a shilling which it is proposed to retain upon Colonial in common with Foreign Corn, but rather upon the very considerable duties of fifteen and eighteen shillings respectively, which, as against nominal duties of one or two shillings on Canadian Timber and Deals, it is proposed to continue to charge on the corresponding foreign articles.

Her Majesty's Government in the discharge of their duty to the Crown and to the people of this country, and likewise to the Empire at large, have not felt themselves to be at liberty to advise Her

Majesty to pass by the Address of the Canadian Assembly with a brief or merely formal answer, although the advanced stage at which the deliberations of Parliament have now arrived might have afforded at least a technical justification for such a course. They have thought a more frank and full exposition of their views of this great question in its bearings upon *Canada*, was due to the important body from which the Address proceeds, and from which they are well assured may be anticipated the most candid consideration even of arguments opposed to their own. It is due especially on account of the importance of that body and of the Province of *Canada*; but even in the case of the smallest portion of Her subjects, I have it in command to say that it would equally have been the desire of Her Majesty that such a frank exposition of the policy of Her Government should be made. Her Majesty does not recognize the distinction between Her nearer and Her more remote subjects with reference to a matter so nearly touching Her relation towards them, and the duties and the sentiments of consideration and affection which it involves. Nor can She recognize in this view any distinction between the more and the less powerful, particularly at a time when Her Parliament is engaged in the discussion of measures which are recommended to its notice, especially upon the ground that they tend to improve the condition of the most numerous and the least opulent classes of Her people. It would indeed be a source of the greatest pain to Her Majesty's Government, if they could share in the impression that the connection between this country and *Canada* derived its vitality from no other source than from the exchange of commercial preferences. If it were so it might appear to be a relation consisting in the exchange, not of benefits, but of burthens; if it were so, it would suggest the idea that the connection itself had reached or was about to reach the legitimate term of its existence. But Her Majesty's Government still augur for it a long duration, founded upon a larger and firmer basis,—upon protection rendered from the one side, and allegiance freely and loyally returned from the other,—upon common traditions of the past and hopes of the future,—upon resemblances in origin, in laws, and in manners, in what invariably binds men and communities of men together, as well as in the close association of these material interests which, as Her Majesty's Government are convinced, are destined not to recede but to advance, not to be severed but to be more closely and healthfully combined under the quickening influences of increased commercial freedom.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

The Right Honorable
The Earl Cathcart, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.(Copy.)
No. 93.Downing Street,
23rd June, 1846.

My Lord,

I have received and laid before the Queen, Your Lordship's Despatch No. 67, of the 29th of May, in which you transmit an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, representing their objection to the second Regulation of my Circular Instructions of the 15th of January last, on the establishment of Railway Companies in the British Colonies.

Your Lordship will refer the Legislative Assembly in answer to this Address, to that passage of my Despatch in which it is stated that I do not insist on the provisions therein contained, "as absolutely

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"indispensable in every Colony and in every Railway Act," and you will inform the House that Her Majesty will be advised to recognize as adequate for their purpose, the reasons alleged by them for departing from the rule requiring a certain amount of Deposit money. Her Majesty, therefore, will not be advised to withhold Her assent from the Bills passed in the last Session for the establishment of Railway Companies in *Canada*, in consequence of the non-observance of this Regulation.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Governor General.

Lieutenant General

Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 103.

Downing Street,
3rd July, 1846.

My Lord,

New Brunswick Boundary

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 64, of 29th May, in which you transmit Addresses to the Queen from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, relative to the disputed Boundary Line between that Province and *New Brunswick*, and I have to instruct Your Lordship to acquaint the two Houses of the Legislature of *Canada*, that Her Majesty has been pleased graciously to receive their Address. My Despatch, No. 99, of the 2nd instant, which you will receive by the present opportunity, will place Your Lordship in possession of the measures adopted by Her Majesty's Government for the adjustment of the question in dispute between the two Provinces.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieutenant General,

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Military.

No. 24.

Downing Street,
3rd July, 1846.

My Lord,

Duties on Supplies.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch of the 5th June, No. 69, transmitting an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, which relates to the exemption from Duty of Live Stock and other Provisions imported from the *United States* for the use of the Royal Troops serving there.

It is the opinion of Her Majesty's Advisers that the principles which appear to be recognized in the Address are just; namely, that Supplies required for the use of Her Majesty's Forces ought not to be enhanced in price by means of imposts placed upon them for the advantage of the Provincial Treasury; but that, on the other hand, as it has been found by experience that a direct exemption, by anticipation, from Customs Duty has led to fraud, and threatens, in certain cases, to neutralize the effect of laws which have been passed by the Provincial Assembly and the Legislative Council, and have received the assent of the Crown, such exemption ought not to be continued.

In the Despatch to which reference has been made, Her Majesty's Government had no other purpose, so far as this particular subject is concerned, than to make provision for giving effect to the first of these principles. As to the question whether the end is to be attained by an express enactment of exemption from duty beforehand, or by a repayment or allowance

founded on the actual consumption, there was no desire that that or any such question should be ruled otherwise than according to the inclination of the Provincial Legislature; and they have tendered their advice to the Crown accordingly.

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But I need scarcely observe that the principle which has been laid down, and of which I have now endeavoured to guard the application, extends alike to all articles imported into *Canada*, and charged with Customs Duty, and not merely to such as may be imported from the *United States*.

I am therefore to desire that you will in due time apprise the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty entirely participates in their desire that, while the Supplies required for the use of Her Majesty's Forces, are relieved from the burden of any direct impost, this rule should not inconveniently interfere with the general structure or operation of the Law: and any arrangement which secures such relief and avoids such interference, will be satisfactory to Her Majesty.

I forbear from addressing you further in respect to the Act itself, until I shall have been definitively informed of the amendments which have been made in it, and of the form in which it stands for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure; in the mean time I have, I hope, sufficiently conveyed to you the general view by which Her Majesty will be guided so far as the particular subject of the exemption of Supplies from Duty is concerned.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) W. E. GLADSTONE.

Lieut. General.

The Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B.

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

No. 9.

Downing Street,
30th July, 1846.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 58, of the 16th May, in which you transmit an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, representing the objections which they entertain to the discontinuance of the usual Presents to the descendants of the Indians in that Province, who should be born after the 1st of last May.

Indian Presents.

I have laid this Petition before the Queen, and Her Majesty has been pleased to receive the same very graciously. I have, however, not felt myself at liberty to advise Her Majesty to adopt the conclusions of the House of Assembly on this subject. It is with much regret that I have been compelled to differ from the views of that House, supported as they are by your own recommendation; but on a full consideration of the subject, I cannot regard the request now preferred as one which would justify me in departing from the conclusion formed by Lord *Stanley*.

There appears to be no ground for regarding the continuance of the Presents as guaranteed on the honor of the British Crown. In the Report of the Committee of the Assembly, references are made to a "pledge." But of the existence of any direct pledge of the nature alluded to, no evidence is adduced; and the Report seems to rely rather on the general conduct of the local Executive as implying a pledge, which I do not find from the records of this Office has ever received the deliberate sanction of Her Majesty's Government. I can therefore only look upon this as a question of policy, and as such I am constrained to state that neither, on the ground of securing the defence of the Province against external enemies, nor on the ground of the interests of the Indians themselves, can I regard it as desirable to depart

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from the intention of effecting a gradual reduction of these Presents.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) GREY.

Governor General,
Lieutenant General
Earl Cathcart, K. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Despatches.

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

Government House,
Montreal, 18th June, 1847.

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(For the Schedule and Despatches accompanying the said Message, see Appendix K.)

To be printed.

Ordered, That the said Messages, and the Documents accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

French Language.

The Honorable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, the following,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 8th instant, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before the House all documents and correspondence between His Excellency and the Secretary for the Colonies, respecting the Address of the Legislature of this Province on the subject of the use of the French Language in all Public Documents.

Memorandum.

There has been no further correspondence since the last Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, which was communicated to Parliament during the last Session.

Blue Book.

The Honorable Mr. *Daly* also laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, the Blue Book for the year 1846.

Militia Act.

Mr. *Meyers*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the Militia Law,) 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 repeal that part of the Act 9th *Victoria*, cap. 28, which relates to the enrolment and fines to be imposed on Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, and to substitute other provisions in lieu thereof.
2. Resolved, That it is expedient to revive the provisions contained in the Act 4th and 5th *Victoria*, cap. 2, relating to the mode of collecting and appropriating Militia Fines.

Militia Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal parts of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Hastings Registration of Titles Bill.

Mr. *Laurin*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to alter and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in *Upper Canada*," reported, according to Order,

the Bill without any amendment; 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 second reading of the Bill for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the Western District of the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive and continue the 4th and 5th Sections of an Act passed in the 4th and 5th 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;

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 incorporate a Company under the style and title of the "*Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Hospital*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances, being read;

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

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

Luna, 21° die Junii.

ANNO 11° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

By Mr. *Lyon*,—The Petition of *Archibald M'Donnell* and others, of *Osgoode*; and the Petition of *Frederick Bearman* and others, of the Districts of *Dalhousie* and *Johnstown*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of *Pierre Perrault* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Nelson*,—The Petition of *W. Anderson* and others, of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *Thomas Locker* and *Orrin H. Tyrrell*, on behalf of the inhabitants of the Township of *Malahide*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Patrick O'Brian, senior*, and others, of the Township of *Mara*, Home District.

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By Mr. *Chalmers*.—The Petition of *John Miller* and others, of the Township of *Nelson*, in the *Gore* District.

By Mr. *Thompson*.—The Petition of *James Tisdale* and others, of the Township of *Caistor*, District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Dickson*.—The Petition of the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company*.

By Mr. *Berthelot*.—The Petition of *Pierre Des-saint*, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, in the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*.—The Petition of *D. D. Calvin* and others, of the Province of *Canada*, Lumber Merchants.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*.—The Petition of *Ferdinand Murphy* and others, of *St. Gabriel of Valcartier*, in the County of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Adolphe Jacquies*, formerly printer and proprietor of a paper called "*Le Fantasque*."

By Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*.—The Petition of *William P. McLaren* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Chabot*.—The Petition of *William S. Sewell*, Esquire, and *Felix Glackemeyer*, in behalf of the Board of Health of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Meyers*.—The Petition of the President and Directors of the *Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company*.

By Mr. *Gowan*.—The Petition of *H. Williams* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Duggan*.—The Petition of *John Collins* and others, the President, Vice-President, and members of the *St. Patrick's Society* of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *James Paterson* and others, of the Township of *Toronto*.

Hastings Re-
gistration of
Titles Bill

An engrossed Bill to alter and amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*, in "*Upper Canada*," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled,
"An Act to remedy certain defects in the Re-
gistration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*,
"in *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Murney* 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 *Caleb Hopkins*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Nelson*, *Trafalgar*, and *Esquesing*, in the *Gore* District; praying for improvements in *Dundas Street*.

Of *Joseph Tomlinson* and others, of *Markham* and other Townships in the Home District; praying to be incorporated as the *Markham and Stouffville Road Company*.

Of Mrs. *M. A. F. Viger* and other Ladies, Directresses of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*; praying for aid in support of the said institution.

Of *Thomas Waters* and others, of *Port Dover* and its neighbourhood, in the District of *Talbot*; praying aid to complete the *Port Dover Harbour*, and to construct an inner Basin therein.

Of *John Frothingham*, Esquire, and others, the President, Vice-President, and Directors of the City Bank; praying for an increase of the Capital Stock of the said Bank.

Of *F. E. Globensky*, Esquire, and others; praying for pecuniary aid to rebuild the *St. Eustache Church*.

Of *Joseph Burray* and others, of the County of *Megantic*, and of the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, in the County of *Lotbinière*; praying aid to alter and improve the *Craig's Road*, from its junction with the

Gosford Road, in the Township of *Ireland*, through certain Townships.

Of *Mahlon Willett* and others, manufacturers of woollen fabrics and farmers, of *Canada*; representing the disadvantages under which they carry on their woollen manufactures, by the Provincial duty on wool, and the *United States* duty on manufactures, and praying relief.

Of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, founder of the College of *Chambly*; praying pecuniary aid for the said College out of the funds appropriated for the purposes of Education.

Of *L. Esdras Manseau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie*, County of *Yamaska*; praying for the repeal of the Education Act.

Of the Tribe of *Montagnais* Indians inhabiting the territory formerly known as the *King's Posts*, on the north shore of the *St. Lawrence*; praying to be indemnified for the lands taken from them by the white men.

Of *M. Townsend* and others, the Board of Directors of the *Clarenceville Academy*, County of *Rouville*; praying pecuniary aid in support of the said Academy.

Of *A. Chapman* and others, of *Clarenceville*; praying that the practice of selling property at the church doors on Sundays, after Divine service, may be discontinued.

Of *William G. Clark* and others, sufferers of losses by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838; praying indemnification for their said losses.

Of *H. K. Boomer* and others, incorporated as the *Niagara District Bank*; praying for amendments to their Charter.

Of *W. L. Copeland* and others, of *St. Catherines* and its vicinity; praying an Act of Incorporation as a Marine Insurance Company at *St. Catherines*.

Of *Joseph Scott* and others, of the Township of *Brome*; praying that the practice of selling property at the church doors on Sunday, after Divine service, may be discontinued.

Of the Reverend *Andrew Balfour*, Master of the Grammar School at *Waterloo, Shefford*; praying the usual pecuniary aid in support of the said School.

Of *Arthur Acland* and others, of the District of *Huron*; praying for the incorporation of the *Goderich and Toronto Railroad Company*, and the appropriation of a portion of the waste Lands of the Crown through which it will pass to the purposes of the said Company,—and that the present Harbour of *Goderich* be resumed by the Crown and improved.

Of *E. W. Thomson*, Esquire, President, on behalf of the Provincial Agricultural Society of *Canada West*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Magistrates of the District of *Huron* in General Quarter Sessions assembled; praying that certain Townships in the said District may not be set apart as a new District as petitioned for.

Of *William Charles Hume* and others, of *Orillia*, in the District of *Simcoe*; praying for a grant to construct a Road from *Orillia* to *Barrie*—the District Town.

Of *Jonathan Peasley* and others, of the Township of *Bolton*; praying that no partition be made of the said Township, as petitioned for by Sir *James Stuart, Bart.*

Of *George John Grange* and others, of the District of *Wellington*; praying for the incorporation of the *Goderich and Toronto Railroad Company*, and appropriation of a portion of the Waste Lands of the Crown through which it will pass to the purposes of the said Company.

Of *Schuyler Shibley*, of the Township of *Portland*, in the Midland District; praying that the prayer of the Petition from the Township of *Loughborough* for the establishment of a certain survey of the 5th and 6th Concessions of that Township be not granted.

Petitions read

Petitions read.

Of *Matthew Bostwick*, Preventive officer in the Customs Department at *Sherbrooke*; representing certain partial and illegal proceedings on the part of the Collector of Customs at the Port of *Quebec*, with reference to certain cattle seized by Petitioner, whereby he suffered loss,—and praying relief.

Of *J. S. Clarke*, M. A., Principal of the *Quebec Academy*; praying pecuniary aid in support of the said Academy.

Of the Reverend *George Mackie* and others, the Committee for the management of the National Schools at *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Petition of *A. Gilkison*; of the *Niagara Municipal Council*; of *J. T. Broulgeest* and others; of the Revd. *W. M. Murray* and others; of *A. K. Boomer* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Archibald Gilkison*, of the City of *Hamilton*, Esquire; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the Insane destitute;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to School Rates;) the Petition of *J. T. Broulgeest* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; the Petition of the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, of the Village of *Dundas*; the Petition of *A. K. Boomer* and others, incorporated as the *Niagara District*

Bank; and the Petition of *W. L. Copeland* and others, of *St. Catherines* and its vicinity, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of *W. L. Copeland* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Norbert Dumas* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Caleb Hopkins*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Nelson*, *Trafalgar*, and *Esquesing*, in the *Gore District*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Of *N. Dumas* and others; of *C. Hopkins* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Peter Bradt*, of the Township of *Clinton*, in the District of *Niagara*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Samuel Gamble* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Woodhouse*.

Of *P. Bradt*, referred.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Statement of the affairs of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company* to the 30th November, 1846; which Statement is as followeth:—

Of *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad*.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, from the 1st of June, 1845, to the 30th November, 1846, inclusive.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
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Nov. 30.	To Cash received at Montreal, from the 13th June, 1845, to 30th November, 1846, on the first instalment	6257	0	0				Nov. 30	By amount expended by Mr. Galt, in England, being for Printing, Engraving, Travelling, Advertising, Postage, &c.....				963	14	5	
do do	To Cash received at the Agency of the City Bank, at Sherbrooke, on the first instalment.....	4446	12	0				do do	By Advertising				152	18	5	
do do	Total amount received in Canada on the first instalment				10703	12	0	do do	By Contingencies				81	10	6	
do do	To amount received in London, being the first instalment on 2,633 Shares subscribed in Great Britain, £10,532 Stg., at 8 per cent. equal to				12638	8	0	do do	By Discount by Bank of British North America				0	12		
								do do	By Engineer Department, including the sum of £39 17s. 1d. paid W. P. Crocker, Esq., on account of preliminary survey and payment on Land Agency.....				3089	14	7	
								do do	By Office expenses, Furniture, &c				179	4	8½	
								do do	By professional services				20	0	0	
								do do	By Salaries				506	13	4	
								do do	By Bank of British North America, postages				0	16		
								do do	By Balance in Bank of British North America in Montreal, this date.....	2202	16	0				
								do do	By Balance in City Bank, Sherbrooke	3506	14	11				
								do do	In Treasurer's hands	0	2	5½				
								do do	Balance disposable in Canada				5709	13	4½	
								do do	In England—							
								do do	By expenditure of London Committee £773 17s. 1d. Stg., at 8 per cent. equal to				928	12	5	
								do do	Invested in England—							
								do do	£8,204 Stg., at 8 per cent. equal to				9844	16	0	
								do do	In the Company's Banker's hands, in London, £1,554 2s. 11d. Stg., at 8 per cent. equal to				1864	19	7	
													£	23342	0	0

THOMAS STEERS,
Treasurer.

Office of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*,
Montreal, 16th June, 1847.

I, Thomas Steers, Secretary and Treasurer of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, swear that the foregoing Account of the Receipts and Disbursements on the part of the said Company, is just and true in all its particulars, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

THOMAS STEERS,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Sworn before me at Montreal,
this 16th day of June, 1847,
J. BELLE, J.P.

- On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*.
- Banks and Insurance Offices.** *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 their Acts of Incorporation.
- Grain Distillation Prevention Bill.** *Ordered*, That Mr. *Chalmers* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the distillation of Spirituous Liquors, in this Province, from Grain. He accordingly presented the said 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.
- Quarantine Station.** *Resolved*, That a Special Committee of nine Members be appointed to inquire into the management of the Quarantine Station at *Grosse Isle*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. *Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Chabot*, the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Boulton*, Mr. *DeWitt*, and Mr. *Christie*, do compose the said Committee.
- On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*,
- Address respecting Welland Canal.** *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the proper officer to lay before this House, a Statement of the expenditure on the *Welland Canal* since the close of the first Session of the present Parliament, and what proportion thereof has been expended between Lock number 18 and *Port Dalhousie*, and at that Port, including the amount expended in excavating various cuts which were intended to let in the water from *Lake Erie*, progressed with to a certain extent, and then abandoned. *Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.
- Marriages (U.C.) Bill.** *Ordered*, That Mr. *Williams* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled, "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony "in this Province," to Ministers of all denominations of Christians. He accordingly presented the said 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.
- Surveyors (L.C.) Bill.** *Ordered*, That Mr. *Fournier* have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.
- On motion of Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,
- Address respecting Clergy Lands, and Crown Land Office.** *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of an Order in Council, of the 17th September, 1845, and an order or instruction to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated 18th November, 1845, relative to Clergy Lands, with a
- List of persons who have purchased Clergy Lands from 17th September, 1845, to 1st April, 1846; with the particulars of the sale,—and whether charged with rent or interest; and further, a copy of the Rules or Regulations of the Crown Lands Department by which the public are excluded from the Public Office, except on special application. *Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Firemen's Benevolent 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.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock. He accordingly presented the said 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. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday next.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate the re-union to the Domain, of lands in *Lower Canada* conceded by Seigniors on conditions which have not been fulfilled. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to secure titles to real estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, of the 1 Will. 4, cap. 53. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to supply proof of Title to the Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and for certain other purposes. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.
- Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to facilitate proof of the Charter and Act of Incorporation of the *British American Land 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.

Beecher's Letter Patent Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher* for an improved Bark Mill.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Banque du Peuple Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Morin's Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Scott* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Towns and Villages Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, not specially incorporated, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Leslie*, and Mr. *Lantier*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Compulsory Commutation of Lands Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to render commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, into that of free and common socage compulsory on the Seignior at the pleasure of the *Censitaire* or landholder, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned relating to the optional commutation of such tenure, being read;

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, That all the words after "be" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "read 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.

Messieurs *Berthelot*, *Chauveau*, *Drummond*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lutérière*, *Leslie*, *Nelson*, and *Viger*.—(9.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Aylwin*, *Badgley*, *Bertrand*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chabot*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *DeBleury*, *DeWitt*, *Dick-*

son, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Gowan*, *Jessup*, *Lantier*, *LeMoine*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Thompson*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(47.)

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 a second time; and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Committee, to report whether it may not be desirable to limit the operation of the said Bill to the City of *Quebec*, and to the Towns or Villages in *Lower Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Daly*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to two Addresses from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 16th and 17th instant,—the first praying "that all communications and documents, in relation to the Quarantine Station at *Grosse Isle*, and all instructions and orders relative to the management of the same, be communicated to the House;" and the second, "that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before the House, copies of any Instructions that may have been given to the Chief Agents of Emigrants, or any other person, respecting the erection of Sheds for the reception of Emigrants within the City of *Quebec*, and copies of any correspondence that may have taken place on this head."

Quarantine Station.

(For the said Return, see Appendix L.) App. (L.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 9th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them "a Return of the amount of duties collected in *Upper Canada*, on Salt, in each separate year, since the 6th March, 1830, under the provisions of the 11th *Geo. IV.*, cap. 21, for the payment of the War Losses,—which Act was to continue in force until the sum of £57,412 10s., and the interest thereon, should be fully paid, and no longer; also, the amount of duty collected in *Upper Canada*, each year since the 18th September, 1841, under the authority of 4th and 5th *Vic. chap. 14*, imposing a duty of two shillings and sixpence, sterling, on Salt; also, the amount of Debentures issued on account of the War loss claims and now outstanding, and the interest paid thereon since their issue, in order that the House may ascertain whether the amount collected from this duty is equal to the principal and interest of the debt for which it was imposed."

War Losses.

(For the said Return, see Appendix M.) App. (M.)

Also, Statement of Accounts and Affairs of the Provincial Penitentiary for the year 1846.

Penitentiary.

(For the said Statement, see Appendix N.) App. (N.)

And, also, Assessment Rolls for that part of the Province formerly *Upper Canada*, for the year 1846. (For the said Assessment Rolls, see Appendix O.) App. (O.)

Assessment Rolls (U.C.)

Co-heirs Lands
Partition Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to the partitioning of lands in free and common socage in *Lower Canada*, among co-heirs of the proprietors thereof, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned, being read :

The said Bill was accordingly read : and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *Brooks*, Mr. *Drummond*, Mr. *McConnell*, and Mr. *Foster*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Queen's Bench
(L.C.) Power
Extension Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to define and extend the power of the Courts of Queen's Bench in *Lower Canada*, relative to usurpations and vacancies occurring in Corporations, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read : and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Merchants, &c.
Protection
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents, being read ;

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

Accidental
Death Provi-
sion Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Judgment
Debtors Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors in certain cases, being read ;

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

Public Ac-
counts.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—the Accounts and Statements respecting the Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1846.

App. (A)

(For the said Accounts and Statements, see Appendix A.)

Montreal New
City Gas Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Montreal Mi-
ning Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Mining Company, being read ;

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

Dower Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law and facilitate proceedings in actions of Dower, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, 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.

Dower Bill.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Cummings*, *Ermatinger*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Riddell*, and *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*.—(14.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Caruchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Conger*, *DeBleury*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Duggan*, *Foster*, *Franchère*, *Gowan*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Mouro*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Thompson*, and *Williams*.—(39.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the law of Slander and Libel, being read ;

Slander and
Libel Bill.

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

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee for the purpose of amending an Act passed in the last Session of this present Parliament, intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Cobourg* Railroad Company," and for other purposes therein mentioned," being read ;

Cobourg Rail-
Road Act.

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 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 passed in the last Session of the Provincial Legislature, intituled, "An Act to revive and amend the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Cobourg* Railroad Company, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. *Meyers* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating "The *Cobourg* and *Rice Lake* Plank Road and Ferry Company."

Cobourg Road
and Ferry Bill.

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal parts of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, being read ;

Militia Bill.

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 revive and continue the 4th and 5th sections of an Act passed in the 4th and 5th 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 ;

Aliens Relief
Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and ordered to be engrossed.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 22° die Junii.

ANNO 11° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *T. Cooke* and others, the Committee appointed by the inhabitants of *Three Rivers* to the charge of the Christian Schools in the said Town; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Côté* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jérôme de Matane* and *Metis*, in the County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; the Petition of the Reverend *John McCaul, D.D.*, and others, members of the managing Committee of the House of Industry of the City of *Toronto*, and others; and the Petition of *William Gumble* and others, of the Township of *Etobicoke*, in the Home District.

By Mr. *Woods*,—The Petition of *George Witherspoon* and others, of the Township of *Harwich*, in the Western District; the Petition of *Joseph Stafford* and others, of the Township of *Camden*, in the Western District; the Petition of *J. W. Little* and others, of the Township of *Raleigh*, in the Western District; the Petition of *Thomas Mawlam* and others, of the Township of *Dawn*, in the Western District; the Petition of *James Robertson* and others, of the Townships of *East and West Tilbury*, in the Western District; and the Petition of *Adam Geddy* and others, of the Township of *Romney*, in the Western District.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Louis Gingras, Procureur*, of the Seminary of *Quebec*, and others, the inhabitants of *St. Thérèse* and other Parishes.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Kenneth Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, in the Home District.

By Mr. *Scott*,—The Petition of *Zozime Maçon* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,—The Petition of *John McGill Chambers* and others, of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the District of *Bathurst*.

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *Cornelius H. Finlay*, of *Côte St. Paul*, in the District of *Montreal*, Contractor.

By the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*,—The Petition of *Isaïe Tremblay* and others, of *Grande Baie*.

By Mr. *Colville*,—The Petition of *James Biggar*, Mayor, and *James Botham*, Secretary, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *Godmanchester*.

By Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,—The Petition of *Peter Warren Dease* and others, members of the Committee of management of the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railroad Company*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *W. E. Blanchard* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; and the Petition of *Chester Roberts* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of *Stephen Young* and others, merchants and citizens of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Conger*,—The Petition of *Jonathan Ferris* and others, members of the religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron Railroad Company*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *L. M. Cressé* and others, Members of the Municipal Council of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*; the Petition of *Pierre*

Boisvert and others, inhabitants of the Municipality of *Arthabaska*; and the Petition of *Pierre Pascal Fortin* and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*, in the County of *L'Islet*. Petitions brought up

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Bouchette*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire; the Petition of *Edouard Normand*, of the Parish of *St. Marie Magdeleine du Cap de la Magdeleine*, Joiner; the Petition of the Reverend *Charles Dion* and others, of the County of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of *Jacques Laverdière* and others, of *L'Assomption de Berthier* and other Parishes.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *L'Islet*, (relating to the Registry Office.)

By Mr. *Gowan*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*, (relating to the Navigation Laws of *Great Britain*;) and the Petition of *H. W. Blanchard* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*, in the District of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *P. P. Lacroix* and others, of the Western District; the Petition of *George Babeock*, of the town of *Brantford*, in the District of *Gore*, Stage proprietor; and the Petition of *Theodore J. Sack* and others, of the town of *Amherstburgh*, in the County of *Essex*.

An engrossed Bill to revive and continue the 4th and 5th sections of an Act passed in the 4th and 5th 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. Aliens Relief Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to extend the time for taking the oath and making the declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province."

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Evans* and others, land proprietors on the line of the *Lachine Canal, Côte St. Paul*, Parish of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *LeMoine*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Lacoste*, 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. Petition of W. Evans and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of the Reverend *Richard Whitwell*, Rector, and others, of the Parish of *St. Armand West*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, and the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Of the Rev. R. Whitwell and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Edward G. Sutton*, and others, be referred to the said Committee. Of the Rev. G. Sutton and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, (relating to a New Gas Company,) be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills. Of the Montreal Gas Light Company.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Malcolm McNaughton* and others, of *Côte St. Paul*, and others, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Nelson*, and Mr. *Armstrong*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all conve-

nient speed: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of J. Tomlinson and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Tomlinson* and others, of *Markham* and other Townships, in the Home District, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Report on Petition of M. McKenzie and others, and on other Petitions.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *M. McKenzie* and others, of *Aldborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*, 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, and agreed to by the House: and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the contents of the Petition praying that the Townships of *Aldborough*, *Dunwich*, *Southwold*, *Yarmouth*, *Malahide*, *Bayham*, and south half of *South Dorchester*, may be set off and formed into a new District, to be called the District of *Elgin*. The said Petition is signed by 2260 inhabitants of the Townships desirous for the division of the *London* District.

Your Committee have also examined the statements contained in the said Petition, namely, that the said Townships contain a population of about 20,000 inhabitants; with 80,000 acres cultivated, and 400,000 acres uncultivated land, the assessed value of property therein being about £250,000, and yielding a revenue of £3000 per annum.

Your Committee have compared these statements with the latest official returns, and have reason to believe, allowing for the difference of time at which the said returns were made, that they cannot be far from correct.

Your Committee have also examined the situation of the said Townships, and find that they occupy a frontage on the shores of *Lake Erie*, of between 50 and 60 miles, by 12 to 15 miles in depth; and although the position of the said Townships is not such as to afford a spot as central as could be desired in the formation of a new District, for a District Town, Your Committee are nevertheless of opinion, that *St. Thomas*, the place named by the Petitioners, from the circumstance of the main Road between *Brantford* and *Amherstburgh* east and west, and *Port Stanley* to *London* north and south, passing through it, is the best place that could be chosen for the new District Town.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of *W. F. Wallace* and others, signed by 63 inhabitants of the *London* District, praying that the said District may not be divided, as desired by 2260 other inhabitants, as already shewn, but giving no sufficient reasons why the division prayed for should not take place.

Your Committee have accordingly prepared a Bill for the erection of a new District, which they have the honor to submit to Your Honorable House.

Your Committee also examined the Petition of *Charles M. Nixon* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Bosanquet*, praying that the said Township may be annexed to the District of *London*; and from the reasons stated by the Petitioners, namely, the great distance at which *Bosanquet* is situated from the County Town of the Western District, to which it is at present attached, subjecting the Petitioners to great inconvenience in attending to public business, and precluding them from taking part in the Municipal concerns of the Western District,—are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted.

By the Clerk

Ordered, That Mr. *Ermatinger* have leave to bring in a Bill to erect certain parts of the *London* District into a new District, to be called the District of *Elgin*.

He accordingly presented the said 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 first of July next.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Frederick Fraser Carruthers*, of the City of *Toronto*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House—a Bill to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof, respectively, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Report on Petition of F. F. Carruthers.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the fourth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Fourth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Hon. *Thomas McKay* and others, and of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*; and they find that the requisite notices have been given.

As regards the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others, for an Act to incorporate the British North American Telegraph Association, they find that notice was published for two months in two English and two French papers published in *Quebec*, which ceased, however, in May last, three or four weeks before the presentation of the Petition, and, further, that no notice was posted on the church doors of the Parishes interested; and on the Petition of *Andrew Shaw* and others, for the incorporation of the *Montreal Telegraph Company*, notice was published in the *Canada Gazette* only. Your Committee conceive, however, that as the Petitioners in neither of these cases ask for the privilege of taking possession of lands, or otherwise interfering with private rights, these notices may be deemed sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *H. B. Smith* and others, for an Act of incorporation to construct a Railroad from *Bytown* to *Carillon* and *Grenville*, it appears that notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette* only: but your Committee are satisfied, from the evidence before them, that full publicity has been given, of the intention of the Petitioners, along the line of the proposed road; and they would therefore recommend that the notice in this case also be taken to be sufficient.

Upon the Petitions of *A. K. Boomer* and others, and of *W. L. Copeland* and others, your Committee find that notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette* only; but as the former merely prays for amendments to a former Act of incorporation, and the latter is for the incorporation of a Marine Insurance Company, neither of which cases could materially affect the rights of other parties, they would respectfully recommend that no further notice be required.

The Petition of *J. T. Brondgeest* and others, for an Act of incorporation as a Mutual Life Assurance Company, your Committee do not consider to be of such a nature as to require the publication of notice.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill relating to the partitioning of lands in free and common soccage in *Lower Canada*, among the co-heirs of the proprietors thereof, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned, 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.

Co-heirs Lands Partition Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, containing the Correspondence between the Executive Government and *J. A. Taschereau*,

Correspondence between J. A. Taschereau and the Executive.

Esquire, late Solicitor General for *Lower Canada*, touching his resignation and his appointment to the office of Circuit Judge, laid before the House on Thursday the seventeenth instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Carillon and
Grenville
Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railroad Company.

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

Bytown and
Britannia
Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railroad Company.

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

Committee on
Library.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of six Members, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Boutillier*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto; with power to report from time to time.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*,

District Courts
(U.C.)

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider certain Resolutions to be proposed respecting the increase of the Jurisdiction of the District Courts in *Upper Canada*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Seamen's Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Motion for
Address respecting
the Administration.

Mr. *Scott* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that He will take such measures as will enable him, under the present circumstances of the Province, to form a strong and efficient Administration.

On motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury*,

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

Gaspé Land
holders Bill.

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBoutillier*, For leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*.

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

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetville* Plank Road Company.

Streetville
Road Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Port Credit* and *Huron-tario* Plank Road Company.

Port Credit
Road Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Pierre Vieau*, *Louis Lahaise*, and *Joseph Brien dit Desrochers* to build a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Parish of *La Visitation* and *Isle Jésus*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same.

P. Vieau and
others' Bridge
Bill.

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

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

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 gross amount of Revenue derived from Timber on the *Ottawa* River, and also from other sections of the Province; also, the amount of Revenue from Slides on the *Ottawa*, and from the Union Suspension Bridge at *Bytown*, for the year 1846.

Address for
Revenue
Statements.

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

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

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 copy of the Report of the Collector of Customs for the Port of *Dundee*, relating to a seizure of a certain horse, the property of one *Donald M^c Crae*, in December last; also, a copy of the Petition of the said *Donald M^c Crae*, and of the affidavits thereunto annexed, addressed to *J. W. Dunscomb*, Esquire, protesting against the said seizure; also, copies of all letters addressed by the said *J. W. Dunscomb*, Esquire, to the said Collector, together with the replies of the latter to the Customs Department, in relation to the said seizure; as also the explanations offered by him in respect of the conduct of his Deputy in making such seizure, and the final decision of the Department on the subject of the Petition of the said *Donald M^c Crae*.

Address respecting
the seizure of a horse
at Dundee.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Dickson* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the construction of, and protect from injury, Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs throughout this Province.

Magnetic Te-
legraphs Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, seconded by Mr. *Seymour*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the propriety of amending the tenth section of the Act 9 *Victoria*, cap. 75.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* 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 10th section of the Act 9 *Victoria*, cap. 75, by declaring that the main shore of *Wolfe Island* shall be construed and meant to include the main shores of the Township of *Wolfe Island* and *Garden Island*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith of Frontenac* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the tenth section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of the Quarterly Returns made by the Deputy Postmaster General to the Postmaster General in *England*, shewing the receipt and expenditure of the Post Office Department in this Province, from the 5th July, 1844, to the latest period to which the Returns have been made up; also, a Return of the emoluments, including salary, allowances, and perquisites, separately stated, of the Deputy Postmaster General, and the other paid officers in the Post Office Department at *Montreal*, *Quebec*, *Kingston*, and *Toronto*, from the 5th January, 1843, to the 5th April last.

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

The Honorable 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, dated the 9th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a Return of the amounts received on account of the Fee Fund, for the year 1846, and the salaries paid to the Judges of the District Courts in that portion of *Canada* formerly *Upper Canada*, for the same year."

(For the said Return, see Appendix P.)

And also,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 14th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a Return of all the Ferries now under lease in this Province, together with the names of the respective Lessees, and the term of time of such Lease; also, the annual amount to be paid for each, and the name of their sureties, and by whom

"the money is collected on the part of the Government in the several Districts."

(For the said Return, see Appendix Q.)

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska*, from *Labaie* to *St. François du Lac*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read;

Ordered, That the 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 District Bank of *Quebec*, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into Committee to consider of the Motion made on Thursday last, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, 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 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 House in Committee to take into consideration the several Acts relating to Duties of Customs, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 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 amend the law relating to double costs, notices of actions, limitation of actions, and pleas of the general issue, under certain Acts of Parliament, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the issue of Debentures for the purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Kingston Incorporation Bill

Kingston Incorporation Bill

Address respecting Post Office Department

For Fund

App. P.

App. Q.

App. (Q.)

Yamaska Registry Office Bill.

Quebec Incorporation Bill

Quebec District Bank Bill

Supply

Customs Act

Double Costs Bill.

Industry Village Railroad Bill.

Toronto, Hamilton and Niagara Telegraph Bill.

Debentures Bill.

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

Malicious Injuries Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Accidental death Provision Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, 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 ;

And Mr. Meyers 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.

Then, on motion of Mr. Monro, seconded by Mr. Foster,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 23^o die Junii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. Macdonell of Dundas,—The Petition of Donald Alexander McDonald, of the Township of Lochiel, in the Eastern District.

By Mr. Petrie,—The Petition of Peter Freil and others, of the County of Prescott.

By Mr. Smith of Frontenac,—The Petition of the Right Reverend Patrick Phelan, Bishop of Carraha, and Administrator of the Diocese of Kingston; and of the Very Reverend Angus Macdonell, of the same place.

By Mr. Brooks,—The Petition of William Ritchie and others, Trustees of the Sherbrooke Academy.

By the Honorable Mr. Morin,—The Petition of Felix Hooper and others, of the Parishes of St. Thomas and St. Pierre, in the County of L'Islet; and the Petition of Joseph Antoine Larocque, Esquire, and others, of Montreal, members of the Canadian Agricultural Society.

By Mr. Fournier,—The Petition of Pierre De-guise, of the Parish of St. Thomas.

By Mr. Sherwood of Brockville,—The Petition of the Reverend Edward Denroche and others, the Minister, Church Wardens, and Parishioners of St. Paul's Church, Brockville.

By Mr. Prince,—The Petition of William Elliott, Esquire, and others, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, and others, of Sandwich, in the Western District.

Co-heirs Lands Partition Bill.

An engrossed Bill relating to the partitioning of lands in free and common socage in Lower Canada, among co-heirs of the proprietors thereof, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned, 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 Archibald McDonald and others, of Osgoode; praying that a straight line may be run from post to

post in the said Township, without reference to the Boundary Line established by 59 Geo. 3, cap. 14.

Of Frederick Bearman and others, of the Districts of Dalhousie and Johnstown; praying pecuniary aid to construct a Bridge over the River Jacques at its mouth in the Township of Nepean.

Of Pierre Perrault and others, of the Parish of Terrebonne; praying that the Registry Office of the County be not removed from the said Parish.

Of W. Anderson and others, of the Town or Borough of William Henry; praying an Act to incorporate the said Town or Borough.

Of Thomas Locker and Orrin H. Tyrrell, on behalf of the inhabitants of the Township of Malahide; praying a pecuniary grant for the construction of a Harbour at Port Burwell.

Of Patrick O'Brian, Senior, and others, of the Township of Mara, Home District; praying pecuniary aid to construct a Road from Windsor Harbour to Sturgeon Bay.

Of John Miller and others, of the Township of Nelson, in the Gore District; praying for the improvement of the mail road between Toronto and Hamilton, called "Dundas Street."

Of James Tisdale and others, of the Township of Caistor, District of Niagara; praying that the proceedings had last Session relating to the removal of the District Town of the said District be revived and re-considered.

Of the Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of Pierre Dessaint, of the Parish of St. Louis de Kamouraska, in the District of Quebec; praying payment of a certain amount due the late Alexander Duperré as Clerk of the Municipal Council of Kamouraska, or for such a general law as will enable claimants to obtain payment of such claims.

Of D. D. Calvin and others, of the Province of Canada, Lumber Merchants; praying that certain parts of the Act incorporating the City of Kingston may be so amended, as to exempt vessels trading only at the Township of Wolfe Island from any restrictions thereby.

Of Ferdinand Murphy and others, of St. Gabriel of Valcartier, in the County of Quebec; praying the amendment of the Education Law.

Of Adolphe Jacquiés, formerly printer and proprietor of a paper called "Le Fantasque;" representing that he was illegally imprisoned on a charge of High Treason in 1838, and that in consequence he had suffered great loss from destruction of property and otherwise,—and praying that justice may be done him.

Of William P. McLaren and others, of the City of Hamilton; praying the incorporation of the "Bur-lington Bay Dock and Ship Building Company."

Of William S. Sewell, Esquire, and Felix Glackemeyer, in behalf of the Board of Health of Quebec; praying the establishment of a General Hospital in the said City, with support from the Public Funds.

Of the President and Directors of the Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of H. Williams and others, of the District of Johnstown; praying that persons duly qualified to practise under the Reformed or Thomsonian System of medical treatment, may be authorized to recover and receive remuneration for their services.

Of John Collins and others, the President, Vice-President, and members of the St. Patrick's Society of the City of Montreal; praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of James Paterson and others, of the Township of Toronto; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Plank or Macadamized Road

from Lot No. 10 in the Township of *Chinguacousy*, to *Port Credit*.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that the Recognizances required by Law, had not been entered into on the subject-matter of the Petition of *Edward Malloch*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *George Lyon*, Esquire, for the County of *Carleton*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *E. Desjardins* and others, of *St. Vincent de Paul* and other Parishes, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Resolved, That the Petition of *William Hollitch* and others, of the Township of *Loughborough*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*, Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Gowan*, and Mr. *Conger*, 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 *Archibald McDonell* and others, of *Osgoode*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Lyon*, Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*, Mr. *Petrie*, Mr. *Jessup*, and Mr. *Sherwood of Brockville*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise: with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Tisdale* and others, of the Township of *Caistor*, District of *Niagara*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town.)

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Fifth 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 Messrs. *Leprohon* and *Berthelot*, and certificates were produced before them that all the requisite notices have been given for a period of two months,—they ceased, however, in some instances one month, and in others three months, before the presentation of the Petition; this irregularity having already been waived by Your Honorable House in the case of the Petition of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, your Committee would respectfully suggest that it be done in this case also.

On the Petition of *John E. Mills*, Esquire, for an extension of the Charter of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, your Committee find that the notices have been duly given: but in the case of *John E. Mills*, Esquire, and others, for authority to construct a branch Railroad, with a Bridge over the River *Richelieu*, they find that the notices required by the 66th Rule, only have been given,—there having been no publication of the rates of toll to be imposed, as required by the 70th Rule; they also find that the Petition does not state the precise point where such Bridge is to be constructed. They cannot therefore recommend that that portion of the Petition which relates to the erection of a Bridge, be proceeded with during the present Session.

With respect to the Petition of *Joseph Tomlinson* and others, your Committee find that notice was published for many months in the *Canada Gazette*, and also, at intervals, in a district paper, but they are satisfied by the evidence before them, that the persons residing in the neighborhood have been fully informed on the subject; and public meetings have been held, and the greater part of the money required having been subscribed, your Committee would re-

commend that the Petitioners be allowed to proceed with the measure.

The Bill to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto Hospital*, and the Petitions of *A. Gilhison*, and of the Municipal Council of *Niagara District*, (relative to the support of Insane persons,) your Committee conceive are not of such a nature as to require notices, inasmuch as they interfere with no private rights or privileges.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Prince*, Esquire, and others, 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 having made enquiry into the merits of the Petition referred to them, have unanimously agreed to report on the same by Bill, which they herewith submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *British North American Mining Company*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Hospital* be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Tribe of *Montagnais* Indians inhabiting the territory formerly known as the *King's Posts*, on the north shore of the *St. Lawrence*, and the Petition of *Isidore Tremblay* and others, of *Grande Baie*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *St. Thérèse*.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Cameron of Lanark* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the granting of new Trials in certain cases.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, the Names of the Commissioners appointed under the 9 *Victoria* cap. 62, the date of their appointment, a copy of the instructions given them by the Executive Government, and a copy of all correspondence between the Executive and the said Commissioners, and a copy of the Report of the said Commissioners (if they have made one) to the Executive Government; together with a copy of the general rules

Fifth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Report on Petition of J. Prince and others

To printed

British North American Mining Bill

Toronto Hospital Bill.

Petitions to be printed

Terrebonne Registry Office Bill.

New Trials Bill

Address respecting Commissioners under the Quebec Relief Act

adopted by the said Commissioners for the distribution of the money mentioned in the said Act.

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

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Colville have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Lake St. Louis and Province Line Railway Company.

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

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Duggan,

Duplicate Works in the Library.

Ordered, That the Entries in the Journals of this House which contain the Report of the Standing Committee appointed last Session to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, as recommends a portion of the duplicate copies of works in the Library to be distributed in Toronto and Quebec, be now read;

The said Entries were read accordingly.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the said Entries.

The House accordingly resolved into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. LeMoine 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 the Duplicate Works in the Library (with the exception of the Parliamentary Works) be divided between the Athæneum of Toronto and the Quebec Library Association of Quebec, upon the terms stated in the Report of the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, and in consideration of the loss to these Cities by the removal of the Public Library to Montreal; and that the said Books be transferred to the said Libraries, respectively, under the direction of the Librarian of this House.

Judice and Waterloo Road

On motion of Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Hall, *Resolved*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to consider the expediency of authorizing the Commissioners or Trustees for the Dundas and Waterloo macadamized Road to borrow a sum of money.

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 to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Moffatt, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Robinson,

Address respecting Passengers Act

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be communicated to this House, such information as may be in the possession of the Provincial Government, or in that of the Emigrant Agent at Quebec, as to the manner in which the provisions of the Passengers Act have been observed

by Vessels bringing Emigrants to this Province during the present season, particularizing any infraction of the Law.

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

On motion of Mr. Boulton, seconded by Mr. Macdonnell of Dundas,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, a Statement of the amount of Indian Monies invested in Government or other Debentures, during the last three years,—shewing the nature and description of such Debentures, the parties from whom the same were purchased, and to whom payment was made; also, the rates at which such Debentures were purchased, whether below or at par, or at a premium; and whether such investments in Debentures, if any, were made by the Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs in this Province, or any other or what officer of that department.

Address respecting Indian Monies

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

On motion of Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mr. Colville,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to order to be laid before this House, an Account, in detail, of the quantity and quality of timber which, during the year 1846, passed over one or more Slides on the River Trent; the amount of Revenue received as Slide dues for the passing of such timber, and when received; and the amount of dues on timber which passed over one or more of such Slides during the said year, which are not yet paid, and why not paid; and the name or names of the person or persons by whom such dues have been paid, or by whom the same are due and owing.

Address respecting Timber Slides on the River Trent

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. McConnell, the Honorable Mr. Cayley, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. McDonnell of Stormont, be appointed to enquire whether frauds have not been committed against the Revenue Laws, by the introduction of Cattle in this Province under false pretences, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Frauds against the Revenue Laws.

On motion of Mr. Jobin, seconded by Mr. Lantier, *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, the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure on the Montreal Turnpike Roads, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

Address for Montreal Turnpike Roads' Accounts.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Prince have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company.

Lake Huron Mining Company Bill.

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

Quebec Marine Hospital.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Chabot*, Mr. *Chauveau*, Mr. *Nelson*, and Mr. *Boutillier*, be appointed to enquire into the management of the Marine Hospital at *Quebec*, and its adaptation to the purposes for which it was designed, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Address respecting River St. Maurice.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to pray that a Survey be made of the River *St. Maurice*, with a view to ascertain the practicability of improving the navigation of the same for lumbering purposes, and of opening for settlement the territory watered by the said River.

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

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

Address respecting Quebec Turnpike Trust.

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, Copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust*; and Copies of all Returns, Accounts, and Documents thereto relating, made by the said Trustees to the Executive Government, under the Ordinance and Statute in such case made and provided, from and since the close of the last Session of Parliament.

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

Motion for Address respecting the Administration, negatived.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration the Motion which was made yesterday by Mr. *Scott*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, humbly praying that he will take such measures as will enable him under the present circumstances of the Province, to form a strong and efficient Administration, being read;

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

And the said Motion 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.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *Lanark*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Jobin*, *Lucas*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lalorrière*, *Laurin*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Prier*, *Prince*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *Westworth*, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(37.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cuyley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*,

Dickson, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *Kingston*, *Macdonell* of *Dundas*, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Mouro*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Riddell*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *Frontenac*, *Stewart* of *Bytown*, *Stewart* of *Prescott*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(41.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Committee of the whole House to whom it was referred to consider of the Motion made on Thursday last, That a Supply be 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 agreed to by the House; and is as followeth:—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, from the Committee of the whole House to take into consideration the several Acts relating to the Duties of Customs, 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 all Acts regulating the Customs and imposing Duties of Customs, including so much of any Imperial Act as imposes Duties, with a view to amend and consolidate the whole.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cuyley* 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.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 24^o die Junii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of *Philip Smith* and others, of the District of *Talbot*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *William Mulligan* and others, of the south western section of *Canada West*, from *Fort Erie* to *Sandwich*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,—The Petition of *François Caron* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburgh*, in the Western District; the Petition of *Theodore Hurt* and others, stockholders in the *Echo Lake Mining Company*; the Petition of *Joshua Adams* and others, of the District of *Bathurst*; and the Petition of *John Corrie* and others, Trustees of the Baptist Church of *Perth*.

By Mr. *Dickson*,—The Petition of *James Little* of *Seneca*, *Grand River*.

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. Williams,—The Petition of *Henry S. Reid* and others, of the Townships of *Darlington* and *Cartwright*, in the District of *Newcastle*; and the Petition of *John H. Cynon* and others, Bible Christians, of the District of *Newcastle*.

Petitions read.

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

Of the Very Reverend *T. Cooke* and others, the Committee appointed by the inhabitants of *Three Rivers* to the charge of the Christian Schools in the said Town; praying a grant of money in aid of the said Schools.

Of the Reverend *J. B. Côté* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jérôme de Matane* and *Metis*, in the County of *Rimoushi*; praying aid to construct a Road between *Metis* and *Matane*, and to erect the necessary Bridges over the Rivers *Blanche* and *Tartigon*.

Of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; praying the repeal or reduction of the present Tax on Bank Notes in circulation.

Of the Reverend *John M'Cauley*, D.D., and others, members of the Managing Committee of the House of Industry of the City of *Toronto*, and others; praying pecuniary aid to enable them to erect a suitable building for the purposes of the said Institution.

Of *William Gamble* and others, of the Township of *Etobicoke*, in the Home District; praying for an Act to revive and amend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*.

Of *George Witherspoon* and others, of the Township of *Harwich*, in the Western District; praying that certain Townships in the County of *Kent* be formed into a new District, and that the necessary Tax be imposed for that purpose.

Of *Joseph Stafford* and others, of the Township of *Camden*, in the Western District; praying that certain Townships in the County of *Kent* be formed into a new District, and that the necessary Tax be imposed for that purpose.

Of *J. W. Little* and others, of the Township of *Raleigh*, in the Western District; praying that certain Townships in the County of *Kent* be formed into a new District, and that the necessary Tax be imposed for that purpose.

Of *Thomas Mawlam* and others, of the Township of *Darien*, in the Western District; of *James Robertson* and others, of the Townships of *East* and *West Tilbury*, in the Western District; and of *Adam Giddy* and others, of the Township of *Romney*, in the Western District; praying that certain Townships in the County of *Kent* be formed into a new District, and that the necessary Tax be imposed for that purpose.

Of the Reverend *Louis Gingras*, *Procureur*, of the Seminary of *Quebec*, and others, the inhabitants of *St. Thérèse* and other Parishes; praying that the privilege of constructing a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, be granted to *Pierre Vieau*, *Louis Lahaise*, and *Joseph Brien*.

Of *Kenneth Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, in the Home District; praying aid to complete a certain part of the Road from *Sturgeon Bay* to *Windsor Harbour*.

Of *Zozime Maçon* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; praying that should the privilege of building a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus* at *St. Eustache*, be granted to *E. M. Leprohon* and *J. A. Berthelot*, Esquires, the rates of Toll may be fixed at a certain scale lower than that proposed.

Of *John M'Gill Chambers* and others, of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the District of *Bathurst*; praying a survey of the Boundary Line between the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, that the same may be more clearly defined.

Of *Cornelius H. Finlay*, of *Côte St. Paul*, in the District of *Montreal*, Contractor; praying the pay-

ment of a certain claim for work done on the *Beauharnois Canal*. Petitions read.

Of *James Biggar*, Mayor, and *James Botham*, Secretary, on behalf of the Municipal County of *Godmanchester*; praying the removal of the Circuit Court from the Village of *Beauharnois* to *Durham*, or otherwise that the County of *Beauharnois* be divided into two Circuits, with a Court at *Huntingdon*.

Of *Peter Warren Dease* and others, members of the Committee of Management of the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railroad Company* and others; praying an Act of Incorporation, and a grant of the wild Lands along the proposed line of the said Road.

Of *W. E. Blanchard* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; praying the consideration of their Petition of last Session for the removal of the Circuit Court of the said County to the Village of *St. Andrews*.

Of *Chester Roberts* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; praying that a specific duty be imposed upon American goods, to enable them to compete with the *United States* in the manufacture of scythes and axes.

Of Messieurs *Stephens, Young*, and Company, and others, merchants and citizens of *Montreal*; praying for the encouragement of the Lumber Trade, by the remittance of the duties on certain articles.

Of *Jonathan Ferris* and others, members of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to establish a Seminary in the Township of *Hallowell*.

Of the President and Directors of the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron Railroad Company*; representing the importance of the said Railroad, and the necessity of Government aid in carrying it into effect,—and praying its consideration.

Of *L. M. Cressé* and others, members of the Municipal Council of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*; praying the repeal of the Ordinances relating to winter roads and vehicles.

Of *Pierre Boisvert* and others, inhabitants of the Municipality of *Arthabaska*; praying the repeal of the present Education Law, and the passing of a more liberal Act in lieu thereof.

Of *Pierre Pascal Fortin* and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*, in the County of *L'Islet*; praying the repeal of the Education Law.

Of *Joseph Bouchette*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire; praying aid to enable him to sustain the heavy expenses incurred in the compilation of his *Map of Canada* and the other *British North American Colonies*.

Of *Edouard Normand*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de la Magdeleine du Cap de la Magdeleine*, Joiner; praying indemnification for loss sustained by the construction of a Bridge over the River *St. Maurice*.

Of the Reverend *Charles Dion* and others, of the County of *Nicolet*; praying that the Bridge to be constructed by the Board of Works on the River *Beaucecour* be constructed near the church.

Of *Jacques Laverdière* and others, of *L'Assomption de Berthier* and other Parishes; praying for the construction of a wharf at *Berthier*.

Of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, in behalf of the Municipal Council of *L'Islet*; praying that the Registry Office for the County of *L'Islet* be held for the future at the Parish of *L'Islet*.

Of the Municipal Council of the District of *Johnstown*; praying that measures may be adopted to cause the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* to be thrown open to vessels of all nations.

Of *A. W. Blanchard* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*, in the District of *Johnstown*; praying that certain School Trustees be authorized to sell a lot of land granted by the late *James Haskin*

Petitions read. for school purposes, and to purchase another in a more suitable site.

Of *P. P. Lacroix* and others, of the Western District; praying that certain enquiries be made and measures adopted to stop the carrying out of the instructions of the Crown Land Department with respect to the Clergy Reserve Lands, until the decision of the Legislature has been taken thereon.

Of *George Babcock*, of the Town of *Brantford*, in the District of *Gore*, Stage Proprietor; praying to be authorized by law to convey the *American Mail* over a certain tract within the Province.

Of *Theodore J. Sack* and others, of the Town of *Amhertsburgh*, in the County of *Essex*; praying for the incorporation of the said Town.

Of *Isaie Tremblay* and others, of *Grande Baie*; praying for a free grant of the Lands occupied by them on the *Saguenay*, or that they be sold to them on easy terms.

Petition of *W. Anderson* and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of *W. Anderson* and others, of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Nelson*, the Honorable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. DeWitt*, *Mr. Armstrong*, and *Mr. Rousseau*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of *J. McGill Chambers* and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of *John McGill Chambers* and others, of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the District of *Bathurst*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Smith* of *Frontenac*, *Mr. Jessup*, *Mr. Cameron* of *Lanark*, *Mr. Gowan*, 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.

Of *A. Simpson* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. Simpson* and others, stockholders in the "*Lake Huron Silver and Copper Company*," be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of *P. P. Lachapelle*; of *C. Germain* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *P. P. Lachapelle*, junior, of the Parish of *Sault au Recollet*, in the District of *Montreal*; the Petition of *C. Germain* and others, Members of the Municipal Council of *St. Vincent de Paul*, County of *Terrebonne*; the Petition of the Reverend *R. Mercier* and others; the Petition of *Eusebe Hetier* and others, of the lower part of *Ste. Rose*, in *L'Isle Jesus*; and the Petition of *J. N. Muir* and others, of the Parish of *La Visitation du Sault au Recollet*, in the County of *Montreal*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Of *Rev. R. Mercier* and others; of *E. Hetier* and others; of *J. N. Muir* and others, referred.

First Report on Private Bills.

Mr. Ermatinger, 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:

Your Committee have taken into consideration the Petition of *La Banque du Peuple*, and they are of opinion that, as the Petitioners do not ask for any privileges not enjoyed by other Banks in this Province, the prayer of their Petition should be granted.

Humber Harbour and Road Bill.

Ordered, That *Mr. Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*.

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

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

Agriculture and Wheat Acts.

Ordered, That the proper Officer do lay before this House, a Return of the amount of Duties collected

under the Act for protecting Agriculture, and the Wheat Act, 6 Vic., cap. 31, on each separate article, for 1846.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all Petitions addressed to the Executive Government by the Reverend *Joseph Laberge*, or any other inhabitant or inhabitants of the County of *Quebec*, complaining of the conduct of *Louis Flavien Dufresne*, Esquire, Justice of the Peace, and of all documents, evidence, and papers thereto annexed or relating thereto; and also, copy of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the said Reverend *Joseph Laberge*, or other inhabitants of the County of *Quebec*, relating to the said complaint against the said *Louis Flavien Dufresne*.

Address respecting *L. T. Dufresne*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Dickson* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilkison* to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein.

A. Gilkison's Attorney Bill.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*.

British North American Telegraph Bill.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Monro* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Pickering and Markham Plank Road Company*.

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

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

The Hon. *Mr. Aylwin* moved, seconded by *Mr. Chabot*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying to be informed of the nature and extent of the duties of the office of Civil Secretary, and wherein those duties differ from, or are incompatible with, those of the Provincial Secretary; and also, whether the duties of both Officers are not susceptible of being performed by one and the same Officer.

Motion for an Address respecting the office of Civil Secretary, negatived.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *Fournier*,

Motion for an Address respecting the office of Civil Secretary, negatived.

Franchère, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonnell of STORMONT, Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Smith of WENTWORTH, and Thompson. (32.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Boulton, Brooks, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, LeBouillier, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonnell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Riddell, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Steuart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, Webster, Williams, and Woods.*—(37.)

So it passed in the negative.

Emigrant Sheds.

The Honorable 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 lay before the House, "Copies of any Instructions that may have been given to the Chief Agents of Emigrants, or any other person respecting the erection of Sheds for the reception of Emigrants within the City of Quebec, and copies of any Correspondence that may have taken place on this head; and also, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause immediate inquiry to be made whether such Sheds, as may be necessary, might not be erected at some distance from the City, or on the opposite side of the River at Quebec, and also, respecting the most convenient place for a temporary Hospital out of the precincts of the City, for the reception of such persons as may be unable, from want or sickness, to proceed to their respective places of destination.

(For the said Return, see Appendix R.)

App. (R.)

Forges of St. Maurice.

Also,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 10th instant, praying "that all documents and information in relation to the sale and disposal of the Forges of St. Maurice, and the lands dependent thereupon, be communicated to the House."

(For the said Return, see Appendix S.)

App. (S.)

Indians

And also, Section 3 of a Report on the affairs of the Indians in Canada.

App. (T.)

(For the said Report, see Appendix T.)

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

Ordered, That the Entries in the Journals of this House of last Session, which relate to the removal of the site of the District Town of *Niagara*, be now read.

The said Entries were read accordingly.

Mr. *Cummings* moved, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*, That the said Entries be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town,) and other references.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and it passed in the negative.

Special Constables Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace.

He accordingly presented the said 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. *Hall* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald of Glengary*, 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 was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, Accordingly.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald of Glengary*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 25° die Junii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of *L. M. Cressé*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Nicolet* and *Ste. Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*; the Petition of *Joseph Brouyard* and others, of the Parish of *St. David*; the Petition of *A. C. Taschereau*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Portneuf*; the Petition of *J. G. Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne Lapérade*, in the County of *Champlain*; and the Petition of *Jean E. Paré* and others, of *St. Féreol*, in the County of *Montmorenci*.

By Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*,—The Petition of *James Willson* and others, of *North Easthope* and other Townships in and adjoining the District of *Huron*.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *William Shore* and others, of *Aldborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *George Shaw*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *Solomon B. Bussell* and others, of the Townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*; and the Petition of *Ralph Merry* and others, of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Conger*,—The Petition of *Thomas Morgan* and others, of the Province of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *Joseph S. Walton*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

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

Of *William Elliott*, Esquire, and others, Barristers and Attorneys at Law, and others, of *Sandwich*, in the Western District; praying that the profession of Barrister and Attorney at Law may be divided and practised distinctly in *Canada West*, as it is in the United Kingdom.

Of the Reverend *Edward Denroche* and others, the Minister, Church Wardens, and Parishioners of *St. Paul's Church, Brockville*; praying to be authorized to sell an old Parsonage and Lot for the purpose of building a new Parsonage in the said Town.

Of *Pierre Dequise* of the Parish of *St. Thomas*; praying remuneration for his services as Clerk to the Municipal Council of *St. Thomas*.

Of *Joseph Antoine Larocque*, Esquire, and others, of *Montreal*, Members of the Canadian Agricultural Society; praying an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Felix Hooper* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Thomas* and *St. Pierre*, in the County of *L'Islet*; praying that the Registry Office of the said County may not be removed from *St. Thomas*.

Of *William Ritchie* and others, Trustees of the *Sherbrooke Academy*; praying pecuniary aid for the said Academy.

Of the Right Reverend *Patrick Phelan*, Bishop of *Carrhae*, and Administrator of the Diocese of *Kingston*; and of the Very Reverend *Angus Macdonnell*

Orders deferred.

Petitions brought up.

Petitions read.

Petitions read. of the same place: praying for pecuniary aid for the College of *Regiopolis* in *Kingston*.

Of *Peter Freil* and others, of the County of *Prescott*; praying that the grant made for the front road leading from *Bytown* to *Nation River* and *L'Orignal*, may be expended on the same.

Of *Donald Alexander M'Donald*, of the Township of *Lochiel*, in the Eastern District; praying indemnification for loss sustained by the riots on the *Beauharnois Canal*.

Petition of Rev. A. Thèberge and others.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *A. Thèberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, in the District of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Of R. Carney and others.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Richard Carney* and others, of the Districts of *Simcoe* and *Wellington*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Webster*, the Honorable *Mr. Robinson*, *Mr. Dickson*, *Mr. Chalmers*, 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.

Of P. W. Dease and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Peter Warren Dease* and others, members of the Committee of Management of the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railroad Company*, and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Notarial organization Bill.

Mr. Laurin, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*, 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 on Wednesday next.

Sixth Report of Committee on Standing Orders

Mr. Leslie, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Your Committee having examined the Petitions of *John Paterson* and others, for incorporation of the Village of *Dundas*, and of *Lewis Burwell* and others, for incorporation of *Brantford*, and find that in both cases notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette* only: it would appear, however, by a Petition (that of the Reverend *William M. Murray* and others, referred to your Committee) having been presented against the former Petition, and by the proceedings of a public meeting held at *Brantford* in relation to the latter case, that the inhabitants of those places were fully aware of the respective applications; they would therefore recommend that the notice in each of these cases be deemed sufficient.

With respect to the Petition of *Joseph Major* and others, for an Act to incorporate them as the *Port Britain Harbour and Wharf Company*, it appears that notice has been published in the *Canada Gazette* only, and this notice even does not specify the rates of Wharfage or Port dues, which the Petitioners desire to impose; your Committee therefore do not feel warranted in recommending a suspension of the Rule in this case.

Your Committee have also examined the Petition of the *Quebec Bank*, and find that the usual notices have been given so far as regards the District newspapers; but they would respectfully submit that this Petition is not of such a nature as to come, properly, under their order of reference.

Mr. Lyon, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Archibald M'Donnell* and others, of *Osgoode*, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to declare the mode in which the side lines of the Lots in the Township of *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, shall be run, which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday the sixth of July next.

Osgoode Side Lines Bill.

The Honorable *Mr. Aylwin*, from the Standing Committee on Printing, 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:—

First Report on Printing

Your Committee have, in accordance with the practice followed during former Sessions, received tenders for the printing required by Your Honorable House during the present Session, in the French and English Languages; and the tender of Messrs. *Lowell* and *Gibson* for the daily printing, and of Messrs. *Campbell* and *Perrault* for the Journal and Appendix, being the lowest, your Committee have accepted the same, upon the said parties furnishing good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of the work; to which they pray the concurrence of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee would beg leave to call the attention of Your Honorable House (touching economy in that principal branch of expenditure "Printing of Bills") to the unnecessary (as your Committee conceive) expense of printing in both languages, certain local Bills; and have agreed to recommend that in future no local or personal Bill, relating exclusively to *Upper Canada*, shall be translated and printed in the French Language, without a request being made for the same to the Translator, by any three of the Members of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee further beg leave to state, that in receiving the tender for the printing the Journals and Appendix of the present Session, they have made it a condition with the contractor that that work shall forthwith proceed with every possible despatch, in order to avoid the heretofore great delay in finishing the same. Your Committee believe with this arrangement, that, in at least three months after the close of the Session, the Journals may be in the hands of Members. And further, Your Committee suggest that three extra copies of the Journal part of this work be furnished and delivered to each Member of the House in sheets, daily, during the progress of the work: to these conditions and suggestions your Committee would also pray the concurrence of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That *Mr. Leslie* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Telegraph Company*.

Montreal Telegraph 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.

On motion of *Mr. Sherwood* of *Brockville*, seconded by *Mr. Duggan*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended until Saturday, the tenth day of July next.

Reports on Private Bills.

Mr. Thompson moved, seconded by *Mr. Conger*, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

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.

Messieurs *Bertrand*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Dickson*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Jes-*

Adjournment. *sup, Jobin, Lantier, Macdonald of GLENGARY, M^cConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Morin, Murney, Powell, Price, Scott, Seymour, Thompson, Webster, and Williams.—(25.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Brooks, Solicitor General Cameron, Cameron of LANARK, Cuyley, Chabot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Duggan, Franchère, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Nelson, Papineau, Riddell, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Viger, and Woods.—(31.)*

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until Wednesday 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.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Nelson, Rousseau, Scott, and Woods.—(19.)*

NAYS.

Messieurs *Attorney General Badgley, Bertrand, Boulton, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Conger, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowen, Hall, Jessup, Lantier, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, M^cConnell, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Price, Riddell, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Stewart of BYTOWN, Thompson, Viger, Webster, and Williams.—(40.)*

So it passed in the negative.

Quebec Bank Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank.

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

Railway Companies.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the Address to Her Majesty on the establishment of Railway Companies, communicated to this House on the eighteenth instant, be referred to the Standing Committee of Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Division Courts (U.C.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws affecting Division Courts in *Upper Canada*.

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

Public Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same.

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

On motion of Mr. *Lantier*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*, Petition of W. Duncan.

Ordered, That the Entries in the Journals of this House, of last Session, which contain the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *William Duncan of Coteau du Lac*, be now read;

The said Entries were read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Entries be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of removing the Duty on Agricultural Products on certain conditions. Agricultural Products.

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 on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Dickson*, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, a Statement of the amount expended in the pretended construction of a macadamized Road from *St. Davids*, in the Township of *Niagara*, through *Grantham* and *Louth* to *Jordan*, in the *Niagara* District, and the amount expended in the construction of the new Mill at *Jordan*, and under whose local superintendence the said Road and Mill have been constructed. Address respecting St. Davids and Jordan Road.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Surveys in that part of the 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 Monday, the fifth of July next. Surveyors (U.C.) Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Surveys in that part of the 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 Monday, the fifth of July next.

Ordered, That Mr. *DeWitt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal and Province Line Junction Railroad Company*. Montreal and Province Line Railroad 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.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

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 Return of the amount collected for Harbour Dues at the Port of *Toronto*, for the year 1846; and also, a detailed Statement shewing the balance, (if any,) still due to the Government, on account of sums advanced by the authority of certain Acts of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for constructing and Address respecting Toronto Harbour Dues.

Address res-
pecting To-
ronto Harbour
Dues.

repairing the Queen's Wharf at the entrance of the said Harbour.

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

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

Address res-
pecting Road
from Bytown
to Hatfield.

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 Report of *Thomas C. Keefer*, Assistant Engineer to the Board of Works, of date the 18th and 19th of June instant, together with ten accompanying Documents, with reference to the survey and line of Road from *Bytown* to *Hatfield*; and also, Mr. *Keefer's* general Report on the Trade and Public Works on the *Ottawa*.

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

Canada Assu-
rance Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a new Assurance Company, under the name of the Assurance Company 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 the sixth of July next.

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

Address res-
pecting Lands
in Brandon.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to direct the proper Officers of the Crown to institute, in the name of Her Majesty, such legal proceedings as may protect and secure the inhabitants of the Towns up of *Brandon* in the possession of their lands.

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

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

Petition of J
Major and
others.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Major* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*, praying to be incorporated as the *Port Britain* Harbour and Wharf Company, may be proceeded with, notwithstanding the Rule of this House which requires that notice be published during two months in a newspaper of the District that such application may affect, has not been complied with,—the same having been published in the Official Gazette from the first day of December last, up to the present period.

Quebec and
Lake Superior
Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and Lake Superior* Mining Association.

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

Dundas and
Waterloo Road
Bill.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of authorizing the Commissioners or Trustees for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow a sum of money, 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 Commissioners or Trustees for the *Dundas* or *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow a sum not exceeding Six thousand pounds, upon the security of the Tolls of the said Road, in order to complete the same.

Dundas and
Waterloo Road
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road.

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada* West, being read;

Lock-up
Houses Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen* Islands, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification by Law required of Justices of the Peace in the other parts of the Province, being read;

Magdalen Is-
lands Justices
of the Peace
Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to afford a legal recourse in this Province, for the recovery of legal and just claims upon the Executive Government thereof, being read;

Governm. ex-
Claimants Bill.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baldrin*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, on the subject of the present Emigration; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the present motion.

Address to Her
Majesty on
Emigration.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldrin*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, and the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, be appointed to draw up and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, in conformity with the said Resolution.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the present Emigration, 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 venture to represent the apprehensions which we entertain for the unprecedented influx of Emigrants from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, in a state of destitution, starvation, and disease, unparalleled in the history of the Province.

We venture humbly to state that arrangements for the reception of the sick at *Grosse Isle*, the Quarantine Station, although made on an extensive scale, have proved wholly inadequate to the unexpected emergency; that the entire range of buildings intended for the use of Emigrants generally at that

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Station have been converted into Hospitals, and still are insufficient for the numerous and increasing sick; that the Island itself, which is three miles in length, and a half a mile in breadth, has been reported as not sufficiently extensive to receive all those who, by the regulations of the Health Officers, are required to perform Quarantine; that the apparently healthy have consequently been forwarded without being subjected to the usual precaution; and as a further consequence, that fever is shewing itself among the inhabitants of the populous cities of *Montreal* and *Quebec*; and, in addition, that the progress of Emigrants into the interior is marked by disease and death.

We feel bound to declare to Your Majesty, that while we believe that this House and the people of the Province are most desirous to welcome to the Colony all those of their fellow subjects who may think proper to emigrate from the parent country to settle among them, we are convinced that a continued emigration of a similar character to that which is now taking place, is calculated to produce a most injurious effect upon our prosperity, unless conducted upon some more systematic principle.

We beseech the interference of Your Majesty under the infliction with which this land has been visited, and is still further threatened, not to permit the helpless, the starving, the sick and diseased, unequal and unfit as they are to face the hardships of a settler's life, to embark for these shores, which, if they reach, they reach in too many instances only to find a grave.

We humbly pray Your Majesty that measures may be adopted by Your Majesty's Government, that the Emigrant Ships may be large and airy; that ample space may be allotted to the Emigrants, and that a larger allowance of better food than is now furnished, with sufficient Medical attendance, shall be always provided on board.

We humbly inform Your Majesty that, in the opinion of this House, an unusually large expenditure must be made in this Province, in the present season, to meet such unexampled destitution and distress; and we assure Your Majesty of our confident belief that the justice, as well as the liberality of the Imperial Government, will provide for this expenditure from the Imperial Funds.

Address to His Excellency on Emigration.

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, informing His Excellency that this House has voted an humble Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the present Emigration; and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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

Service of Process Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the service of process in real actions, wherein the party Defendant is resident without the limits of the District of the situation of the property in dispute, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Statute of the 8 *Victoria*, chapter 31, and to make other provisions for the limitation of Actions, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for enforcing the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Pascal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies* in the District of *Montreal*, and to fix the rate of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, 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 provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*, 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 provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*, being read;

Ordered. That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday, the sixth of July next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intitled, "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province," to Ministers of all denominations of Christians, 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 enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock, 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 enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock, 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 amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light* Company, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Limitation of Actions Bill.

Master and Servant Bill.

Witnesses Attendance Bill.

Lachapelle's Bridge Bill.

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

L'Islet Registry Office Bill.

Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Bill.

Marriages (U.C.) Bill.

Montreal Bank Bill.

City Bank Bill.

Montreal Gas Light Bill.

Beecher's Letters Patent Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher* for an improved Bark Mill, being read :

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

Banque du Peuple Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Morin's Bridge Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Militia Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal parts of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Quebec Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the sixth day of July next.

Quebec District Bank Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the sixth day of July next.

Toronto Hospital Bill

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Hospital, 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 Tuesday the sixth of July next.

Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*, being read ;

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Woods*, That the said Bill be now read.

Mr. *Boulton* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, That all the words after "be" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "read this day "six months."

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.

Messieurs *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Duggan*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Price*, *Riddell*, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, and *Smith* of WENTWORTH.—(12.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Berthelot*, *Cauchon*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *DeWitt*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *LeBoutillier*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(34.)

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Berthelot*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *DeWitt*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *LeBoutillier*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *McConnell*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Powell*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(37.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Chalmers*, *Duggan*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Price*, *Riddell*, and Attorney General *Sherwood*.—(10.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Arthur Road Company*, being read ;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas Road Company*, being read ;

The said Bill was accordingly read ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned, 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* of *Stormont* 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 second reading of the Bill to divide the Western District of the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Mr. *Woods* moved, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, That the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

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 ;

Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Bill.

Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill.

Prescription Bill.

Western District Division Bill.

Western District Division Bill.

And Mr. *Christie* 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.

Canada Mutual Life Assurance Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Merchants, &c. Protection Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents, being read;

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

Judgment Debtors Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors, in certain cases, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Duggan*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, Mr. *Prince*, and Mr. *Hall*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records

Montreal Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*, being read;

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

Orders deferred.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 28° die Junii.

ANNO 11° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Messengers Report.

THE Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive this House with its Addresses, on the subject of the present Emigration, this day, at half-past three o'clock, P. M.

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of the Magistrates of the District of *Huron* in General Quarter Sessions assembled, (relating to the Boundary of the District.)

By Mr. *Meyers*,—The Petition of the President and Board of Police of the town of *Cobourg*; and the Petition of *James Smith* and others, of the Townships of *Hamilton* and *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*.

Petitions brought up.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *N. Adams* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*.

By Mr. *Chalmers*,—The Petition of *James Hamilton* and others, of *Dundas*, in the District of *Gore*.

By Mr. *Duggan*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Henry J. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto* and other places.

By Mr. *Jessup*,—The Petition of *D. Clark* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; the Petition of *Dunham Jones* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; and the Petition of *James Gibson* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, in the County of *Grenville*.

By Mr. *Williams*,—The Petition of *Thomas Griffith*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Macdonald of Glengary*,—The Petition of *Duncan Grant*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of *John Minor* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; and the Petition of *Andrew Thompson*, Esquire, and others, of *Dunnville*, in the County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Hall*,—The Petition of *Ethan Card* and others, of *Whitby* and other Townships, in the Home, *Newcastle*, and *Colborne* Districts.

By Mr. *Cummings*,—The Petition of *Ozias Buchner* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*, in the District of *Niagara*; and the Petition of *Jacob H. Ball* of the Township of *Grantham*, in the District of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of *Lawrence H. Hunt* and others, of *Windham* and other Townships, in the Districts of *Talbot* and *Brock*; the Petition of *Charles Hedges* and others, of the thirteenth and fourteenth Concessions of the Township of *Burford*, in the District of *Brock*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*, (relating to a Boundary Line.)

By Mr. *Smith of Wentworth*,—The Petition of *Nathan Gage* and others, of the town of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Bertrand*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of *Kakouna*, in the County of *Rimouski*, (relating to Education.)

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *Peter Caughel*, on behalf of the inhabitants of the Township of *Houghton*, in the District of *Talbot*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *George Secord* and others, of the Township of *Gainsborough*, in the District of *Niagara*.

Marriages (U. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled, "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province," to Ministers of all denominations of Christians, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foster*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all denominations of Christians."

Mr. *Price* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Powell*, That all the words after the word "Bill," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted:—"be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next, to amend the same, by inserting a clause by which Clergymen of all denominations may be placed on an equal footing, in so far as regards the solemnization of Marriage."

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:—

Marrriages &
Civil Bill

YEAS.

Messieurs *Berthelot, Bertrand, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Conger, Cummings, DeWitt, Gowan, Hall, Jessup, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *McConnell, Merritt, Monro, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Seymour, Smith* of WESTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWNS, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson, Webster, and Woods*.—(29.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Meyers, Prince, Robinson*, Attorney General *Sherwood, Viger, and Williams*.—(15.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put upon the main motion, as amended, the House divided thereon; and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, Accordingly.

Magdalen Islands
Justice of the Peace
Bill

An engrossed Bill relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification required by law of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province, 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.

Prescription
Bill

An engrossed Bill for shortening the time for Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Ordered, That the engrossing Clerk be required to amend the fourth clause of the said Bill, by the insertion of the word "interrupted" after the word "party" in the third line from the end of said clause; and in the tenth clause, the words "of the period" after the word "expiration," in the fourth line from the top; and that the blank be filled up with the words "the first day of January next."

The said amendments were accordingly made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* 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 *Philip Smith* and others, of the District of *Talbot*; praying certain amendments to the Act to prevent obstructions in rivers and rivulets in *Upper Canada*, and to the Act for the construction of aprons to mill-dams over certain streams.

Of *William Mulligan* and others, of the southwestern section of *Canada West*, from *Fort Erie* to *Sandwich*; praying a renewal of the charter of the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.

Of *François Caron* and others, of the Town of *Amhertsburgh*, in the Western District; praying that the said Town be not incorporated.

Of *Theodore Hart* and others, stockholders in the "*Echo Lake Mining Company*;" praying for an Act of Incorporation, or for such general Act as will enable them to carry on their operations with confidence and security.

Of *Joshua Adams* and others, of the District of *Bathurst*; praying that persons following the reformed Botanic or Thompsonian system of medical practice, be allowed to make a reasonable charge for their services.

Of *John Corrie* and others, Trustees of the Baptist Church of *Perth*; praying to be authorized to sell and convey a certain piece of land vested in their predecessors for the benefit of the said Church.

Of *James Little*, of *Seneca, Grand River*; praying that owners of mill-dams on creeks may not be compelled to construct Slides thereon. Petitions read

Of *Henry S. Reid* and others, of the Townships of *Darlington* and *Cartwright*, in the District of *Newcastle*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, to enable them to construct a Road from *Port Darlington* to *Scugog Lake*.

Of *John H. Eynon* and others, Bible Christians, of the District of *Newcastle*; praying to be admitted to the same rights and privileges as other Religious denominations.

Of *L. M. Cressé*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Nicolet* and *Ste. Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*; praying the repeal of the present Education Law, and the passing of a more liberal Act better adapted to their condition, in lieu thereof.

Of *Joseph Brouyard* and others, of the Parish of *St. David*; praying the repeal of the present Education Law, and the passing of a more liberal Act better adapted to their condition, in lieu thereof.

Of *A. C. Taschereau*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Portneuf*; praying the amendment of the Education Law.

Of *J. G. Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne Lapérade*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying the repeal of the Education Law.

Of *Jean E. Paré* and others, of *St. Fertol*, in the County of *Montmorenci*; praying that the Education Law may be amended.

Of *James Willson* and others, of *North Easthope* and other Townships in and adjoining the District of *Huron*; praying that the said Townships, and certain Government Lands adjoining, may be formed into a new and distinct District.

Of *William Shore* and others, of *Aldborough* and other Townships, in the District of *London*; praying that the said Townships be set apart and form a new District and County, to be called the District of *Elgin*.

Of *George Shaw*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the claim of his father the late Captain *Alexander Shaw*, to a military grant of land in *Upper Canada*, may be granted.

Of *Solomon B. Buswell* and others, of the Townships of *Bolton* and *Hatley*; praying that certain parts of the said Townships may be incorporated as a new Township, to be called the Township of *Elgin*.

Of *Ralph Merry* and others, of *Stanstead*; praying a further grant to complete the Road leading from *Chambly* Plank Road to the Province Line at *Hereford*, and a branch thereof from *Lake Memphremagog* to the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *Thomas Morgan* and others, of the Province of *Canada*; praying that persons practising the Thompsonian or Botanic system of medicine, may be allowed to collect payment for their services.

Of *Joseph S. Walton*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying remuneration for his services as Clerk of the Municipal Council of the Municipal District of *Sherbrooke*, in the year 1841.

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 waited upon His Excellency the Governor General with their Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the present Emigration, and the Address to His Excellency praying that he will transmit the said Address 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:—

The House attend His Excellency with Addresses

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,
I shall not fail to transmit your Address to Her Majesty's Secretary of State, to be laid at the foot of the Throne, for Her Majesty's Gracious consideration.

Petition of T. J. Sack and others:

Ordered, That the Petition of *Theodore J. Sack* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburgh*, in the County of *Essex*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Road Company:

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Niagara and Ten Mile Creek Plank Road Company* be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Of J. Little:

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Little* of *Seneca, Grand River*, and the Petition of *Philip Smith* and others, of the District of *Talbot*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*.

Of P. Smith and others:

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Miller* and others, of the Township of *Nelson*, in the *Gore* District, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Of J. Miller and others, referred.

Seventh Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, 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 regulate assessments in the Town of *Brockville*, and as it does not come under any of the several classes specified in the 66th Rule, they would respectfully submit that it is not of such a nature as to require the publication of notice.

Brockville Assessment Bill

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Report on Petition of J. M'Gill Chambers.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John M'Gill Chambers* and others, of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, in the District of *Bathurst*, 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 their consideration the merits of the Petition referred to them, and having received the evidence of Mr. *Chambers* in behalf of the Petitioners, as also the plans, &c., from the Surveyor General's Office touching the same, have agreed to recommend the passing of a Bill, the provisions of which are to remedy the grievance complained of by the Petitioners.

Queen's Domain Commutation Bill.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations, and other references, have leave to report from time to time.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations; and also the Bill to render commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture* into that of free and common socage, compulsory on the Seigneur at the pleasure of the *Censitaire* or landholder, supplementary to an Act therein men-

tioned relating to the optional commutation of such tenure; with an instruction to the said Committee, and with power to report from time to time, reported that the Committee had gone through the first of the said Bills, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table.

Queen's Domain Commutation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That *Eduard Murney*, Esquire, have leave to absent himself from this House during the remainder of the present Session.

Leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*,
Resolved, That this House will, on Wednesday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the following Resolutions on the subject of Trade:—

Trade.

1. That from documents in possession of this House, it is evident that every effort is being made by the neighbouring State of *New York*, not only to secure to itself the trade of the West, but to attract the transit trade of the British Provinces to the City of *New York*, and that a constitutional provision has been made for establishing a Sinking Fund, derivable from the Tolls of the *Erie Canal*, to pay off the existing Public Debt.
2. That the present rate of Tolls levied on a ton of Merchandize from *Buffalo* to *Albany*, a distance of 366 miles, is \$4,80, or 24s. currency, and on a barrel of Flour 31 cents, which, in the year 1846, yielded a revenue of \$2,800,000.
3. That the Provincial Government has created a Public Debt of nearly £4,000,000, principally in the construction of Canals connecting *Lake Erie* with the Ocean, which Canals yet remain unfinished.
4. That the entire revenue from Public Works in this Province amounts to £44,335 3s., a sum susceptible of a ten-fold increase, by the adoption of measures calculated to counteract the efforts of the State of *New York*, by opening out the natural channel for the transmission of the products of the Wheat growing States of the Union, and the products of this Province, to *Britain*, at a lesser cost than the same can be shipped *via New York*.
5. That, in the opinion of this House, the greatest exertion should be made to finish the Public Works the present season—that the resources to be derived therefrom be made available to secure a revenue, in default of which, the Provincial Debt cannot be provided for, while Taxes will continue to increase, and the inhabitants of the Province will not be in a position to compete successfully for this trade.
6. That the comparative distances and dimensions of the two routes from the great Lakes to the Ocean, *via* the *St. Lawrence*, and through the *Erie Canal*, clearly prove the advantages the former possesses—the one having only 66 miles of artificial navigation, while the other has 366—the one, on the completion of the Works, being capable of conveying Vessels carrying 4,000 barrels, while the other admits of craft not over 800 barrels, and that, too, with the actual necessity of transshipment.
7. That in 1845-6 the average price of freight on Merchandize from *Albany* to *Buffalo*, was 40s. per ton—of which the State received 24s., and the Forwarder 16s.

Trade.

8. That in 1843-4 the average freight of Flour down was 3s. per barrel—of which the State received 1s. 9d., and the Forwarder 1s. 3d. That in 1846 the Toll was reduced to 1s. 6½d., and the freight increased to 2s. 2½d. That the average price of freight on the *St. Lawrence* between *Kingston* and *Montreal*, a distance of 160 miles, was, on Merchandize up, from 30s. to 35s., and on Flour descending, 1s. 6d. to 2s.

9. That less than one half the Tolls charged on the *Erie Canal* would be ample for the *St. Lawrence* route: thus, at present, the charge on the

	Toll.	Forwarder.	Total.
<i>Welland</i> , up, is.....	5s.	1s. 0.	6s.
If the same was charged on <i>St. Lawrence</i>	5s.	9s. 0.	14s.
It would make in all...10s.	10s. 0.		20s.

On Flour down.

	Toll.	Forwarder.	Freight.
On <i>Welland Canal</i>	4½d.	0s. 1d.	0s. 5½d.
On <i>St. Lawrence</i>	4½d.	1s. 2d.	1s. 6½d.

In all.....9d. 1s. 3d. 2s. 0d.

10. That the above statement bears evidence that when the large Canals are finished, Tolls may be imposed, both up and down, for the purposes of Revenue; that prices of freight may be reduced one half from those heretofore paid on the *St. Lawrence*, and still keep under the prices paid on the *Erie Canal*.

11. That, therefore, notwithstanding the difficulties of the Navigation of the *St. Lawrence*, this House feels every confidence that, with ordinary good management, and the removal of restrictions, this route would be cheaper, more rapid, and more generally beneficial than that *via New York*; and that finally it would attract the greater portion of the products of the Western States this way for shipment to *Europe*.

12. That, therefore, it is, in the opinion of this House, highly desirable that the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* should be thrown open to the World, and all restrictions to the export and import trade of the Province removed,—as thereby the energy of the inhabitants of this Colony would be brought into immediate action; its unbounded resources developed; its natural advantages and extensive water communications rendered available; and the productions of *Canada* would be thrown into the Markets of *Great Britain* upon equitable terms, while so long as restriction is maintained cannot be, from the advantage given to the Foreigner over the Colonist.

13. That, in order to place this Province in the position to which it is entitled, as an appendage to the British Crown, an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying She will be pleased to recommend such arrangements in the commercial policy of the Empire, as may remove all existing Duties on the productions of *Canada* when admitted to the Market of the Mother Country, and to repeal all Imperial Acts which in any way restrict the free operations of its Trade and Commerce.

Ordered, That Mr. Merritt have leave to bring in a Bill to form General Partnerships for manufacturing and other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Merritt have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Niagara District Bank 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 Thursday, the eighth day of July next.

Ordered, That Mr. Merritt have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Marine Insurance Company in the District of *Niagara*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Morin have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *St. Rose*; to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for 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.

Ordered, That Mr. Chalmers have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Baldwin have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Boulton have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Huron and St. Mary's Copper Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Muffatt have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Mining Company*.

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

On motion of Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Dickson, Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of an humble Address to be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty's Assent to the Civil List Bill passed last Session.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee

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 passed an Address, which Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House; and is as followeth:—

Most Gracious Sovereign,

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the

Niagara Bank Bill.

Niagara Marine Insurance Bill.

Leprohon and Berthelot's Bridge Bill.

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

Burlington Bay Dock Bill.

Huron and St. Mary's Copper Bill.

Canada Mining Bill.

Address to Her Majesty on Civil List Bill.

General Partnerships Bill

Niagara Bank Bill

Address to Her Majesty on Civil List Bill

Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beseech Your Majesty to be graciously pleased to give Your Majesty's Royal Assent to a Bill passed at the last Session of this Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty."

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be communicated, by Message, to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That Mr. Prince do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Western District Division Bill

Mr. Christie, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to divide the Western District of the Province of 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.

Mr. Woods moved, seconded by Mr. Prince, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. Price moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Powell, That all the words after the word "Bill," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next, with the view of introducing a proviso into the said Bill, to the effect that so soon as the northern Townships of the said District shall have erected a suitable Gaol and Court House, the said Townships shall be set off as a separate District."

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, the House divided thereon, and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Lachapelle's Bridge Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Pascal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*, in the District of *Montreal*, and to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

P. Vieau and others' Bridge Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Pierre Vieau*, *Louis Lahaie*, and *Joseph Brin dit Desrochers* to build a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Parish of *La Visitation* and *Isle-Jésus*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Merchants, &c. Protection Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*, 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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Merritt*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Papineau*, *Prince*, *Robin-*

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son, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BY-TOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(33.)

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Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Chauveau*, *DeWitt*, *Drummond*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, and *Rousseau*.—(16.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, Mr. *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, and the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, 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 preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances, 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, 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 Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska*, from *Labadie* to *St. François du Lac*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill 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 for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Powell* 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 consolidate and amend the Law and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery, 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 alter and amend an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, authorizing the erection of an Asylum for Insane and Lunatic persons, and to provide in a more effectual manner for the safe keeping and maintenance of such Insane

Merchants, &c. Protection Bill.

Malicious Injuries Bill.

Yamaska Registry Office Bill.

Accidental Death Provision Bill.

Forgery Bill.

Lunatic Asylum Bill.

Lunatic Asylum (U.C.) Bill.	or Lunatic persons as have become dangerous to society in the several Districts of <i>Upper Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	Mr. <i>Moffatt</i> , the Honorable Mr. Attorney General <i>Badgley</i> , Mr. <i>Christie</i> , Mr. <i>Drummond</i> , Mr. <i>Prince</i> , Mr. <i>McConnell</i> , and Mr. <i>Foster</i> , to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.	Lands Partition Bill.
School Act Amendment Bill (U.C.)	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Common School Act in <i>Upper Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the distillation of Spirituous Liquors, in this Province, from Grain, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	Grain Distillation Prevention Bill.
Board of Works Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works," 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 revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	Surveyors (L.C.) Bill.
Montreal Harbour Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of <i>Montreal</i> , and for other purposes, 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 facilitate the re-union to the Domain, of Lands in <i>Lower Canada</i> conceded by Seigniors on conditions which have not been fulfilled, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.	Domain Lands Re-union Bill.
Plantagenet Township Division Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the Township of <i>Plantagenet</i> , in the <i>Ottawa</i> District, into two Townships, 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 incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> Firemen's Benevolent Association, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	Montreal Firemen's Bill.
Carillon and Grenville Railroad Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Carillon</i> and <i>Grenville</i> Railroad Company, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to secure titles to real estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of <i>Lower Canada</i> , of the 1 <i>Will.</i> 4, cap. 53, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	Aliens Titles Bill.
Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Bytown</i> and <i>Britannia</i> Railroad Company, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to supply proof of Title to the Toll Bridge over the River <i>Etchemin</i> , and for certain other purposes, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	Etchemin Bridge Bill.
Double Costs Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the law relating to double costs, notices of actions, limitation of actions, and pleas of the general issue, under certain Acts of Parliament, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate proof of the Charter of Incorporation of the <i>British American</i> Land Company, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	British American Land Company Bill.
Debentures Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the issue of Debentures for the purposes therein mentioned, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages in <i>Canada</i> West, not specially incorporated, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Meyers</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Meyers</i> reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Committee have leave to sit again, on Thursday next.	Towns and Villages Bill.
Supply.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating "The <i>Cobourg</i> and <i>Rice Lake</i> Plank Road and Ferry Company," being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.	Cobourg Road and Ferry Bill.
London Town Council Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the Town of <i>London</i> , and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 amend the law of Slander and Libel, being read;	Slander and Libel Bill.
Lands Partition Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in certain cases, in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable		

Slander and Libel Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

Carruthers' Attorney Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof, respectively, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Streetsville Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetsville Plank Road Company*, being read;

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

Port Credit and Hurontario Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Road and Bridges.

Kingston Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the tenth section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City, being read;

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

Terrebonne Registry Office Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *Ste. Thérèse*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company, being read;

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

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering and Markham Plank Road Company*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the sixth of July next.

Members added to a Committee.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* and Mr. *Leslie* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, The House adjourned until Wednesday next.

Mercurii, 30° die Junii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Bank and Insurance Statements.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statements of the Affairs of the Chartered Banks and Insurance Offices of the Province, received in conformity to an Order of the House of the 21st instant.

(For the said Statements, see Appendix U.)

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And also, Statement of the real and personal estate of the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*, as required by the Act 8 Vic. cap. 98; which Statement is as followeth:—

Mechanics' Institute.

Montreal, June 26, 1847.

Library.....	} £520 currency.
Apparatus.	
Pictures.....	
Furniture.....	

WM. FOOTNER,
Corresponding Secretary
of the M. I. Montreal.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Colville*,—The Petition of *Robert Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Hinchinbrooke*, in the County of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*,—The Petition of the District Council of the District of *Brock*, (relating to a boundary line.)

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *Ichabod Smith* and others, Trustees of the *Stanstead Seminary*.

By Mr. *Desaunier*,—The Petition of *François Massicotte* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic Railroad Company*; and the Petition of *Siméon Larochelle*, of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, in the County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Berthelot*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*, (relating to the Education Law;) the Petition of *Joseph Hudon* and *J. Bte. Martin*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Paschal*; the Petition of *P. C. Marquis*, and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. André*, County of *Kamouraska*, (relating to the Education Law;) the Petition of *P. Garon*, Mayor, and *L. Letellier*, Secretary, on behalf of the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*, (relating to a new District;) the Petition of *P. C. Marquis* and *Edmond Lévêque*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. André*, County of *Kamouraska*, (relating to the formation of a new District;) the Petition of *J. Hudon*, Mayor, and *J. Bte. Martin*, Secretary and Treasurer on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Paschal*, in the County of *Kamouraska*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Kamouraska*, (relating to the formation of a new District;) the Petition of *P. Garon*, Mayor, and *L. Letellier*, Secretary, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *Rivière Ouelle*, (relating to the erection of wharves;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *Kamouraska*, (relating to the construction of wharves;) the Petition of the Municipal Council of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*, (relating to the construction of wharves;) and the Petition of *Jean Baptiste Martin*, of the Parish of *St. Paschal*, Notary.

By Mr. *Gowan*,—The Petition of *Joseph Montgomery* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *John Counter*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the Town of *Kingston*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *James Irving* and others, of *Whitby* and other Townships, in the Home, *Newcastle*, and *Colborne* Districts; and the Petition of the Honorable *George Crookshanks* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*,—The Petition of *George Snetsinger*, of the Town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Drummond*,—The Petition of *Patrick Brennan*, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *John Brady* and others, of the Province of *Canada*; the Petition of *C. Goodsil* and others, Assessors of

Petitions
brought up.

the Parish of *St. George*, in the late District of *St. Johns*; the Petition of *Ruggles Wright*, of *Hull*, in the District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Gedéon Ouimet*, Esquire, and others.

By Mr. *Woods*,—The Petition of *Thomas W. Smith* and others, of the Townships of *Dover East* and *West*, in the Western District.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of the inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, President, and others, Members of the British and Canadian School Society, (relating to a School House;) and the Petition of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, President, and others, Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society, (relating to the annual aid granted them.)

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *Edmund Meredith*, A.B., L.L.B., and others, the Caput of *McGill College*; and the Petition of *Edmund Meredith*, A.B., L.L.B., Principal and others, the Governors and Officers of the University of *McGill College*.

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of *Harrison Stephens* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Donald Bethune*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, and of the Town of *Niagara*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of Messieurs *John Ward* and Company, and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the incorporation of the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*.

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

Petition read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read; and that the Rule of this House of the twenty-eighth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, be suspended as to the present Petition.

The said Petition was read accordingly.

Western District
Division Bill.

An engrossed Bill to divide the Western District of the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Woods* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Malicious In-
juries Bill.

An engrossed Bill for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Accidental
death Provi-
sion Bill.

An engrossed Bill for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, "An Act for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

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

Carruthers'
Attorney Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof, respectively, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof, respectively."

Ordered, That Mr. *Gowan* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to divide the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the *Ottawa* District, into two Townships, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart of Prescott* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska*, from *Labadie* to *Saint François du Lac*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rousseau* 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 Magistrates of the District of *Huron*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled; praying that the Township of *Mornington* may be detached from the District of *Wellington*, and re-attached to the District of *Huron*.

Of the President and Board of Police of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying for certain amendments to the present Law incorporating the said Town.

Of *James Smith* and others, of the Townships of *Hamilton* and *Hope*, in the District of *Newcastle*; praying an Act of incorporation as the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Road Company.

Of *N. Adams* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; praying aid for the High School at *Belford*, in the said Township.

Of *James Hamilton* and others, of *Dundas*, in the District of *Gore*; praying that the Trustees of the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road be authorized to borrow a certain sum of money to complete the said Road.

Of the Honorable *Henry J. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto* and other places; praying an Act of Incorporation as the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railroad Company.

Of *D. Clark* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; praying that the Road leading from *Point Cardinal* to *Hick's Corner* may be placed under the control of the Board of Works, with a view to its improvement.

Of *Dunham Jones* and others, of the County of *Grenville*; praying that the County of *Grenville*, with the Townships of *Matilda* and *Mountain*, (should they desire it,) be set apart as a new District.

Of *James Gibson* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*, in the County of *Grenville*; praying that no alteration be made in the Boundary Lines in the said Township.

Of *Thomas Griffith*, Esquire; praying indemnification for loss sustained through an incendiary during the late Rebellion.

Of *Duncan Grant*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying indemnity for loss sustained by the riots on the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Of *John Minor* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*; praying for a renewal of the Charter of the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company.

Carruthers'
Attorney Bill.

Plantagenet
Township Di-
vision Bill.

Yamaska Re-
gistry Office
Bill.

Petitions read.

Petitions read.

Of *Andrew Thompson*, Esquire, and others, of *Dunnville*, in the County of *Haldimand*; praying for the passing of a general Police Bill, with certain provisions, to apply to the several Villages throughout the Province.

Of *Ethan Card* and others, of *Whitby* and other Townships, in the Home, *Newcastle*, and *Colborne* Districts; praying a grant of money to improve a Road from a certain part of the Township of *Reach* to *Eldon*.

Of *Ozias Buchner* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying that the proceedings of last Session on the removal of the District Town of the said District be read, and that the several Petitions presented at different times on that subject be revived.

Of *Jacob H. Ball*, of the Township of *Grantham*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying indemnification for loss sustained, through the labourers, in the construction of the *Welland Canal*.

Of *Lawrence H. Hunt* and others, of *Windham* and other Townships in the Districts of *Talbot* and *Brock*; praying that no alteration be made in the present Boundary Line between the Townships of *Windham* and *Burford*, as petitioned for.

Of *Charles Hedges* and others, of the thirteenth and fourteenth Concessions of the Township of *Burford*, in the District of *Brock*, and of the Municipal Council of the District of *Talbot*; praying that no alteration be made in the Boundary Line between the Townships of *Windham* and *Burford*, as petitioned for.

Of *Nathan Gage* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*; praying that the said Town may not be incorporated.

Of the Municipal Council of *Kahouna*, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying amendments to the Education Law.

Of *Peter Caughel*, on behalf of the inhabitants of the Township of *Houghton*, in the District of *Talbot*; praying for a grant to complete the Harbour at *Port Burwell*.

Of *George Secord* and others, of the Township of *Gainsborough*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying that the proceedings of last Session on the removal of the District Town of the said District be again read, and that the several Petitions presented at several times on the same subject be revived.

Petition of *J. Ward* and others;

Of *P. Perrault* and others;

Of *R. B. Sullivan* and others;

Of *W. Anderson* and others;

Of *B. H. LeMoine* and others;

Of *Arthur Acland* and others;

Of *G. J. Grange* and others;

Of *H. J. Boulton* and others;

Of *J. Willson* and others;

Of *Wellington Municipal Council*;

Of *E. Campbell* and others;

Of *T. Hart* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of Messieurs *John Ward* and Company and others, of the City of *Montreal*, and the Petition of *Pierre Perrault* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan* and others, Officers and Members of the *Toronto Mechanics' Institute*; the Petition of *William Anderson* and others, of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*; the Petition of *B. H. LeMoine*, Esquire, and others, Associates of the *Garden River* and *Huron Mining Company*; the Petition of *Arthur Acland* and others, of the District of *Huron*; the Petition of *George John Grange* and others, of the District of *Wellington*; the Petition of the Honorable *Henry J. Boulton* and others, of the City of *Toronto* and other places; the Petition of *James Willson* and others, of *North Easthope* and other Townships in and adjoining the District of *Huron*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington*; the Petition of *Robert Campbell* and others, of the Townships of *Welllesley* and *Peel*, in the District of *Wellington*; the Petition of *Theodore Hart* and others,

stockholders in the "*Echo Lake Mining Company*," and the Petition of *George Desbarats* and *T. A. Stayner*, Esquires, Associates of the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*, be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Of *G. Desbarats* and *T. A. Stayner*;

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Minor* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Of *J. Minor* and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of *Zozime Maçon* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*, and the Petition of the Reverend *Louis Gingras*, *Procureur* of the Seminary of *Quebec*, and others, the inhabitants of *Ste. Thérèse* and other Parishes, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Of *Z. Maçon* and others;
Of the Rev. *L. Gingras* and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of the President and Board of Police of the Town of *Cobourg*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Williams*, and Mr. *Dickson*, to examine the contents thereof with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of *Cobourg Police Board*;

Resolved, That the Petition of *Jonathan Ferris* and others, Members of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Conger*, Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Price*, and Mr. *Duggan*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon, by Bill or otherwise, with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of *J. Ferris* and others referred.

Mr. *Williams* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chalmers*, That the Petition of the Honorable *Zaccheus Burnham* be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Ermatinyer*, and Mr. *Williams*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Motion to refer Petition of *Z. Burnham* negatived.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:

First Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry Village Railroad Company*, and also, the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*, and beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company* be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Toronto, &c., Telegraph Bill.

The Honorable 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.

Message from His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of a Despatch from the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova Scotia*, enclosing copies of Resolutions adopted by the House

Post Office Department.

Post Office
Department.

of Assembly of that Province, relative to the Post Office Department in British North America.
Government House,
Montreal, 29th June, 1847.

(Copy.)

Government House,
Halifax, 15th June, 1847.

My Lord,

In compliance with an Address of the House of Assembly of this Province, I have the honor to request that Your Excellency will invite the attention of the Legislature of *Canada* to the enclosed copies of Resolutions passed by the House in the last Session, on the subject of the Post Office.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. HARVEY.

His Excellency

The Right Honorable,
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c., Montreal.

(Copy.)

In the House of Assembly,
29th March, 1847.

1. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that the extravagant charges for Postage within this Colony, and throughout the Provinces of *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, and *Prince Edward Island*, operate injuriously to the social and commercial interests of the people.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the interests of this Province, in common with those of the other Colonies above mentioned, would be materially advanced by the introduction of one uniform rate of Colonial and inter-Colonial Postage, reduced in amount below the lowest rate in the existing scale.

3. *Resolved*, That the substitution of such reduced and uniform rate for the scale of rates which are now established—when once its practical operation were fairly tested by experience, and the immediate repression which might be its first result, were succeeded by the elasticity that would be the effect of improved and cheaper means of communication by Mail,—would, in the opinion of this House, sustain, if indeed it would not increase, the revenue derived from the Department in question.

4. *Resolved*, That this House deeply impressed with a sense of the advantage which might be anticipated for this Province, from the greater facilities of intercourse, moral, intellectual, commercial, and social, that one uniform low rate of Postage charges would confer, even if for some years those advantages should be counter-balanced by a deficiency of revenue, and a consequent increased charge upon the general funds of the Province, for maintenance of the Provincial Post Office, is of opinion that a uniform rate of three pence, Currency, should be established for Postage throughout this Province, and that the House will be prepared to provide, by grant, for any deficiency of Post Office Revenue, to meet the necessary expenditure for internal communications, should such happen to exist.

5. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, it is desirable to have the concurrence of the Legislatures of *Canada*, *New Brunswick*, and *Prince Edward Island*, with that of this Province, in views and measures, directed to the attainment of an improved system of management of the Post Office Department as far as respects these Colonies, and to the accomplishment of the proposed uniform rate of Postage founded on the recognition of common principles, and of the necessity of an independent authority placed in some one of the Colonies

referred to, and constituted for purposes of central organization and direction of the Department under consideration, within certain limits to be prescribed and defined with the concurrent sanction of the Legislatures of *Canada*, and of the Lower Colonies.

6. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House, that such consentaneous views and measures would result in the establishment of an uniform and harmonious system of management of inter-Colonial Post Office Affairs, that would not present the possibility of any collision of the Colonial or inter-Colonial authorities with the Imperial Functionaries charged with the management of the General Post Office, nor interfere with the interests of the Empire in connection with that Department, whilst it would leave the net Post Office Revenue of each Colony, if such should exist, after deducting the expenses of management and communication within its limits, under the control of that particular Province.

Copies from the Journal.

(Signed,) J. WHIDDEN,
Clerk of Assembly.

The Honorable 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, praying, "that the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure on the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, be laid before this House, for the year 1846."

(For the said Return, see Appendix F.)

Montreal
Turnpike
Roads.

App. (F.)

And also, Correspondence on the subject of the removal of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, from the office of Judge of the District Court of the District of *London*.

Removal of
Judge Allen.

(For the said Correspondence, see Appendix V.)

App. (V.)

Mr. *Powell*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *John Edmiston* and others, of the District of *Talbot*, 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 on
Petition of J.
Edmiston and
others.

Your Committee having carefully considered the matters of the said Petition, and other references on the same subject, are of opinion that the Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada*, is not in its provisions so explicit as to prevent evasion of the intentions of the Legislature, and that much inconvenience to the public has resulted from such vagueness.

Your Committee are also of opinion, that the provisions of the Act relating to Slides or Aprons to Mill-Dams may, with public advantage, be extended to Rivers and Streams not included within the meaning of the Statute, and therefore respectfully beg leave to recommend that both the said Acts be explained and amended, so as to secure to the public the advantages contemplated by the Legislature on passing those Statutes.

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada*."

Rivers and Ri-
vulets Bill.

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

Industry Village Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry Village Railroad Company*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Amherstburgh Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *Amherstburgh*, in the Western District.

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

Seminary of St. Sulpice Loans Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of *St. Sulpice*, to invest monies in loans to the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads leading to the City of *Montreal*.

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

Assessment Bill (U. C.)

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Assessment laws of *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

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

Address respecting A. B. Papineau.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to lay before this House the following documents, or copies of the same, as well as the information hereinafter demanded, that is to say:—First, The Petition of *Casimir Valiquet*, *Robert Monet*, and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Martin*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying for the dismissal of *André Benjamin Papineau*, Esquire, Justice of the Peace and Commissioner of Small Causes in the said Parish, on account of his opposition to the School Law; with the affidavits or depositions on oath of *Joseph Pariseau*, *François Pariseau*, *Joseph Gratton*, *Louis Bélanger*, and *W. O. Stephens*, in support of the said Petition: Second, The date of the receipt of the said Petition, and of the said other documents in the Office of the Provincial Secretary, or in the Office of any other officer of Government to which this Petition and the said other documents may have been addressed: Third, The reference of the said Petition and of the said other documents, either to the Attorney General for *Lower Canada*, or to any other Government officer, and the date of this reference; Fourth, The Reports made on the said Petition, and the said other documents, either by the said Attorney General, or any other officer of the Government, either by the Executive Council or by any other Committee of the same, and the date of these Reports: Fifth, All letters or communications written by order of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, in consequence of the said Petition, to the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, and the answer of the latter to the said letters or communications: Sixth, The nomination of Commissioners, if such nomination has taken place, for enquiry into and reporting on the complaints set forth in the said Petition against the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, with the date of such nomination, the names of the Commissioners, and the instructions given to these latter: Seventh, The Report of these

Commissioners: Eighth, Letters of Lieutenant Colonel *Bélanger*, addressed to the said Provincial Secretary or to any other Government officer, complaining of the conduct of the said *André Benjamin Papineau*, either as Justice of the Peace, Commissioner of Small Causes, School Commissioner, or Officer of Militia, and the answers to these letters: Ninth, All complaints or Reports made against the said *André Benjamin Papineau* by the Superintendent of Schools.

Address respecting A. B. Papineau.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* have leave to bring in a Bill to define and establish the Boundary between the fourth Concessions of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*.

Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Philadelphia* and *Huron Mining Company*.

Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*.

Jurors' Bill (L. C.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*.

Lake Superior Mining Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Garden River Copper Mining Company*.

Garden River Copper Mining Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Echo Lake Mining Company*.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for Copies of a letter from Mr. Secretary *Daly*, dated on or about the 7th May, 1844, addressed to Mr. *Alexander Calder* of *Beaverton*, informing that gentleman of the Governor General having recommended him to the office of Post Master at that place, and desiring him to put himself in communication with the Post Master General at *Quebec*, with a view to his entering upon the duties of that office; also, Copies of the Com-

Motion for an Address respecting A. Calder, negatived.

Motions for an Address respecting A. Calder, negatived.

munications to and from the Deputy Post Master General consequent upon such nomination; and a Copy of the subsequent nomination of another person to that office, together with Copies of any other documents that may explain the reason for the non-appointment of Mr. Calder, notwithstanding his nomination and the appointment of another in his stead.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cauchon, Conger, Desautier, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Merritt, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Smith of WENTWORTH, and Thompson.*—(23.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, Daly, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Jessup, LeBoutillier, Macdonald of KINGSTON, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, Webster, and Williams.*—(27.)

So it passed in the negative.

Petition of M. Bostwick referred

Resolved, That the Petition of *Matthew Bostwick*, Preventive Officer in the Customs Department at *Sherbrooke*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Macdonald of Glengary*, Mr. *Jessup*, 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.

Address for expenditure on Canals, Roads, Bridges, &c.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Hale*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, the amount in detail of all expenditures incurred in the construction of Canals, Roads, Bridges, and other public improvements, since the Union of the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, distinguishing the amounts expended in each section of the Province respectively.

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

Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, 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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Colville, Conger, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Webster, and Williams.*—(28.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Smith of WENTWORTH, and Viger.*—(20.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

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 facilitate the issue of Debentures for the purposes therein mentioned, 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 repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to consolidate the Laws relating to the Customs, and for granting Duties of Customs, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery therein, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the construction, and protect from injury, Electro Magnetic Telegraphs throughout this Province, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal parts of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers, being read;

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;

And Mr. *McConnell* 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.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *British North American Mining Company*, being read;

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Colville*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.

Debentures Bill.

Customs Bill.

Medical Faculty (L.C.) Bill.

Seamen's Bill.

Municipal Authorities (L.C.) Bill.

Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs Bill.

Militia Bill.

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

British North American Mining Bill.

British North American Mining Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, That all the words after "be" in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted: "read a second time on Wednesday next."

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Bertrand, Cauchon, Chauveau, Desautier, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, and *Powell*.—(13.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Berthelot, Boutillier*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Colville, Conger, DeWitt, Drummond, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Laterrière, LeBoutillier, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *McConnell, Moffatt, Papineau, Robinson, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Viger, Webster, Williams, and Woods*.—(31.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the House divided thereon; and it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Mr. *Prince* moved, seconded by Mr. *Colville*, That the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

Ordered, Accordingly.

Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Humber Harbour and Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, being read;

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

Motion to postpone Orders of the Day, negatived.

The Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved, seconded by Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, 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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, Conger, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Morin, Powell, and Smith* of WENTWORTH.—(19.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Hale, LeBoutillier, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *McConnell, Moffatt, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Viger, Webster, Williams, and Woods*.—(21.)

So it passed in the negative.

Motion to adjourn, negatived.

Mr. *Chauveau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, 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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, Conger, DeWitt, Ermatinger, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Leslie, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, and Smith* of WENTWORTH.—(18.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, Hale, LeBoutillier, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *McConnell, Moffatt, Morin, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Viger, Webster, Williams, and Woods*.—(22.)

So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*, 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.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Cauchon, Chauveau, Jobin, and Macdonald* of GLENGARY.—(5.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Conger, DeWitt, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, LaFontaine, LeBoutillier, Leslie, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *McConnell, Merritt, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Prince, Robinson, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Viger, Webster, Williams, and Woods*.—(35.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilhison* to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Entries of the Journals of this House, of last Session, which contain the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *William Duncan of Coteau du Lac*, 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* of *Frontenac* 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.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*,

The House adjourned.

Motion to adjourn, negatived.

Motion to postpone Orders of the Day, negatived.

Gilhison's Attorney Bill.

Special Constables Bill.

William Duncan, of Coteau du Lac.

Orders deferred.

Jovis, 1^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. Meyers,—The Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Cobourg Harbour*; the Petition of *Ebenezer Perry* and others, of the Townships of *Haldimand* and *Hamilton*, in the District of *Newcastle*; and the Petition of *Thomas Scott* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*.

By the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine,—The Petition of *William McDonald* and others, of the Island of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *William Baker* and others, the Trustees of *Dunham High School*; the Petition of *B. W. Ellis* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; the Petition of *A. L. Taylor* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; and the Petition of the Honorable *Ross Cuthbert*, Seigneur of *Dautray* and *Lanoraie*.

By the Honorable Mr. Maffatt,—The Petition of *John Egan*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *Hull*, in the County of *Ottawa*.

By the Honorable Mr. Cayley,—The Petition of *John J. E. Linton* and others, of the Village of *Stratford*, Townships of *South East Hope* and of *Ellice*, in the District of *Huron*.

By Mr. Armstrong,—The Petition of *Alexis Mousseau* and others, of the County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. DeWitt,—The Petition of *J. B. Ethier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Lin*, in the County of *Leinster*.

Militia Bill.

An engrossed Bill to repeal parts of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists and Tunkers, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and that the Title be, "An Act to repeal part of and to amend the Act regulating the Militia of this Province, in so far as regards the enrolment of and fines imposed upon Quakers, Menonists, and Tunkers."

Ordered, That Mr. Merritt do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Report on Petition of A. Campbell and others.

Mr. Chauveau, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of the *Quebec Library*, 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 merits of the Petition referred to them, have unanimously agreed to recommend to Your Honorable House, the passing of a Bill, the provisions of which will comply with the prayer of the Petitioners.

Second Report on Private Bills.

Mr. Ermatinger, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, 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 examined the Bill to incorporate the *New City Gas Company of Montreal*, together with the Petition of Messrs. *John Ward* and Company, and others, in favor thereof, and also the Petition of the *Montreal Gas Light Company* praying that in the event of the new Company being incorporated, their own rights may be guarded by certain provisions; and have made several amendments to the said Bill, which they beg to submit for the

adoption of Your Honorable House. They would beg leave further to draw the attention of the House to the proviso contained in the 6th clause of the printed Bill, which proviso appears to them to be of a somewhat exclusive character.

Mr. Cummings, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Isaac Humphrey Culp*, of the Township of *Stamford*, in the District of *Niagara*, 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 having examined the Petition of *Isaac H. Culp*, of *Stamford*, in the District of *Niagara*, administrator of the estate of the late *Robert Randall*, of the same place, Esquire, deceased, find the statements as set forth by the Petitioner to be correct.

The Legislative Assembly of *Upper Canada*, in the 9th, 10th, and 11th Parliaments, passed a Bill granting to him, the said *Robert Randall*, the sum of five hundred pounds for services rendered a large portion of the people of *Upper Canada* by proceeding to *England* and there representing the interests of those people whose rights were about to be affected by, what was usually termed, the Alien Bill then under consideration of the Imperial Government; but under the system of Government then practised in *Upper Canada*, those Bills so frequently passed by the Legislative Assembly to remunerate Mr. *Randall*, were rejected by the Legislative Council.

After the decease of the said Mr. *Randall*, the said claim was again brought before a Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly in 1836, in favor of the heirs of the said Mr. *Randall*; which Report your Committee have herewith annexed, with other documents relating thereto.

In 1844, the Petitioner obtained letters of administration to the estate, and at the last Session of Your Honorable House, he petitioned on behalf of the estate, for payment of the claim so frequently acknowledged by the people's Representatives of *Upper Canada*, when a Select Committee reported in favor of said claim being allowed, but which allowance was nevertheless not made.

Your Committee are of opinion that the people of *Upper Canada*, through their Representatives in Parliament at those periods set forth, were desirous that the said *Robert Randall* should be remunerated for loss of time and expenses incurred for those services rendered by him.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion he should be paid.

Ordered, That Mr. Williams have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The *Port Britain Harbour and Wharf Company*."

Port Britain Harbour and Wharf Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Smith of *Wentworth* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *Brantford*.

Brantford Incorporation Bill.

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

Mr. Cummings moved, seconded by Mr. Hall, That one copy of the Journals of this House be furnished to each Municipal District Council of *Upper Canada*.

Journals

The Honorable Mr. LaFontaine moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Leslie, That the following words be added to the said Motion: "to each Municipality in *Lower Canada*, to the Town Councils of the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the Cities

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"and incorporated Towns in *Upper Canada*; and that a sufficient number of copies be printed to carry this order into effect."

The question having been put upon 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

Ordered, That one copy of the Journals of this House be furnished to each Municipal District Council of *Upper Canada*, to each Municipality in *Lower Canada*, to the Town Councils of the Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the Cities and incorporated Towns in *Upper Canada*; and that a sufficient number of copies be printed to carry this order into effect.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of the Petition of the late Sir *Isaac Coffin*, dated 31st July, 1787, to Lord *Dorchester*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the late Province of *Quebec*, pursuant to which the Letters Patent, bearing date at *Quebec*, 24th April, 1798, granting him the *Magdalen* Islands, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, were issued, and of any other papers, letters, or correspondence anterior to that date, which may have passed between the late Sir *Isaac Coffin* and the Governor for the time being, that may be in the possession of the Executive Government, or any Department thereof.

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

Address respecting the *Magdalen* Islands.

William Duncan, of *Coteau du Lac*.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Entries in the Journals of this House of last Session, which contain the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *William Duncan* of *Coteau du Lac*, 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 enable *William Duncan* to collect the sums of money due him in the manner and under the conditions mentioned in the Report of the Select Committee presented to this House during last Session, on the subject matter of his Petition.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lantier* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable *William Duncan* to collect a certain sum of money.

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

William Duncan's Collection Bill.

Agricultural Products.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of removing the Duty on Agricultural Products on certain conditions, 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 on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Lake Superior* Mining Association, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete said Road, being read;

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

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the service of process in real actions, wherein the party Defendant is resident without the limits of the District of the situation of the property in dispute, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Service of Process Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Statute of the 8 *Victoria*, chapter 31, and to make other provisions for the limitation of Actions, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Budgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Drummond*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Limitation of Actions Bill.

The Honorable 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:—

Message from His Excellency.

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the several Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

Government House,

Montreal, 30th June, 1847.

Despatches.

(For the Despatches accompanying the said Message, see Appendix W.)

App. (W.)

The Honorable 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, of the 22d ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, "a copy of the Report of the Collector of Customs for the Port of *Dundee*, relating to the seizure of a certain horse, the property of one *Donald M'Crac*, in December last; also, a copy of the Petition of the said *Donald M'Crac*, and of the affidavits thereunto annexed, addressed to *J. W. Dunscomb*, Esquire, protesting against the said seizure; also, copies of all Letters addressed by the said *J. W. Dunscomb*, Esquire, to the said Collector, together with the replies of the latter to the Customs Department, in relation to the said seizure; as also, the explanations offered by him in respect of the conduct of his Deputy in making such seizure, and the final decision of the Department on the subject of the Petition of the said *Donald M'Crac*."

Seizure of D. M'Crac's horse

(For the said Return, see Appendix X.)

App. (X.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General,

Quebec Turnpike Trust.

Quebec Turnpike Trust.

praying His Excellency "to cause the proper officer to lay before the House, copies of all Correspondence between the Executive Government and the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Trust, and copies of all Returns, Accounts, and Documents thereto relating, made by the said Trustees to the Executive Government under the Ordinance and Statute in such case made and provided, from and since the close of the last Session of Parliament"

App. (Y.)

Rice Lake and Lake Ontario Road.

(For the said Return, see Appendix Y.) Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 14th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them "a detailed Statement of the sums expended in constructing the Rice Lake and Lake Ontario macadamized Road, from its commencement to the present period."

Detailed Statement of the expense of constructing the Lake Ontario and Rice Lake Road by the late Board of Works.

	£	s.	d.
Survey.....	176	13	7
Day Labour.....	308	12	3
Advertizing, Stationery, &c.....	15	19	2
Land, and Damages.....	62	5	0
Grubbing, Draining, &c.....	875	0	0
Excavation.....	563	8	4
Drains.....	1	10	0
Square Timber.....	175	3	8
2 inch Plank... } Bridges and Culverts... }	10	17	1
3 do do... }	13	1	4
Gravelling.....	4963	15	0
Cleaning and Forming.....	108	3	9
	£7274	9	2

Certified to be an extract from the Books of the Department of Public Works.

Rice Lake and Lake Ontario Road.

THOS. A. BEGLY,
Secretary, Public Works.

Public Works, 28th June, 1847.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 11th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a detailed Statement of all monies expended out of the appropriations of 1845, and 1846, for the improvement of the Post Road from Bytown to L'Orignal, on other roads or lines than that contemplated by the Legislature."

L'Orignal and Bytown Road.

Statement of Expenditure on L'Orignal and Bytown Road.

	£	s.	d.
Survey by James West.....	144	5	6
do by do Hull to Grenville...	14	0	0
do by T. C. Keefer.....	61	16	10
Rideau Bridge.....	300	0	0
Postages, Copying Plans, Surveys, Estimates, &c.....	24	4	2
	£544	6	6

Certified to be an extract from the Books of the Department of Public Works.

THOS. A. BEGLY,
Secretary, Public Works.

28th June, 1847.

L'Orignal and Bytown Road.

Public Works, }
Canada. }

On Account of Bytown and L'Orignal Road Survey, (Centre Line.)
To Richard M'Connell, Dr.

July 1st to 27th.—Sundries, as per account..... £13 3 10
Certified, (Signed,) T. C. KEEFER, Engineer.

Pay Roll of men employed on the Bytown and L'Orignal Road Survey, for the months of July and Aug. 1846 (Centre Line.)

Names.	How employed.	No. of Days.	Rate per Day.	Amount.			Received from D. Graham, Paymaster to the Ottawa Works, the sums set opposite our respective names.
				£	s.	d.	
Samuel Thompson.....	Chainman ...	39	5	9	15	0	Samuel S. Thompson.
Alexander Findlay.....	Guide	42	5	10	10	0	J. D. Slater for Alexander Findlay.
Michael Downey	Chainman ...	39	4	7	16	0	Michael Downey.
Con. Downey.....	Axeman	39	4	7	16	0	Con. Downey, his \times mark. J. D. Slater, Witness.
Patrick Ferguson	do	39	4	7	16	0	Patrick Ferguson, his \times mark. J. D. Slater, Witness.
James Kenneda.....	Team	1	10	0	10	0	Michael Downey for James Kenneda.
				£ 44	3	0	

I certify that the above Pay List is true and correct.

(Signed,) THOS. C. KEEFER, Engineer.

Bytown, 10th August, 1846.

Pay Roll of men employed on the Bytown and L'Orignal Road Survey, for the month of August, 1846, (Centre Line.)

Names.	How employed.	No. of Days.	Rate per Day.	Amount.			Received from D. Graham, Paymaster to the Ottawa Works, the sums set opposite our respective names.	
				£	s.	d.		
Alexander Findlay.....	Chainman and Guide...	7	5	0	1	15	0	Alexander Findlay.
Gordon Shaver	do do	5	5	0	1	5	0	Gordon Shaver.
Con. Downey	Axeman	5	4	0	1	0	0	Con. Downey, his \times mark.
George Findlay	do	4	2	6	0	10	0	George Findlay.
				£4	10	0		

Certified, (Signed,) THOS. C. KEEFER, Engineer.

Registry Offices (L.C.) APP. (Z.)	Also, The Second General Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices for that portion of the Province of <i>Canada</i> heretofore <i>Lower Canada</i> . (For the said Report, see Appendix Z.)	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.	Supply.
Supervisor of Cullers Accounts. APP. (A.A.)	Also, The Accounts of the Supervisor of Cullers to the 31st December, 1846, as required by the Act 8 <i>Vic.</i> cap. 49. (For the said Accounts, see Appendix A. A.)	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to erect certain parts of the <i>London</i> District into a new District, to be called the District of <i>Elgin</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	Elgin District Bill.
Normal School (U.C.) APP. (B.B.)	And also, Special Report of the measures which have been adopted for the establishment of a Normal School, and for carrying into effect generally the Common School Act 9 <i>Vic.</i> cap. 20; with an Appendix by the Superintendent of Schools for <i>Upper Canada</i> . (For the said Report and Appendix, see Appendix B. B.)	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of <i>Gaspé</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.	Gaspé Landholders Bill.
Witnesses Attendance Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for enforcing the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> Telegraph Company, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.	Montreal Telegraph Bill.
Beecher's Letters Patent Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to <i>Isaac Beecher</i> , for an improved Bark-Mill, 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 increase the Capital Stock of the <i>Quebec</i> Bank, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.	Quebec Bank Bill.
Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the <i>Guelph</i> and <i>Arthur Road</i> Company, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> and Province Line Junction Railroad Company, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.	Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.
Montreal Mining Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> Mining Company, 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 establish Lock-up-Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of <i>Canada West</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	Lock-up Houses Bill.
Marriages (U.C.) Bill.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the engrossed Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of <i>Upper Canada</i> , intituled, "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province," to Ministers of all denominations of Christians, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Webster</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Webster</i> 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	Mr. <i>Scott</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Scott</i> reported that he was directed by the Committee to report the Bill back to the House. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill be now received back from the Committee. <i>Resolved</i> , That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. <i>Ermatinger</i> , the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General <i>Cameron</i> , Mr. <i>Thompson</i> , Mr. <i>Cummings</i> , and Mr. <i>Prince</i> , to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.	
Trade.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of Trade, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Macdonell</i> of <i>Stormont</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Macdonell</i> of <i>Stormont</i> reported that the Committee had made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Thursday next.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of <i>Brockville</i> , according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Meyers</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Meyers</i> 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	Brockville Assessment Bill.
		The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of <i>Dundas</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	Dundas Incorporation Bill.

Burlington Bay Dock Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Burlington Bay Dock Company</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of <i>Canada West</i> not specially incorporated, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 establish Lock-up-Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of <i>Canada West</i> .	Towns and Villages Bill.
Huron and St. Mary's Copper Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Huron and St. Mary's Copper Company</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 amend the Act incorporating "The <i>Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company</i> ," being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.	Cobourg Road and Ferry Bill.
Canada Mining Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Canada Mining Company</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 amend the law of Slander and Libel, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next.	Slander and Libel Bill.
Forgery Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Law and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Tuesday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Streetsville Plank Road Company</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	Streetsville Road Bill.
Master and Servant Bill.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Monday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the <i>St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company</i> , and to extend the powers of the said Company, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.
Grain Distillation Prevention Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the distillation of Spirituous Liquors in this Province, from Grain, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 incorporate the <i>Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	Toronto, &c. Telegraph Bill.
Surveyors (L. C.) Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned; concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	Mr. <i>Meyers</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Meyers</i> reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	
Montreal Firemen's Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association</i> , being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House. Mr. <i>Armstrong</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Armstrong</i> 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be engrossed.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the <i>St. Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Boulton</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Boulton</i> 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	Industry Village Railroad Bill.
Aliens Titles Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to secure titles to real estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of <i>Lower Canada</i> , of the 1 <i>Will.</i> 4., cap. 53, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	Resolved, That the Report on the Private Business of the House, prepared under the direction of Mr. Speaker, in compliance with an Order of the House at the last Session, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. <i>Robinson</i> , Mr. <i>Leslie</i> , Mr. <i>Williams</i> , the Honorable Mr. <i>LaFontaine</i> , the Honorable Mr. <i>Baldwin</i> , Mr. <i>Pice</i> , and the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General <i>Cameron</i> , to report what regulations, in their opinion, it is expedient to adopt for the future management of the Private Business of the House; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.	Private Business of the House.
Etchemin Bridge Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to supply proof of Title to the Toll Bridge over the River <i>Etchemin</i> , and for certain other purposes, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.		
British American Land Company Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to facilitate proof of the Charter and Act of Incorporation of the <i>British American Land Company</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.		

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, seconded by Mr. *Foster*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 2° die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *William Charles Hume* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*.

By Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*,—The Petition of *Ambrose Blacklock* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District.

By Mr. *Leslie*,—The Petition of *T. R. Jobson* and others, of the Town of *St. Johns* and its vicinity, in the District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of the *Montreal Board of Trade*, (relating to Customs Duties;) and the Petition of Messieurs *Robertson*, *Masson* and Company, and others, of the City and District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *W. C. D. Anson*, Esquire, and others, of the Seignories of *Godefroi* and *Béancour*.

Montreal Firemen's Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Service of Process Bill.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the service of process in real actions wherein the party Defendant is resident without the limits of the District of the situation of the property in dispute, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable 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 *Robert Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Hinchinbrooke*, in the County of *Beauharnois*; praying that the Common School Act may be amended, by providing an appeal in all actions arising under the said Act to the Circuit Courts in the Inferior Term of Queen's Bench.

Of *Ichabod Smith* and others, Trustees of the *Stanstead Seminary*; praying aid in support of the said Institution.

Of *François Massicotte* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*; praying the repeal of the Education Law.

Of *P. C. Marquis* and others, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. André*, County of *Kamouraska*; praying the repeal of the whole, or a part of the Education Law.

Of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*; praying an Act to authorize the Provincial Government to subscribe for a part of their Capital Stock, and for further Legislative aid.

Of *Siméon Larochelle*, of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying for aid to indemnify him for loss of time in constructing a model of a self-acting Battery for Cannon.

Of the Municipal Council of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*; and of *Joseph Hudon* and *J. B. Martin*, in

behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Paschal*; praying amendments to the Education Law. Petitions read.

Of *P. Garon*, Mayor, and *L. Letellier*, Secretary, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *Rivière Ouelle*; of the Municipal Council of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*; of *P. C. Marquis* and *Edmond Levêque*, in behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. André*, County of *Kamouraska*; of *J. Hudon*, Mayor, and *J. Bte. Martin*, Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Paschal*, in the County of *Kamouraska*; and of the Municipal Council of *Kamouraska*; praying that the County of *Kamouraska* be not included in the Judiciary District which has been prayed for by the Inhabitants of the County of *Rimouski*.

Of *P. Garon*, Mayor, and *L. Letellier*, Secretary, on behalf of the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*; of the Municipal Council of *Kamouraska*; and of the Municipal Council of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*; praying for a grant of money towards making improvements in the lower part of the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *Jean Baptiste Martin* of the Parish of *St. Paschal*, Notary; praying payment for his services as Clerk of the late Municipal Council of *Kamouraska*.

Of *Joseph Montgomery* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; praying the establishment of a Post Office at the Village of *Brennanville*, in the said District.

Of *John Couter*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the City of *Kingston*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the General Hospital of the said City.

Of *James Irving* and others, of *Whitby* and other Townships in the Home, *Newcastle* and *Colborne* Districts; praying a grant of money for the improvement of the Road from the sixth concession of *Reach* to the rear of *Eldon*, in lieu of a grant formerly made but not expended thereon.

Of the Honorable *George Crookshank* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying an enquiry into the circumstances of the presentation of the Petition on which was passed the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company*, and that the said Act be declared not to revive the extinguished liabilities of the subscribers to the said Railroad.

Of *George Snetsinger*, of the Town of *Cornwall*; praying indemnification for the loss of his property known as "*Barnhart's Island*," it having been included within the Boundary of the *United States* by the Commissioners appointed to determine the Boundary Line.

Of *Patrick Brennan*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying enquiry into his dismissal from the office of Superintendent of Emigrant Sheds at *Montreal*, and that he be remunerated for the loss he has sustained thereby.

Of *John Brady* and others, of the Province of *Canada*; praying an Act of Incorporation as the "*Vaudreuil Glass Factory*."

Of *C. Goodsil* and others, Assessors for the Parish of *St. George*, in the late District of *St. Johns*; praying remuneration for their services as Assessors.

Of *Ruggles Wright*, of *Hull*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying that a uniform charge of five shillings be imposed upon each Crib passing through the "*Chats*" and "*Chaudière*" Slides erected by the Board of Works, or that his rights as inventor and owner of Slides in that vicinity be otherwise protected.

Of *Gédéon Ouimet*, Esquire, and others; praying for the annexation of part of the Township of *Upton* to the District of *Montreal*.

Of *Thomas W. Smith* and others, of the Townships of *Dover East* and *West*, in the Western District; praying for the erection of a new District, with *Chatham* as the District Town, and that the necessary tax be imposed for that purpose.

Petitions read.

Of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, Mayor, on behalf of the inhabitants of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures to regulate the system of emigration in this Province.

Of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, President, and others, members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society; praying for a grant of money for the said Institution.

Of *Jeffery Hale*, Esquire, President, and others, Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society: praying the usual annual aid may be granted to the said Institution.

Of *Edmund Meredith*, A.B., L.L.B., and others, the Caput of *McGill* College; praying that such duplicates of Works in the Library of the House as are superfluous, may be bestowed upon the said University.

Of *Edmund Meredith*, A.B., L.L.B., Principal, and others, the Governors and Officers of the University of *McGill* College; praying pecuniary aid for the said University.

Of *Harrison Stephens* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated as the *Montreal* and Great Northern Junction Railroad Company.

Of *Donald Bethune*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Toronto*, and of the Town of *Niagara*; representing the injustice done them by the assistance rendered by Her Majesty's Government to Mr. *James Sutherland*, to enable him to run a steambot in opposition to them,—and praying the interposition of the House to protect their rights.

Of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company; praying certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Time for receiving Private Petitions extended.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be further extended until the fourth of July instant.

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*,—The Petition of *William Wakefield* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of *J. S. McCord*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*.

Petitions of H. Stephens and others,—and Of Lachine Railroad Company, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Harrison Stephens* and others, of the City of *Montreal*,—and the Petition of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Eighth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, 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 examined the Petitions of *W. Anderson* and others, and of *George Desbarats* and *T. A. Stayner* and others, and find that the proper notices have been given.

Your Committee also find that notices have been published upon the Petitions of *Theodore S. Hart* and others, and of *B. H. LeMoine*, Esquire, and others, praying for the incorporation of Mining Companies; but that the names intended by these notices to have been given to the said Companies, are not the same as those mentioned in the Petitions: they find however, from the evidence before them, that the parties applying are the same in each case, and that the objects of the applicants are otherwise unchanged; they therefore beg leave to recommend that the notices in

each of these cases be considered sufficient, notwithstanding the change of name.

Upon the Petition of *T. J. Sack* and others, praying for the incorporation of *Amherstburgh*, your Committee find that no notices whatever have been published; they cannot therefore recommend that the Petition be proceeded with.

The Petition of the Honorable *R. B. Sullivan* and others, for incorporation of the *Toronto* Mechanics' Institute, applies for no exclusive privilege, and therefore does not, in the opinion of your Committee, come under the 66th Rule.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of the City of *Toronto*.

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

The Honorable 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:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, a Statement of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Province, during the year ending the 31st December, 1847, together with an Estimate of the sums required for the service of the same year: and, in conformity to the provisions of the 57th clause of the Union Act, he recommends these Estimates to the House of Assembly.

Government House,
Montreal, 1st July, 1847.

(For the Estimates accompanying the said Message, see Appendix C. C.)

The Honorable 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, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Communications between the Provincial and Imperial Governments, (subsequent to the last Session of Parliament,) in relation to the Works in operation on *Lake St. Peter*, together with all Reports made by the Provincial Government in pursuance thereof, and all decisions come to by the Executive Council thereon; and also, a Report of a Commission of Enquiry held at *William Henry*, in December last, in reference to the management of the said Works, with the decision of the Government thereon.

(For the said Return, see Appendix D. D.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 23d June, 1847, praying for “a Statement of the amount of Indian Monies invested in Government or other Debentures during the last three years, shewing the nature and description of such Debentures, the parties from whom the same were purchased, and to whom payment was made; also, the rates at which such Debentures were purchased, whether below or at par, or at a premium,—and whether such investments in Debentures, if any, were made by the Chief Superintendent of Indian Affairs in this Province, or any other and what officer in that Department.”

(For the said Return, see Appendix E. E.)

Eighth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Toronto Mechanics' Institute Bill.

Message from His Excellency.

Estimates for 1847.

App. (C. C.)

Lake St. Peter.

App. (D. D.)

Indian Monies.

App. (E. E.)

Education Statements (L. C.)	And also, Statements of the Superintendent of Education for <i>Lower Canada</i> , of Counties which have received money for building School Houses, &c., and of Municipalities which have received a share of the School-Monies from 1st January to 1st July, 1846, and from 1st July 1846 to 1st January 1847.	miles of the <i>Yonge Street Road</i> , near <i>Lymburner's</i> , with a Statement of what the original contracts had been taken for.	Address respecting <i>Yonge Street Road</i> .
App. (F. F.)	(For the said Statements, see Appendix F. F.)	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.	
Railroads.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Despatches laid before this House, yesterday, on the subject of Railroads, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. <i>Powell</i> have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of <i>Upper Canada</i> relating to the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams.	Aprons to Mill Dams Bill.
Despatches to be printed.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the various Despatches laid before this House, yesterday, by Message from His Excellency the Governor General, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.	He accordingly presented the said 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.	
Montreal New City Gas Bill.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Bill to incorporate the New City Gas Company of <i>Montreal</i> , as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. <i>Smith</i> of <i>Wentworth</i> have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the <i>Upper Canada Mining Company</i> .	Upper Canada Mining Bill.
Education (L. C.) Bill.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General <i>Badgley</i> have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Act for Elementary Instruction in <i>Lower Canada</i> . He accordingly presented the said 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.	He accordingly presented the said 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.	
Bill relating to the Insane and Destitute.	<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. <i>Dickson</i> have leave to bring in a Bill to transfer power vested in Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions for support of Insane and Destitute, to the respective District Councils, in that part of this Province formerly <i>Upper Canada</i> . He accordingly presented the said 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. <i>DeWitt</i> moved, seconded by Mr. <i>Christie</i> , That the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the notices required to be given for the erection of a Bridge over the River <i>Richelieu</i> , in connection with the <i>Montreal</i> and Province Line Junction Railway Company. The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and it passed in the negative.	Bridge over the <i>Richelieu</i> .
Address respecting <i>Yonge Street Road</i> .	On motion of Mr. <i>Price</i> , seconded by the Honorable Mr. <i>Baldwin</i> , <i>Resolved</i> , That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the amount of the money allowed to the Toll-gate Keepers on <i>Yonge Street Road</i> for losses sustained by them in consequence of the breaking up of the Road at the northern end of it; and also, a copy of the Report or Statement of the late Commissioners of that Road made in the year 1845, in which their views respecting said loss, and the allowance to be made therefore, is set forth; and also, a Statement of the amount allowed to the said Toll-gate Keepers for losses sustained by them in consequence of the alteration in the rates of Toll, under the authority of the Board of Works Act; also, a Statement of the amount of gross and net revenue derived from the same for the years 1844 and 1845, while the same was under the management of the Commissioners, with a Statement of the gross and net revenue derived from the same for the years 1846 and 1847,—the said Road being, during that period, under the management of the Board of Works; also, a Statement of the amounts at which each Toll-gate on the said Road was let by the Commissioners prior to their being suspended, for the year 1846; and also, the amount for which the same were let under the direction of the Board of Works Act; and also, the costs of the first four	<i>Resolved</i> , That a Select Committee composed of Mr. <i>Dickson</i> , and Mr. <i>Macdonald</i> of <i>Dundas</i> , be appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to ascertain what has been done with reference to an Address of this House to Her Majesty regarding the claim made upon Her Majesty's Government by <i>Alexander M'Leod</i> , which was sent up to that Honorable Body for their concurrence during the second Session of the present Parliament; and to make report thereof to this House.	Claim of A. M'Leod.
		<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. <i>Chaveau</i> have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned incorporating the <i>Quebec Library</i> . He accordingly presented the said 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.	Quebec Library Bill.
		<i>Ordered</i> , That Mr. <i>Armstrong</i> and Mr. <i>Boutillier</i> be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands <i>en roture</i> , in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations, and other references.	Members added to a Committee.
		Mr. <i>Webster</i> , from the Committee of the whole House on the engrossed Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of <i>Upper Canada</i> , intituled, "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province," to Ministers of all denominations of Christians, 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.	Marriages (U. C.) Bill.

Message from
the Council.

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, viz:

Magdalen Is-
lands Justices
of the Peace
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen* Islands, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification by law required of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province:"

F. F. Car-
ruthers Attor-
ney Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick Fraser Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively," without any amendment: And also,

Address to
Her Majesty
respecting Civil
List Bill.

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying, that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to give Her Royal Assent to the Bill passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council:" And also,

Address to His
Excellency res-
pecting Civil
List Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the accompanying Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of a Bill passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council, of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, humbly beseeching Her Majesty to be pleased to give Her Royal Assent to a Bill passed at the last Session, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And then he withdrew.

Brockville As-
sessment Bill.

Mr. *Meyers*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes, reported, 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.

Toronto, &c.
Telegraph Bill.

Mr. *Meyers*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto*, *Hamilton*, and *Niagara* Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company, reported, according to Order, 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.

Industry Vil-
lage Railroad
Bill.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry Village* Railroad Company, reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the

Committee to the said Bill; and the amendments, as far as the amendment in Clause 25, Line 6, were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Clause 25, Line 6, the next amendment, being again read, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it passed unanimously in the negative.

Then the residue of the said amendments being again read, 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 facilitate the issue of Debentures for the purposes therein mentioned, 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 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 on the Bill to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery therein, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, Mr. *Nelson*, the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*, Mr. *Boutillier*, and Mr. *Foster*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Common School Act of *Upper Canada*, 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 House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works," 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 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 second reading of the Bill to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables for the better preservation of the Peace, being read;

Industry Vil-
lage Railroad
Bill.

Debentures
Bill.

Montreal Har-
bour Bill.

Crown Proper-
ty Taxes Ex-
emption Bill.

Medical Facul-
ty (L.C.) Bill.

School Act
Amendment
Bill (U.C.)

Board of
Works Bill.

Special Con-
stables Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Public Lands Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Customs Bill.

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;

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.

Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read;

Ordered, That the Estimates of certain Expenses of the Civil Government of the Province of Canada, for the year 1847, be referred to the said Committee.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Macdonald of Glengary took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Macdonald of Glengary 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; and also, that he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

Journals.

Mr. Powell moved, seconded by Mr. Price, That one Copy of the Journals of this House and Appendix be placed in the custody of each Township Clerk in Upper Canada, for the use of the Township; and that the Rule of this House requiring previous notice be suspended so far as relates to this motion.

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.

Messieurs Baldwin, Berthelot, Gowan, LaFontaine, Morin, Powell, and Price.—(7.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Armstrong, Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chalmers, Christie, Conger, Dickson, Jessup, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of KINGSTON, M'Connell, Moffatt, Robinson, Rousseau, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of WENTWORTH, Thompson, Viger, Williams, and Woods.—(24.)

So it passed in the negative.

Orders deferred.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Viger, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Macdonald, The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 5^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. Lantier,—The Petition of François Xavier Desjardins, of the Parish of Vaudreuil, District of Montreal.

By Mr. Hall,—The Petition of Christopher Knowlson and others, of the Township of Emily; the Petition of Mark Bolland and others, Bible Christians of the District of Colborne; and the Petition of the Reverend Fergus M'Evay and others, of the Townships of Ops and Mariposa.

By Mr. Jessup,—The Petition of John L. Archibald and others, of South Gower and other Townships.

By the Honorable Mr. Moffatt,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Montreal.

By Mr. Ermatinger,—The Petition of John Bostwick and others, of the District of London; and the Petition of John Burwell of Port Burwell, Esquire.

By Mr. Gowan,—The Petition of Sylvester Skinner and others, of the District of Johnstown; and the Petition of Abram Emmons and others, of the District of Johnstown.

By Mr. Cummings,—The Petition of James Campbell and others, of the Township of Pelham, in the District of Niagara; and the Petition of John M'Glashan and others, of the Township of Pelham, in the District of Niagara.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley,—The Petition of J. Menzies and others, of the County of Drummond.

By Mr. Duggan,—The Petition of Charles Mitchell, of the Township of Toronto.

By the Honorable Mr. Laterrière,—The Petition of George Tremblay and others, of the Parish of St. Etienne de la Malbaie; and the Petition of Honoré Labbé and others, of Grande Baie and Chicoutimi, County of Saguenay.

By Mr. Stewart of Bytown,—The Petition of John P. Dougherty and others, of the Township of Gloucester.

By Mr. Boulton,—The Petition of the Reverend Henry Scadding and S. Thompson, on behalf of the Council of the Toronto Athæneum.

An engrossed Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, intituled, "An Act to make valid certain Marriages heretofore contracted, and to provide for the future solemnization of Matrimony in this Province," to Ministers of all denominations of Christians, as amended, was again read.

Marriages (U. C.) Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of Upper Canada to Ministers of all denominations of Christians."

Ordered, That Mr. Williams do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Toronto, Hamilton, and Niagara Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company, was read for the third time.

Toronto, &c. Telegraph Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherines Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company."

Ordered, That Mr. Boulton do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the St. Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company, was read for the third time.

Industry Village Railroad Bill.

Industry Village Railroad Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Armstrong* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Brockville Assessment Bill.

An engrossed Bill to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes, was read for the third time.

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.

Petitions read.

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

Of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Cobourg* Harbour; praying an investigation of the expenses incurred by the Board of Works in the improvements of *Cobourg* Harbour, and for the completion of the said Harbour.

Of *Ebenezer Perry* and others, of the Townships of *Haldimand* and *Hamilton*, in the District of *Newcastle*; praying an Act of Incorporation as the *Cobourg* and *Grafton* Road Company.

Of *Thomas Scott* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*; praying a certain further amendment to the Act incorporating the said Town.

Of *William M'Donald* and others, of the Island of *Montreal*; praying that permission be granted to *Pierre Vieau* and others, to build a Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*.

Of *William Baker* and others, the Trustees of *Dunham* High School; praying the usual pecuniary aid.

Of *B. W. Ellis* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; praying aid to improve the *St. John's* Road from *Stanbridge* to the Village of *Philipsburg*.

Of *A. L. Taylor* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; praying that the said Township be divided into two Protestant Parishes, to be called *Stanbridge* and *Bedford*.

Of the Honorable *Ross Cuthbert*, Seigneur of *Dauray* and *Lanoraie*; praying that his rights may be protected in the event of the incorporation of the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry* Village Railroad Company.

Of *John Egan* and others, of the Township of *Hull*, in the County of *Ottawa*; praying an Act of incorporation as the *Hull* Union Road Company.

Of *John J. E. Linton* and others, of the Village of *Stratford*, Townships of *South East Hope* and of *Ellice*, in the District of *Huron*; praying the naturalization of Aliens resident in the Province a certain time, and for the legalizing of their acts.

Of *Alexis Mousseau* and others, of the County of *Berthier*; praying aid to improve the Road from the River *Bayonne*, in the Parish of *Berthier*, to the River *Chicot*, in the Parish of *St. Cuthbert*.

Of *J. B. Ethier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Lin*, in the County of *Leinster*; praying the repeal of the Education Law.

Of the District Council of the District of *Brock*; praying for the appointment of Commissioners to settle all disputes respecting the Boundary Lines of certain Townships in the said District.

Of *William Charles Hume* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*; praying pecuniary aid to construct a Road from *Sturgeon Bay* to *Windsor* Harbour.

Of *Ambrose Blacklock* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*, in the Eastern District; praying aid to make and improve the Road from *Cornwall* to the Township of *Roxborough*.

Of *J. R. Jobson* and others, of the Town of *St. John's* and its vicinity, in the District of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill for granting the privilege of

erecting a Bridge over the River *Richelieu* may not be passed into a law. Petitions read.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill introduced for continuing the Customs Duties may not be sanctioned.

Of Messieurs *Robertson*, *Masson* and Company, and others, of the City and District of *Montreal*; praying the repeal of the existing Bankrupt Law.

Of *W. C. D. Anson*, Esquire, and others, of the Seigniories of *Godfroi* and *Béancour*; praying that the Bridge to be constructed by the Board of Works, over the River *Godfroi*, may be a Draw-Bridge.

Of *William Wakefield* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying to be incorporated as a Company for constructing Wharves with dry and wet Docks, in conjunction with a Marine Railway in the said City.

Of *J. S. M'Cord*, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the City of *Montreal*; praying to be incorporated as a Company for constructing a Public Cemetery in the said City.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Andrew Thompson*, Esquire, and others, of *Dunnville*, in the County of *Haldimand*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to establish Lock-up-Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada West*. Petition of A. Thompson and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Cobourg* Harbour, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Meyers*, Mr. *Seymour*, Mr. *Cummings*, Mr. *Webster*, and Mr. *Ermatinger*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records. Of the Cobourg Harbour Company;

Ordered, That the Petition of *William M'Donald* and others, of the Island of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges. Of W. M'Donald and others, referred.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:— First Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the *River du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, and have made several amendments thereto, which they submit to Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road Company, and have agreed to report the same without amendment. They would nevertheless call the attention of Your Honorable House to the fact, that the Bill does not fix the rates of toll to be charged by the Company, leaving the same to their discretion; as, however, this has generally been the case in Bills of this nature relating to *Upper Canada*, your Committee content themselves with merely noticing the fact.

The Petition of *Caleb Hopkins* and others, your Committee would respectfully suggest, should first be referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others, who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table. Merchants, &c. Protection Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Lands Partition Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to facilitate the partition of lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in certain cases in *Lower 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 Thursday next.

Second Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, and have agreed to the same without amendment.

Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Third Report of Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, 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 provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*; also, the Bill to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock; also, the Bill to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock; and also, the Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," and have agreed to report each of the said Bills without any amendment.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*, and have made several amendments thereto, which they submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also considered the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, and the Petition of the said Company relative to the preservation of their rights, and have made several amendments to the Bill, to which they solicit the concurrence of Your Honorable House.

Report on Niagara District Town.

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (relating to the District Town,) and 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 have duly examined into the merits of the Petition referred to them, praying that the site of the District Town of the *Niagara* District may be removed to some more central and convenient place in said District.

Your Committee find that, in the Journals of the Legislature of the Province of *Upper Canada*, Petitions for the removal of said District Town were presented so far back as 1836, and also, in the Journals of Your Honorable House, that Petitions from the Municipal Council of said District of *Niagara* have, for several Sessions past, been presented to Your Honorable House on the same subject,—such Petitions coming from a body who represent the wishes of the whole District.

Your Committee recommend the prayer of the Petition to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road Company, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Guelph and Dundas Road.

Resolved, That the Return to an Address, laid before this House on the second instant, containing the Report of Captain *Boyfield*, R. N., and other documents, on the improvement of the Navigation of *Lake St. Peter*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Petrie*, Mr. *Armstrong*, Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, and Mr. *Merritt*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Lake St. Peter.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Canada Mutual Life Assurance Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Morin's Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Price* and Mr. *Seymour* be added to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Members added to a Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Banque du Peuple Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Montreal Bank Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

City Bank Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*, *Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased to give Her Royal Assent to a Bill passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty," in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the Blank therein be filled up with the words "and Commons;" and that the

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said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of a Bill passed at the last Session of the Provincial Parliament, intituled, "An Act for granting a Civil List to Her Majesty."

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Montreal Gas
Light Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Appropriation
of Waste
Lands.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Conger*,
Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of appropriating ten millions of acres of the unappropriated Lands, and to provide for the cost of disposing of the same at an expense not exceeding six per cent.

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 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.

Compilers' Re-
port of Indices
to Journals,
referred.

Resolved, That the Report of the Compilers of the Indices to the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of *Upper and Lower Canada*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Gowan*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Christie*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, to report their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Faits et Arti-
cles Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting examination *sur faits et articles*, and the costs thereof, in that part of this Province which was formerly 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 Thursday next.

Public Ac-
counts refer-
red.

Resolved, That the Accounts and Statements respecting the Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1846, be referred to a Select Committee of eleven Members, to examine the same, and report thereon with all convenient speed, and from time to time, if they shall see fit; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that the said Committee be composed of Mr. *Christie*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Hale*, Mr. *Petrie*, Mr. *Brooks*, Mr. *LeMoine*, and Mr. *Thompson*.

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

Journals of the
House.

Resolved, That the Order, of the first instant, for distributing copies of the Journals of this House to the different Municipalities and incorporated Towns in *Upper and Lower Canada*, be rescinded.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to facilitate the issue of Debentures for the 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.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works," 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. *Macdonald* of *Glengary*, from the Committee of Supply, 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 a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Adjutant General of Militia, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of two Deputy Adjutants General of Militia, at the rate of Five hundred pounds each, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and thirty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of four Clerks in the Office of the Adjutant General of Militia, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-six pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of a Messenger in the Office of the Adjutant General of Militia, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Six hundred and twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Office of the Adjutant General of Militia, including Office Rent, Fuel, Postages, Printing, Stationery, &c., for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of one Provincial Aide-de-Camp, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
- Resolved*, 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-seven.
- Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of one Assistant Clerk to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

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10. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Law Clerk to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
11. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
12. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
13. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
14. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
15. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Door-keeper to the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
16. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
17. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and thirty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of three Messengers to the Legislative Council, for the Session, at the rate of Forty-five pounds each.
18. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Council, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
19. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
20. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
21. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Assistant Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
22. *Resolved*, 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 to the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
23. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the French Translator to the Legislative Assembly, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
24. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Ma-

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25. *Resolved*, 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-seven.
26. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five thousand 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-seven.
27. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and ninety-three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, 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-seven.
28. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence, 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-seven.
29. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Louis Noreau*, as late Messenger to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
30. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Pierre Lacroix*, as late Messenger to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
31. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Joseph Bolduc*, as late Messenger to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
32. *Resolved*, 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 late Clerk of Committees of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
33. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Samuel Waller*, as late Clerk of Committees of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
34. *Resolved*, 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 late Clerk of Committees of the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
35. *Resolved*, 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 late Clerk of Committees of the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

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36. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *François Rodrigue*, as late Messenger to the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
37. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Louis Gagné*, as late Messenger to the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
38. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the relief of Foundlings and Indigent Sick Persons in the District of *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
39. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the relief of Foundlings and Indigent Sick Persons in the District of *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
40. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand and fifty-seven pounds, three shillings and four pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the balance of the sum of Three thousand and fifty-seven pounds, three shillings and four pence, claimed by the Grey Nuns of *Montreal* as arrears due to them on their expenditure in the care of Foundlings and Indigent Sick under their charge, in the past years, in part of which Two thousand pounds was granted in one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.
41. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the relief of Foundlings and Indigent Sick Persons in the District of *Three Rivers*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
42. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Corporation of the General Hospital at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.
43. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Managers of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
44. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Ladies of the Benevolent Society of *Montreal* for Widows and Orphans, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
45. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
46. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
47. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Male Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Charitable Association of the Ladies of the Roman Catholic Asylum at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
49. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the Temporary Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*.
50. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the *Toronto* General Hospital, to be defrayed out of the Marriage License Fund for *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
51. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the *Toronto* House of Industry, to be defrayed out of the Marriage License Fund for *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
52. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the relief of Indigent Sick at *Kingston* Hospital, to be defrayed out of the Marriage License Fund for *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
53. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an additional aid to the Lunatic Asylum, *Toronto*, to be defrayed out of the Marriage License Fund for *Upper Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
54. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards defraying the Expenses of the Temporary Lunatic Asylum at *Beauport*, near *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
55. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Medical Faculty of *McGill* College, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
56. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the School for Medicine at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
57. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
58. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Natural History Society at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
59. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics Institute at *Quebec*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.
60. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics Institute at *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

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Various Public Institutions.

Various Public Institutions.	61. <i>Resolved</i> , That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics Institute at <i>Kingston</i> , for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.	Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;	Notarial Organization Bill.
	62. <i>Resolved</i> , That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics Institute at <i>Toronto</i> , for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.	And Mr. <i>Smith</i> of <i>Wentworth</i> 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.	
	63. <i>Resolved</i> , That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Atheneum at <i>Toronto</i> , for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	
New Trials Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the granting of new Trials in certain cases, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for enforcing the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read;	Witnesses Attendance Bill.
Division Courts (U.C.) Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws affecting Division Courts in <i>Upper Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	
Municipal Authorities (L.C.) Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of <i>Gaspé</i> , being read;	Gaspé Landholders' Bill.
Humber Harbour and Road Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive and extend the Act incorporating the <i>Humber Harbour and Road Company</i> , being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.	The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General <i>Badgley</i> , Mr. <i>Christie</i> , Mr. <i>LeBoutillier</i> , the Honorable Mr. <i>Papineau</i> , and the Honorable Mr. <i>Moffatt</i> , to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.	
Message from the Council.	A Message from the Legislative Council by <i>John Fenning Taylor</i> , Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:— Mr. Speaker,	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Montreal Telegraph Company</i> , being read;	Montreal Telegraph Bill.
Malicious Injuries Bill.	The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz.:—	The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.	
Hastings Registration of Titles Bill.	Bill, intituled, "An Act for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances;" Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of <i>Hastings</i> , in <i>Upper Canada</i> :'"	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the <i>Quebec Bank</i> , and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank, being read;	Quebec Bank Bill.
Prescription Bill.	Bill, intituled, "An Act for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned." And then he withdrew.	<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	
Gilkinson's Attorney Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit <i>Archibald Gilkinson</i> to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, 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 incorporate the <i>Montreal and Province Line Junction Railroad Company</i> , being read;	Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.
Notarial Organization Bill.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Smith</i> of <i>Wentworth</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,	The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.	
		The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating "The <i>Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company</i> ," being read;	Cobourg Road and Ferry Bill.
		The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	
		Mr. <i>Conger</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,	
		Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Conger</i> 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.	
		<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.	
		The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the law relating to Surveys in that part of the Province formerly <i>Upper Canada</i> , being read;	Surveyors (U.C.) Bill.
		<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	
		The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands <i>en roture</i> , in the Queen's domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations, being read;	Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.
		<i>Ordered</i> , That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Thursday next.	

General Part-
nerships Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to form General Partnerships for manufacturing and other purposes, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Leprohon and
Berthelot's
Bridge Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *St. Rose*, to fix rates of Tolls for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

London Incor-
poration Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;
The said Bill was accordingly read ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Kingston In-
corporation
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Rivers and Ri-
vulets Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada*," being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

Montague and
North Elmsley
Boundary Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to define and establish the Boundary between the fourth Concessions of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*, being read ;
The said Bill was accordingly read ; and ordered to be engrossed.

Philadelphia
and Huron
Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Philadelphia* and *Huron* Mining Company, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Port Britain
Harbour and
Wharf Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The *Port Britain* Harbour and "Wharf Company," being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

W. Duncan's
Collection Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable *William Duncan* to collect a certain sum of money, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Agricultural
Products.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of removing the Duty on Agricultural Products on certain conditions, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until Wednesday next.

Dundas and
Waterloo Road
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete said Road, being read ;
The said Bill was accordingly read ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Arthur Road* Company, being read ;
The said Bill was accordingly read ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to erect certain parts of the *London* District into a new District to be called the District of *Elgin*, being read ;
The said Bill was accordingly read ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, 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 ;
And Mr. *Ermatinger* reported that he was directed by the Committee to report the Bill back to the House.
Ordered, That the Bill be now received back from the Committee.
Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, Mr. *Powell*, and Mr. *Meyers*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*, 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 certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock* Company, 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 the *Huron* and *St. Mary's* Copper Company, 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 the *Canada* Mining Company, being read ;
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, 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 facilitate proof of the Charter and Act of Incorporation of the *British American Land* Company, 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 amend the law of Slander and Libel, being read ;
The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Guelph and
Arthur Road
Bill.Elgin District
Bill.Master and
Servant Bill.Dundas Incor-
poration Bill.Burlington
Bay Dock Bill.Huron and St.
Mary's Copper
Bill.Canada Mining
Bill.Surveyors (L.
C.) Bill.British American
Land Com-
pany Bill.Slander and
Libel Bill.

Slander and Libel Bill.

Mr. Laurin took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. Laurin reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made some progress.

Streetsville Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Streetsville Plank Road Company, being read; Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Then, on motion of Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Boutillier, The House adjourned.

Martis, 6° die Julii.

ANNO 11°, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. Cameron of Lanark,—The Petition of the Great Western Railroad Company.

By Mr. Mc Connell,—The Petition of Edmund Longmore and others.

By the Honorable Mr. Baldwin,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Home District, (relating to the Common School Act.)

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

Cobourg Road and Ferry Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act incorporating "The Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Meyers do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill.

An engrossed Bill to define and establish the Boundary between the fourth Concessions of Montague and North Elmsley, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,

"An Act to define and establish the Boundary between the fourth Concession of Montague and North Elmsley."

Ordered, That Mr. Smith of Frontenac do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Gilkinson's Attorney Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Courts of Queeca's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Archibald Gilkinson to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor 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.

Debentures Bill.

An engrossed Bill to facilitate the issue of Debentures for the purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,

"An Act to facilitate the issue of Debentures, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Cayley do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the law constituting the Board of Works," was read for the third time.

The Honorable Mr. Robinson moved, seconded by Mr. Duggan, That the following Clause marked A, be added to the said Bill by way of Rider, and make part thereof, and do follow the tenth Clause:

Clause A.

"And be it enacted, That so much of the sixteenth Section of the said first recited Act as provides that it shall not be lawful for the Commissioners of Public Works to depart in any case more than five hundred yards from such line or lines as shall have been delineated on the maps or plans of any Public Works, submitted to and approved of by the Legislature, be, and the same is hereby repealed."

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued:

Yeas..... 20

Nays..... 26

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Viger, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works.'"

The Honorable Mr. Robinson moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. Duggan, That all the words after "Bill" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow."

The question having been 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 unanimously, and

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of J. S. McCord, Esquire, and others, inhabitants of the City of Montreal, and the Petition of John Egan, Esquire, and others, of the Township of Hull, in the County of Ottawa, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Petition of J.S. McCord and others; Of J. Egan and others;

Ordered, That the Petition of T. R. Jobson and others, of the Town of St. Johns and its vicinity, in the District of Montreal, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Of T. R. Jobson and others, referred.

The Honorable 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.

Message from His Excellency

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General taking into consideration the high scholastic and literary attainments of the late Honorable Mr. Vallières de St. Réal, his encouragement of science and the arts, and his eminent position in Lower Canada as a public man, independent of his judicial office, together with the destitution of his Widow and his aged Mother, recommends to the Legislative Assembly the appropriation of an annual Pension to his Widow for her life, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, to commence from the date of the decease of her late husband.

Pension to Mrs. Vallières de St. Réal.

Government House, Montreal, 6th July, 1847.

Seugog Road.

The Honorable 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, dated the 17th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them “information whether the £2,000 voted in 1845, for a line of Road referred to in the Report of the Chairman of the Board of Works for the last year, under the name of ‘Road from *Seugog* Lake to the *Narrows* Bridge,’ has been all expended, and, if so, on what part of the said Road, and when the work was commenced, and when ended: and that he will be pleased to direct to be laid before the House a Statement of the particulars respecting the outlay of the £100 of this money referred to in Schedule C of the said Report: and that he will also direct to be laid before the House copies of the Orders or Instructions given by the Government and by the Department of Public Works, for laying out the balance of the said £2,000; and also, copies of the further Report and information called for by the Government, for the purpose of coming to a decision as to the line of Road upon which the same was to be laid out, and referred to in the answer of His Excellency Earl *Cathcart* to the Address of the House of the 22d May, 1846; and that His Excellency will be further pleased to inform the House whether any and what decision has been come to by the Government as to the line to be adopted in uniting the present *Windsor* and *Seugog* Road with the Road from the *Talbot* River to the *Narrows* Bridge: and also, that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, so much of the original and all subsequent Reports made to the Department of Public Works, and by them to the Government, as relates to the continuation of the Road from the *Talbot* River to the *Narrows* of *Lake Simcoe*, towards its northern terminus at the *Narrows* Bridge in a straight line to the Bridge—and the subsequent alteration of that course, carrying it westerly out of the direct line to the Village of *Atherlin*, and thus making it describe two sides of a triangle instead of one.”

App. (G. G.) (For the said Return, see Appendix G. G.)

Toronto Harbour Dues.

And also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 25th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, a Return of the amount collected for Harbour Dues at the Port of *Toronto*, for the year 1846; and also a detailed Statement, shewing the balance (if any) still due to the Government on account of sums advanced by the authority of certain Acts of the Parliament of *Upper Canada*, for constructing or repairing the Queen's Wharf at the entrance of the said Harbour.

App. (H. H.) (For the said Return, see Appendix H. H.)

Fourth Report of Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, 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 considered the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *St. Thérèse*, and the Petition of *Pierre Perrault* and others, against the removal; and they have agreed to the Bill without amendment; they would beg leave, however, at the same time, to state, that it appears by the evidence before them, most desirable that the County of *Terrebonne* should be divided for the purposes of Registration only, and that a Registry Office should be established on *Isle Jésus*, for that Island, and another on the main land for the rest of the County.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Third Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to extend the provisions of an Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company, and the Petition of *John Minor* and others, praying for a renewal of the Charter of the said Company; and they have made several amendments to the Bill, which they submit for the concurrence of Your Honorable House.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railway Company, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railroad Company, and have made an amendment thereto, which they submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Ninth Report of Committee on Standing Orders

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Honorable *H. J. Boulton* and others, *George J. Grange* and others, and *Arthur Acland* and others, for an Act to incorporate the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railroad Company, and they find that notice has been given by the publication of the Company's Prospectus in several District papers, but that the name of the proposed Company mentioned in the said Prospectus, is different to that stated in the Petition: your Committee would nevertheless recommend that the notice so given be held sufficient.

Upon the Petitions of *Thomas Denison*, senior, and others, and of *John Allison*, Esq. and others, relating to boundary lines, no notices have been given; and your Committee cannot therefore recommend that they be proceeded with.

The Petition of the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation, is not, in the opinion of your Committee, of such a nature as to require the publication of notice.

Ordered, That the Bill to extend the provisions of the Act of *Upper Canada*, incorporating the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Railroad Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Carillon and Grenville Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* Railroad Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders which has been increased to five, by the addition of two Members, be reduced to four, its original number.

Quorum of a Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House,—Statements connected with the affairs of the *Toronto* General Hospital.

Toronto General Hospital.

(For the said Statements, see Appendix I. I.) App. (I. I.)

Toronto General Hospital.

Ordered, That the said Statements be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Hospital*.

Emigration.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Rousseau*, Mr. *McConnell*, Mr. *Prince*, Mr. *Seymour*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, and the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, be appointed to take into consideration the subject of Emigration, with a view of establishing some system by means of which it may be facilitated and rendered more beneficial to the Province and to the individuals emigrating, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Customs Acts.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the several Acts relating to the Duties of Customs.

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* of *Stormont* 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.

Message from the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:

Yamaska Registry Office Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Yamaska*, from *Labaie* to *Saint Francois du Lac*:"

Plantagenet Township Division Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Plantagenet*, in the *Ottawa* District, into two Townships:" And also,

Brockville Parsonage Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church* at *Brockville* to sell a certain lot of land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Brockville Parsonage Bill.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church* at *Brockville* to sell a certain lot of land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," was read for the first time.

Petition of J. Young and others, brought up.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring up the Petition of *John Young* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying an Act of incorporation to enable them to construct a Toll Bridge over the River *Saint Lawrence*, at a certain point about a mile above the said City; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Petition. The said Petition was accordingly brought up.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now received and read.

Petition of J. Young and others, read and referred.

The said Petition was accordingly received and read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act establishing and incorporating the *Montreal Trinity House*, and to continue the said Corporation.

Montreal Trinity House 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.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the Civil List; and that the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members as are of the Executive Council, do attend His Excellency at that time on the part of their House. And then he withdrew.

His Excellency appoints to be attended.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of this House, to-morrow, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the Civil List.

Messengers to attend His Excellency with Addresses.

Ordered, That Mr. *Meyers* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Cobourg and Port Hope Road Company*.

Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Meyers* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg and Grafton Road Company*.

Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Meyers* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the title of certain persons to part of the allowance for Road between broken Concessions A and B in the Township of *Hamilton*.

Hamilton Road Allowance Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jessup* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Prescott Act* of Incorporation.

Prescott Incorporation 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.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

Instruction to Committee on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee to which were referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Income and Ex-

Instruction to
Committee on
Public Ac-
counts.

penditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1846, to make or procure, or cause to be made, if practicable, General Statements of the annual Revenue and Expenditure of the late Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, from the establishment of their respective Constitutions to the period of the Union,—shewing the gross amount collected, from what source, and under what authority,—the net amount, after deducting the expense of collection, (and with reference to *Lower Canada*, the proportion of Duties annually paid to *Upper Canada*,) and the Expenditure, classified under different heads; together with Statements of the Debts or total Liabilities of the said late Provinces at the date of the Union, shewing for what purpose, and under what authority contracted, and to report the same to this House.

Notarial Orga-
nization Bill.

Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this 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.

Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read;
The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *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 come to several Resolutions, which he was directed to submit to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same; and also that he was directed by the Committee 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.

Crown Pro-
perty Taxes
Exemption
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, 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* of *Frontenac* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Orders defer-
red.

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

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

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 7° die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Certificate of
the Return of
Mr. Wilson
for London.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House, that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, a Certificate of the Election of a Member for the Town of *London*, in the room of the Honorable *William Henry Draper*, 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, 7th July, 1847.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the ninth day of June last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the Town of *London*, (*W. Horton*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member for the said Town of *London*, in the room and place of the Honorable *William Henry Draper*, who had resigned his seat as Member for the said Town of *London*, *John Wilson*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the third day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, 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.

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

Certificate of
the Return of
Mr. Wilson
for London.

Mr. Wilson
takes his seat.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of *Job Jameson*, of *Montreal*; the Petition of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of the Reverend *E. W. Sewell* and others, the Incumbent and Wardens of the Chapel of Holy Trinity in the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Charles D. Proctor* and others, stockholders in the *Saint Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,—The Petition of *William Kent* and others, of the Counties of *Huntingdon*, *Rouville*, and *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *Michel Fournier*, Mayor, *pro. tem.*, on behalf of the Municipality of *Port Joli*; the Petition of *P. T. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, in the County of *L'Islet*; and the Petition of *Pierre Morin* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli*, and *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *James William Osgoode Clark* and others, of the District of *Niagara*.

An engrossed Bill for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Notarial Orga-
nization Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* 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 *François Xavier Desjardins*, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, District of *Montreal*; praying that his rights may be protected in the event of the Incorporation of certain parties as the *Vaudreuil* Glass Factory.

Of *Christopher Knowlson* and others, of the Township of *Emily*; praying aid to improve the Road to *Sturgeon Lake*.

Of *Mark Bolland* and others, Bible Christians, of the District of *Colborne*; praying to be allowed the same rights and privileges as other denominations of Christians.

Petitions read.

Of the Reverend *Fergus McEvay* and others, of the Townships of *Ops* and *Mariposa*; praying aid to improve the Road from *Lindsay* to *Peterborough*.

Of *John L. Archibald* and others, of *South Gower* and other Townships; praying aid to improve a Road leading from Lot No. One, in the fifth Concession of the said Township, to *Bytown*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, may not be passed into a law.

Of *John Bostwick* and others, of the District of *London*; representing the delay in the completion of the Basin of the *Port Stanley* Harbour, for which an appropriation has been made,—and praying that such steps may be taken as will lead to its immediate completion.

Of *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*, Esquire; praying for the construction of a Harbour at *Port Burwell*, and a Road to the interior,—and for the Township of *Bayham* to be annexed to and form a Lake frontage to the District of *Brock*, in exchange for a part of the Township of *Nissouri*.

Of *Sylvester Skinner* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*, and of *Abram Emmons* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; praying that persons duly qualified to practise Medicine according to the reformed Botanic or Thompsonian System, may be authorized to receive reasonable remuneration for their services.

Of *James Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Pelham*, in the District of *Niagara*, and of *John McGlashan* and others, of the Township of *Pelham*, in the District of *Niagara*; praying that that part of the Journals of last Session relative to the removal of the District Town of the said District to a more central position, be read, and that the several Petitions presented on that subject, be revived.

Of *J. Menzies* and others, of the County of *Drummond*; representing the advantages which the Eastern Townships would derive from the construction of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad, and the improvement of certain Roads leading to the line of the said Railroad,—and praying the favorable consideration of the House thereto.

Of *Charles Mitchell*, of the Township of *Toronto*; praying indemnification for the loss of a certain quantity of timber, which was swept into the Lake *Ontario*, while he was on Militia duty in 1837.

Of *George Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*; praying for the construction of a Wharf at *Point à Gage*, in the said Parish.

Of *Honoré Labbé* and others, of *Grande Baie* and *Chicoutimi*, County of *Saguenay*; representing that only a part of a certain grant voted in 1843, to open a Road between *La Grande Baie* and the Parish of *St. Urbain* has been expended thereon; also, the necessity of opening a Road between *La Grande Baie* and *Chicoutimi*, and constructing a Wharf at *Malbaie*,—and praying a grant of money to complete the first mentioned road.

Of *John O'Dougherty* and others, of the Township of *Gloucester*; praying that no alteration may be made in the Survey of the said Township made by *Duncan G. Macdonald*, Esquire.

Of the Reverend *Henry Scadding* and *S. Thompson*, on behalf of the Council of the *Toronto* Athæneum; praying pecuniary aid in support of the said Institution.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Abner Hurd* of the Township of *Reach*, in the Home District, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Monro*, and Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*, 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 Return to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the expenditure of the sum of Two thousand pounds, voted in 1845 for the improvement of the Road from *Scugog* Lake to the *Narrows* Bridge, laid before this House, yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House. Scugog Road.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to render commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, into that of free and common soccage, compulsory on the Seigneur at the pleasure of the *Censitaire* or Landholder, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned relating to the optional commutation of such tenure,—with an instruction to the said Committee, and with power to report from time, 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. Compulsory Commutation of Lands Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:— Tenth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *A. Simpson* and others, and of *John Young* and others, and find that the Standing Orders have been complied with in each case.

The Petition of *J. S. Mc Cord*, Esquire, and others, prays for no exclusive privilege, and does not therefore, your Committee conceive, come under their Order of Reference.

With respect to the Petitions of *James Willson* and others, of *Robert Campbell* and others, and of the Municipal Council of the *Wellington* District, all relating to the erection of new Districts, your Committee would beg leave to refer Your Honorable House to the decision, during the present Session, upon the Bill for dividing the Western District, in which case it was decided that matters of this nature do not come under the Rule which requires publication of notice.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth: Second Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Your Committee have considered the Bill to incorporate the *Port Credit* and *Huronario* Plank Road Company, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to incorporate the Members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery therein, 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. Medical Faculty Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto; Master and Servant Bill.

Petition of A. Hurd, referred.

Master and
Servant Bill.

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, for to-morrow.

Report of
Committee on
General Indi-
ces to the Jour-
nals.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Report of the Compilers of the Indices to the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of *Upper and 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:—

Your Committee have examined the Indices, compiled by the Messieurs *Todd*, to the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and they approve highly of the manner in which they have completed the task assigned them, and duly appreciate the skill and labor manifested in the compilations. After such an examination of the nature of the work as they have been enabled to give, they are decidedly of opinion that their utility, as a work of reference, would in a great measure be lost were they to continue in manuscript form; and as they find upon an examination that there is only one complete set of the Journals for each Province, remaining in the possession of Your Honorable House, and as these Indices are in point of fact a complete digest of the Journals to which they relate, it would appear most desirable that they should be printed, without delay, under the direction of the Compilers.

Your Committee find by the Report referred to them, that the official records of the Legislature of *Upper Canada* are in a most incomplete state, many of the Journals having been destroyed at the taking of *York*, during the last American War,—and others, subsequently, at the burning of the Parliament House at that place, in the year 1824. Some of these have been replaced by application to the Colonial Office; but the Journals for 1794 to 1797, 1799, 1806, 1807, 1809, 1813 to 1820, 1822, and 1823, are yet wanting; and as there is every reason to believe that most, if not all, of these volumes can also be obtained there, your Committee would earnestly recommend that the Speaker be authorized to take such steps as he may find necessary for procuring the same without delay.

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

Judgment
Debtors Bill.

Mr. *Duggan*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors, in certain 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.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Bill to enlarge
the powers of
the Montreal
Trinity House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to enlarge the powers of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, in certain cases where the public health of the City may be endangered; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to the present Bill.

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.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *Viger* 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.

Resolved, That the Return to an Address of the 23d ultimo, laid before the House, on Friday last, on the subject of Indian Monies invested in Government or other Debentures, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Boulton*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, and Mr. *Gowan*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *Ste. Thérèse*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Western District of the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Firemen's Benevolent Association*."

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, respectfully expressing the opinion of this House, that in the present state of the Crown Land Department, the vast interests at stake in the Lumber Districts, and the critical and depressed state of the Lumber Trade, as well as the increased and expected emigration, the Commissioner of Crown Lands should be a man of extensive local and general knowledge, having such an intimate acquaintance with the country and its affairs as to be prepared, from his own personal knowledge, to act with promptitude and decision on all matters in his Department; and declaring, with all due deference to the prerogative of the Crown, that Her Majesty's present Commissioner of Crown Lands does not possess such abilities or experience as to render him competent to perform the important duties devolving upon him.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Cauchon*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, and *Thompson*.—(32.)

Bill to enlarge
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Bill.

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the Council.

Accidental
death Provi-
sion Bill.

Western Dis-
trict Division
Bill.

Montreal Fire-
men's Bill.

Motion for an
Address res-
pecting Com-
missioner of
Crown Lands,
negatived.

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Dickson, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, LeBoutillier, Lyon, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Viger, Wilson, Webster, Williams, and Woods*.—(36.)

So it passed in the negative.

Message from His Excellency

The Honorable 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:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Despatch.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Government House,
Montreal, 7th July, 1847.

(Copy.)

No. 47.

Downing Street,
1st April, 1847.

My Lord,

Emigration.

I have had the honor of receiving Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 7, of February 25th, with its enclosures on the subject of Emigration. The papers furnished to you by Mr. *Draper* and by Mr. *Buchanan* certainly place in a strong light the difficulties of any plan for the systematic settlement of Emigrants which has yet been proposed; difficulties which are greatly increased, or more properly speaking, are mainly to be traced to the manner in which so large a portion of the Public Lands of *Canada* have already been alienated, and to the fact that by long usage men's minds are become habituated to the irregular and unsystematic methods of occupying the territory which have hitherto prevailed.

I cannot hope that, under these circumstances, it will be practicable during the present season, to carry into effect any scheme of colonization in the proper sense of the word, and I am compelled to come to the conclusion, that all that can be done for the present is to persevere in the use of the same means which have for some years been employed, in order to afford to the very large number of Emigrants who are now flocking to the Ports of embarkation the assistance they will require when they reach the Colonies.

But though more than this may for the present be impracticable, I confess that even the able papers of Mr. *Draper* and of Mr. *Buchanan*, supported, as I must admit them to be, by the testimony of all the gentlemen of practical experience upon this subject, whom I have had the means of consulting, have not been able to satisfy me that with the co-operation of the Provincial Legislature, it would be impossible to establish some system for the future, by which colonization might be carried forward upon a more regular plan, and upon a larger scale than has yet been attempted. The persuasion that this might be accomplished is very generally entertained in this country; and I have the honor of enclosing a memorial, addressed to the First Lord of the Treasury (just published as a pamphlet,) which advocates the adoption of such a measure, and which has been so strongly pressed upon the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, that I am anxious to learn what may be the opinion which, with the extensive means

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of obtaining accurate information upon the subject within your reach, Your Lordship may form upon it. You will observe that although the pamphlet is written with talent, and there is much that is striking in all the preliminary observations, in the practical part of the plan which it is intended to advocate, there is considerable vagueness and obscurity, and an absence of those details, in the arrangement of which so much of the difficulty of every scheme of Emigration has been found to consist. So far, however, as details are given, the suggested measure seems to be open to serious objections. I greatly doubt whether the District Councils, upon the co-operation of which so much reliance is placed, are bodies which would be found either able or willing to afford the aid expected from them in carrying on Public Works, with the view of affording employment to Emigrants. I also greatly doubt whether any advantage, at all proportioned to the cost, would arise from the proposal to pay to a great Company the sum of five pounds for every Emigrant settled upon the land. I find from the information collected by the Emigrant Commissioners, and published in their last circular, that in the last twenty years, 1,337,000 persons have emigrated to different parts of *North America*, of whom, by far, the majority were of the laboring class. These Emigrants have, for the most part, ultimately established themselves as settlers, or as permanent residents in the Towns, without any cost to the public, beyond the trifling sums annually expended under the system now in force; but had the plan of the authors of this pamphlet been in operation, the gratuitous assistance offered would have attracted to the British Provinces a large proportion of those who have actually gone to the *United States*; and it is a very moderate estimate to suppose that bounty would have been claimed for the settlement of 400,000 of these Emigrants, so that the sum of £2,000,000 would have been thus expended. To this must be added the proposed contribution of one third of the cost of the passage to *America*, of the whole body of Emigrants, which calculated at only £1 for each Emigrant, would have amounted to £1,337,000. Thus, without accomplishing more than has now been accomplished, at scarcely any expense to the public, a total expenditure would have been incurred of no less than £3,337,000, and it would only have been the money in excess of this amount so laid out which would have really contributed to increase the stream of Emigration from this country.

But assuming that Parliament were prepared to grant such a very large sum of money for this purpose, I cannot but believe that more would really be accomplished towards encouraging Emigration by applying it to the construction of great Public Works—such for instance as Railways—by which employment would be provided for a large number of Emigrants in the first instance, and a great extent of land would be rendered far more accessible, and therefore available for settlement, than it now is. The demand for labor thus created would, I am inclined to think, create a spontaneous Emigration to a larger extent, and of a more healthy character, than the adoption of such a scheme as has been suggested.

So far as I can at present judge of this scheme, it does not, therefore, appear to me to be one calculated to succeed; but as I have already observed, I am not yet convinced that with the effective co-operation of the Colonial Legislature, a great extension, and, at the same time, a more regular character might not be given to the present tide of Emigration, without imposing any considerable, perhaps even any permanent, burthen upon the British Treasury. We know that unaided and undirected in their efforts as they now are, numbers of the Emigrants who reach *Canada* with no resource but their labor to trust to, are enabled, in the course of a few years to realize pro-

Emigration

perty, and even to remit considerable sums of money to the friends and relations they have left behind. It is also notorious that in the present mode of conducting the settlement of the territory, there is a great waste of labor, and that far less results are obtained by means of the same amount of exertion than might be looked for, under a system which secured a greater degree of mutual co-operation and assistance amongst those who now trust, in a great measure to their individual and isolated efforts. It is impossible to read any of the numerous and interesting accounts, published during the last few years, of the life of settlers in the backwoods of *British America* and of the *United States*, without being struck with the hardships and difficulties endured by them, and with the great waste of labor incurred entirely in consequence of the want of some means of giving increased efficiency to labor by combination and by the division of employments. We hear continually of bread being scarce where corn is cheap and abundant, because, from the distance of mills and the badness of the roads, it takes many days of toilsome labor for men and horses to carry a small quantity of corn to be ground, and to bring it back in the shape of flour. We hear of days wasted in, perhaps, the busiest part of the season, in carrying to a distant Forge to be repaired, some necessary implement of agriculture, which in *England* would be taken to the village shop, and be again ready for use in an hour. I say nothing (important as are such considerations) of the privations which scattered settlers necessarily undergo from the want of adequate means of religious instruction, of education for their children, and of medical assistance, and of the absence of all the main advantages of civilized society. Looking merely to the pecuniary results of the existing mode of settlement, it seems to me impossible to doubt that it is highly wasteful, and that the same labor better applied and directed, might produce a far larger amount of comfort and advantage to the early settlers in a new territory, and exempt them from many of the privations and hardships to which they are now exposed. It is difficult to understand what natural obstacle prevents such a territory from being occupied, not by individuals, but by Societies properly organized for mutual support and assistance, carrying with them as they advance, all the means and appliances of civilization. For this purpose what seems to be most required, is to carry further than has yet been done, the principle of making all who obtain land, pay for it such a price as at once to afford the means of effecting those improvements by the construction of Roads and Bridges, and by erecting Schools and other Public Buildings, which are necessary for its regular and systematic occupation. If no public lands were alienated but at a price sufficient to pay for such improvements, and if the money obtained from their sale were so expended, land would only be purchased where the improvements were already in progress, while the settler receiving in return for the enhanced price he paid for land, not only the land but the advantage of those works by which its profitable occupation is facilitated, would not in reality pay more, perhaps not so much, for the mere land, as when it is disposed of at a very low and almost nominal price. Where the previous improvident alienation of large quantities of land presents an obstacle to the adoption of the system of selling land in this manner, precisely the same results are attainable by the imposition of a moderate tax upon all land whether wild or reclaimed, and applying the proceeds to the same sort of improvements. Such a tax is not felt as any practical burthen upon settled land, but presents a powerful bar to the acquisition, or retention of land which cannot be turned to some account.

Emigration

Such are the considerations (as it appears to me the just and important considerations) upon which the policy I have now described has been recommended. I have thought it right thus shortly to recapitulate them to Your Lordship, because the principles on which they rest must be steadily borne in mind in judging of any plan of colonization. Acting upon these principles, I am of opinion that the mode in which colonization may with most prospect of success be promoted, is by the application of any money which may be hereafter granted, or advanced by Parliament for this purpose, in opening land for settlement, by making such improvements as I have described, or by constructing Public Works of a more important character, such as Railways and Canals. In this manner immediate employment might be afforded to the Emigrants, while at the same time they would be trained in those descriptions of labor most required in the country in which they are ultimately to settle. I agree with Mr. *Draper* in thinking it desirable that Emigrants going out as laborers should not permanently continue as such, but should, as speedily as possible, be converted into small landowners; but I am of opinion that the only way in which this object can be effected with safety and advantage, is by affording them, in the first instance, employment at good wages, by which the provident and industrious amongst them will speedily be enabled to purchase land, and by doing so, (supposing the system I have recommended be adopted,) they will repay the sums, originally advanced to them, in wages while employed upon those Works which have opened the land they have acquired for permanent settlement. The effect, in short, of the measures I have thus sketched, rather than described, would be to effect settlements by means of advances by the State; but with this important qualification, that these advances would be made in such a manner as to avoid constituting the State the creditor of a numerous body of small settlers, thus tempting them to improvidence and discouraging industry; and instead of this the public money would be invested in the improvement of land, the property in which would only be transferred when a price sufficient to cover the expense incurred was paid for it. It was upon these views that the plan of forming Villages detailed in my Despatch of December 31st, was founded; and Mr. *Draper* has misunderstood me in supposing that I meant the laborers established in the proposed Villages to continue in that rank of life. What I contemplated was, that they should be encouraged to purchase farms in the immediate neighbourhood of the Villages in which they were originally established, and to improve by degrees the log-houses at first provided for them, into comfortable dwellings. I thought, and still think, that living together in Villages would be favorable to civilization and improvement, nor do I see that this would be at all inconsistent with their cultivating the adjoining and surrounding lands as proprietors.

I have only to add, that Her Majesty's Government share in the strong desire which has been so generally expressed, to promote the adoption of some well considered and systematic plan of colonization in *British America*, believing that this would be attended with great benefit both to the Colonies and to the Mother Country. But great as would be the advantages of such a measure, they would still be less than the evils which might follow from the hasty adoption of an ill-matured and impracticable scheme; nor do I think it possible to proceed without the hearty co-operation of the Provincial Legislatures. It is for these reasons that I have so fully explained to you my views upon the subject. I confidently leave it to your judgment, after consulting the Lieutenant Governors of the Lower Provinces, and the members of your Council, to determine in what manner the co-

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operation of the different Legislatures may be best invited; assuring you that if you should be able to arrange with them any plan which may appear calculated to prove successful, Her Majesty's Servants will not be slow to propose, nor, judging from the opinions generally expressed, would Parliament be slow to sanction the employment of the pecuniary resources of this country in furtherance of such an object.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) GREY.

Governor General,
The Right Honorable,
The Earl of *Elgin*,
&c. &c. &c.

Despatch to be printed.

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

Revenue Statements.

The Honorable 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, dated the 22d ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, “a Statement of the gross amount of the Revenue derived from Timber on the *Ottawa* River, and, also, from other sections of the Province; and also, the amount of Revenue from Slides on the *Ottawa*, and from the Union Suspension Bridge at *Bytown*, for the year 1846.”

App. (J. J.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix J. J.)

Passengers Act.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be communicated to the House, “such information as may be in the possession of the Provincial Government, or in that of the Emigrant Agent at *Quebec*, as to the manner in which the provisions of the Passengers Act have been observed by Vessels bringing Emigrants to this Province during the present Season, particularizing any infractions of the Law;” which Return is as followeth:—

Government Emigration Office,
Quebec, 3rd July, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th ultimo, transmitting me, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, Copy of an Address of the Legislative Assembly, calling for information as to the manner in which the provisions of the Passengers Act have been observed by Vessels bringing Emigrants to this Province during the present season, particularizing any infractions of the Law.

In reply, I have the honor to state, that the provisions of the Passengers Act appear to have been very generally observed by the Masters of the Emigrant Vessels of the present season. I have had comparatively few complaints on the part of Emigrants, on the subject of their treatment on board of Vessels, or the supplies of provisions or water issued to them; and such as have been preferred have proved, on examination into the circumstances, to be either trivial in character or ill-founded. One exception only is required to be made in the application of this remark. In the case of the *Birman*, *Guthrie* Master, from *London*, there appeared to me, in the statements made by the Passengers, proper grounds for the institution of proceedings against the Master, for having issued an insufficient supply of water on the passage. The parties however relieved me of the duty of prosecuting, by entering into a compromise, under the 33rd clause of the Act, by which the Master paid £10 to the *Quebec* Fund for distressed Emigrants.

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One or two other cases have occurred this season, which might have called for my interference. The complaints were made to me in *Montreal*, the parties having been brought up direct from *Grosse Isle*; but as to have commenced any proceedings against the Vessels would have obliged the complainants to return to *Quebec*, which they declined to do, I was obliged to forego any legal inquiry into the cases.

I may be further permitted to add, that in consequence of the increased number of Government Emigration Agents in *Ireland*, and the strict instruction issued by the Emigration Commissioners, through the Board of Customs, the regulations of the Act are more strictly enforced previously to the sailing of the Vessels; and complaints and infractions of the law, which in former years were of frequent occurrence, are now comparatively few.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. C. BUCHANAN,

Emigrant Agent.

E. Parent, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary.

And also, Return to an Order of the Legislative Assembly, directing that the proper officer do lay before the House, “a Statement of the amount of Customs Duties collected and paid into the Provincial Treasury, at the Ports of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, the expense attending the same, and the nett amount received, in separate columns; also, a like Statement from *St. John's*, *Kingston*, *Toronto*, and *Hamilton*; also, a like Statement from every other interior Port in *Canada*, for the years 1840, 1841, 1845, and 1846; also, a Statement of the expenses attending the new Department called the Commissioner of Customs,—in order that the comparative amounts received, and cost of collection and expenses at each separate Port may be contrasted, for the information of the House; and that a tabular Statement of the same may be appended to the Public Accounts.”

Customs.

(For the said Return, see Appendix K. K.)

App. (K. K.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded Mr. *Price*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery *Simcoe* Writ. be called in and examined before this House, touching the issue of the writ for the County of *Simcoe*, during the last Recess of Parliament, and all things relating to the same.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery appeared accordingly, and was examined; as followeth:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

1. On whose warrant was the writ issued during the last Recess of Parliament, for the County of *Simcoe*, made out and issued?—The writ was issued in virtue of a warrant addressed to me by the Honorable Messieurs *Daly* and *Smith*, dated the 6th July, 1846.

2. Had you, at the time you acted upon that warrant, any knowledge of the existence of any other warrant for any such writ?—I had not.

3. When did you first learn that there was any such warrant as the Speaker's warrant of the 4th July, 1846?—I cannot state the precise date. I think it was about the latter end of May or the beginning of June, of the present year.

4. Where has the Speaker's warrant of the 4th July, 1846, been, as far as you are aware, from the date thereof to the present time?—I cannot say.

5. From whom did you receive the Speaker's warrant?—From the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*.

6. Has it been in your hands ever since?—It has not,—it was laid before this House.

7. Was it in your hands constantly from the time you received it till you delivered it to the Clerk of this House?—It was not.

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8. Where was it then?—I returned it to the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, either the day I received it, or the day after.

9. When was it returned to you again, and by whom?—When I received it, I immediately thought I could not enter it into my book of records: I therefore took it back to the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and he put it under cover to the Honorable the Speaker.

10. Did you receive any instructions or advice from any one respecting the said warrant, or the manner of dealing with it?—No.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved to resolve, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, That while a Parliament is in being, it belongs to this House alone in the exercise of one of its undoubted privileges, to direct the issue of warrants for the election of Members to represent the People in such Parliament, except only in cases in which the authority to issue such warrants has, by Statute, been specially delegated to other hands.

Mr. *Prince* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*, that all the words after "That" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted:—"the subject matter of the *Simcoe* Election be referred to the Standing Committee on "Privileges and Elections, to take evidence thereon, "and to report to this House with all convenient "speed."

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(29.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Chabot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Dickson*, *Fournier*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Morin*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Scott*, and *Thompson*.—(22.)

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 subject matter of the *Simcoe* Election be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to take evidence thereon, and to report to this House with all convenient speed.

Peel District Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* have leave to bring in a Bill to erect a new District to be called the District of *Peel*, from certain parts of the Districts of *Huron* and *Wellington* in the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* have leave to bring in a Bill for incorporating *Henry John Boulton*, Esquire, and others, under the name and style of the *Toronto* and *Goderich* 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 Tuesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Price* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 9 *Vict.* intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation "of the City of *Toronto*."

Toronto Incorporation Bill.

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

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

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 the Indictment preferred at the late Assizes held in and for the Western District, and the proceedings had thereon, against one *Martin R. White*, with the Judgment of the said Court upon the conviction of the said prisoner.

Address respecting Martin R. White.

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

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

Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Hall*, seconded by Mr. *Dickson*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 8^o die Julii.ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,—The Petition of *Thomas McIntyre* and others, of the Township of *Fullarton*, in the District of *Huron*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade, and the Petition of the Reverend *John Clugston* and others, the Minister and Elders of *St. John's* Church, *Quebec*.

An engrossed Bill to enlarge the powers of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, in certain cases where the public health of the City may be endangered, was read for the third time.

Bill to enlarge the powers of the Montreal Trinity House.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* 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 the Great Western Railroad Company; praying that the charter of the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers Railroad Company may not be renewed.

Of *Edmund Longmore* and others; praying that the custom of selling property at the church doors after divine service on Sundays, in *Lower Canada*, may be discontinued.

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

Of *A. T. Galt*, Esquire, and others, of the Town and County of *Sherbrooke*; praying for the improvement of the Road from *Drummondville* to *Grantham*, and the construction of a new Road from thence to *Acton*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company be referred to

Petition of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic

Railroad Company;

the Select Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject of Emigration, with a view of establishing some system by means of which it may be facilitated and rendered more beneficial to the Province, and to the individuals emigrating.

Of John O'Dougherty and others;

Resolved, That the Petition of *John O'Dougherty* and others, of the Township of *Gloucester*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Stewart of Bytown*, *Mr. Lyon*, the Honorable *Mr. Solicitor General Cameron*, *Mr. Smith of Frontenac*, and *Mr. Petrie*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed, by Bill or otherwise; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of D. Bethune and others referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Donald Bethune*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Toronto* and of the Town of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Mr. Boulton*, *Mr. Wilson*, 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.

Fourth Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. Merritt, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Fifth Report of Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. Ermatinger, 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:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *British North American Mining Company*, and have agreed to certain amendments which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House; and they would also recommend that provision be made for authorizing suits to be carried on against the Company in *Montreal*.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company*, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.

On motion of the Honorable *Mr. Viger*, seconded by the Honorable *Mr. Solicitor General Cameron*,

Simcoe Election.

Ordered, That all the evidence, documentary and oral, now before the House, touching the subject matter of the last *Simcoe* Election, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Grenville District Bill.

Ordered, That *Mr. Jessup* have leave to bring in a Bill to divide the *Johnstown* District, and to erect the County of *Grenville* into a new 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 Wednesday next.

Niagara Courts Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Solicitor General Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Session Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House, in the Town of *Niagara*, built by

the President and Board of Police of the said Town. Niagara Courts Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the Island of *St. Helens* and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids. St. Lawrence Bridge Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company. Lachine Railroad Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Attorney General Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Building Society*. Montreal Building Society Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Attorney General Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to authorize the *Quebec Trinity House* to license, as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned. Quebec Pilots Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Mr. Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend and increase the Representation of the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly. Representation 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.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning's Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:— Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz.:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to define and establish the Boundary between the Fourth Concession of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*:" Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the issue of Debentures, and for other purposes therein mentioned:" Debentures Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to enlarge the powers of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, in certain cases where the public health of the City may be endangered:" And also, Bill to enlarge the powers of the Montreal Trinity House.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry Village* Railroad Company," with several amendments; to which amendments they desire the concurrence of this House: And also, Industry Village Railroad Bill.

Optional Com-
mutation of
Lands Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc-aleu-roturier*;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Optional Com-
mutation of
Lands Bill.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs of *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc-aleu-roturier*," was read for the first time.

Montreal
Cemetery Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday next.

Vaudreuil
Glass Factory
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Vaudreuil Glass 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 Monday next.

St. Hyacinthe
Incorporation
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Village of *St. Hyacinthe*. He accordingly presented the said 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.

Message from
His Excellency.

The Honorable 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:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, Copies of two Despatches which he has received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Government House,
Montreal, 6th July, 1847.

(Copy.)
No. 88.

Downing Street,
18th June, 1847.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 50, of the 28th of May, in which you report that a very large amount had been subscribed in the Province of *Canada*, for the relief of the distress prevailing in *Ireland* and *Scotland*.

I have perused this statement with a deep sense of the benevolent and liberal feeling which has been evinced by the inhabitants of *Canada*, for their distressed fellow-subjects in the United Kingdom, and it is most gratifying to learn that the Native Tribes have not been backward in taking their part in so laudable a work.

I have, &c.
(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)
No. 87.

Downing Street,
18th June, 1847.

My Lord,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch, No. 51, of the 28th May, and of its enclosures, reporting the wretched condition of the Emigrants who have arrived at the Quarantine Station in the River *St. Lawrence*, up to the 26th May.

I am extremely concerned to receive this lamentable account of the state of the Passengers on their arrival in *Canada*, and I hasten to instruct Your Lordship to adopt all the measures which may appear to you best calculated to mitigate their sufferings, whether by increasing the number of Medical Attendants at the Quarantine Station, or providing a greater extent of accommodation, even if for that purpose it should unfortunately be necessary to exceed the amount of the vote which has been obtained from Parliament for these services.

It is very satisfactory to me to learn from the Board of Ordnance, that on Your Lordship's application to the Commander of the Forces in *Canada*, the Ordnance Officers in the Province have already forwarded to the Quarantine Station, tents capable of containing 10,000 persons, and that a detachment of Troops has also been furnished for the purpose of erecting and taking charge of the tents.

This proceeding will have afforded prompt and seasonable relief to the Emigrants, and obtains my complete approval.

I have, &c.
(Signed) GREY.

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin*, &c. &c. &c.

The Honorable 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, dated the 25th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a Statement of the amount expended in the pretended construction of "a macadamized Road from *St. Davids*, in the "Township of *Niagara*, through *Grantham* and "*Louth* to *Jordan*, in the *Niagara* District, and the "amount expended in the construction of the new "Hill at *Jordan*, and under whose local superintendence the said Road and Hill have been constructed;" which Return is as followeth:—

Statement of Expenditure on *Grimsby* Road, up to December 1846:—

	£	s.	d.
Contractors	5918	0	2
Establishments	562	12	3
Postages, Plans, writing Contracts, &c.	26	5	3
Travelling Expenses, Printing and Advertizing, &c.	13	2	5
Clerk's Salary	16	13	4
Old claims against Commissioners	1351	13	3
	£7888	6	8

Certified to be a true extract from the Books of the Department.

THOMAS A. BEGLY,
Sec. Pub. Works.
6th July, 1847.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 25th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them "the Report of *Thomas C. Keefer*, Assistant Engineer to the Board of Works, of date 18th and the "19th of June last, together with ten accompanying "Documents, with reference to the survey and line "of Road from *Bytown* to *Hatfield*; and also, Mr.

Emigrants at
the Quarantine
Station.

St. Davids and
Jordan Road,
(Grimsby.)

Bytown and
Hatfield Road.

Relief of the
distress in Ire-
land and Scot-
land.

"Keefer's general Report on the Trade and Public Works on the Ottawa."

App. (L. L.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix L. L.)

Lunatic Asylum (U. C.)

And also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 18th ultimo, "for amounts in detail of the expenditure of the funds raised by virtue of the 13th and 14th sections of an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, intituled, "An Act to authorize the erection of an "Asylum within this Province, for the reception of "Insane and Lunatic persons," to include the amounts paid from each District separately, when paid, and what steps have been taken to audit the accounts of the various District Treasurers with respect to the fund; the amount paid for the purchase of the site of the Asylum, and the general expenditure in detail of the cost in the construction thereof,—and from what funds the temporary Asylum at *Toronto* has been supported, and the annual expenditure for the support thereof."

App. (M. M.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix M. M.)

Perth Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron of Lanark* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of *Perth*, to sell and convey a portion of a certain piece of land now holden by them.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Hall*,

Address respecting the Home and Colborne Districts Line Road.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be graciously pleased to direct to be laid before this House, a Return of the different Townships in the Home and Colborne Districts, and the neighbouring District of *Newcastle*, from which, within the last four years, Petitions have been presented to His Excellency and his Predecessors, for the improvement of the important Road known as the District Line Road between the Home and Colborne Districts, and commonly called *Simcoe Street*; with the number of such Petitions, and the number of signatures to the same, and whether any and what answers have been returned to the same.

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

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

Address respecting Windsor and Sturgeon Bay Road.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be graciously pleased to direct to be laid before this House, a Return of the different Townships from which, within the last four years, Petitions have been presented to His Excellency and his Predecessors, for the completion of the important Road known as the *Windsor and Sturgeon Bay Road*, or any part thereof; with the number of such Petitions, and the number of signatures to the same, and whether any and what answers have been returned to the same.

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

The Honorable 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 Civil List; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would transmit the Address to Her Majesty, to the Secretary of State in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Answer to an Address.

Mr. *Laurin*, from the Committee of Supply, 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:—

Supply.

1. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Twelve thousand seven hundred and sixty-two pounds, nine shillings and eight pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the Provincial Penitentiary at *Kingston*, in addition to One thousand five hundred pounds charged in Account No. 19, of Statements laid before the Legislature, to be provided for, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Penitentiary.

2. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Secretary to the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Secretary to the Royal Institution.

3. Resolved, 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 Messenger and Contingencies, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

4. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand one hundred and eleven pounds, two shillings and two pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Upper Canada College*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Upper Canada College.

5. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Victoria College*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Victoria College.

6. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Queen's College*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Queen's College.

7. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Regiopolis College* at *Kingston*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Regiopolis College.

8. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the French Translator of the Laws, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

French Translator.

9. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-seven pounds, fifteen shillings and six pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salary of the Inspector of Chimnies at *Three Rivers*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Inspector of Chimnies.

10. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the allowance for five Keepers of Depôts of Provisions on the *St. Lawrence*, below *Quebec*, with a view to the relief of ship-

Depôts of Provisions.

Depôts of Provisions

wrecked persons, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and eighty-six pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the purchase of Provisions for the Depôts, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Residents on Kempt Road.

12. *Resolved*, 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*, for the purpose of assisting Travellers along that Road, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the allowance to *J. Noble*, for residing on the *Kempt Road*, for the purpose of assisting Travellers along that Road, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Quarantine

14. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand 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-seven.

Emigration.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the extra expenses attending the Emigration of the present year.

Printing the Laws.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Six thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of Printing the Laws, and other Printing for the Public Service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Distribution of the Laws.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred and ninety pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of distributing the Laws, including arrears, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Public Buildings.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the ordinary repairs, alterations, rent and care of Public Buildings, &c., for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Unforeseen expenses.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Unforeseen Expenses in the various branches of the Public Service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Contingent Expenses of the Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Interpreters to Courts.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the additional Salary of the Interpreters to the Courts at *Quebec* and *Montreal*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Light Houses.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the proportion of expense of this Province of keeping up Light Houses on the Isles of *St. Paul* and *Scatterie* in the Gulf, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Pension to J. Brien.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Jacques Brien*, for wounds received in the Public Service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Pension to Mrs. Powell.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Pension of *Mrs. Margaret*

Powell, as late keeper of Public Offices at *Toronto*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven. Pension to Mrs. Powell.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the travelling allowances to Judges for Circuits in *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven. Judges' Circuits.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of two Judges of Bankruptcy in the Districts of *Three Rivers* and *St. Francis*, at the rate of Two hundred pounds each, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven. Judges of Bankruptcy.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand six hundred and fifteen pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improvements required to the Common Gaol of the District of *Montreal*. Montreal Gaol.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and forty-three pounds, thirteen shillings and five pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the undermentioned Arbitrators, named under the Act 9 Viet. cap. 37, employed in investigating Claims against Government on account of certain Public Works, over and above the sum of twenty shillings, per diem, allowed to such Arbitrators by that Act, viz. :— Arbitrators.

	£	s.	d.
John Hatt, Henry Fry, and W. Freeland, on the Williamsburg Canal.....	27	16	6
James Somerville, on the Lachine Canal.....	22	10	0
James Somerville, on the Beauharnois Canal.....	6	3	6
Edward Quin, on the Lachine Canal.....	22	11	3
Edward Quin, on the Beauharnois Canal.....	6	4	2
P. J. Masson, on the Lachine Canal.....	25	4	9
P. J. Masson, on the Beauharnois Canal.....	3	11	8
Henry Fry, on the River Trent Works.....	11	7	0
Ogilvy Hatt, on the do do.....	9	13	5
W. Freeland, on the do do.....	8	11	2
	£143	13	5

29. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, being so much paid for the relief of the Crew of the Bark *Thames*, shipwrecked in November last at *Gaspé Basin*. Relief of the crew of the Bark Thames.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Pension to *William Sharpe*, in consideration of his services and sufferings from wounds received during the late Political troubles in *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven. Pension to W. Sharpe.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-six pounds, two shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay *John Parkyn*, Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, for compiling a Report, &c., concerning Bankruptcies in the District of *Quebec*, as called for by an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council. Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, Quebec.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Forty-seven pounds, three shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expenses of the Survey of *Toronto Harbour*. Toronto Harbour.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Reward to *Mr. Brampton* for arresting and delivering over to the local authorities in the Western District, one *Peter Davis*, a man of color, charged with the murder of *Austin Jefferson*, also a man of color. Reward to Mr. Brampton.

Quebec and
Halifax Rail-
way.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards defraying the expense of a Survey for a line of the proposed Railway from *Halifax* to *Quebec*.

King's Posts.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, being the amount alleged to be due to the representatives of the late *James McDouall* by the Crown, under the lease of the *King's Posts* which expired in one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, or so much thereof as shall be ascertained to be due from the *Hudson's Bay Company*.

Commission-
ers to take evi-
dence on oath.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Commissioners who may be appointed under the authority of the Act 9 *Vict.* cap. 38, for enquiring into matters connected with the Public Business, to take evidence on oath.

H. H. Killaly.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-two pounds, four shillings and five pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, being so much paid *H. H. Killaly* for services as Engineer employed on various Public Works, in the quarter ended the 31st December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

J. F. Muncey.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five pounds, ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to reimburse *Mr. John F. Muncey* so much disbursed by him in relieving certain shipwrecked Seamen on the *Magdalen* Islands, in December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

Register Books.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and ten pounds, four shillings and seven pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of distributing Register Books in *Canada West*.

Education.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and sixty-seven pounds, four shillings and seven pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the encouragement of Education in that part of the Province of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, to be defrayed out of the Revenues arising from the Funds and Estates of the late Order of Jesuits; and to be divided according to the annexed Schedule:—

SCHEDULE.

	£	s.	d.
For the Salary and Allowance for House Rent heretofore paid to the Master of the Grammar School at Montreal, to be allowed to the Directors of the High School at Montreal, in consideration of their educating twenty free scholars of the poorer classes.....	282	4	0
The same, at Quebec.....	£282	4	0
Less, amount of Pension paid to Rev. R. R. Burrage, formerly Master of that School.....	111	2	2
Aid towards the support of the National School at Quebec.....	111	2	4
The same at Montreal.....	111	2	3
Aid—To the Society of Education at Quebec.....	280	0	0
To the Education Society at Three Rivers.....	125	0	0
To the British and Canadian School at Quebec.....	200	0	0
To the same at Montreal.....	200	0	0
To the St. Andrew's School at Quebec.....	100	0	0
To the Montreal Recollet School.....	100	0	0
To the St. Jacques School at Montreal.....	250	0	0
Carried forward.....	1930	11	4

SCHEDULE.—(Continued.)

Education.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	1930	11	4
Aid—To the Montreal American Presbyterian Free School.....	100	0	0
To the College of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière.....	300	0	0
To the College of St. Hyacinthe.....	300	0	0
To the College of Chambly.....	300	0	0
To the College of L'Assomption.....	175	0	0
To the Academy at Berthier.....	100	0	0
To the Academy at Charlestown.....	100	0	0
To the Stanstead Seminary.....	100	0	0
To the Sherford Academy.....	100	0	0
To the Sherbrooke Academy.....	111	2	2
To the Rev. Andrew Balfour's School at Waterloo, and the Bedford Academy.....	100	0	0
To the Master of the School under the Royal Institution, at Three Rivers.....	45	0	0
To the British North American School Society at Sherbrooke.....	50	0	0
To the High School in Durham Village, Missisquoi.....	100	0	0
To the Infant School at Quebec.....	55	11	1
To the Female School at Indian Lorette, near Quebec.....	50	0	0
For an Indian School at Caughnawaga.....	50	0	0
For the same at St. Regis.....	50	0	0
For the same at St. Francis.....	50	0	0
To the School at Ste. Thérèse.....	200	0	0
To the College at Nicolet.....	200	0	0
Total Currency.....	£4567	4	7

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, That the Report be now received.

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *McConnell*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(29.)

NAYS.

Messieurs. *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Bertrand*, *Boutillier*, *Chauveau*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Fournier*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Morin*, and *Viger*.—(16.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Smith of *Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to Order, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, That the said Bill 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 in the last preceding division.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the several Acts relating to the Duties of Customs, being read:

Customs Act.

Customs Acts.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Stewart* of *Prescott* 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.

Orders deferred.

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

His Excellency intends to give the Royal Assent to certain Bills.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:

Civil Secretary's Office,
Montreal, 8th July, 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you, that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock, to assent, in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Assembly.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

T. C. CAMPBELL, Major,
Civil Secretary.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly,
&c. &c. &c.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 9° die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *F. J. Cheshire* and others, of the Township of *Tuscarora*, in the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *Samuel Price* and others, of *Malahide* and other Townships, in the District of *London*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *James Oliva* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, in the County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *Charles Miller*, of *St. Armand*, in the County of *Missisquoi*.

Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.

An engrossed Bill to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* 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 *Job Jameson* of *Montreal*; praying an enquiry into the rights and titles of certain non-resident Landholders on the *Kennebec Road*, in *Lower Canada*.

Of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying a remittance of the Duties on certain articles affecting the Lumber Trade, and for the further protection and encouragement of the said Trade.

Of the Reverend *E. W. Sewell* and others, the Incumbent and Wardens of the Chapel of *Holy Trinity*, in the City of *Quebec*; praying certain amendments to the Education Law.

Of *Charles D. Proctor* and others, stockholders in the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an amendment to the Bill now before the House amending the Act incorporating the said Railroad Company.

Of *William Kent* and others, of the Counties of *Huntingdon*, *Rouville*, and *Chambly*; praying for amendments to the Education Law.

Of *Michael Fournier*, Mayor *pro tem.*, on behalf of the Municipality of *Port Joli*; praying that the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet* may be transferred from *St. Thomas* to the Parish of *L'Islet*.

Of *P. T. Pelletier*, of the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*, in the County of *L'Islet*; praying for amendments to the Education Law.

Of *Pierre Morin* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli* and *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the District of *Quebec*; praying for aid to complete the construction of a Wharf between the said Parishes.

Of *James William Osgoode Clark* and others, of the District of *Niagara*; praying that Bridges crossing the Locks of the *Welland Canal* may be removed to more convenient places, and that the length of time which the public may be detained to cross the same be defined.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Honorable *George Crookshank* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Webster*, Mr. *Woods*, 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.

Petition of the Hon. G. Crookshank and others:

Resolved, That the Petition of *James William Osgoode Clark* and others, of the District of *Niagara*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and Mr. *Dichson*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of J. W. O. Clarke and others referred.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Royal Assent to Bills.

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, that agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's Name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—

An Act to authorize the Court of Queen's Bench and the High Court of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Frederick F. Carruthers* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor thereof respectively.

Carruthers' Attorney Bill.

An Act relating to Justices of the Peace in the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and to dispense, as respects them, with the property qualification by law required of Justices of the Peace in other parts of the Province.

Magdalen Islands Justices of the Peace Bill.

An Act to alter and amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to remedy certain defects in the Registration of

Hastings Registration of Titles Bill.

Malicious Injuries Bill.	"Titles in the County of <i>Hastings</i> , in <i>Upper Canada</i> ."	also, the Bill to authorize <i>Pierre Vieau</i> , <i>Louis Lahaise</i> , and <i>Joseph Brien dit Desrochers</i> to build a Toll Bridge over the <i>Rivière des Prairies</i> , between the Parish of <i>La Visitation</i> and <i>Isle Jésus</i> , to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same; and they have filled up the blanks in the Schedule of Tolls in each of the said Bills, so as to place them upon an equal footing upon that respect: They would also recommend that provision should be made for protecting the rights of the lower Ferry opposite <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i> ; and also, that the rates of Toll provided in the Bill relating to the Bridge to be built by Mr. <i>Lachapelle</i> , should also be made to apply to the Bridge already built by him at <i>L'Abord à Plouffe</i> , so soon as the new Bridge shall be open to the Public.	Third Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.
Prescription Bill.	An Act for preventing malicious injuries to persons and property by fire, or by explosive or destructive substances.	An Act for shortening the time of Prescription in certain cases, and for other purposes therein mentioned.	
Yamaska Registry Office Bill.	An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of <i>Yamaska</i> , from <i>Labuie</i> to <i>Saint François du Lac</i> .	Your Committee would further observe, that should it be deemed expedient by Your Honorable House to grant but one privilege for building a Bridge over the River <i>des Prairies</i> , they have no doubt that the Bridge proposed to be built by Mr. <i>Lachapelle</i> would be profitable and advantageous, in the event of Manufactories being established at the Village of <i>Sault au Recollet</i> ; but they, nevertheless, are of opinion that the Bridge at present proposed by Mr. <i>Vieau</i> and others, would be far more advantageous to the mass of the travelling community, and would greatly facilitate the transportation of Agricultural products to <i>Montreal</i> .	
Plantagenet Township Division Bill.	An Act to divide the Township of <i>Plantagenet</i> , in the <i>Ottawa</i> District, into two Townships.	Mr. <i>Merritt</i> , from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, 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 of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.
Accidental death Provision Bill.	An Act for compensating the families of persons killed by accident, and for other purposes therein mentioned.	Your Committee have examined the Bill to regulate the construction of, and protect from injury, Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs throughout the Province, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.	
Montreal Firemen's Bill.	An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> Firemen's Benevolent Association.	Mr. <i>Leslie</i> , from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Eleventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—	Eleventh Report of Committee on Standing Orders.
Western District Division Bill.	An Act to divide the Western District of the Province of <i>Canada</i> , and for other purposes therein mentioned.	Your Committee have examined the Petition of <i>John Egan</i> and others, for an Act of Incorporation as the <i>Hull</i> Union Road Company, and find that notice has been given in the <i>Canada</i> Gazette only, and no Church door notices whatever; and as the measure in question involves the imposition of Tolls, they cannot recommend that the Petition be proceeded with.	
Bill to enlarge the powers of the Montreal Trinity House.	An Act to enlarge the powers of the Trinity House of <i>Montreal</i> , in certain cases where the public health of the City may be endangered.	Ordered, That the Bill to authorize <i>Pierre Vieau</i> , <i>Louis Lahaise</i> , and <i>Joseph Brien dit Desrochers</i> , to build a Toll Bridge over the <i>Rivière des Prairies</i> , between the Parish of <i>La Visitation</i> and <i>Isle Jésus</i> , to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.	P. Vieau and others' Bridge Bill.
Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill.	An Act to define and establish the Boundary between the fourth Concession of <i>Montague</i> and <i>North Elmsley</i> .	Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the <i>Quebec</i> and <i>Lake Superior</i> Mining Association, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.	Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.
Debentures Bill.	An Act to facilitate the issue of Debentures, and for other purposes therein mentioned.	On motion of Mr. <i>Armstrong</i> , seconded by the Honorable Mr. <i>LaFontaine</i> ,	
Report on Petition of J. Ferris and others.	Mr. <i>Conger</i> , from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of <i>Jonathan Ferris</i> and others, Members of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, with power to report by Bill or otherwise, presented to the House a Bill to incorporate the Friends' Seminary in the Township of <i>Hallowell</i> , in the District of <i>Prince Edward</i> , which was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.	Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>St. Lawrence</i> and <i>Industry</i> Village Railroad Company," be now taken into consideration.	Industry Village Railroad Bill.
Friends' Seminary Bill.	Mr. <i>Ermatinger</i> , from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—	The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Amendments into consideration.	
Sixth Report of Committee on Private Bills.	Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> Mining Company, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House; they would also direct the attention of Your Honorable House to the eighth clause of the Bill, which empowers the Company to borrow money at a higher rate of interest than six per cent, in order that it may be decided how far it is expedient to introduce such a provision into this or any other Bill of a like nature.		
	Your Committee have also examined the Bill to incorporate the <i>Quebec</i> and <i>Lake Superior</i> Mining Association, and have made certain amendments thereto, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.		
	The Petition of the <i>Niagara</i> and <i>Ten Mile Creek</i> Plank Road Company, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation, ought rather, in the opinion of your Committee, to have been referred to the Committee on Standing Orders.		
Third Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.	Mr. <i>Armstrong</i> , from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, 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 authorize <i>Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle</i> to erect a Toll Bridge over the River <i>des Prairies</i> , in the District of <i>Montreal</i> , and to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same; and		

Industry Village Railroad Bill.

And the said Amendments were read: and are as followeth:—

Press 13, line 47. Leave out "Vessels."

Press 14, line 4. Leave out "Vessels."

Press 14, line 7. Leave out from "adjudged" to "fitting" in line 15, both inclusive, and insert "guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be punished accordingly."

Press 14, line 23. Leave out "and Vessels."

Press 14, line 27. Leave out "Vessels."

Press 15, line 22. After "whatever" insert "And provided also, that one-tenth part of the said sum of twelve thousand pounds shall be paid up, and shall be deposited to the credit of the said Company in some one or more of the Chartered Banks in this Province, before the commencement of the said Railroad."

Press 23, line 12. After "mentioned" insert "Provided always that no such Rule, By-law, or Order shall have any force or effect until the same shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, under his hand and seal-at-arms, and shall thereafter have been published in the *Canada Gazette*."

Press 23, line 22. After "made" insert "confirmed."

Press 27, line 5. After "force" insert "and with the whole resources of the said Company, if necessary."

Press 27, line 15. Leave out from "by" to "that" in line 20, both inclusive.

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Armstrong* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Montreal Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

British North American Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *British North American Mining Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Canada and Nova Scotia Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railroad Company*; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as to 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 Friday next.

Lachapelle's Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the *River des Prairies*, in the District of *Montreal*, and to fix the rate of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

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

Brockville Parsonage Bill.

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. Peter's Church* at *Brockville* to sell a certain lot of land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," be read a second time on Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,

Clergy Reserve Lands.

Ordered, That the Entries in the Journals of this House, of the last Session, relating to the Sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands, be now read.

The said Entries were read accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*, That in consequence of this House being led to apprehend that the Sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands had been suspended by an order of the Provincial Government, and from just distrust of the influence by which such a measure might have been dictated, and an anxious desire to obtain full, accurate, and authentic information upon a subject of so much importance, they did, on the 7th day of April 1846, address His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, praying that His Excellency would cause to be laid before them, a copy of any Communication which he might have received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies relative to suspending such Sales. In reply to which Address, His Excellency, by his Message of the 14th of the same month, was pleased to transmit for the information of this House, the copy of a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council approved by the late Governor General, suggesting certain alterations in the regulations prescribed for the sale of those Lands; by which Message, His Excellency was also pleased to inform them that such Report had been transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and was still under the consideration of the Imperial Government.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Bertrand, Boutillier, Cameron* of LANARK, *Cauchon, Chauveau, Conger, Desautier, DeWitt, Fournier, Franchère, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Smith* of WENTWORTH, and *Thompson*.—(26.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Cummings, Duggan, Ermatinger, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, LeBoutillier, Lyon, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Viger, Wilson, Webster, Williams*, and *Woods*.—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*, That the said Message of His Excellency, containing no reference to any Despatch from the Imperial Government on the subject of such Sales, necessarily conveyed an implied assurance (fully confirmed by His Excellency's subsequent Message hereinafter mentioned) that no such communication had been received; nevertheless the fact of such Sales being suspended, having in the

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meantime been confirmed by the public announcement thereof in the Official Gazette, this House, with a view to the avoiding of any possible misconception, did, on the 14th April, 1846, adopt another Address to His Excellency, praying that he would cause to be laid before them copies of any correspondence, memoranda, or recommendation that might have taken place between the Government of this Province and the Colonial Secretary, on the subject of the sale or management of the Clergy Reserves. To which Address His Excellency was pleased to reply by his Message of the 17th of April, 1846, informing us that he had received no communication from Her Majesty's Secretary of State relating to suspending the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands.

The question having been put upon the said motion, 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 Honorable Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Mr. Cameron of Lanark, That this House, with a view to the further investigation of the grounds upon which Her Majesty's Provincial Government had thought fit to adopt the policy of suspending such Sales, did, afterwards, on the 15th May, 1846, address His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would cause to be laid before them, a copy of the Circular or Letter of Instruction addressed from the Office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands in the month of April preceding, to the local Agents of that Department in the different sections of the Province, informing them of the pleasure of the Government that the Sales of the Clergy Reserve Lands should be suspended. In compliance with which Address, His Excellency, on the 19th of May, was pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of three Circulars from the said Department, dated respectively the 13th, 16th, and 20th of April, 1846; in the first of which, bearing the signature of the Honorable Denis Benjamin Papineau, Her Majesty's Commissioner of Crown Lands, the Head of the said Department, a Member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, and one of the Responsible Advisers of Her Majesty's Representative in this Province, it is stated that, "in consequence of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the Clergy Reserves, and on account of the low rates at which those Lands in the several Districts have been valued, the sale of the Clergy Reserves in the western section of the Province is suspended for the present, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council;" and in the second of which Circulars, bearing the signature of the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, it is stated that, "in consequence of a Despatch from the Secretary of State, in reference to Clergy Reserves, and on account of the low rates at which some of these Lands have been valued, the sale of the Clergy Reserves in both sections of the Province is, by command of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, suspended, until further orders."

The question having been put upon the said motion, 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 Honorable Mr. Baldwin moved, seconded by Mr. Cameron of Lanark, That this House is unable to reconcile with the information communicated to them in His Excellency's answers, (which answers the said Denis Benjamin Papineau, as one of the Confidential Advisers of the Crown in this Province, must have advised, and for which he is necessarily respon-

sible,) the statement contained in the Circular which, as Head of his Department, he addressed to his Agents in the different sections of the Province; and they are constrained to conclude, either that Her Majesty's Provincial Ministers do not call for that full and unreserved communication to them of the correspondence to and from the Imperial Government on the local affairs of the Province, which is necessary for the efficient discharge of their public duties, and essential to the successful conduct of Her Majesty's Provincial Government for which they are responsible, or, that the statement in such Circular was intended to screen the Provincial Ministers from the odium which any interference likely to produce an apprehension in the public mind of a contemplated change of policy with respect to such sales, was so well calculated to bring down upon them, and to transfer such odium to Her Majesty's Imperial Ministers.

The question having been put upon the said motion, 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.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by John Fenning Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from
the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Archibald Gilkison to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein;"

Gilkison's At-
torney Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating "The Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company;" And also;

Cobourg Road
and Ferry Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the "Marriage Act of Upper Canada to Ministers of all denominations of Christians, with an amendment;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also;

Marriages (U.
C.) Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of Bytown, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also;

Bytown Incorporation
Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for taking the oath and making the declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Aliens Relief
Bill.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Macdonald 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.

King's College
Charter Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Macdonald have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate "The University Endowment Board;" and to vest certain Estates therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

The University
Endowment
Bill.

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

Grammar
Schools (U.
) Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Grammar Schools in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

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

Address res-
pecting Cham-
bly Canal.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to direct that measures be taken forthwith to complete the necessary works upon the *Chambly Canal*.

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

Agricultural
Association
(C.) Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* have leave to bring in a Bill for the incorporation of the Agricultural 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.

Customs Acts.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the several Acts relating to the Duties of Customs, 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 on Monday next; and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Orders de-
ferred

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 12^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*,—The Petition of *Alexander Mitchell* and others, of the Village of *Stratford* and surrounding Townships.

By Mr. *Méthot*,—The Petition of *François Champoux*, of the Parish of *Béancour*.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Thomas McIntyre* and others, of the Township of *Fullarton*, in the District of *Huron*: praying that the eastern section of the said District, and other Townships north thereof, be erected into a new and distinct District.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that no further grant be made for the purpose of deepening *Lake St. Peter*.

Of the Reverend *John Clugston* and others, the Minister and Elders of *St. John's Church, Quebec*; praying for amendments to the Education Law.

Of *F. J. Cheshire* and others, of the Township of *Tuscarora*, in the County of *Wentworth*; praying an investigation into their claims to certain Indian Lands located and improved by them, and for reparation in the premises.

Petitions read

Of *Samuel Price* and others, of *Malahide* and other Townships, in the District of *Louisa*; praying that no division be made of the said District, as is or may be petitioned for.

Of *James Oliva* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, in the County of *L'Islet*; praying the repeal of the Education Law.

Of *Charles Miller*, of *St. Armand*, in the County of *Missisquoi*; representing the destruction of his property by incendiaries from the *United States* in 1839, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Wakefield* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

Petition of W
Wakefield and
others, referred

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to establish Lock-up-Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages in *Canada West*, have leave to report from time to time.

Lock-up
Houses Bill

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to establish Lock-up-Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, and the Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West* not specially incorporated, and another reference, with power to report from time to time, reported that the Committee had gone through the first of the said Bills, 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, for to-morrow.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, seconded by Mr. *Chauveau*,

First Report of
Committee on
Privileges and
Elections.

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be empowered to report the Evidence taken by them on the Petition of *Louis Guillet*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Champlain*.

The Honorable Mr. *Viger*, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, 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 considered the Petition of *Louis Guillet*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Champlain* in this present Parliament, referred to them by your Order of the 14th June last, and have taken Evidence touching the matter referred to the said Petition, (which Evidence is hereto appended.)

Your Committee find that, at the time of his election, Mr. *Guillet* was employed under the Honorable *John Stewart*, Esquire, late Commissioner for the management of the Jesuits' Estates, in the District of *Three Rivers*, as an under agent in the administration of those Estates: That he held that employment under an appointment made through Mr. *Stewart*, as his immediate superior officer, in the same manner that similar subordinate appointments are made through the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in the Crown Lands Department; the security given by him, for the due performance of his duties, having been given directly to the Crown, and not to Mr. *Stewart*, although in the routine of such duties, the course was for him to account to Mr. *Stewart* as his immediate superior,—his remuneration consisting of a per centage on the monies he collected.

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Elections.

Your Committee further find that, since his election, by a new Departmental arrangement made by the Government, the office of Commissioner for the management of the Jesuits' Estates has been abolished, and Mr. *Guillet* has been directed to account henceforth to the Commissioner of Crown Lands; but that no new appointment was deemed necessary to be made in consequence of such new arrangement; and the employment or under agency so held by Mr. *Guillet* remains, as respects its dependency on the Executive Government of the Province, identically in the same position as before such new arrangement was made.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion, that Mr. *Guillet's* employment as under agent in the administration of the said Estates, does not, according to the Evidence submitted, bring him within the meaning of the first section of the Act 7 *Vict.* c. 65; and that Mr. *Guillet* is, therefore, not disqualified from being elected and returned, and sitting and voting in Parliament under that Act.

And your Committee are also of opinion, that Mr. *Guillet* continuing to hold such employment or under agency, after the said new arrangement, does not amount to a new acceptance of office from the Crown, within the meaning of the fourth section of the same Act, and that Mr. *Guillet* has not, therefore, vacated his seat by having so continued in such employment or under agency.

EVIDENCE.

Wednesday, 23rd June, 1847.

Honorable *Denis Benjamin Papineau*, Commissioner of Crown Lands, called in; and being interrogated, answered:—In consequence of the change in the management of the Jesuits' Estates, which had been transferred from the Commissioner (Mr. *Stewart*), to the Crown Lands Department, Mr. *Guillet* was notified thereof by a circular letter, dated 23rd October, 1846, (annexed, marked A.) Mr. *Guillet* communicated under date 17th October, a letter to myself, (annexed, marked B.) Mr. *Guillet* was not continued in his position by any order of the Executive Government, but remained as he was; as I considered that that part of his Department was already efficiently organized; and I informed Mr. *Guillet* that his Petition to the Executive Council would be useless, as I did not contemplate any change, (as per my letter dated 22d October, 1846, annexed, marked C.) Mr. *Guillet* was instructed by me to proceed to the sale of a certain portion of land belonging to the Jesuits' Estates, situated in the locality in which he was acting as agent; and, in accordance with those instructions, he subsequently made sale of the same, as stated in his letter to me of 15th May, 1847, (annexed, marked D.) There was no other sale made of Jesuits' lands by Mr. *Guillet*; but he made some valuations, as the agent, for the purposes of the commutation by tenure. In the Seigniorship of *Champlain*, behind which, and between the Estates of the Jesuits and that Seigniorship, there are some lands belonging to the Crown, the management of which was placed under the charge of Mr. *Guillet* for convenience sake; his instructions to act were given him verbally. I cannot say whether or not Mr. *Guillet* has made sale of any timber on the Crown Lands above mentioned, the lines not having been established.

Thursday, 1st July, 1847.

Louis Guillet, Esquire, attended before the Committee, and being asked if he had any statement or correspondence to submit to the Committee touching his Petition, he answered that he laid before the Committee several letters and commissions to him-

self touching the situation he held under the Commissioner for the management of the Jesuits' Estates; he also stated that the sale of the land referred to in Mr. *Papineau's* evidence, was proved by him (Mr. *Guillet*) as a Notary, in the name of Mr. *Papineau*, the Crown Lands Commissioner.

Thursday, 8th July, 1847.

The Honorable *Dominick Daly*, Secretary of the Province, attended by request of the Committee, and made the following statement relative to the Petition of Mr. *Guillet*:—I have no record in my office of Mr. *Guillet*, the Member, holding any office under the Government. The Agents for the sale of Crown Lands receive no notification or Commission through my Department; they are appointed by the Governor in Council, and such appointment notified to them through the Crown Lands Department. Since the management of the Jesuits' Estates has been vested in that Department, I consider the appointment of Agents for their management would take place in the same manner as other Crown Lands Agents. I am not aware that any appointment of Jesuits' Estates Agents has been made since the change in the management of that Department. The Crown Lands Agents are not removable at the pleasure of the head of the Department; and I believe the Jesuits' Estates Agents are in the same position. I am quite sure the Commissioner of the Jesuits' Estates could not make any appointment, or remove any Agent, without the consent of the Executive Government; which officers are, at present, as respects their dependency on the Executive Government, identically in the same position as before the late arrangement, except that they are accountable to another superior officer.

(A.)

(Circular.)

Jesuits' Estates,

Quebec, 13th October, 1846.

Gentlemen,—I am directed by the Governor General to acquaint you, that His Excellency, in consequence of the interruption to public business occasioned by the management of the Jesuits' Estates being conducted at a distance from the seat of Government, has deemed it expedient to abolish the office of the Commissioner, and to place the Department under the immediate control of the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

In closing my correspondence with you, I am to express the great satisfaction I have always had in transacting business with you, and to testify the zeal and ability which have uniformly marked your conduct as Agents of the Estates.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. STEWART.

The Hon. *Louis Panet*,

Louis Guillet, Esquire,

J. B. Varin, Esquire.

(B.)

Batiscan, 17th October, 1846.

Sir,

Being informed by the Honorable *John Stewart*, that His Excellency the Governor General had been pleased to re-unite the Office of Commissioner of the Jesuits' Estates to that of Commissioner of Crown Lands which you now hold, and that his retiring from office must put an end to my correspondence with him on the subject, as you may perceive by his Circular, dated 13th instant, a copy of which I now enclose; I have thought it my duty to address a Memorial to His Excellency the Governor General, praying to be continued as Agent of the Jesuits'

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Estates for the District of *Three Rivers*, being under the impression that the Commission and the instructions which I had received from Mr. *Stewart* might be annulled by his retiring from office; and as the administration of the said Estates is now united to your office, and comes within your Department, I hasten at the same time to address myself to you to ask your support, in order that I may be continued in the same office, having reason to believe that no subject of complaint exists against me in the performance of my duties. You will therefore perhaps continue me in my employment; and if it be necessary for me to go to *Montreal* to receive your instructions, and make the necessary arrangements with you, you might inform me, and I would go up immediately.

The security I had given to Her Majesty will not be annulled; and if the seat which I hold in Parliament be incompatible with the office, I might resign. My residence in and near to the principal Seigniories of the District: the long practice which I have acquired in their administration, to the satisfaction of the public and the Honorable Commissioner by whom I was employed, ought to be a guarantee of my future conduct. Reposing in your justice and kindness,

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

With respect and consideration,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(Signed,) LOUIS GUILLET, M.P.F.

The Honorable *D. B. Papineau*.

True Copy,

(Signed,) D. B. PAPINEAU, C.C.I.

(C.)

Crown Lands Office.

Montreal, 22nd October, 1846.

Sir,—In answer to your letter of the 17th instant, I must say that I had not intended to make any change among the local Agents for the Jesuits' Estates, nor to recommend any to His Excellency the Governor General; if, therefore, your Memorial on that subject has not yet been sent, it will be useless to do so.

You should close your accounts with the Honorable Mr. *Stewart* up to the time at which you received his Circular, and open a new one with this Department.

I will be happy to see you at *Montreal*; and you had better bring with you any plans which you may have of the Seigniories within your agency, together with such documents as you may think useful for the information of the Department; touching the existing concessions, vacant lands, mills, and in order that we may understand each other as to the improvements which may be required.

Believe me, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. B. PAPINEAU, C.C.I.

Louis Guillet, Esquire,
Agent, *Batiscan*, L. C.

(D.)

Batiscan, 15th May, 1847.

Sir,—Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to me by Mr. *Boutillier*, was duly received, with the form of the deed to be executed by the purchaser of the mill-seat on the *St. Maurice*; and, in conformity to your advertisement, I put up the said mill-seat to auction this day, at the hour appointed, and it was adjudged to Mr. *John Gordon*, of *Montreal*, and Mr. *Baptiste* of *Three Rivers*, for the sum of £275. There were but four bidders; and it is probable that

the proximity of Mr. *Gordon*, who has the adjoining lands upon the River, prevented others from offering a higher price.

I have caused these gentlemen to sign a deed in the form prescribed by you, which I will bring up for your signature when I go to *Montreal* at the commencement of the Session.

In the meantime, I am,

With respect and consideration,

Sir,

Your very obedient and humble servant,

(Signed,) L. GUILLET,
Agent, J. E.

Honorable *D. B. Papineau*.

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

Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron* of *Laurier*. That the Order of the Day to consider the expediency of removing the Duty on Agricultural Products on certain conditions, and, also, the Order of the Day to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of Trade, be severally postponed until Wednesday next; and that they be then the first and second Orders of the Day. Agricultural
Products, and
Trade.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Price*, Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all denominations of Christians," be now taken into consideration. Marriages (U.
C.) Bill.

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

And the said Amendment was read: and is as followeth:—

Press 2, line 4. Leave out from "two" to "officiate" in line 7, both inclusive, and insert, "the Bishop, Moderator of Presbytery, Clerk of Conference, Church Wardens, Trustees or Managers, as the case may be, of the body to which such Clergyman or Minister may belong."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Williams* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, seconded by Mr. *Jessop*, Bytown Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," 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 35. Leave out "six" and insert "ten."

Press 2, line 40. Leave out "six" and insert "ten."

Press 6, line 1. Leave out from "pleasure" to "an" in line 6.

Press 6, line 9. After "Engines" insert "and."

Press 6, line 10. After "Town" insert "and also."

Press 7, line 7. After "levied" insert "within the said town."

Press 7, line 9. After "*Dalhousie*" insert "save and except the assessment for the year then cur-

Bytown Incorporation Bill.

“rent, and also save and except all arrears of taxes or assessments then due and owing.”

Press 7, line 9. After “Engines” insert “and.”
Press 7, line 11. After “Town” insert “and also.”

Press 7, line 11. After “Canada” insert “with- in the said Town.”

Press 7, line 21. Leave out from “Council” to “and” in line 43, and insert “And be it enacted, that from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, no taxes, rates, or assessments shall be collected by the Township Collector or District Officer for or on account of any property real or personal within the limits of the said Town of *Bytown*; and that in lieu of any taxes, rates, or assessments heretofore, now, or hereafter by law payable to the District Treasurer of the said District of *Dalhousie* on account of such real or personal estate an equivalent shall annually be paid by the Treasurer of the said Town to the District Treasurer on or before the first day of November next, after the amount of such equivalent shall be ascertained by the award of the Warden of the District Council of the said District, and Mayor of the said Town, with such other person consenting to act as they shall choose as Umpire, or any two of them, which award the said Warden, Mayor, and Umpire are hereby required to make during the month of January in each year: Provided always, that the discharge of the duties hereby imposed on the said Warden and Mayor, and Umpire consenting to act, and the performance of any award made as aforesaid may, in the discretion of the Court of Queen’s Bench of *Upper Canada*, be enforced by *Mandamus* from such Court, and the usual proceedings thereon; and provided also, that in the event of no award being made, or payment of the sum awarded being neglected or refused, the Treasurer of the said Town shall pay to the Treasurer of the said District the amount of taxes which would have been levied and assessed for District purposes in the said Town, had not this Act been passed.”

Press 8, line 30. After “stock” insert “provided always, that in the valuation and assessment of land and real property in the said Town, any parcel of land whether consisting of one or more Town lots, or of a greater or less quantity than a Town lot or Town lots, held and occupied together with the dwelling house or other building, to the extent of one acre, shall be assessed and valued with such dwelling house or building, according to their real value; and that all parcels of land upon which no such dwelling house or building is erected, and also any quantity of land held with such dwelling house or building over the quantity of one acre, shall be assessed and valued at a fixed rate, as vacant Town land, that is to say, at the valuation of “ for each acre, and in the same proportion “ for a greater or less quantity; and that all pieces or parcels of vacant Town land under half an acre in extent, shall be rated and valued at the rate of half an acre; and all surplus over and above one or more even half acres, shall be in like manner valued and assessed as half an acre.

Press 8, line 43. Leave out “under the control” and insert “occupied by or for the public uses of the Corporation, or held by the Corporation, and not in the possession of the tenant or tenants.”

Press 12, line 12. Leave out from “Act” to “and” in line 24.

Press 13, line 10. Leave out “the Orders or Regulations” and insert “any By-law.”

Press 13, line 30. After “committed” insert “and provided also, that for any such offence the fine or forfeiture shall not be less than

“or more than _____, and that no imprisonment for any such offence shall be for a longer period than two calendar months; and that such imprisonment shall be at the expense of the said Corporation.”

Press 17, line 3. Leave out “of this Province.”

Press 17, line 12. After “party” insert “and in order to preserve the present width and uniformity of said streets in straight lines on each side from the present buildings in *Upper and Lower Bytown*, across the vacant ground.”

Press 17, line 14. Leave out “were.”

Press 17, line 14. Leave out “to have been and”

Press 17, line 15. After “line” insert “and streets.”

Press 17, line 16. Leave out “in the Township of *Nepean*,” and insert “any law to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Press 17, line 17. After “disturbed” insert “provided always, that the access to the *Sappers Bridge* from the west end of *Rideau Street*, and the east end of *Wellington Street*, shall not be altered, obstructed, or contracted on the Ordnance reservation for the Canal, although such Bridge shall not be in a direct line with the said respective Streets.”

Ordered, That the said Amendments be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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 said Amendments, and had made several Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Smith of *Wentworth*,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to extend the time for taking the oath “and making the declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province,” be now taken into consideration. Aliens Relief Bill.

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. After “time” insert “not exceeding three years.”

Press 1, line 33. After “hereafter” insert or “thereafter as the case may be.”

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Powell do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That *Louis Bertrand*, Esquire, have leave to absent himself from this House, until the first of August next, on urgent private business. Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Samuel Price* and others, of *Malahide* and other Townships in the District of *London*, be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to erect certain parts of the *London* District into a new District, to be called the District of *Elgin*. Petition of S. Price and others, committed.

On motion of Mr. Prince, seconded by Mr. Cummings,

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to extend the provisions of the Act of *Upper Canada* incorporating the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*, be discharged. Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Bill.

Message from
the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

Toronto, &c.
Telegraph Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catharines Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*," with an Amendment: to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

Rebellion
Losses, (U.C.)

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of appropriating a sum of money out of the Fund arising from Tavern Licenses in *Upper Canada*, towards the payment of the balance due to claimants for losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*.

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 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.

Motion for an
Address to
prorogue the
Parliament,
negatived.

The Honorable Mr. *Laterrière* moved, seconded by Mr. *Berthelot*. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency that, in the present state of the public health, and by reason of the pestilence which has been raging for several days past, and which threatens to invade all parts of the City, it may please His Excellency to prorogue the present Parliament with as little delay as possible.

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.

Messieurs *Berthelot*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Hale*, *Laterrière*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Meyers*, *Petrie*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Viger*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(15.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, and *Wilson*.—(22.)

So it passed in the negative.

Clerk of the
Crown and
Pleas for Up-
per Canada.

The Honorable 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, dated 8th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a Statement of all the fees, emoluments, allowances, salaries, perquisites and receipts of every description of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas for *Upper Canada*, including all sums received through his deputies, as well for civil and criminal proceedings, and business of every description,—shewing the amount for each year for the last four years; also, shewing all the disbursements attending the said office for the same period, and the amount for each year, with the number of clerks, assistants, and servants employed, with their respective names, and the general nature of the peculiar duties of each, and the salary of each for the same period,—shewing how much for each year

"to each of them, and whether any such salary or any portion thereof, is paid by fees or perquisites,—and shewing particularly how the amount of each salary or allowance is made up."

(For the said Return, see Appendix N. N.)

App. (N. N.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 23d ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "an Account, in detail, of the quantity and quality of timber which, during the year 1846, passed over one or more Slides on the River *Trent*; the amount of Revenue received as Slide dues for the passing of such timber, and when received; and the amount of dues on timber which passed over one or more Slides during said year, which are not yet paid, and why not paid; and the name or names of the person or persons by whom such dues have been paid, or by whom the same are due or owing.

(For the said Return, see Appendix O. O.)

Timber Slides
on the River
Trent.

App. (O. O.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the proper Officer might lay before the House, "a Statement of the outstanding Debentures issued prior to the Union in both Provinces, under what Act authorized, rate of interest, when due, and for what object issued, in separate columns; also, a Statement of the Debentures issued under the guarantee of the Imperial Government, similar to the above; if no Return of the same in the Inspector General's Office, to present a Statement of the amounts received on account of the Loan of a million and a half, the date, rate of exchange, when expended, and for what purpose, and the balance on hand; also, a Statement of the amount of Debentures issued since the Union, with date, rate of interest, when due, and for what object, as above; also, a Statement of amount borrowed, from what Institution, what rate of interest, when payable, and for what object,—that the entire debt of the Province may be seen at the end of the column; also, a Statement of the amount required to complete each separate work now commenced, also to complete those works not commenced,—that the entire debt and liability of this Province may be ascertained; with a report of the same, with any remarks the Inspector General may make touching any part of the above expenditure, shewing what part of the public debt for which Debentures are issued, has been expended for public works, and for what other objects to be therein designated; and append a tabular Statement of the same to the Public Accounts."

(For the said Return, see Appendix P. P.)

Debentures.

App. (P. P.)

Also, Annual Reports of the Superintendent of Common Schools for *Upper Canada*, for the years 1845 and 1846.

(For the said Reports, see Appendix B. B.)

Common
Schools, (U.C.)

App. (B. B.)

And also, Annual Report of the Commissioners of Public Works.

(For the said Report, see Appendix Q. Q.)

Public Works.

App. (Q. Q.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the several Acts relating to the Duties of Customs, 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;

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.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Customs Acts.

British North American Telegraph Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>British North American Electro Telegraph Association</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 amend and extend the provisions of the Act for Elementary Instruction in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.	Education Bill, (U. C.)
L'Islet Registry Office Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of <i>L'Islet</i> , from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of <i>L'Islet</i> , 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 amend the Act for the disposal of the Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	Public Lands Bill.
Quebec Incorporation Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of <i>Quebec</i> , and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.	Mr. <i>Webster</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Webster</i> 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.	
Quebec District Bank Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the District Bank of <i>Quebec</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Common School Act in <i>Upper Canada</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	School Act Amendment Bill, (U. C.)
Toronto Hospital Bill.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the <i>Toronto Hospital</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Stewart of Prescott</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Stewart of Prescott</i> 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. <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.	Mr. <i>Monro</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Monro</i> reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	
Pickering and Markham Road Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Pickering and Markham Plank Road Company</i> , being read; <i>Ordered</i> , 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 amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of <i>Montreal</i> , and for other purposes, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee. Mr. <i>Macdonell of Stormont</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Macdonell of Stormont</i> reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	Montreal Harbour Bill.
Assessment Bill, (U. C.)	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment laws in <i>Upper Canada</i> , and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read; <i>Ordered</i> , That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	Special Constables Bill.
Jurors Bill, (L. C.)	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the summoning of Jurors in <i>Lower Canada</i> , being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.	Mr. <i>Laurin</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Laurin</i> reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	
Seamen's Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.	The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the <i>Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company</i> , being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.	Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Bill.
Forgery Bill.	The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Law and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.	Mr. <i>Foster</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; And Mr. <i>Foster</i> reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto. <i>Ordered</i> , That the Report be received to-morrow.	

Guelph and
Dundas Road
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas Road Company*, 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 gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Merchants, &c.
Protection
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents, 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 amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Banque du
Peuple Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating "*La Banque du Peuple*," being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Bellechasse
Registry Office
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*, being read;

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 without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Dundas and
Waterloo Road
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas and Waterloo macadamized Road* to borrow money to enable them to complete said Road, 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* of *Dundas* 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 incorporate the Town of *Dundas*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Huron and St. Mary's Copper Company*, 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 revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Mechanics Institute of the City of *Toronto*, 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 New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Lyon* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow; that they be then the first Orders of the Day; and that they do stand in the order in which they now are.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 13^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Ducharme* and others, of *Ste. Thérèse* and other Parishes, in the County of *Terrebonne*. (Registry Office.)

By Mr. *M. Connell*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Susan Elkins*, widow of the late Captain *Moses Elkins*, of the Township of *Potton*.

By Mr. *Brooks*,—The Petition of *Samuel Daniels* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Leslie*,—The Petition of *A. LaRocque*, Esquire, on behalf of the Board of Health of the City of *Montreal*; representing that *Grosse Isle* is insufficient for the accommodation of the sick Emigrants.

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

Burlington Bay Dock Bill.

Huron and St. Mary's Copper Bill.

Surveyors Bill. (L. C.)

Toronto Mechanics Institute Bill.

Montreal New City Gas Bill.

Orders deferred.

Petitions brought up.

and praying that the Agency of Emigration be removed from *Montreal* to some insular spot below the said City.

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

Petition read.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read, and that the Rule of this House, of the 28th of June, 1841, be suspended as to the present Petition. The said Petition was read accordingly.

Toronto Hospital Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Hospital*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto Hospital*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Commissioners of the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete said Road, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Banque du Peuple Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act incorporating "*La Banque du Peuple*," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

An engrossed Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *Bellechasse*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *St. Michel*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Public Lands Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same, was read for the third time.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same."

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, That all the words after "That" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, this day, for the purpose of striking out that section of the same which empowers the Governor in Council to appoint more than one Agent for Crown Lands in the same District."

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Chauveau*, *DeWitt*, *Dickson*, *Fournier*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt*, *Méhot*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Rousseau*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, and *Wilson*.—(25.)

NAYS.

Public Lands Bill.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Cummings*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Lyon*, *Morin*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Viger*, and *Williams*.—(16.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

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

Ordered, That the said Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, this day, for the purpose of striking out that section of the same which empowers the Governor in Council to appoint more than one Agent for Crown Lands in the same District.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. LaRocque*, Esquire, on behalf of the Board of Health of the City of *Montreal*, be referred to the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the Quarantine Station at *Grosse Isle*.

Petition of A. Larocque;

Ordered, That the Petition of *F. M. Soulard* and *A. Morin*, in behalf of the Municipal Council of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, (Registry Office;) the Petition of *Michel Fournier*, Mayor *pro. tem.* on behalf of the Municipality of *Port Joli*; and the Petition of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, in behalf of the Municipal Council of *L'Islet*, (Registry Office,) be severally referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Of F. M. Soulard and A. Morin;

Of M. Fournier;

Of O. E. Casgrain;

Resolved, That the Petition of *F. J. Cheshire* and others, of the Township of *Tuscarora*, in the County of *Wentworth*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Prince*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth*, Mr. *Leslie*, and Mr. *Gowan*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Of F. J. Cheshire, referred.

On motion of Mr. *Ermatinger*, seconded by Mr. *Lyon*,

Resolved, That the time for receiving the Reports of Standing Committees on Private Bills be further extended until Thursday the twenty-second instant.

Reports on Private Bills.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*, 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.

Gaspé Landholders Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Mr. *Williams*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Return to an Address laid before this House on the second instant, containing the Report of Captain *Bayfield*, R.N., and other documents, on the improvement of the navigation of *Lake St. Peter*, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Lake St. Peter.

Your Committee having attentively and considerably examined the voluminous and important Documents submitted to them by Your Honorable House, beg leave to make the following Report, as the result of their investigations on this momentous and hitherto controvertible question.

Your Committee have in evidence, that the cut through the *St. Francis* bank, to make an artificial Channel through *Lake St. Peter*, was undertaken and

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proceeded with on erroneous data of the contemplated expenditure, and seriously at variance with what might have reasonably been anticipated, and in contravention of the enactment of 4 and 5 Vic. c. 38, sec. 15: and on this subject Captain *Bayfield*, in his Report of 17th September last, makes the following observations:—"If, in the first instance, when I was consulted before the commencement of the works, it had been represented to me that the amount of excavation required to deepen the new Channel, and consequently the expense, would be nearly double of that required in the old Channel, instead of its having been inconsiderately stated to me, by an authority, the competency of which I could not doubt, that on a comparison of the two Channels, it was found that the quantity to be removed in the straight Channel was 'but little more than what would be necessary in the crooked one,' I might have doubted whether any advantages possessed by the new Channel could have afforded a sufficient compensation for so great a difference of expense, in the present burdened state of the Colonial Revenue, and been compelled to decide in favor of the attempt being made on the line of the old Channel."

Your Committee are disposed generally to coincide with Captain *Bayfield* in his last Report, in reference to the following particulars:—

That if the artificial Channel be completed to the full extent contemplated by the late Board of Works, it will not then be available for the general purposes of trade, that neither steamboats nor vessels can navigate the said Channel at night.

That steamboats, with vessels in tow, may navigate the same in day time, but sailing vessels, with a large draught of water, cannot proceed in this Channel without being in tow of a steamer, even in the day time; that rafts must not be permitted to pass down the Lake by this Channel, to interrupt the navigation. Captain *Bayfield* also states, that to render this Channel available for general purposes, the cut through the *St. Francis* bank must be at least 100 fathoms wider than has been contemplated, and that to accomplish the same, the cost will be at least £80,000 or £90,000 more than has been appropriated.

Your Committee, however, in reference to the estimated cost of such a Channel, are decidedly of opinion that the sum of £400,000 will be inadequate to secure its ultimate completion; an expenditure which your Committee conceive would be unjustifiable, when they take into consideration that, on the completion of the *St. Lawrence* Canals, vessels will proceed from the Ports on the Upper Lakes with their cargoes direct to *Quebec* without transshipment; and even if completed to the breadth of 900 feet, and 14 in depth, as recommended by Captain *Bayfield*, at the cost above enumerated, that portion of the old natural Ship Channel which has a breadth from 1200 to 1500 feet, and a depth of 18 to 20 feet, for a distance of 4½ miles down to the lower Light Vessel, would at all times be more advantageous to vessels of all classes both by day and night.

Your Committee agree with Captain *Bayfield*, that the current in both Channels is nearly the same, and coincide with him in opinion that it is no use to light up the new Channel when completed, for its use by night is not even contemplated; and also that the new Channel should be left open, considering it an additional Channel, although to a very limited extent, for the special purpose of ships of a large draught in the tow of steamers in the day time.

Your Committee, however, cannot agree with Captain *Bayfield*, that the gradual action of the current in the new Channel will annually improve its capabilities, but are more disposed to acquiesce, though with considerable limitation, in the evidence

given by Captain *Bayfield*, in reference to the improvement of the navigation of *Lake St. Peter*, before a Select Committee of the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada* on the 16th January, 1836, and reported in Appendix to vol. 48, viz: "it is not impossible that the end first excavated might be filled up by sand washing into it, by the time the other end was reached;" and further, in the same evidence, in reference to the width of the contemplated cut through the bank of the *St. Francis*, Captain *Bayfield* proposes to limit the width of the excavation to 200 feet; and it could not well be less, says he, to allow vessels to turn in and pass each other without risk. In his recent Report, however, he appears to have recommended a Channel of 900 feet in width, which Your Committee conceive more adequate in magnitude for the purpose contemplated.

Your Committee are, however, conscious that a Channel of this magnitude would involve an expenditure of at least £400,000, a sum of £70,000 having already been expended in excavating a Channel of 50 yards in width, and there yet remains for excavation, to complete this Channel of 50 yards no less than 374,871 cubic yards, involving an additional expenditure of £28,500.

Your Committee find appended to Capt. *Bayfield's* Report, a Report of Committee of the Honorable Executive Council, dated 21st September, 1846, approved of by His Excellency the Governor General the same day, ordering that nothing should be undertaken at present that should exceed the cost of the appropriation of last Session. Your Committee trust that this wise determination will be persevered in, inasmuch as the advantages to be attained by a large outlay in this Channel, will not be, as your Committee conceive, commensurate with any increased expenditure.

With reference to the Report of a Committee of Inquiry held at *Sorel*, in relation to certain charges made against the Superintendent of the Works on *Lake St. Peter*, your Committee cannot but express their approbation of the promptitude and impartiality evinced in this investigation, and the judicious and satisfactory decision had thereon.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:

Seventh Report of Committee on Private Bills.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher* for an improved Bark Mill, and having had sufficient evidence before them to prove the matters contained in the preamble, they beg leave to report the same with an amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to repeal the Act of incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and have made an amendment thereto, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:

Sixth Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Telegraph Company, and also the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway Company, and have agreed to report the said Bills without any amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the

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said Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Limitation of Actions Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to repeal the Statute of the 8th *Victoria*, chapter 31, and to make other provisions for the limitation of Actions, 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.

Bytown and Hatfield Road.

Resolved, That *Thomas C. Keefer's* Report, and accompanying documents, relating to the *Bytown* and *Hatfield* Road, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Stewart of Bytown*, Mr. *Petrie*, Mr. *Lyon*, Mr. *Stewart of Prescott*, and Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Province Line Junction Railroad Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to regulate the construction of, and protect from injury, *Electro Magnetic Telegraphs* throughout this Province, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Montreal Telegraph Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Telegraph Company*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Leave of Absence.

Ordered, That *Robert Riddell*, Esquire, have leave to absent himself from this House, during the remainder of the Session, on account of ill health.

Population of Lower Canada.

Mr. *Boulton* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Mowbray*, That by the official Returns made to Parliament of the Census of *Lower Canada* in 1831, the population of that section of the Province is shewn to have been 511,919; and in 1844, that the population only amounted to 678,590, shewing an increase, in thirteen years of 166,671, giving an average annual increase of 12,813, or 2½ per cent. on the Census of 1831.

Mr. *Colville* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, the previous Question, viz:—

Shall the Question be now put?

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boulton*, *Duggan*, *Gowan*, *Monr. Murray*, and *Seymour*.—(6.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, Attorney General *Badgley*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Desautier*, *DeWitt*, *Dickson*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *John*, *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald of GLENGARY*, *Macdonald of KINGSTON*, *Macdonell of DUNDAS*, *Macdonell of STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Popineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith of WENTWORTH*, *Stewart of BY-*

TOWN, *Stewart of PRESCOTT*, *Viger*, *Wilson*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(48.)

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by Mr. *Jessup*, Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the full amount of the Clergy Reserve Fund appropriated by the 3rd and 4th *Vic.* chap. 78, passed by the British Parliament in the year 1840, and intituled, "An Act to provide for the Sale of the Clergy Reserves in the Province of *Canada*, and for the distribution of the proceeds thereof," at the period of the passing of the said Act, together with the names of all persons receiving annuities, or allowances of any kind, from the said Fund at the time of the passing of the said Act; also, the amount since added to the said Fund from the Sales of Clergy Reserve Lands, or from other sources, together with the names (if any) of all persons who, since the passing of the said Act, have received any annuity, or allowance of any kind, from the said Clergy Reserve Fund, the name of the Church or Churches of which such persons respectively are Ministers, together with the date, or dates, at which the annuities commenced, and the amount paid to each respectively.

Address respecting Clergy Reserve Fund.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act granting Debentures to sufferers by Fires at *Quebec*.

Quebec Debentures Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Ordinance establishing Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*.

Registry Offices (L. C.) Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Indian Tribes in *Lower Canada*.

Indian Tribes 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.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esq., one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*," without any amendment.

Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill to erect a Court House in *Montreal*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Montreal Court House Bill.

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

first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Etobicoke and
Mono Road
Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*, seconded by Mr. *Merritt*,

Bathurst
School Money
Bill for 1845.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the payment of School Money to Teachers in the *Bathurst District*, for the year 1845, notwithstanding that there was no assessment for Schools in that District in said year, lost by the adjournment of the House, of Friday, the twenty-fifth of June last, be revived; and that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

Clerk to Com-
mittee on Pri-
vileges and
Elections.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Price*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to take into consideration the following Resolutions:—

1. That it is expedient to appoint an officer to act permanently as Clerk to the Standing Committee of this House, named in each Session, on Privileges and Elections, from and after the end of the present Session.

2. That Mr. *Alpheus Todd*, Assistant Librarian, possesses the necessary qualifications for such an office; and that Mr. Speaker be requested to confer on him the same in conjunction with his present situation.

3. That the salary to be attached to this office be pounds per annum, and that the same do commence from the first day of January 1847.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Boutillier, Cameron of LANARK, Cauchon, Chauveau, Conger, Drummond, Lantier, Laterrière, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Monro, Morin, Price, Robinson, and Webster*.—(18.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Berthelot, Brooks, Solicitor General Cauchon, Christie, Cummings, DeWitt, Duggan, Foster, Jessup, Jobin, LaFontaine, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Meyers, Nelson, Papineau, Petrie, Rousseau, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, Wilson, and Williams*.—(27.)

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by Mr. *Smith of Frontenac*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Resolutions be postponed until this day three months.

Bytown Incor-
poration Bill.

Mr. *Price*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Amendments; which amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House; and are as followeth:—

In the 12th Amendment, fill up the blank with the words "forty pounds."

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poration Bill.

In the 16th Amendment, fill up the first blank with the words "five shillings;" the second blank with the words "five pounds."

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of appropriating a sum of money out of the Fund arising from Tavern Licenses in *Upper Canada*, towards the payment of the balance due to claimants for losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*, reported, according to Order, the Resolution of the said Committee; which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Rebellion
Losses (U.C.)

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That the sum of Three thousand six hundred and thirteen pounds, eight shillings and nine pence, be granted to Her Majesty, payable out of the Fund arising from Tavern Licenses in *Upper Canada*, to pay the balance due to claimants for losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*, and to pay a per centage to the Treasurers in *Upper Canada* for their trouble in distributing the same.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now put upon the said Resolution.

And the said Resolution 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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin, Boulton, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Conger, Cummings, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Jessup, LeBoutillier, Lyon, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Murney, Papineau, Powell, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Viger, Webster, and Williams*.—(38.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cauchon, Chauveau, DeWitt, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Merritt, Morin, and Rousseau*.—(16.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the issuing of Debentures to pay the balance due to claimants for losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in *Upper Canada*.

Rebellion
Losses (U.C.)
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 tomorrow.

Mr. *Meyers*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider the several Acts relating to the Duties of Customs, 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:—

Customs Acts.

Resolved, That in lieu of the Rates of Duty now payable upon the Articles enumerated in the following Schedules, there shall be raised, levied, and paid upon the importation of the said Articles into this Province, the Rates of Duty specified in the said Schedules.

Customs Acts.

SCHEDULES OF DUTIES.

Rates of Duty. Customs Acts.

ARTICLES.	Rates of Duty.			ARTICLES.	Rates of Duty.		
	Currency.				Currency.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
ANIMALS, viz. :—				LIQUIDS, not Spirituous,—(continued.)			
Cows and Heifers, each.....	1	2	6	Cider and Perry, the gallon.....	0	0	1½
Calves, each.....	0	5	0	Vinegar, the gallon.....	0	0	3
Goats, each.....	0	2	6	MACCARONI and VERMICELLI, the lb.....	0	0	1½
Horses, Mares, Geldings, Colts, Fillies, Foals, each.....	1	15	0	MOLASSES and TREACLE, the cwt.....	0	4	0
Kids, each.....	0	2	6	OILS, Olive, in casks, the gallon.....	0	0	5
Lambs, each.....	0	1	0	do in jars or bottles, the gallon.....	0	1	3
Oxen, Bulls, Steers, each.....	1	15	0	Lard, the gallon.....	0	0	5
Pigs, (sucking) each.....	0	0	6	Linseed, the gallon.....	0	0	2½
Swine and Hogs, each.....	0	5	0	Sperm, the gallon.....	0	0	6
Sheep, each.....	0	2	0	Other Oils from creatures living in the Sea.....	0	0	1
CANDLES, Wax, the lb.....				PAPER, &c. :—			
Sperm, the lb.....	0	0	3	Coarse or Wrapping, the cwt.....	0	2	9
Tallow, the lb.....	0	0	1	Printing, the cwt.....	0	5	0
All other kinds.....	0	0	2	Writing, the cwt.....	0	10	0
CHOCOLATE, the lb.....				Drawing, the lb.....			
Cocoa, the lb.....	0	0	0½	Music, the lb.....	0	0	1½
Coffee, Green, the lb.....	0	0	1½	Marbled or Glazed, the lb.....	0	0	1½
Roasted, the lb.....	0	0	2½	Tissue, the lb.....	0	0	1½
Ground, the lb.....	0	0	4	Pasteboard and C ds, the cwt.....	0	4	0
CORN BROOMS, the dozen.....				Bristol or Drawing Boards, the lb.....			
FISH, Salted or Dried, per 112 lbs.....	0	2	6	Milled or Trunkmaker's Boards, the cwt...	0	3	0
Pickled, the barrel.....	0	5	0	PLAYING CARDS, the pack.....			
FLOUR, the barrel of 196 lbs.....	0	3	0	POTATOES, the bushel.....			
FRUIT, viz. :—				PROVISIONS, viz. :—			
Almonds, the lb.....	0	0	1½	Butter, the cwt.....	0	7	6
Apples, the bushel.....	0	0	6	Cheese, the cwt.....	0	5	0
do Dried, the bushel.....	0	1	0	Meats, { Bacon and Hams, the cwt.....			
Currants, the lb.....	0	0	1	{ Salted, the cwt.....			
Figs, the lb.....	0	0	1	{ Pickled, the cwt.....			
Nuts of all kinds, the lb.....	0	0	1	{ Fresh, the cwt.....			
Peaches, the bushel.....	0	1	0	RUM, for every gallon (of old Wine measure)			
Pears, the bushel.....	0	1	0	proof by Sykes' Hydrometer, all			
Prunes, the lb.....	0	0	1½	Spirits above that strength to be re-			
Quinces, the bushel.....	0	1	0	duced to equivalent of Proof.....			
Raisins, Muscatel, bloom and bunch, in boxes, the lb.....	0	0	1	Sweetened or Mixed, per gallon.....			
Raisins, otherwise, the lb.....	0	0	1	SALT, from Mines, known as Rock Salt, and			
GLASS, Window, and common German Sheet				Salt made from Sea water, per ton ...			
Glass, the box of 50 feet.....	0	1	3	Coarse, made from Salt Springs, per bushel.....			
GRAIN, viz. :—				Fine or Basket, and Stoved, per bushel (and £5 for every £100 value).....			
Barley, the quarter.....	0	3	0	SPICES, viz. :—			
Buckwheat, Bere and Bigg, the quarter ...	0	3	0	Cassia, the lb.....			
Maize or Indian Corn, the quarter, of 480 lbs.....	0	3	0	Cinnamon, the lb.....			
Oats, the quarter.....	0	2	0	Cloves, the lb.....			
Rye, Beans and Peas.....	0	3	0	Ginger and Allspice, the lb.....			
M meal of the above Grains, and of Wheat not bolted, the 196 lbs.....	0	2	0	Nutmegs, the lb.....			
Bran or Shorts, the 112 lbs.....	0	0	3	Pimento, the lb.....			
Hops, the lb.....	0	0	3	Pepper, the lb.....			
HONEY, the lb.....	0	0	1	Mace, the lb.....			
INDIA RUBBER Boots and Shoes, the pair ...	0	0	7½	SPIRITS, except Rum, as of Proof, the old			
LEATHER, viz. :—				Wine gallon.....			
Goat Skins, tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed, the dozen.....	0	5	0	Sweetened or Mixed, including Bitters, per gallon.....			
Lamb or Sheep Skins, tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed, the dozen.....	0	2	6	SUGAR, Refined or Candy, per cwt.....			
Calf Skins, tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed, the lb.....	0	0	4	Muscovado, per cwt.....			
Kip Skins, the lb.....	0	0	2	Clayed, per cwt. (and £10 for every £100 value).....			
Harness Leather, the lb.....	0	0	1½	Bastard, per cwt. (and £10 for every £100 value).....			
Upper Leather, the lb.....	0	0	1½	In which are Preserves, per cwt.....			
Sole Leather, the lb.....	0	0	2	SUCCADES, including Confectionary, 20 per cent., and on the lb.....			
Leather cut into shapes, the lb.....	0	0	4	SYRUPS, except Spirits, the gallon.....			
Patent or Glazed Leather, the lb.....	0	0	4	TEA, the lb.....			
All Leather not above described, the lb....	0	0	1½	TOBACCO, viz. :—			
LEATHER MANUFACTURES, viz. :—				Unmanufactured, the lb.....			
Women's Boots and Shoes, the dozen, (in- cluding all kinds).....	0	6	6	Manufactured, the lb.....			
Girl's Boots and Shoes, under 7 inches in length, the dozen, (including all kinds)	0	2	6	Snuff, the lb.....			
Children's Boots and Shoes, over 3 inches in length, the dozen.....	0	2	6	Segars, the lb.....			
Infant Shoes, under 3 inches in length, the dozen.....	0	1	6	WINE (in addition to 10 per cent. on value, including Casks and Bottles) the old			
Men's Boots, the pair.....	0	2	0	Wine gallon.....			
Men's Shoes, the pair.....	0	0	7½	WOOD, Staves, Standard or Measurement,			
Boys' Boots, under 8 inches in length, the pair.....	0	1	0	per mille.....			
Boys' Shoes, under 8 inches in length, the pair.....	0	0	4	Puncheon or West Indian, viz. :—			
LIQUIDS, not Spirituous, viz. :—				White Oak, per standard mille.....			
Ale and Beer, in casks, per gallon.....	0	0	4	Red Oak, do do.....			
Do do in bottles, per dozen.....	0	1	3	Ash, do do.....			
				Barrel, do do.....			
				Deals, Pine, per Quebec standard hundred, do Spruce, do do do.....			
				Handspikes, per dozen.....			
				Oars, per pair.....			
				Planks, Boards, and all kinds of Sawed Lumber not herein charged with duty,			

Customs Acts.	ARTICLES.	Rates of Duty. Currency.	ARTICLES.	Rates of Duty. Currency.	Customs Acts.
	Wood,—(continued.)	£ s. d.	Fins and Skins, the produce of creatures living in the sea.....		
	per thousand superficial feet, inch thick, and so in proportion for any greater thickness.....	0 7 6	Feathers.....		
	Pine, White, and in proportion for any smaller quantity thereof, per one thousand cubic feet.....	1 5 0	Flowers, Artificial, not Silk.....		
	Pine, Red, per one thousand cubic feet.....	1 15 0	Goods whose foundation is Wool.....		
	Oak, per one thousand cubic feet.....	2 15 0	Glass Manufactures, not otherwise described....		
	Birch, per one thousand cubic feet.....	2 10 0	Gunpowder.....		
	Ash, Elm, Tamarac or Haematac, and other Woods not herein charged with duty, per one thousand cubic feet.....	1 5 0	Guns and Fire Arms.....		
	Anchors and Chain Cables.....		Gold and Silver Leaf.....		
	Ashes.....		Hair, Manufactures of.....		
	Bark.....		Horns, Horn Tips and Pieces.....		
	Burr Stones, unwrought.....		Hardware, Shelf Goods and Cutlery.....		
	Berries, Nuts, Vegetables and Woods, used in dyeing.....		Hats.....		
	Coals, Coke and Cinders.....		Hemp, Flax or Tow, in any way dressed.....		
	Cocoa Nut Oil.....		Juice of Limes, Lemons or Oranges, not mixed with Spirits or sweetened, so as to be Syrup... Ink, Printers'.....		
	Copper in Bars, Pig, Sheathing and Sheet.....		Ivory, Bone and Horn, Manufactures of.....		
	Cotton Wool and Cotton Yarn.....		Lead, Manufactures of.....		
	Drugs used solely for dyeing.....		— for Paint, not ground with Oil.....		
	Firewood.....		— for Paint, ground in Oil.....		
	Flower Roots.....		Linen and Linen Manufactures.....		
	Grease and Scraps.....		Mules and Asses.....		
	Hides.....		Mustard.....		
	Hardwood for Furniture, unmanufactured.....		Medicines.....		
	Hay.....		Musical Instruments of Wood.....		
	Hemp, Flax and Tow, undressed.....		Mercury.....		
	Indigo.....		Marble, Polished or Cut.....		
	Iron, Bar, Rod and Nail.....		Oil or Spirits of Turpentine.....		
	— Boiler Plates.....		Oil, Castor.....		
	— Hoop.....		Oil, all, not otherwise enumerated.....		£7 10s. for every £100 value.
	— Pig.....		Oil Cloth.....		
	— Railroad Bars.....	£1 for every £100 value.	Oysters, Lobsters, Turtles, and all other Shell Fish, fresh.....		
	— Scraps and Old for remelting.....		Paints, unground.....		
	— Sheet.....		— Water Colors.....		
	Junk or Oakum.....		Paint Brushes.....		
	Lard.....		Quills.....		
	Lead in Pig.....		Silk, Raw.....		
	Marble in block, unpolished.....		— Manufactures of, not millinery made up... — All Goods being in whole or in part Silk, not otherwise specified.....		
	Ores of all Metals.....		— Sewing, Cord, and Tassels.....		
	Palm Oil.....		Spermaceti, except Candles.....		
	Resin.....		Sponge.....		
	Saw Logs.....		Starch.....		
	Soda Ash.....		Straw Boards for Bookbinders.....		
	Straw.....		Sulphur.....		
	Steel in Bar.....		Tiles and Roofing.....		
	Stone for building.....		Toys.....		
	Tallow.....		Turpentine.....		
	Tar and Pitch.....		Thread, Linen.....		
	Teasles.....		Vetches.....		
	Tin, Sheet and Block.....		Varnish.....		
	Trees, Shrubs, Bulbs and Roots.....		Whalebone.....		
	Type Metal, in Blocks or Pigs.....		Worsted, Manufactures of.....		
	Wool.....		Woollen, Manufactures of.....		
	Woollen Yarn.....		Wax.....		
	Yellow Metal.....		— Manufactures of, except Candles.....		
	Books, Printed, Bound, Unbound, or in Sheets, Drugs being in a crude or unprepared state, except Dye Stuffs.....		Wood, all Manufactured Articles of, having no part metal.....		
	Furs, Skins and Peltries, dressed or undressed, Gums.....	£5 for every £100 value.	And all Goods, Wares and Merchandizes, not otherwise charged with duty, and not herein declared to be free of duty.....		
	Rice.....		Biscuits and Crackers.....		
	Shingles.....		Bastard Sugar, together with 12s. per cwt.....		
	Tortoise Shell.....		Cork and Cork Manufactures.....		
	Wire, Iron.....		Eggs.....		
	Books, Blank, Bound, Unbound, or in Sheets.....		Fruit, unenumerated.....		
	Burr Stones, wrought.....		Leather Manufactures not described.....		
	Chicory.....		Machines for Agricultural purposes, except Threshing Machines and Fanning Mills.....		
	Chains.....		Meats prepared otherwise than by salt or pickle		
	Cotton, Manufactures of.....		Musical Instruments of Metal.....		
	Cordage.....		Oil, Animal, except Lard.....		
	Canvas.....	£7 10s. for every £100 value.	— Vegetable, not otherwise enumerated.....		£10 for every £100 value.
	Camblets and Cambletines.....		— Essential.....		
	Cane Work.....		— Chemical and Volatile.....		
	Casks, empty.....		— Perfumed.....		
	Casts in Plaster of Paris or Composition, unless their material is otherwise charged with a higher duty.....		Paper Manufactures, not otherwise charged with duty.....		
	Drawings, Engravings, Maps, Globes.....		Plate and Plated Ware.....		
	Extracts and Essences used as Medicines.....		Poultry, alive or dead.....		
	Earthen and Stoneware.....		Sausages and Puddings.....		
	Furs and Skins, Manufactures of.....		Seeds, Garden, Flower, and Vegetable.....		
			Soaps of all kinds.....		
			Vegetables, fresh.....		
			Wine, in addition to 1s. a gallon, old Wine measure.....		

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ARTICLES.	Rates of Duty. Currency.
Axes.....	} £12 10s. for every £100 value.
Billiard and Bagatelle Balls of Wood and Ivory.	
Balls used at Bowls or Nine Pins.....	
Billiard Tables.....	
Bagatelle Tables.....	
Camphine Oil.....	
Carriages and Vehicles.....	
parts of.....	
Castings.....	
Clocks and Watches.....	
parts of.....	} £15 for every £100 value.
Dice.....	
Flowers, Artificial, in part or whole Silk.....	
Fanning or Bark Mills.....	
Jewelry, set or unset.....	
Machinery of all kinds, and parts thereof.....	
Scythes.....	
Silk Millinery made up.....	
— Velvet.....	
Threshing Machines, and Fanning and Bark Mills.....	
Extracts, Essences and Perfumery, not otherwise provided for.....	} £20 for every £100 value.
Fish, preserved in Oil.....	
Fruit, preserved.....	
Ginger, preserved.....	
Pickles and Sauces.....	
Roulette Tables.....	} £20 for every £100 value.
Succades and Confectionary made of Sugar, either in whole or in part, in addition to 2d. per lb.....	

TABLE OF EXEMPTIONS.

- Anatomical Preparations when imported expressly for the use of any College or School of Anatomy or Surgery, incorporated by Royal Charter or Act of Parliament, not imported for sale.
- Copies of the Holy Scriptures printed in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and not imported for sale.
- Books and Maps and Illustrative Drawings, imported for the use of any Library to which the public may have free admission, as also for the Libraries of either Branch of the Legislature.
- Coin and Bullion.
- Donations of Books or Clothing specially imported for the use of, or to be distributed gratuitously by any Charitable Society in this Province.
- Fish, fresh, not described.
- 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, except the Horses, Cattle, Carriages and Vehicles and Harness of persons hawking goods, wares, and merchandizes through the Province for the purpose of retail, and the Horses, Carriages, and Harness of any Circus or Equestrian Troop for exhibition. The Horses, Carriages, Caravans, and Harness of any Menagerie to be free. Horses and Cattle belonging to persons coming into the Province for the purpose of actually settling therein.
- Hides, Offal and Tallow of Cattle and Swine, slaughtered in bond.
- Manures of all kinds.
- Models of Machinery, and of other inventions and improvements in the Arts.
- Packages containing Dutiable Articles.
- Philosophical Apparatus, Instruments, Books, Maps, Stationery, 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 pursuits, or for the encouragement of Fine Arts, or for the use or by the order of any University, College, Academy, School, or Seminary of Learning within this Province.
- Philosophical Apparatus, &c. &c., imported for use by any public Lecturer for the purpose of gain, and to be re-exported, shall be allowed to be entered under Bond of two good and sufficient persons for their exportation within the specified time.
- 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;

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provided the duty otherwise payable would be defrayed or borne by the Treasury of the United Kingdom or of this Province.

Specimens of Natural History, Mineralogy, or 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.

Wearing Apparel in actual use, and other personal Effects not merchandize, Implements and Tools of Trade of handicrafts-men, in the occupation or employment of persons coming into the Province for the purpose of actually settling therein.

The native Produce and Manufactures of all or any such of the other British North American Colonies as shall admit the native Produce and Manufactures of Canada free of Duty shall be entitled to exemption from Duties under this Act, with the exception of Spirituous Liquors.

Salt, Salted or Cured Meats, Flour, Biscuit, Molasses, 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 the Channel Islands or neighbouring Colonies, 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 purpose of ascertaining that such articles are *bona fide* intended to be applied to the use of such Fisheries.

ARTICLES PROHIBITED,

To be imported, under a penalty of £50, together with the forfeiture of the Parcel or Package of Goods in which the same shall be found:—

Books and Drawings of an immoral or indecent character.

Coin, Base or Counterfeit.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the said Resolution; and that the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, and the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do prepare, and bring it in.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* presented a Bill to repeal, consolidate, and amend certain Acts relating to the Provincial Customs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time. The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow; and to be then the first Order of the Day.

Mr. *Monro*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Common School Act 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.

Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, 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.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Laurin*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace, 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.

Lake Erie
Railway and
Harbour Bill.

Mr. *Foster*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, 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.

Guelph and
Dundas Road
Bill.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Dundas Road* Company, 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.

Montreal New
City Gas Bill.

Mr. *Lyon*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, 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.

Public Lands
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the engrossed Bill to amend the Act for the disposal of Public Lands, and to allow further time for making certain claims under the same, 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 gone through the Bill, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Forgery Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the Law and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Powell* 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.

Seamen's Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Resolved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Leslie*, and the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, 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 facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations, 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 gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a committee of the whole House on Thursday next.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery therein, 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 gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to authorize the *Quebec* Trinity House to license, as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned, 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 some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Colville* 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 engrossed Bill to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works, 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* of *Dundas* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made a further 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 amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal* Building Society, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill.

Municipal
Authorities
(L.C.) Bill.

Medical
Faculty (L.C.)
Bill.

Quebec Pilots
Bill.

Board of
Works Bill.

Montreal
Building
Society Bill.

Niagara Courts Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Session Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House, in the Town of *Niagara*, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town, being read;

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

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 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.

Lands in Brandon.

The Honorable 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, dated the 25th ultimo, praying His Excellency "to direct the "proper Officers of the Crown to institute, in the "name of Her Majesty, such legal proceedings as "may protect and secure the inhabitants of the "Township of *Brandon*, in the possession of their "Lands;" which Return is as followeth:—

His Excellency the Governor General has been pleased to direct the revocation of an Order in Council of the late Province of *Lower Canada*, dated 31st March 1825, whereby the Land in question was, it is conceived, granted in error to the Honorable *T. Pothier*; and the institution, by the Law Officer of the Crown, of an action against the Representatives of Mr. *Pothier* for the purpose of having the limits of the Seigniorship of *Lanaudière* duly established,—by which means this long pending question may be finally settled.

Survey of the River St. Charles.

And also,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 10th ultimo, "for all documents "and information proper to be communicated to the "House in relation to the Survey of the River *St. Charles*, and the proposed improvement thereof."

(For the said Return, see Appendix B. R.)

App. (R. R.)

Surveyors (U. C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Surveys in that part of the Province formerly *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged; and that five hundred copies of the said Bill be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Seminary of St. Sulpice Loans Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to empower the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of *St. Sulpice* to invest monies in Loans to the Trustees of the Turnpike Roads leading to the City of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Assessment Bill (U. C.)

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment Laws in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

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

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*, 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* of *Frontenac* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock* Company, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Burlington Bay Dock Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Brantford*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Brantford Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada Mining* Company, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Upper Canada Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Mining* Company, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Canada Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Inquiry relating to the *Lake St. Peter*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Lake St. Peter.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," 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 without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Canada Mutual Life Assurance Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *M^cConnell* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Morin's Bridge Bill.

Montreal Bank
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock, 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 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.

Orders deferred.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Duggan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 14^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Certificate of
the Return of
Mr. Lemieux
for Dorchester.

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 *Dorchester*, in the room of *Joseph André Taschereau*, Esquire, who, since his election, hath accepted the Office of Circuit Judge in and for the District of *Quebec*.

And the said Certificate was read; and is as followeth:—

Province of *Canada*,

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Montreal, 14th July, 1847.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the ninth day of June last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Dorchester*, (*Jean Baptiste Bonneville*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the said County of *Dorchester*, in the room and place of *Joseph André Taschereau*, Esquire, whose seat had become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Circuit Judge in and for the District of *Quebec*, *François Lemieux*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the twelfth day of July instant, which is lodged of record in my office.

FELIX FORTIER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *W. B. Lindsay*, Esq.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Petitions
brought up.

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

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*.—The Petition of the Reverend *Newton Bosworth* and others, Members of the Church and Congregation Meeting for public worship in the Baptist Chapel, *Paris*; and the Petition of the Reverend *John M. Roger*, A. M., Moderator and others, Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in *Canada*.

By Mr. *Méthot*.—The Petition of *J. M. Cressé*, Esquire, and others, Notaries Public for *Lower Canada*.

Board of
Works Bill.

An engrossed bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works," as amended, was again read.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act to amend an Act, intituled; An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works,"

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace, was read for the third time.

Special Constables Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Session Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House, in the Town of *Niagara*, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town, was read for the third time.

Niagara Courts Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act to authorize the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Sessions Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House, in the Town of *Niagara*, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Common School Act of *Upper Canada*, was read for the third time.

School Act Amendment Bill (U. C.)

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act for amending the Common School Act of *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the Statute of the 8 *Victoria*, chapter 31, and to make other provisions for the limitation of Actions, was read for the third time.

Limitation of Actions Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the limitation of Actions in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock, was read for the third time.

Montreal Bank Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill for the better protection of Merchants and others who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents, was read for the third time.

Merchants, &c. Protection Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to authorize the *Quebec* Trinity House to license, as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Quebec Pilots Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Montreal New
City Gas Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate The New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, seconded by Mr. *Stewart* of *Prescott*,

Bytown Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," as amended, be now read for the third time.

The said Amendments were read accordingly.

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 Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Petitions read.

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

Of *Alexander Mitchell* and others, of the Village of *Stratford* and surrounding Townships; praying that the said Village may be made the District Town of the proposed new District to be erected from the Eastern portion of the *Huron* District.

Of *François Champoux*, of the Parish of *Bécancour*; praying indemnification for the loss of his right of Ferry over the River *Bécancour*.

Petition of J. Cameron and others, referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Cameron* and others, of the Townships of *Cumberland* and *Clarence*, District of *Ottawa*, and the Petition of *Peter Freil* and others, of the County of *Prescott*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred *Thomas C. Keefer's* Report, and accompanying Documents, relating to the *Bytown* and *Hatfield* Road.

Members added to a Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* and Mr. *Williams* be added to the said Committee.

Twelfth Report of Committee on Standing Orders.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, 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 examined the Petition of *Harrison Stephens* and others, for the incorporation of the *Montreal* and Great Northern Junction Railroad Company; and as no evidence has been before them of the requisite notices having been given, they cannot recommend that the Petition be proceeded in.

They have also examined the Petition of *William Wakefield* and others, for an Act of incorporation to enable them to construct Wharves and Docks at *Toronto*, on property acquired by them; and as the Petitioners pray for no exclusive privileges, your Committee are humbly of opinion that the usual notice was not necessary in this case.

Fourth Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, 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 examined the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Arthur* Road Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Towns and Villages Bill.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to confer limited corpo-

rate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada* West, not specially incorporated, and another reference, 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.

Towns and Villages Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher*, for an improved Bark Mill, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Beecher's Letters Patent Bill.

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of lands *en roture*, in the 'Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *Franc-aleu-roturier*,'" be now read a second time.

Optional Commutation of Lands Bill.

And notice being taken that the Bill contained provisions of a nature which should have originated in this House;

Resolved, That this House will not proceed any further with the said Bill.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Resolved, That the time for receiving Private Bills be extended until Tuesday, the twentieth instant.

Private Bills.

Resolved, That the time for receiving the Reports of Select and Standing Committees on Private Bills be further extended until Thursday, the twenty-ninth instant.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Dry Dock Company. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Arthur* Road Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

London Incorporation Bill.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the managers of the 'Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund of the 'Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* in connection with the Church of *Scotland*,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Widows and Orphans' Fund (Presbyterian) Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of 'Attornies and calling of Barristers in *Upper Canada*,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Attornies and Barristers (U. C.) Bill.

And then he withdrew.

Widows and Orphans' Fund (Presbyterian) Bill.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland," was read for the first time.

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

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

Attornies and Barristers (U. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attornies and calling of Barristers in Upper Canada," was read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. Cauchon, seconded by Mr. Fournier,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for copies of all Documents relating to the purchase of the Honorable Peter M'Gill's house, at present occupied by the Crown Lands Department.

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

On motion of Mr. Cauchon, seconded by Mr. Laurin,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence and communications which may have taken place between the Government and Jacques Crémazie, Esquire, Advocate, formerly Superintendent of the Registry Offices of the Districts of Quebec and Gaspé, on the subject of the holding of the office of Registrar of the former Municipal District of Dorchester, by Edward Bowen, Esquire, now Judge of the District of Gaspé.

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

Address for correspondence between Government and Mr. Crémazie.

Buildings occupied by the Legislature and Government Offices.

Mr. Boulton moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. Petrie, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. Laurin, Mr. Duggan, and the mover, be appointed to investigate and report upon the situation and accommodation of the present Buildings occupied by the Legislature and Government Offices, 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.

Messieurs Boulton, Cauchon, Chauveau, Desautier, Duggan, Fournier, Gowen, Laurin, LeMoine, Monro, Petrie, Seymour, and Smith of FRONTENAC.—(13.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Armstrong, Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Conger, Cummings, De Witt, Drummond, Foster, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, La Fontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Papineau, Powell, Robinson, Rousseau, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of WENTWORTH, Viger, Wilson, Williams, and Woods.—(41.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* moved to resolve, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, That an humble Address be presented to Her most Gracious Majesty, assuring Her Majesty of the steadfast loyalty of the People of this Province, and their profound attachment to Her Person and Government; and representing to Her Majesty that the changes which have recently been made in the commercial policy of *Great Britain* have produced embarrassments and difficulties in the trade of this Colony, which, unless promptly met, may ultimately prove highly injurious to the interests of the Empire: That this Province has incurred a large debt for the construction of public improvements, chiefly for rendering our access to the Ocean more easy and less expensive, and for maintaining our trade with the Mother Country and with Foreign Nations, through the channel of the *St. Lawrence*, in the hope of shortly attracting through the same route the vast products of the Western portion of this Continent: That the continuance of the protection in the British markets, which Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects in this Province had hitherto so advantageously enjoyed, would have fully realized their expectations in this respect, but that the commercial changes which the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has deemed it prudent to adopt, compel us, under the existing altered circumstances of our trade, to seek for changes in the Navigation Laws affecting this Province, which otherwise would have been unnecessary: That measures have been adopted in the neighbouring Republic, with a view to divert the trade of this Province to and from *Great Britain* through the Railroads and Canals of that country, and thereby to secure to them a large accession of carrying trade, and from which a Revenue was yielded last year of about Seven hundred thousand pounds; and that there is too much reason to fear that their attempts will prove successful, unless other and further inducements than at present exist are offered in favor of the route by the *St. Lawrence*: That to afford such inducements, and to prevent a calamity so much to be apprehended, this House humbly pray, that Her Majesty will be most graciously pleased to sanction the free use of the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* by all Nations; and that, to that end, She will be further graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to repeal the Laws of Navigation so far as they, in any manner, relate to or affect this Colony.

Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

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

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until Friday next.

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, seconded by Mr. *Laurin*,

Resolved, That the sixty-third Rule of this House, 63d Rule. be suspended in so far as it relates to the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*.

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

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, the amount of salary, fees, per centage, travelling expenses, and other income received by *William Morrison*, Esquire, in his capacity of Crown Land Agent,

Address respecting Mr. W. Morrison.

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

William Henry
Incorporation
Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Morin have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *William Henry*.

He accordingly presented the said 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.

Communities
Loans Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Jobin have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Communities and other like parties to lend monies to the Trustees of the *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 on Monday next.

Pension to
Mrs. Vallières
de St. Réal.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Message of His Excellency the Governor General recommending a Pension to the widow of the late Honorable Chief Justice *Vallières de St. Réal*.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boulton, Boutillier, Solicitor General Cameron, Cauchon, Cayley, Chalmers, Chauveau, Daly, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Ermatinger, Foster, Fournier, Hale, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Morin, Papineau, Prince, Robinson, Rousseau, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Webster, and Woods.*—(40.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Brooks, Christie, Conger, Cummings, Duggan, Gowan, Lyon, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Petrie, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRES-COTT, and Williams.*—(15.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

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 come to a Resolution, which he was directed to submit to the House whenever it shall be pleased to receive the same.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. *Gowan* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That the word "to-morrow," in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted: "this day three 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.

Messieurs *Duggan, Gowan, Moffatt, Monro, Seymour, Stewart of BYTOWN, and Wilson.*—(7.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boulton, Boutillier, Solicitor General Cameron, Cauchon, Cayley, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Conger, Cummings, Daly, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Fournier, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Morin, Nelson, Petrie, Prince,*

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Robinson, Rousseau, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, and Woods.—(44.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Mr. *Duggan*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutation, 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 the members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery 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. *Smith of Frontenac*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*, 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. *McConnell*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, reported, 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 Honorable 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, dated the 30th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "the amount in detail of all expenditures incurred in the construction of Canals, Roads, Bridges, and other public improvements, since the Union of the Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, distinguishing the amounts expended in each section of the Province respectively."

(For the said Return, see Appendix S. S.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal, consolidate, and amend certain Acts relating to the Provincial Customs, 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, and had made several amendments thereto.

Pension to
Mrs. Vallières
de St. Réal.

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill.

Medical
Faculty (L.C.)
Bill.

Dundas Incor-
poration Bill.

Morin's Bridge
Bill.

Canals, Roads,
Bridges, &c.

App. (S.S.)

Customs Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

City Bank Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock, being read;

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 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.

Montreal Gas Light Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, 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 gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

General Partnerships Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to form General Partnerships for Manufacturing and other purposes, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Leprohon and Berthelot's Bridge Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *St. Rose*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Port Britain Harbour and Wharf Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Port Britain Harbour and Wharf Company*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Lachine Railroad Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Orders deferred.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 15^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Mr. *Lemieux* takes his seat.

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

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

By Mr. *Foster*,—The Petition of *H. Robinson* and others, of the County of *Shefford*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Hugh Fraser* and others, of *Whitby*, *Pickering*, and the adjacent Townships.

By Mr. *Scott*,—The Petition of *C. C. Greece* and others, of the Township of *Chatham* in *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Cummings*,—The Petition of *Leonard Misenner*, of the Township of *Wainfleet*.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*, was read for the third time. Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Riddell* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, was read for the third time. Morin's Bridge Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act to authorize *Augustin Norbert Morin* to build a Toll Bridge over the River *du Nord*, in the Parish of *Saint Jérôme*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same."

Ordered, That Mr. *Scott* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws and to repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery, was read for the third time. Forgery Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws and repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* 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 *Burlington Bay Dock Company*, was read for the third time. Burlington Bay Dock Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate a Company under the style and title of "The *Canada Mutual Life Assurance Society*," was read for the third time. Canada Mutual Life Assurance Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations, was read for the third time. Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

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 amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and for other purposes, was read for the third time. Montreal Harbour Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Montreal Har-
bour Bill.

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

Guelph and
Dundas Road
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

City Bank Bill.

An engrossed Bill to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* 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 *J. Ducharme* and others, of *Ste. Thérèse* and other Parishes, in the County of *Terrebonne*; praying for the passing of the Bill to transfer the Registry Office of the said County from *Terrebonne* to *Ste. Thérèse*.

Of Mrs. *Susan Elkins*, widow of the late Captain *Moses Elkins*, of the Township of *Potton*; praying indemnification for the loss of her property destroyed by incendiaries in 1840.

Of *Samuel Daniels* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying pecuniary aid for the completion of the *Arthabasha* Road.

Petition of
Rev. J. Du-
charme and
others, un-
submitted.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *J. Ducharme* and others, of *Ste. Thérèse* and other Parishes, in the County of *Terrebonne*, be committed to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *Ste. Thérèse*.

Eighth Report
of Committee
on Private
Bills.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, 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 examined the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*, and also the Petitions of *F. M. Soulard* and others, of *O. E. Casgrain*, Esquire, and of *Michel Fournier*, Esquire, on the same subject, and beg leave to report the said Bill without amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catherines* Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company," 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 3, line 9. After "information" insert "by summary proceeding before two or more Justices of the Peace for the District in which the offence shall have been committed, or the offender shall be, or."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Toronto, &c.
Telegraph Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Felix Hooper* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Thomas* and *St. Pierre*, in the County of *L'Islet*, be committed to the said Committee.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the Petition of *Louis Guillet*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Champlain*.

On motion of Mr. *Cummings*, seconded by Mr. *Webster*,

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Isaac Humphrey Culp*, of the Township of *Stamford*, in the District of *Niagara*, and other references, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be graciously pleased to direct to be laid before this House, copies of any Circulars addressed to the Wardens of the different Districts of this Province, by authority of the Executive Government thereof, since the last Session of Parliament, on the subject of the taking of the periodical Census for the present year, as required by the Act of the 4 and 5 *Vic. cap. 42*; and also, copies of any other documents which His Excellency may, in his discretion, think fit to communicate, explanatory of the grounds upon which the Government proceeded in omitting to take the steps required by that Act for the taking of such Census, and in directing that the same should not be taken, or otherwise interfering with the duties imposed upon the local authorities by that Act.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain deeds, instruments, and documents executed before Notaries in *Lower Canada*, and to secure the rights, titles, and interests of all persons concerned therein.

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

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

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*, for Monday next, be the first Order of that Day.

L'Islet Regis-
try Office Bill.

First Report on
Privileges and
Elections.

Report on I.
H. Culp's Pe-
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Address res-
pecting the
Census.

Notarial Deeds,
&c. Bill (L.C.)

British North
American Tel-
egraph Bill.

Pension to Mrs. Vallières de St. Réal.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee of the whole House on the Message of His Excellency the Governor General recommending a Pension to the widow of the late Honorable Chief Justice Vallières de St. Réal, 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 the sum of Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the annual Pension of Madame Vallières de St. Réal, during the term of her natural life.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badger, we leave to bring in a Bill to grant a Pension to Madame Widow Vallières de St. Réal, during her natural life.

He accordingly presented the 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.

Customs Bill.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal, consolidate, and amend certain Acts relating to the Provincial Customs, being read:

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be now re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of either striking out the fortieth section thereof, or of so remodeling the said section as to prevent any Custom House Officer who shall be examined as a witness in any case, from deriving any pecuniary benefit by, from, or under judgment obtained in such case.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Williams reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made a further amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon the amendments made to the said Bill.

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.

A Message from the Legislative Council by John Fennings Taylor, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating 'La Banque du Peuple.'"

Banque du Peuple Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of Bellechasse, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of St. Michel:" And also,

Bellechasse Registry Office Bill.

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the limits of the Town of Bytown, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes," without any Amendment: And also,

Bytown Incorporation Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of Brockville, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Brockville Assessment Bill.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable 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.

Message from His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General recommends to the Legislative Assembly the accompanying Supplementary Estimate of sums required for the service of the present year.

Supplementary Estimate.

Government House,

Montreal, 12th July, 1847.

Supplementary Estimate.

Supplementary Estimate of certain Expenses of the Civil Government of the Province of Canada, for which a Supply is required, for the year 1847.

SERVICE.		Amount Currency.		
PUBLIC WORKS.		£	s.	d.
To defray outlay and complete Contracts.				
For the Toronto Custom House		60	0	0
For the Arthabaska Road		700	0	0
For the Kennebec Road		299	0	0
For the Chaudière Bridge		190	0	0
For the Jacques Cartier Bridge		250	0	0
For the Grosse Isle Wharf		350	0	0
For Surveys of Vaudreuil Bridge, Missisquoi Canal and Toronto Harbour		144	15	0
For the Chambly Canal		330	14	9
For the Tecumseth Road		48	12	6
For the Narrows Bridge		50	16	4
For the St. Ann's Lock, blasting rock		53	12	5
For the Metis Bridge, damages		63	0	0
For the Chambly Canal Claims		825	17	4
For Arbitrations, estimated		2500	0	0
Carried forward		£5868	8	4

Supplemen-
tary Estimate.

Supplementary Estimate of certain Expenses of the Civil Government, &c.—(Continued.)

Supplemen-
tary Estimate

SERVICE.	Amount Currency.		
	£	s.	d.
Brought forward.....	5868	8	4
For Works to be proceeded with after the completion of present Contracts.			
UPPER CANADA.			
Chatham Bridge	£2000	0	0
Dams at Buckhorn and Bohcaygean	400	0	0
Roads between Trent Slides and Drawbridge	1250	0	0
Pier and leading Light at Presqu' Isle	450	0	0
Rouge Hill	1000	0	0
Road from Prescott to Ottawa	1000	0	0
Owon's Sound Road	1500	0	0
Towards opening Road from Kingston to the Ottawa	1500	0	0
Nottawasaga Bridges, and reducing Hills on the Town line between Mono and Adjala ...	1000	0	0
Shannonville Bridge	300	0	0
Winchester Bridge over Nation River.....	300	0	0
Road from Peterboro' to Lindsay, in the Township of Ops	250	0	0
	10950	0	0
LOWER CANADA.			
For Repairs and Alterations to Gaols and Court Houses	£3728	18	11
Road from Waterloo to Sherbrooke.....	500	11	3
Kempt Road	355	15	6
Gaspé Roads and Bridge	570	0	0
Chemin des Caps	2000	0	0
Metis and Matane Road	2611	0	0
	9772	5	8
Public Buildings in Lower Canada	2739	13	0
Increase to Judge Gairdner's Salary	300	0	0
Joseph Bouchette, Esquire, to meet expenses of publishing his Map.....	200	0	0
Aid to Mechanics' Institute in London, Canada West	50	0	0
Aid to the Bishop's College at Lennoxville	500	0	0
Aid to the College at L'Assomption	125	0	0
For Salaries to the Prothonotaries in the District of Gaspé, at £50 each	100	0	0
To Charles N. Lassierais, for arrears of Salary as Teacher of a School at Three Rivers.....	150	0	0
Aid to Joliette College	100	0	0
Aid to the School at Ste. Thérèse	100	0	0
Aid to the University Lying-in Hospital at Montreal	100	0	0
Aid to the Literary and Historical Society at Quebec, for Copying Historical Records	100	0	0
Aid to the Clarenceville Academy	50	0	0
For Pension to the Widow of the late Chief Justice Vallières.....	200	0	0
Provincial Canals—For the Welland	50000	0	0
For the Lachine	10000	0	0
Total Currency	£ 91405	7	0

Inspector General's Office,
Montreal, 15th July, 1847.

W. CAYLEY,
Inspector General.

Montreal Gas
Light Bill.

Mr. Merritt, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Montreal Gas Light Company, 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.

Agricultural
Products.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee to consider the expediency of removing the Duty on Agricultural Products on certain conditions, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 made some progress, and had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again.

Elgin District
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to erect certain parts of the London District into a new District to be called the District of Elgin, 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.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the granting of new Trials in certain cases, being read;

Mr. Cameron of Lanark moved, seconded by Mr. Lantier, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood, That all the words after "be," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "read a second time this day "four months."

The question being put upon the motion of amendment, a division ensued: and it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put upon 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 four months.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Quebec

Elgin Distr
Bill.

New Trials
Bill.

Quebec Ba
Bill.

Quebec Bank Bill.

Bank, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Humber Harbour and Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, 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 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 of Supply, being read;

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, with the accompanying Supplementary Estimate for the year 1847, laid before the House this day, be referred to the said Committee.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Niagara District Bank Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Niagara District Bank Act*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Lake Superior Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Garden River Copper Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Garden River Copper Mining Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Echo Lake Mining Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Grain Distillation Prevention Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the distillation of Spirituous Liquors, in this Province, from Grain, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Bill relating to the Insane and Destitute.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to transfer power vested in Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions for support of Insane and Destitute, to the respective District Councils, in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Mill Dams' Aprons Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada* relating to the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Powell*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Hull*, Mr. *Merritt*, and

Mr. *Thompson*, 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 facilitate the partition of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*, 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.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill respecting examination *sur fails et articles*, and the costs thereof, in that part of this Province which was formerly the Province of *Lower Canada*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, 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 to take into consideration certain Resolutions on the subject of Trade, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

Resolved, That in order to place this Province in the position to which she is entitled as an appendage to the British Crown, an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying She will be pleased to recommend the removal of existing Duties on the Productions of *Canada* when admitted into the markets of the Mother Country.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Powell*, and Mr. *DeWitt*, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, pursuant to the said Resolution.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the tenth section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City, being read;

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, That the said Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. Speaker here declared the Bill to be of a private nature, and subject to the provisions of the seventy-first Rule of this House as to the payment of the Fee thereon.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved, seconded by Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, That the Rule of this House which requires the payment of Twenty pounds be suspended in so far as relates to this Bill.

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.

Messieurs *Aylwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Méhot*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Robinson*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, and *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*.—(22.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Baldwin*, *Colville*, *DeWitt*, *Duggan*, *Fournier*, *Macdonald* of

Lands Partition Bill.

Fails et Articles Bill.

Trade.

Duties on the Productions of Canada.

Kingston Incorporation Bill.

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KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Petrie*, *Price*, and Attorney General *Sherwood*.—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved, Accordingly.

The question being then put on the motion, That the said Bill be now read a second time, a division ensued; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, *Chauveau*, *Colville*, *Conger*, *DeWitt*, *Fournier*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Méthot*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Robinson*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, and *Stewart* of BYTOWN.—(29.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Duggan*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Petrie*, and Attorney General *Sherwood*.—(5.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was read accordingly; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Macdonald* of Glengary, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, The House adjourned.

Orders deferred.

Veneris, 16^o die Julii.

ANNO 11^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*.—The Petition of *Dugald Cameron*, of the Township of *Elmsley*, in the County of *Lanark*.

By Mr. *Price*.—The Petition of the Reverend *J. M. Cramp*, Chairman, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the *Canada Baptist Union*.

Humber Harbour and Road Bill.

An engrossed Bill to revive and extend the Act incorporating the *Humber Harbour and Road Company*, 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.

Medical Faculty (L. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the members of the Medical Faculty in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the practice of Physic and Surgery therein, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the members of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein."

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

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Town of *Dundas*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chalmers* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montreal Gas Light Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal Gas Light Company*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Customs Bill.

An engrossed Bill to repeal, consolidate, and amend certain Acts relating to the Provincial Customs, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*, That the following Clause (A.) be added to the said Bill by way of Rider, and do follow the fifteenth Clause thereof:

Clause (A.)

"Provided always, that if such goods shall be imported into this Province from the *United States of America*, and shall not be the produce of the said *United States*, but shall have been imported into the same from any other Country, and warehoused or bonded in the said *United States*, then the Collector or other proper Officer of the Customs may require the production of such documents as may be requisite to ascertain the value at which the goods were entered or rated for duty on their importation into the *United States*, or by the Officers of Customs there, and such value and ten per centum in addition thereto shall be the value for duty under this Act, unless the value so calculated be less than the value calculated by the Invoice value, and ten per centum thereupon, in which case the value calculated as last mentioned shall be the value for duty under this Act; and provided also, that all goods fraudulently undervalued, or with regard to which any false Invoice or document shall be produced, or any wilfully false declaration made, shall be forfeited."

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *DeWitt*, *Duggan*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Meyers*, *Monro*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(27)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Cauchon*, *Chauveau*, *Desaunier*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lemieux*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Moffatt*, *Morin*, *Price*, *Scott*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Wilson*, and *Webster*.—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for repealing and consolidating the present Duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boulton*, *Brooks*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Gowan*, *Guillet*, *Hale*, *Hall*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *LaTerrière*, *LeBoutillier*, *LeMoine*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Mac-*

Customs Bill. *donell of DUNDAS, Macdonell of STORMONT, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Muffatt, Monro, Powell, Petrie, Prince, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Viger, Wilson, Webster, Williams, and Woods.*—(57.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Boutillier, Cameron of LANARK, Cauchon, Chauveau, Conger, Lantier, Lemieux, Morin, Nelson, and Price.*—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved, Accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* 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 *Newton Bosworth* and others, Members of the Church and Congregation Meeting for public worship in the Baptist Chapel, *Paris*; praying that the management of the University of King's College may be put upon a more equitable footing, and that no aid be given for Theological instruction out of the public funds.

Of the Reverend *John M. Roger, A. M.*, Moderator, and others, Members of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying that all further proceedings on the Bill relative to the Charter of the University of King's College may be stayed until the next Session of Parliament.

Of *L. M. Cressé, Esquire*, and others, Notaries Public for *Lower Canada*; praying the addition of certain provisions to the Bill now before the House for regulating the Notarial Profession.

Petition of C. D. Proctor and others, referred

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles D. Proctor* and others, stockholders in the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Message from the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor, Esquire*, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Special Constables Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relative to the appointment of Special Constables, and for the better preservation of the Peace:"

Quebec Pilots Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the *Quebec Trinity House* to License, as Pilots, a certain class of persons therein mentioned:"

Montreal Bank Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock:"

Niagara Courts Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Assize and *Nisi Prius*, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery, and the District and Quarter Sessions Courts for the District of *Niagara*, to be holden in the Court House, in the Town of *Niagara*, built by the President and Board of Police of the said Town:"

Limitation of Actions Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the limitation of Actions in *Lower Canada*:"

Montreal New City Gas Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*." And then he withdrew.

Report on Petition of J. W. O. Clark and others

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *James William Osgoode Clark* and others, of the District of *Niagara*, 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 Petition referred to them, and have examined the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Chief Commissioner of Public Works, touching the practicability of its prayer, and find that that Officer concurs in the same; your Committee, therefore, in consequence of the late period of the present Session, will do no more than earnestly recommend the Executive Government to authorize the Board of Works to cause the alterations prayed for to be made with as little delay as possible.

Report on Petition of J. W. O. Clark and others.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen, 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.

Seamen's Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

The Honorable 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, dated the 18th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a Return of the amount paid for the expenses of the Crown Lands Department, for the years 1845 and 1846, together with the amount of cash received for the sale of Crown Lands during each of the above years, with a Contingent Account shewing the amount paid for postage, law opinions, and other items; also, the amount expended for Register's Office and any other department, or for any other purpose connected with the sale of lands in any other part of the Province, and from what sources the deficiency is made up to pay those expenses, similar to Statements 19 and 20, letter N. N. in Appendix to Journal 1844; also, to make out a Barter Account shewing the amount of Scrip issued for Land Claims, and the number of acres of land exchanged for that Scrip, which two Accounts or Statements will refer to Crown Lands alone; also, a Statement of the receipts and expenditure of each separate resource, from Timber and the Public Domain, yielding a Revenue; also, a Statement of the number of acres of Land which has been granted for Claims authorized since the 1st January, 1843, the amount of Scrip issued, and the amount still to be issued; to be appended to the Public Accounts."

Crown Lands Department.

(For the said Return, see Appendix T.T.)

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And also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 17th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "copies of the several proclamations, orders, and letters of instruction under which Tolls were collected at *Windsor Harbour* in the years 1845, 1846, and 1847 respectively; the several proclamations, orders, and letters of instruction for suspending the collection of such Tolls in each year respectively, with a Statement of the amounts collected in each year, while the directions for collecting them were in force; and also a tabular Statement, shewing the rate of Tolls imposed by the Executive Government, by authority of Law, at the *Welland Canal, Burlington Bay, and Windsor Harbour*, for those years respectively, with separate columns shewing the difference, if any, per centum, the Tolls so imposed at *Windsor Harbour* bear to those so imposed at the *Welland Canal and Burlington Bay*, respectively; and also

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Tolls on Well-land Canal and Burlington Bay and Windsor Harbour.

" a Statement of the aggregate amount of public money already laid out upon each of those three works, if completed,—and if not completed, the amount laid out, and the amount of the estimate for completing the same; and also the aggregate amount of Tolls received from them respectively." (For the said Return, see Appendix U.U.)

App. (U. U.)

Address to Her Majesty, respecting the Duties on the Productions of Canada.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying She will be pleased to recommend the removal of existing Duties on the Productions of *Canada*, when admitted into the markets of the Mother Country, 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 represent to Your Majesty, that during the last Session of the Provincial Legislature we humbly addressed Your Majesty, praying that the Duties on Grain and Pulse imported into the United Kingdom from *Canada*, should be reduced to the smallest possible amount.

That in the reply to the said Address received from Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, by a Despatch dated the 18th April, 1846, an objection was urged that the same reduction would, under the existing pledge to Parliament, take place on the same articles imported from Foreign countries.

That, nevertheless, as certain Duties remain on various Productions of *Canada*, other than those alluded to under the Act of the ninth and tenth years of Your Majesty's Reign, the removal of which will not necessarily come under the same pledge, should it continue to exist with respect to Grain; we humbly pray that Your Majesty will be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to remove all existing Duties on the Productions of *Canada* when imported into the United Kingdom, and thus place this Province in the position to which it is entitled as an appendage to the British Crown.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Report on Petition of Bethune and others.

Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Donald Bethune*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Toronto* and of the Town of *Niagara*, 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 to them referred, the substance of which is as follows:— That the Petitioners are the owners of the Royal Mail Line of Steamers on *Lake Ontario*, as also of several other Steamers plying on that Lake; and which they have acquired at an outlay of more than ninety thousand pounds: That the Petitioners have heard with great surprize that Mr. *James Sutherland*, who has for several years been in the employ of the Petitioners, in command of the Steamer *Sovereign*, owned by one of the Petitioners, *Donald Bethune*, has received assistance from Her Majesty's Government, to the extent of several thousand pounds, for the purpose of building an Iron Steamer to ply upon *Lake Ontario*: That the said Iron Steamer will be launched in a few days, and will shortly be in opposition to the Steamers of the Petitioners upon *Lake Ontario*: That the engine of the said Iron Steamer is built upon the same plan as those of the Petitioners, and by the same builders, and is nearly of the same power as that of the Steamer *Princess Royal*; and is no more calculated for a war Steamer than those of the Petitioners: That the Steamers of

the Petitioners have been examined by an officer of Her Majesty's Dock Yard at *Kingston*, who has forwarded a favorable report to the Lords of the Admiralty of their ability to carry heavy guns: That the Petitioners beg leave to remonstrate against any such interference, on the part of Government, with their rights and interests: That the Petitioners are of opinion, that it was their right in common with all Her Majesty's subjects, to employ their capital and enterprize in the building of Steamers to be used on *Lake Ontario*; but the Petitioners beg leave to state that, in their humble opinion, it is inconsistent with the duty of Government to enter into competition with private enterprize in the manner complained of; that had there been a lack of enterprize or a want of means in the Colony to enter into the speculation of building Steamers suitable to the commerce or wants of this part of the Province, then it perhaps might have been not only proper, but the duty of Government to offer a bounty or other inducement, to enable private individuals to supply such want; but when it is notorious, in this part of *Canada*, that no such want exists, the Petitioners must take leave to say, that the present interference on the part of Government will, in its effects, be oppressive and injurious in a very great degree to the Petitioners and others who are owners of Steamers upon *Lake Ontario*, as it must tend to create an opposition between such owners as will seriously affect their interests, and reduce the value of their Steamboat property: That the Petitioners beg leave further to state, that they do not believe such an interference on the part of Government with private interests, as has been alluded to, would be attempted or tolerated between *Liverpool* and *Dublin*, or between *Liverpool* and *Glasgow*, where there is ample private enterprize and capital to meet the wants of commerce in that respect; and that if it would be unjust to make the attempt there, it must be equally so here, although a distant Colony of *Great Britain*,—as the rights and interests of Colonists should be as sacred in the eyes of Government as those of inhabitants of *Liverpool* or *Glasgow*: That, if the owners of Steamers in this country are not safe in their speculations from the secret and undue connection that Government may form with any of the Commanders of their Vessels to oppose them in their business,—the more reprehensible and injurious because it is secret,—and if the Government can, from time to time, justifiably select, in private, one or more of the Commanders of the Steamers owned by persons of this country, (because it is a mere Colony,) and advance them large sums of money to build up a rival interest, it is impossible that the unaided efforts of persons unconnected with Government, or unaided by favoritism, can stand in opposition to the public resources of the country: That had an opportunity been afforded to the Petitioners by public notice, or otherwise, to build one or more Iron Steamers in connection with Government, and had the Petitioners declined to avail themselves of such offer, they would in that case only have had themselves to blame for neglecting the opportunity afforded to them; but when their interests are opposed secretly and in the dark, and when the first intimation they have of any design on the part of the Government to build up such rival interest, is the resignation of one of their Commanders to commence the work of opposition, that the Petitioners feel that they have been most unjustly and unjustifiably interfered with by Government in the matter; and that such interference, under circumstances so unusual and injurious, (particularly when the remonstrance of one of the Petitioner's has been treated with the most perfect indifference by Government,) cannot but tend to create a feeling of distrust and dissatisfaction on the

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part of Her Majesty's subjects in this Province who are exposed to its injustice: That the Petitioners therefore pray that the House, as the guardians of the rights of the People of *Canada*, will be pleased to interpose to prevent the infliction of the injury designed (although it may be unintentionally) by Her Majesty's Government; and that should it be impossible to avert such injury, that the interests of the Petitioners may be protected by an adequate grant from Her Majesty's Government, in proportion to the number of Steamers owned by the Petitioners, as they will be yearly affected by the proceeding of Government against which the Petitioners have protested.

Your Committee have examined *Thomas Dick*, one of the Petitioners, and have become satisfied of the truth of the allegations contained in the said Petition; and your Committee are of opinion that the Imperial Government in taking an interest in the Steamer of said *James Sutherland* for which they have required no direct return, amounting almost to an absolute grant, and coupled with this objectionable feature—to which as a free grant of money they could not have directed your attention,—that the said sum of money was granted for the purpose of building a Steamer on *Lake Ontario* not more fitted for warlike purposes than those of the Petitioners, and expressly intended to enter into competition for the trade of the Lake, is an improper interference with private enterprize and private capital already engaged in that branch of business, and a manifest injury to the Petitioners and others concerned in the steam trade of that Lake.

Your Committee therefore respectfully recommend that an Address of Your Honorable House be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that She will be pleased to indemnify the said *James Sutherland* for his personal expenditure and loss in building the said Steamer, and that the same may be removed from competition with private interests, and placed in one of Her Majesty's Dock Yards for Her Majesty's service; or that the said *Donald Bethune*, and the other Petitioners, may be indemnified by Her Majesty's Government, either by the purchase of an interest of similar extent to that taken in the Steamer of said *Sutherland* in such of their Steamers as shall be found, on inspection by the Officers of Her Majesty's Naval Service to be of strength and capacity to carry heavy guns, or in making good to them the loss they shall sustain from the unjust competition of the said Steamer.

Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Monday next.

Mr. *Chalmers* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That the words "Monday next" 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 the names being called for, they were taken down; as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, Attorney General *Badgley*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Cauchon*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Duggan*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Gowan*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lalrière*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of *GLENGARY*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Scott*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Stewart* of *PRESCOTT*, *Thompson*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(44.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Boulton*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Meyers*, and *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*.—(5.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, a division again ensued; and it was carried in the affirmative, and

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on this day three months.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, seconded by Mr. *Williams*,

Resolved, That the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections be empowered to report the Evidence taken by them on the subject matter of the *Simcoe* Election.

The Honorable Mr. *Viger*, from the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, 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, upon the consideration of the question of the Seat of the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, as Member for the County of *Simcoe*, find the following facts:—That on the 26th June, 1846, Mr. *Robinson* addressed a letter to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, informing him of his acceptance of the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, (which letter is annexed): That on the 4th July following, the Speaker, on no other authority than such letter, issued his warrant for a new writ for the County of *Simcoe*, which he enclosed to Mr. *Robinson*, to be given to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery: That, in the meantime, the Speaker was gazetted Adjutant General of the Militia of *Canada*, which office Your Honorable House, by Resolution, has declared he did not accept; and Mr. *Robinson* obtained a new warrant, under the hands and seals of two Members of the Assembly, for the issuing of the writ, (a copy of which is also annexed:) That under that last warrant, the writ was accordingly issued upon which the election of Mr. *Robinson* took place: That Mr. *Robinson*, from the time of his first receiving it, retained the Speaker's warrant in his possession until the end of May or beginning of June of the present year, when he gave it to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, who returned it to him: That Mr. *Robinson* then enclosed it to the Speaker, and it was given by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to the Clerk of this House, with the other returns reported at the commencement of this Session.

Upon a careful consideration of the above facts, Your Committee have come to the following Resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That there having been a Speaker of the Legislative Assembly at the time of the making of the warrant of the Honorable *Dominick Daly* and the Honorable *James Smith*, dated 6th July, 1846, upon which a new writ for the election of a Member for the County of *Simcoe*, in place of the Honorable *William B. Robinson* who had vacated his seat in that County by accepting office from the Crown, and Mr. Speaker having been then present in the Province, the said warrant was, in the opinion of this Committee, altogether void and of none effect.
2. Resolved, That Mr. Speaker's warrant of 4th July, 1846, having been issued without any certificate under the hands and seals of two Members of the Legislative Assembly, as required by the 11th Section of the Act 7 Vic. c. 65, the said warrant was, in the opinion of this Committee, altogether void and of none effect.
3. Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, Mr. Speaker's warrant of 4th July, 1846, not having been delivered to the Clerk of the

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Crown in Chancery prior to the issue of the writ, and that officer having had no knowledge of the execution of such warrant till long after the issue and execution of the writ, would not have been legally sufficient to sustain such writ, or the election had under the same, even if it had been issued under the certificate of two Members, as required by the said Act.

4. *Resolved*, That there having been no legal warrant for the issue of the writ of election for the County of *Simcoe*, during the last recess of Parliament, the said writ, and the election had under the same, is, in the opinion of this Committee, altogether void and of none effect.

EVIDENCE.

Wednesday, 14th July, 1847.

The Evidence given by *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, before this House, on the 7th July instant, and referred to the Committee, was read as follows:—

1. On whose warrant was the writ issued during the last Recess of Parliament for the County of *Simcoe*, made out and issued?—The writ was issued in virtue of a warrant addressed to me by the Honorable Messieurs *Daly* and *Smith*, dated the 6th July, 1846.

2. Had you, at the time you acted upon that warrant, any knowledge of the existence of any other warrant for any such writ?—I had not.

3. When did you first learn that there was any such warrant as the Speaker's warrant of the 4th July, 1846?—I cannot state the precise date. I think it was about the latter end of May or the beginning of June, of the present year.

4. Where has the Speaker's warrant of the 4th July, 1846, been, as far as you are aware, from the date thereof to the present time?—I cannot say.

5. From whom did you receive the Speaker's warrant?—From the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*.

6. Has it been in your hands ever since?—It has not,—it was laid before this House.

7. Was it in your hands constantly from the time you received it till you delivered it to the Clerk of this House?—It was not.

8. Where was it then?—I returned it to the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, either the day I received it, or the day after.

9. When was it returned to you again, and by whom?—When I received it, I immediately thought I could not enter it in my book of records; I therefore took it back to the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, and he put it under cover to the Honorable the Speaker.

10. Did you receive any instructions or advice from any one respecting the said warrant, or the manner of dealing with it?—No.

The Honorable Speaker of the House attended before the Committee, and being examined, made the following statement:—During the last recess of Parliament, I received from the Honorable *William B. Robinson* a notification or certificate of his acceptance of the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, dated 26th June, 1846, (a copy of which is submitted.) On the 4th July following, I issued my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, dated that day, (which is also submitted,) to make out a new writ for the election of a Member for the County of *Simcoe*, in room of Mr. *Robinson*. I then enclosed the warrant to Mr. *Robinson*, and did not again see it until it was re-enclosed to me by him, and brought by Mr. *Fortier*, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, as stated in his evidence. I was subsequently informed that a warrant signed by two Members, purporting to be under the provisions of the Act 7 Vic. c. 65, (and dated the 6th of the same month of July,) was also addressed to that officer, and upon which

warrant a new writ was issued by him for the said County. I left the Province on the 12th of the same month of July for *England*, and returned about the 30th of November following.

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Copy of the Communication from the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* to Mr. Speaker, referred to in the above Statement made by Mr. Speaker.

Toronto, 26th June, 1847.

Sir,

I beg to inform you that having accepted the office of "Chief Commissioner of Public Works" for this Province, I have thereby vacated my seat as Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Simcoe*; and request that you be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken for issuing a new writ for that County.

W. B. ROBINSON.

To the Hon. Sir *A. N. MacNab*,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
Province of *Canada*.

Copy of Mr. Speaker's warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, also referred to by him in the above Statement.

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

You are hereby ordered and required forthwith to issue a new writ for the election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament in the County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the Honorable *William B. Robinson* whose seat has become vacant by his acceptance of the office of "Chief Commissioner of Public Works."

Dated this fourth day of July, 1846.

ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

Thursday, 15th July, 1847.

On consideration of the subject matter of the *Simcoe* Election, the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* submitted a draft of a statement of facts, which was adopted by the Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved that it be resolved, That there having been a Speaker of this House at the time of the making of the warrant of the Honorable *Dominick Daly* and the Honorable *James Smith*, dated the 6th July, 1846, upon which a new writ for the election of a Member for the County of *Simcoe*, in place of the Honorable *William B. Robinson* who had vacated his seat in that County by accepting office from the Crown, and the Speaker having been then present in the Province, the said warrant was, in the opinion of this Committee, together with the writ issued thereon, and the election thereupon had, altogether void.

The Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* moved in amendment, to substitute the following:—
"That the Evidence taken by the Committee be reported to the House, with the statement of facts which the Committee have adopted thereon."

After some discussion, the Committee postponed the further consideration of the above motion and amendment, until to-morrow.

Friday, 16th July, 1847.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin's* motion of yesterday, and also that of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron's* amendment.

The question being put upon the motion of amendment, the Committee divided thereon: Yeas 1, Nays 4. So it passed in the negative.

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The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* then moved in amendment to the main motion, that the words "together with the writ issued thereon and the election thereupon had, altogether void," be struck out, and the words "altogether void and of none effect" inserted in lieu thereof.

The question being put on the said motion of amendment, the Committee divided thereon: Yeas 4, Nays 1. So it was carried in the affirmative.

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to upon the same division; and,

Resolved, That there having been a Speaker of this House at the time of the making of the warrant of the Honorable *Dominick Daly* and the Honorable *James Smith*, dated the 6th July, 1846, upon which a new writ for the election of a Member for the County of *Simcoe*, in place of the Honorable *William B. Robinson* who had vacated his seat in that County by accepting office from the Crown, and the Speaker having been then present in the Province, the said warrant was, in the opinion of this Committee, altogether void and of none effect.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved that it be resolved, That the Speaker's warrant of the 4th July, 1846, having been issued without any certificate under the hands and seals of two Members of the Legislative Assembly, as required by the 11th Sec. of the Act 7 Vic. c. 65, the said warrant was, in the opinion of this Committee, altogether void and of none effect.

Mr. *Williams* moved in amendment, that the words "altogether void and of none effect" be struck out, and the word "informal" substituted in lieu thereof.

The question being put on the motion of amendment, the Committee divided thereon: Yeas 2, Nays 3. So it passed in the negative.

The main motion was then agreed to; and,

Resolved, That the Speaker's warrant of the 4th July, 1846, having been issued without any certificate under the hands and seals of two Members of the Legislative Assembly, as required by the 11th Sec. of the Act 7 Vic. c. 65, the said warrant was, in the opinion of this Committee, altogether void and of none effect.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved that it be resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, Mr. Speaker's warrant, of 4th July, 1846, not having been delivered to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery prior to the issue of the writ, and that officer having had no knowledge of the execution of such warrant till long after the issue and execution of the writ, would not have been legally sufficient to sustain such writ, or the election had under the same, even if it had been issued under the certificate of two Members as required by the said Act.

The question being put upon the said motion, the Committee divided thereon: Yeas 3, Nays 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative, and,

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Committee, Mr. Speaker's warrant of 4th July, 1846, not having been delivered to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery prior to the issue of the writ, and that officer having had no knowledge of the execution of such warrant till long after the issue and execution of the writ, would not have been legally sufficient to sustain such writ, or the election had under the same, even if it had been issued under the certificate of two Members, as required by the said Act.

Ordered, That the Chairman do move for leave to report the Evidence taken by the Committee.

Extract from the Journals of this House, of the 2d June last, touching the subject matter of the last *Simcoe* Election referred to the Committee:—

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"Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, that he had issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new writ for the election of a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the Honorable *William B. Robinson* whose seat had become vacant by his acceptance of the office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works; and laid before the House the following certificate, upon which he had issued his warrant:—

"*Toronto*, 26th June, 1846.

"Sir,

"I beg to inform you that having accepted the office of 'Chief Commissioner of Public Works' for this Province, I have thereby vacated my seat as Representative in the Legislative Assembly for the County of *Simcoe*; and request that you be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken for issuing a new writ for that County.

"W. B. ROBINSON.

"To the Hon. Sir *A. N. MacNab*,

"Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
"Province of *Canada*.

"Mr. Speaker further acquainted the House, that he was informed that a warrant, signed by two Members, purporting to be under the provisions of the Act 7th *Victoria*, cap. 65, had also been addressed to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, upon which warrant that Officer had made out and issued a new writ for the said County of *Simcoe*; and that the Clerk of this House had received from the said Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, the following certificate of the return of the Honorable *William B. Robinson*, upon the said new writ.

"Province of *Canada*.

"Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
"*Montreal*, 4th August, 1846.

"This is to certify, that in virtue of a writ of election dated the seventh day of July last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor in Chief, and directed to the Returning Officer for the County of *Simcoe*, (*Gerald Alley*, Esquire,) for the election of one Member to represent the County of *Simcoe* in the present Parliament, in the room of *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, who, since his election, had vacated his seat by his acceptance of an office of profit under the Crown, *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said writ, dated the twenty-seventh day of July last past, which is lodged of record in my Office.

"FELIX FORTIER,

"Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

"To *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire,

"Clerk of Legislative Assembly.

"The Honorable *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.

"On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *Prince*,

"*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith lay on the table of this House, the warrants referred to by Mr. Speaker relating to the writ issued for the County of *Simcoe*.

"The said warrants were accordingly laid on the table by the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery; and are as followeth:—

"To *Felix Fortier*, Esquire,

"Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

"You are hereby ordered and required forthwith to issue a new writ for the election of one Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament in the

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" County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the Honorable
 " *William B. Robinson*, whose seat has become vacant
 " by his acceptance of the office of "Chief Commis-
 " sioner of Public Works."

" Dated this fourth day of July, 1846.

" *ALLAN N. MACNAB*,
 " Speaker.

" Province of *Canada*, }
 " To wit. }

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

" Whereas the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,
 " Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of this Pro-
 " vince, has vacated his seat in the said Assembly,
 " as Member or Representative of the Town of *Ham-*
 " *ilton*, by his acceptance of an office of profit under
 " the Crown, by means whereof there is no Speaker
 " of the said Legislative Assembly; and whereas
 " *William B. Robinson*, since his election as Member
 " or Representative for the County of *Simcoe*, hath
 " accepted an office of profit under the Crown, to
 " wit, the office of Chief Commissioner of Public
 " Works, in and for the said Province of *Canada*,
 " by means whereof his seat in the said Legislative
 " Assembly is become vacant; We, whose names
 " are underwritten, being two Members of the said
 " Legislative Assembly, do hereby certify that the
 " said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, hath, since his
 " said election, accepted of an office of profit under
 " the Crown, to wit, the office of Chief Commissioner
 " of Public Works in and for the Province of *Ca-*
 " *nada*, by means whereof his seat hath become va-
 " cant; and we give you this notice pursuant to the
 " above Statute, and hereby direct you to make out
 " a new writ of election for the election of a Mem-
 " ber or Representative for the said County of *Sim-*
 " *coe*, in lieu of the said *William B. Robinson*, Es-
 " quire, and this shall be your sufficient Warrant.

" Given under our hand and seals, at *Montreal*,
 " this sixth day of July, in the year of our
 " Lord one thousand eight hundred and
 " forty-six.

" *D. DALY*, M. P. P.
 " *J. SMITH*, M. P. P.

" To *Felix Fortier*, Esquire,
 " Clerk of the Crown in Chancery."

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by
 the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That this House doth con-
 cur in the Second Report of the Standing Commit-
 tee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Dug-*
gan,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the
 said motion be postponed till Monday next.

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

Resolved, That the Return to an Address of the
 22nd ultimo, containing the Report of the Col-
 lector of Customs for the Port of *Dundee*, re-
 lating to the seizure of a certain horse, the pro-
 perty of one *Donald M' Crae*, and other docu-
 ments accompanying the same, be referred to a
 Select Committee composed of Mr. *Macdonald*
 of *Glengary*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*,
 Mr. *Colville*, and Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*, to re-
 port thereon with all convenient speed; with
 power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville*, second-
 ed by Mr. *Stewart* of *Prescott*,

The Return to
 an Address re-
 specting the
 seizure of a
 horse at *Dun-*
dee, referred.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Le-
 gislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act
 " to provide for an assessment of real and per-
 " sonal property in the Town of *Brockville*, ac-
 " cording to the annual value or rental thereof,
 " and for other purposes," be now taken into
 consideration.

Brockville As-
essment Bill.

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said
 Amendments into consideration,

And the said Amendments were read; and are as
 followeth:

Press 1, line 40. After "thereof" insert "ex-
 " cept that two-thirds only of the value of all vacant
 " Town lots shall be taxed, on an annual value or
 " rental thereof, not exceeding four per centum."

Press 2, line 21. After "offenders" insert "and."

Press 2, line 21. Leave out from "Library" to
 "Provided" in line 22.

And the said Amendments being again read, they
 were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sherwood* of *Brockville* do
 carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Coun-
 cil, and acquaint their Honors that this House
 has agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Accounts from the Supervisor
 of Cullers be printed for the use of the Mem-
 bers of this House.

Supervisor of
 Cullers' Ac-
 counts.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address of the
 23rd ultimo, for copies of correspondence be-
 tween the Executive Government and the Trus-
 tees of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust*, and for all
 accounts rendered by the said Trustees, be re-
 ferred to the Select Committee to which was
 referred the Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille*,
 and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*.

Quebec Turn-
pike Trust.

Mr. *Chauveau* moved, seconded by the Honorable
 Mr. *Morin*, That the Order of the Day for the second
 reading of the Bill to incorporate the District Bank
 of *Quebec*, be postponed until Monday next; and
 that it be then the second Order of the Day.

Quebec Dis-
trict Bank Bill.

The question having been put upon the said mo-
 tion, a division ensued; and it passed in the negative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald*, se-
 conded by Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac*,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legis-
 lative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the
 " Law for the admission of Attornies and call-
 " ing of Barristers in *Upper Canada*," be read a
 second time on Monday next.

Attornies and
 Barristers
 (U. C.) Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gowan* have leave to bring in
 a Bill to relieve the District of *Johnstown* from
 the payment of the sum of Seven thousand
 pounds, and to authorize the Municipal Council
 of the said District to raise the further sum of
 Ten thousand pounds for the completion of cer-
 tain Roads therein.

Johnstown
District Roads
Bill.

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

On motion of Mr. *Wilson*, seconded by Mr. *Monro*,
 Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself
 into a Committee of the whole House, to consi-
 der the expediency of paying Petit Jurors in
 criminal cases in *Upper Canada* out of the Con-
 solidated Fund, in so far as they may not be
 paid by the Fund paid in civil cases.

Petit Jurors
 (U. C.)

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.

Optional Com-
mutation of
Lands Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Christie* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of lands *en roture*, in the "Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into "that of *Franc-aleu-roturier*."

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

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

Address res-
pecting Vice-
Admiralty
Court Fees.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of the Order in Council of the 20th November, 1835, revoking and annulling, in respect to the Vice-Admiralty Court of *Lower Canada*, the Tariff of Fees established by the Order in Council of the 27th June, 1832, for the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad, under the authority of the Imperial Statute 2 *Will. 4*, cap. 51; and of the Petition of the Bar of *Quebec* to Her Majesty in relation to the said Tariff, and the said Orders in Council, transmitted through His Excellency the late Lord *Metcalfe*, in November, 1843; together with copies of all correspondence and documents in His Excellency's possession, having reference to the establishment of a Tariff of Fees for the said Court.

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

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

Dorchester
Writ.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to enquire into and report the causes why the writ for the late election for the County of *Dorchester* was issued so late after the meeting of Parliament, as the ninth day of June last; while it appears from documents laid before this House, that the late Representative for that County, *Joseph A. Taschereau*, Esquire, had accepted the office of Circuit Judge for the District of *Quebec* as early as the second day of May preceding.

Copyright Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the protection of Copyright in this Province, 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.

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

Private Bills.

Resolved, That the 63d Rule of this House, as regards the posting of Private Bills during one week before they are taken into consideration before Special Committees, be suspended during the remainder of the present Session.

Lower Canada
Agricultural
Society Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Lower Canada* Agricultural 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.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to facilitate the partition of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*, reported, according to Order, the amendments made by the Committee to the said Bill; and the amendments as far as the amendment Clause (B,) were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Clause (B,) the next amendment, being again read; The Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foster*, That after the word "therein," in the said Clause, the following be inserted:—"and provided that if it be shewn that the original value of "the lands so possessed and claimed under such "title, was in a state of nature, greater or less than "the other, or some other of the lands in the said "Township, due compensation shall be made by or "to the holder thereof, as the case may be."

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Cayley*, *Foster*, *Laterrière*, *Leslie*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Scott*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Woods*.—(16.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Cummings*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Duggan*, *Fournier*, *Gowan*, *Gillet*, *Hall*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lemieux*, *Lyon*, *Macdonell* of *DUNDAS*, *M'Connell*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Seymour*, *Smith* of *FRONTENAC*, *Smith* of *WENTWORTH*, and *Viger*.—(31.)

So it passed in the negative.

Then the residue of the said amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Boutillier* reported that the Committee had 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 remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, in their present order.

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

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 19° die Julii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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

By Mr. *Price*,—The Petition of *John Armour* and others, Ministers and Delegates of the Congregational Churches of *Canada West*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *M. T. O'Brien* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of *F. W. Barron* and others, the Principal and Masters of *Upper Canada* College; the Petition of *John Cronyn* and *Hugh Carfrae*, Presi-

Petitions
brought up

Orders defer-
red.

Lands Part-
ition Bill.

Petitions brought up.

dent and Secretary of a meeting of the Medical Students of King's College; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. S. Malo* and others, of *Trois Pistoles*.

By the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,—The Petition of *Robert Robertson* and others, of the Township of *Wellesley*, in the District of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Gowan*,—The Petition of *David M. Selee* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *John Grany*, of *London*, in the District of *London*.

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

By Mr. *Foster*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Johnson* and others, of the Township of *Granby*.

By Mr. *Prince*,—The Petition of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, of *London*, in the District of *London*.

By Mr. *McConnell*,—The Petition of *James Green* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Barnston*.

Lands Partition Bill.

An engrossed Bill to facilitate the partition of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* 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 *H. Robinson* and others, of the County of *Shefford*; praying that no portion of the monies appropriated to the construction of the main Eastern Township Road may be diverted to any other channel.

Of *Hugh Fraser* and others, of *Whitby*, *Pickering* and the adjacent Townships; representing a certain mode of improving the main Stage Road throughout the Province, and the necessity of improving the Road through the said Townships, and praying relief.

Of *C. C. Greece* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, in *Lower Canada*; praying the repeal of the Education Law.

Of *Leonard Misener*, of the Township of *Wainfleet*; praying that the observance of the Sabbath may be more effectually enforced.

Of *Dugald Cameron*, of the Township of *Elmsley*, in the County of *Lanark*; representing that he has been unjustly deprived of a certain lot of land which he purchased at public sale, and praying compensation or relief.

Of the Reverend *J. M. Cramp*, Chairman, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the *Canada Baptist Union*; praying that the Endowment of the University of King's College may not be divided, and that no public aid be given to Theological Education and training.

Petition of Mrs. Frémont referred.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mrs. *Charlotte Frémont*, widow of the late *Jasper Brewer*, Esquire, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Report on Bytown and Hatfield Road.

Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, from the Select Committee to which was referred *Thomas C. Keefer's* Report, and accompanying documents, relating to the *Bytown* and *Hatfield* Road, 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 find that there are conflicting opinions and representations by various parties, and several reports, surveys, and estimates by different Engineers, on the line of road to be adopted between *Bytown* and *Hatfield*;—they are therefore of opinion, that the selection of such line of road as would be

best adapted to accommodate the public at large, should be entirely entrusted to the Board of Works, notwithstanding anything done or reported in reference to the said Road heretofore; and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the Board of Works be directed to proceed with the making of the said Road forthwith, from the urgent necessity that exists for a road on which the Mail can be conveyed to *Bytown*, and other *Ottawa* routes, by wheel carriages.

Report on Bytown and Hatfield Road.

Mr. *Cummings*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, 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 of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to authorize *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *St. Rose*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same,—and have agreed to the same with several amendments, which they submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Ninth Report of Committee on Private Bills.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the Mechanics Institute of the City of *Toronto*; also the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend in part the Act to extend the charter of the said Bank; and also the Bill to amend the tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City,—and have agreed to the same, respectively, without amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *Huron* and *St. Mary's* Copper Company; the Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada* Mining Company; the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Mining Company; the Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*; the Bill to incorporate the *Garden River* Copper Mining Company; and the Bill to incorporate the *Echo Lake* Mining Company; and have agreed to each of the said Bills, with certain amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House. And they would further call the attention of the House particularly to a provision which is contained in these Bills, for authorizing the Companies thereby incorporated to borrow money at a greater rate of interest than six per cent.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill to amend the Act of incorporation of the *Montreal* Building Society, and have agreed to report the same without amendment; but would beg leave to direct attention to the provision in the second clause, which enables the Society to institute actions upon the testimony of one witness only, which is a departure from the common rules of evidence in *Lower Canada*.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; and is as followeth:—

Seventh Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, and have agreed to report the same, without amendment.

Mr. *Powell*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Ca-*

Mill Dams' Aprons Bill.

Mill Dams' Aprons Bill.

nada, relating to the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams, 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.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Message from the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas* and *Waterloo* macadamized Road, to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes:"

Merchants, &c. Protection Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better protection of Merchants and others who may hereafter receive assignments, and enter into contracts and agreements in relation to goods and merchandize entrusted to Agents:"

Customs Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act for repealing and consolidating the present Duties of Customs in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned:"

Toronto Hospital Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Toronto* Hospital:" And also,

Notarial Organization Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

City Bank Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock," with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Report on Petition of the Honorable G. Crookshank and others.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Honorable *George Crookshank* and others, 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:—

By an Act passed by the Parliament of the Province of *Upper Canada*, in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, a Company was incorporated under the name of the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company, for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from the City of *Toronto* to the shores of *Lake Huron*, within the limits of the Home District.

During three years after the passing of that Act, Directors were elected who allege that, by their authority, some expense was incurred in preparatory measures connected with the contemplated work.

In consequence, however, of only £50,000, out of £500,000, the whole amount of the Capital Stock of the Company, having been taken up, the undertaking lingered, and was by some deemed to have been abandoned.

It appears that for some years prior to 1845, there was no annual election of Directors, but the Directors then last elected continued in possession of the books of the Company.

It does not appear that any Seal had been adopted as the Corporate Seal of the Company prior to the Act of 1845.

In that year, which was before the expiration of the period fixed for the completion of the work, a Petition, purporting to be from the said Company, signed by the Honorable *William Allan*, as President, and *C. Gamble*, Esquire, as Secretary, and with a Seal affixed thereto, was presented to Your Honor-

able House, praying for leave to alter, in a very material manner, the proposed route for the Road, and for an extension of the period for completing the work.

Although the time limited for the commencement of the work, under the Act of 1836, had long since elapsed, and the authority thereby given to the said Company was at an end, your Committee see nothing in the Petition itself, or in the manner of proceeding upon it, which indicated any intention to mislead Your Honorable House by that Petition; your Committee are persuaded, that had the Petitioners, upon whose Petition they are now reporting, had a copy of the former Petition before them, they would not have imputed any such intention to the parties concerned in preparing and framing that Petition, although under the serious consequences with which they appear to be threatened from the wording of the preamble of the Act passed in 1845, your Committee are not surprised at their having been impressed with a belief that the real facts had not been laid before Parliament when it was called upon to legislate upon the subject in that year.

After the passing of the Act of 1845, new books were opened and new subscriptions made, in which many persons, including some of the old Directors of the Company, as well as two of the present Petitioners, subscribed for Stock upon the faith that the old subscriptions were void, and that in taking Stock in the new books, opened under the Act of 1845, they were to be held liable for the amount of such renewed subscriptions, and no more.

The other of the present Petitioners alleges that he declined to take any Stock in the books opened under the Act of 1845, for the reason that he did not wish to become a subscriber for the altered purpose authorized by that Act.

Actions have been lately brought by the Company against the Petitioners to enforce the payment of a call made in 1837 upon the old Stock; and from an intimation given by the Judges in the course of proceeding before them, doubts appear to be entertained by them whether they will not feel themselves compelled to hold that, by reason of the wording of the Act of 1845, the Petitioners who subscribed to both Stocks, and all the subscribers under the Act of 1836 are liable for the whole amount of their subscriptions though made for the purposes of that Act, and not for that of the Act of 1845.

Your Committee are of opinion, that it was not the intention of Parliament, by the Act of 1845, to involve persons in the situation of the Petitioners in any such liability.

Your Committee therefore most respectfully submit, that an Act should be passed declaratory of such opinion, care being taken in any Bill that may be passed for this purpose, that no parties be relieved from any liability incurred by them in the course of proceedings taken on behalf of the Company under the authority of the Act of 1836; but that in respect of such liabilities, if any, all parties should be left in the same position in which they stood prior to the passing of the Act of 1845.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Mechanics Institute of the City of *Toronto*, be engrossed.

Toronto Mechanics Institute Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and to amend in part the Act to extend the charter of the said Bank, be engrossed.

Quebec Bank Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Boulton*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit the Honorable *William Morris*, one of their

Indian Monies.

Indian Monies.

Members, to attend the Select Committee to which is referred the Return to an Address on the subject of Indian Monies invested in Government or other Debentures, on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, That Mr. Boulton do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

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

Duty on Wheat.

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of imposing a specific Duty on Wheat imported into this Province, instead of an *ad valorem* Duty.

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 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 that Wheat imported into this Province be subjected to a specific Duty of three shillings currency per quarter, instead of an *ad valorem* Duty of 7½ per cent, as provided by the Bill passed during the present Session.

Bill to amend an error in Customs Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Cayley have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an error in the Act of the present Session imposing Duties of Customs.

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 Rules of this House be suspended as to this Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Kingston Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of Kingston as a City, be engrossed.

Upper Canada Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Upper Canada Mining Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Leprohon and Berthelot's Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize Edouard Martial Leprohon and Joseph Amable Berthelot, junior, of the City of Montreal, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River Jesus, at the Village of St. Eustache, between the Parishes of St. Eustache and Ste. Rose, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Bill explanatory of an Act to amend the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Act.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Baldwin have leave to bring in a Bill explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company.'"

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Cayley have leave to bring in a Bill to appropriate the sums therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, and certain other Expenses not provided for.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That thirty copies of the "Report of a Committee of the Honorable Executive Council recommending Judge Allen's removal" from the Judgeship of the London District Court, be printed; and that one copy thereof be sent to each District Judge in Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of Lake Superior, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Garden River Copper Mining Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Conger, 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 She will be graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to remove all existing Duties on the Productions of Canada when imported into the United Kingdom; and requesting he will be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

The Honorable Mr. Moffatt moved, seconded by Mr. Guillet, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency the alarming extent to which contagious fever unhappily prevails at the Emigrant Sheds erected at the mouth of the Lachine Canal, and among the Emigrants arriving from below and congregating there; that the situation chosen for said Sheds, and more especially Windmill Point, is, in the opinion of this House, unsuitable and inconvenient for the reception and proper treatment of the Emigrants while the existence of contagious disease in the immediate vicinity of the principal business thoroughfare of the City—the daily and unavoidable resort of a large portion of the inhabitants thereof, is attended with imminent danger to the citizens at large, and is exciting great uneasiness and apprehension in the community; and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause measures to be promptly taken in order to provide a Station at some place below the City, more easy of access, and in other res-

Supply Bill.

Lachine Railroad Bill.

Judge Allen.

Lake Superior Mining Bill.

Garden River Copper Mining Bill.

Address respecting Productions of Canada.

Address respecting Emigrants.

Address respecting Limits

pects better suited than the locality in question, for the purposes of a depot for Emigrants, and thereby allay the existing fear of contagion.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Chauveau, Desautier, DeWitt, Ermatinger, Fournier, Guillet, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Lemieur, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Meyers, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Scott, Smith of FRONTENAC, and Viger.*—(25.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Boulton, Boutillier, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Conger, Cummings, Daly, Duggan, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Merritt, Murney, Papineau, Robinson, and Attorney General Sherwood.*—(18.)

So it was carried in the affirmative, and Resolved, Accordingly.

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

Census Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* have leave to bring in a Bill for taking the Census in *Canada*, and obtaining statistical information 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 to-morrow.

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

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.

Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That the Order of the Day for taking into consideration a Motion made on Wednesday last, That an humble Address be presented to Her most Gracious Majesty, assuring Her Majesty of the steadfast loyalty of the People of this Province, and their profound attachment to Her Person and Government: and representing to Her Majesty that the changes which have recently been made in the commercial policy of *Great Britain* have produced embarrassments and difficulties in the trade of this Colony, which, unless promptly met, may ultimately prove highly injurious to the interests of the Empire: That this Province has incurred a large debt for the construction of public improvements, chiefly for rendering our access to the Ocean more easy and less expensive, and for maintaining our trade with the Mother Country and with Foreign Nations, through the channel of the *St. Lawrence*, in the hope of shortly attracting through the same route the vast products of the Western portion of this Continent: That the continuance of the protection in the British markets, which Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects in this Province had hitherto so advantageously enjoyed, would have fully realized their expectations in this respect, but that the commercial changes which the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has deemed it prudent to adopt, compel us, under the existing altered circumstances of our trade, to seek for changes in the Navigation Laws affecting this Province, which otherwise would have been unnecessary: That measures have been adopted in the neighbouring Republic, with a view to divert the trade of this Province to and from *Great Britain* through the Railroads and Canals of that country, and thereby to

secure to them a large accession of carrying trade, and from which a Revenue was yielded last year of about Seven hundred thousand pounds; and that there is too much reason to fear that their attempts will prove successful, unless other and further inducements than at present exist are offered in favor of the route by the *St. Lawrence*: That to afford such inducements, and to prevent a calamity so much to be apprehended, this House humbly pray, that Her Majesty will be most graciously pleased to sanction the free use of the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* by all Nations; and that, to that end, She will be further graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to repeal the Laws of Navigation so far as they, in any manner, relate to or affect this Colony.

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Boulton, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, LeBoutillier, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Monro, Murney, Papineau, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WESTWORTH, Viger, and Webster.*—(28.)

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Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Chauveau, Conger, Ermatinger, Fournier, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Leslie, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, and Price.*—(17.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Order of the Day was read accordingly.

The House then proceeded to take the said Motion into consideration.

And the said Motion being again read;

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House on the said Motion.

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 of Stormont* 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 an humble Address be presented to Her most Gracious Majesty, assuring Her Majesty of the steadfast loyalty of the People of this Province, and their profound attachment to Her Person and Government; and representing to Her Majesty that the changes which have recently been made in the commercial policy of *Great Britain* have produced embarrassments and difficulties in the trade of this Colony, which, unless promptly met, may ultimately prove highly injurious to the interests of the Empire: That this Province has incurred a large debt for the construction of public improvements, chiefly for rendering our access to the Ocean more easy and less expensive, and for maintaining our trade with the Mother Country and with Foreign Nations, through the channel of the *St. Lawrence*, in the hope of shortly attracting through the same route the vast products of the Western portion of this Continent: That the continuance of the protection in the British markets, which Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects in this Province had hitherto so advantageously enjoyed, would have fully realized their expectations in this respect, but that the commercial changes which the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has deemed it prudent

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to adopt, compel us, under the altered circumstances of our trade, to seek for changes in the Navigation Laws affecting this Province, which otherwise would have been unnecessary: That measures have been adopted in the neighbouring Republic, with a view to divert the trade of this Province to and from *Great Britain* through the Railroads and Canals of that country, and thereby to secure to them a large accession of carrying trade, and from which a Revenue was yielded last year of about seven hundred thousand pounds; and that there is too much reason to fear that their attempts will prove successful, unless other and further inducements than at present exist are offered in favor of the route by the *St. Lawrence*: That to afford such inducements, and to prevent a calamity so much to be apprehended, this House humbly pray, that Her Majesty will be most graciously pleased to sanction the free use of the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* by all Nations; and that, to that end, She will be further graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to repeal the Laws of Navigation so far as they, in any manner, relate to or affect this Colony.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* moved, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That the question of concurrence be now put upon the said Resolution.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, Attorney General *Badgley*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Chauveau*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *DeWitt*, *Duggan*, *Foster*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Goacan*, *Guillet*, *Jessup*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Leterrière*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lemieux*, *Les'ie*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of STONMONT, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Murney*, *Papineau*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Price*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WESTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWNS, *Thompson*, *Viger*, *Webster*, and *Williams*.—(59.)

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Messieurs *Aylwin* and *Ermatinger*.—(2.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, and the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, be appointed to prepare and report the draught of an Address to Her Majesty, in conformity to the said Resolution.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony, 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 most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of assuring Your Majesty of the steadfast loyalty of the People of this Province, and their

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profound attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government, and of representing to Your Majesty: That the changes which have recently been made in the commercial policy of *Great Britain* have produced embarrassments and difficulties in the trade of this Colony, which, unless promptly met, may ultimately prove highly injurious to the Empire: That this Province has incurred a large debt for the construction of public improvements, chiefly for rendering our access to the Ocean more easy and less expensive, and for maintaining our trade with the Mother Country and with Foreign Nations, through the channel of the *St. Lawrence*, in the hope of shortly attracting through the same route the vast products of the Western portion of this Continent: That the continuance of the protection in the British markets, which Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects in this Province had hitherto so advantageously enjoyed, would have fully realized their expectations in this respect, but that the commercial changes which the wisdom of the Imperial Parliament has deemed it prudent to adopt, compel us, under the existing altered circumstances of our trade, to seek for changes in the Navigation Laws affecting this Province, which otherwise would have been unnecessary: That measures have been adopted in the neighbouring Republic, with a view to divert the trade of this Province to and from *Great Britain* through the Railroads and Canals of that country, and thereby to secure to them a large accession of carrying trade, and from which a Revenue was yielded last year of about seven hundred thousand pounds; and that there is too much reason to fear that their attempts will prove successful, unless other and further inducements than at present exist are offered in favor of the route by the *St. Lawrence*: That to afford such inducements, and prevent a calamity so much to be apprehended, we humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be most graciously pleased to sanction the free use of the Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* by all Nations; and that, to that end, Your Majesty will be further graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to repeal the Laws of Navigation so far as they, in any manner, relate to or affect this Colony.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House has adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony; and requesting the concurrence of their Honor thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, be now read.

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Duggan*, *Foster*, *Goacan*, *Jessup*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Meyers*, *Monro*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Robinson*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWNS, *Viger*, and *Webster*.—(29.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *DeWitt*, *Ermatinger*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Mac*

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donald of GLENGARY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Scott, Smith of WENTWORTH, and Thompson.—(28.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The said Order of the Day was read accordingly.

The House then 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.

Orders deferred.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, in their present order.

Then, on motion of Mr. Gowan, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Viger,

The House adjourned.

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Petition brought up.

THE following Petition was brought up and laid on the table:—

By Mr. Wilson,—The Petition of John N. W. Daly, Esquire, and others, the Magistrates of the eastern section of the Huron District.

Kingston Incorporation Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of Kingston as a City, 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.

Bill to amend an error in Customs Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend an error in the Act of the present Session imposing Duties of Customs, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Cayley do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Quebec Bank Bill.

An engrossed Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Quebec Bank, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Aylwin do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

British North American Telegraph Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the British North American Electric Telegraph Association, being read;

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

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.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Rivers and Rivulets Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Ma-

esty, intituled, "An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in Upper Canada," 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, 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 the Carillon and Grenville Railroad Company, being read;

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.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Bytown and Britannia Railroad Company, 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 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 amend the Act establishing and incorporating the Montreal Trinity House, and to continue the said Corporation, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Prescott Act of Incorporation, 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 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 enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Lyon reported that the Committee had 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.

Rivers and Rivulets Bill.

Carillon and Grenville Railroad Bill.

Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.

Montreal Trinity House Bill.

Prescott Incorporation Bill.

Master and Servant Bill.

Then, on motion of Mr. Duggan, seconded by Mr. Gowan,
The House adjourned until four o'clock, P.M., this day.

4^a horâ, P.M.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Mechanics Institute of the City of Toronto, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Toronto Mechanics Institute Bill.

Indian Affairs.

The Honorable 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, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "copies of all Correspondence which has passed between His Excellency, or His Excellency's predecessors, and Samuel P. Jarvis, Esquire, Chief Superintendent of Indian affairs, relative to the Accounts of the Indian Department; also, all and every Correspondence which has passed between His Excellency, or his predecessors, and the several Accountants who have been engaged in investigating the said Accounts, together with the Special Report of the Kingston Commission on the said Accounts; as also, the several Statements of Account and Reports of the Accountants herein referred to, which have been rendered to His Excellency, or his predecessors,—the said Correspondence commencing from the period Mr. Jarvis was directed to hand over his Accounts to the Civil Secretary's Office."

(For the said Return, see Appendix V.V.)

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Supply.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. 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 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.

Message from the Council.

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, viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law constituting the Board of Works:"

Board of Works Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Montreal Gas Light Company:"

Montreal Gas Light Bill.

And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Law and repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Forgery Bill.

The Legislative Council give leave to the Honorable William Morris to attend the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly to which is referred the Return to an Address on the subject of Indian Monies invested in Government or other Debentures, on Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

Indian Monies.

And then he withdrew,

Ordered, That Jean Chabot, Esquire, have leave to absent himself from this House during the remainder of the present Session, on account of ill health.

Leave of absence.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the issuing of Debentures to pay the balance due to claimants for losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in Upper Canada, being read;

Rebellion Losses (U. C.) Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for the protection of Copyright in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Copyright Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to appropriate the sums therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and certain other Expenses not otherwise provided for, being read;

Supply Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of Gaspé, being read;

Gaspé Landholders Bill.

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.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Indian Tribes in Lower Canada, being read;

Indian Tribes Bill.

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

Mr. Macdonald of Glengary took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. Macdonald of Glengary 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 regulate the summoning of Jurors in Lower Canada, being read;

Jurors Bill, (L. C.)

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 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 regulating the shipping of Seamen, being read;

Seamen's Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Seamen's Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

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

Quebec Debentures Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act granting Debentures to sufferers by Fires at *Quebec*, 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 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.

Census Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for taking the Census in *Canada*, and obtaining statistical information therein, 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 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.

Mrs. Vallières de St. Réal's Pension Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to grant a Pension to Madame Widow *Vallières de St. Réal*, during her natural life, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Municipal Authorities (L.C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Papineau*, That this House do now resolve itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Chauveau* moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière*, That all the words after "House" in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "will upon this day six months resolve itself into the said Committee."

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.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Berthelot, Chauveau, Desautier, Guillet, Lacoste, Laterrière, Lemieux, Méthot, and Scott.*—(10.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Boutillier, Brooks, Solicitor General Cameron, Cauchon, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Conger, Cummings, DeBleury, DeWitt, Ermatinger, Foster, Fournier, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, LeBoutillier, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Moffatt, Monro, Morin, Papineau, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of*

FRONTENAC, *Smith of WENTWORTH, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Thompson, Viger, Webster, and Williams.* Municipal Authorities (L.C.) Bill.

—(45.)

So it passed in the negative.

The question being then put upon the main motion, it was agreed to; and

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 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.

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A.M. Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Huron and St. Mary's Copper Company*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow. Huron and St. Mary's Copper Bill.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, in their present order. Orders deferred.

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

The House adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A.M.

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AN engrossed Bill to incorporate the Indian Tribes in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time. Indian Tribes Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the several Indian Tribes in *Lower Canada*."

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

An engrossed Bill to grant a Pension to Madame Widow *Vallières de St. Réal*, during her natural life, was read for the third time. Mrs. Vallières de St. Réal's Pension Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to make provision for the subsistence of the Widow of the late Honorable *Joseph Remi Vallières de St. Réal*."

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

An engrossed Bill for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*, was read for the third time. Gaspé Landholders Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act for the protection of Copyright in this Province, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read for the third time. Copyright Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to extend the Provincial Copyright Act to persons resident in the United Kingdom, on certain conditions."

Copyright Bill.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Cayley 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 *John Armour* and others, Ministers and Delegates of the Congregational Churches of *Canada West*; praying that no division be made of the endowment of the University of King's College, and that the said University be open to all, without reference to denominational peculiarities.

Of *M. T. O'Brien* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the proposed Bill relative to the endowment of the University of King's College may not be passed, and that measures be adopted to secure the said endowment from mismanagement.

Of *F. W. Barron* and others, the Principal and Masters of *Upper Canada College*; praying that the privileges hitherto enjoyed by the said College may be continued to it, and that its means of operation may be extended.

Of *John Cronyn* and *Hugh Carfrac*, President and Secretary of a meeting of the Medical Students of King's College; praying that no alteration may be made in the Medical School of King's College University.

Of the Reverend *L. S. Malo* and others, of *Trois Pistoles*; praying aid to complete the road between *Rivière des Trois Pistoles* and *Lake Temiscouata*.

Of *Robert Robertson* and others, of the Township of *Wellesley*, in the District of *Wellington*; praying that the eastern section of the District of *Huron*, and the said Township, may be erected into a new District, with *Stratford* as the District Town, as prayed for in a general Petition from the said section of the District of *Huron*.

Of *David M. Selee* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*; praying that the Bills relating to the University of King's College may not pass, but that the said University be opened to all classes without restriction.

Of *John Grany* of *London*, in the District of *London*; representing that he has suffered loss as Contractor on the *London* and *Brantford* Road, and praying relief.

Of the *St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*; praying to be relieved from the payment of the duty on Iron imported for the purposes of the said Railroad.

Of the Reverend *Thomas Johnson* and others, of the Township of *Granby*; praying that the custom of selling property at Church doors after Divine Service, on Sundays, may be discontinued.

Of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, of *London*, in the District of *London*; praying the repeal of the Act 9 Vic. relating to the practice of District Courts in *Upper Canada*.

Of *James Green* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Barston*; praying that the Superintendent of Schools may be authorized to pay to the said Municipality their proportion of the School funds, notwithstanding that no assessment was made through the defect of the Council and the subsequent neglect of the Assessors.

Report on Petition of S. Gamble and others.

Mr. *Thompson*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Samuel Gamble* and others, of the Townships of *Walpole* and *Woodhouse*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

App. (W. W.)

(For the said Report, see Appendix W. W.)

Report of Committee on Expiring Laws.

Mr. *Boutillier*, from the Standing Committee on Expiring Laws, 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 examined the List of Expiring Laws drawn up by the Law Clerk of this House; and think it expedient to continue the following Acts and Ordinances until the 1st of January, 1848, and thence until the end of the next Session of the Provincial Parliament:

The Act 7 Vic. c. 10, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Ordinance of *Lower Canada*, intituled, 'An Ordinance concerning Bankrupts and the administration of their Estates and Effects,' and to make provision for the same object throughout the Province of *Canada*," as amended and continued by the Act 9 Vic. c. 30; and also, the 9 Vic. c. 30, continuing and amending the same, intituled, "An Act to continue and amend the Bankrupt Laws now in force in this Province:"

The Act 8 Vic. c. 6, 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 progress of construction:"

The Act 8 Vic. c. 27, 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*:"

The Act 8 Vic. c. 40, 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*:"

The Act 8 Vic. c. 48, intituled, "An Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned:"

The Act 2 Geo. 4, c. 8, intituled, "An Act for better regulating the Common of the *Seigneurie* of *La Prairie de la Magdeleine*:"

The Act 2 Geo. 4, c. 10, intituled, "An Act to enable the inhabitants of the *Seigneurie* of *La Baie St. Antoine*, commonly called *La Baie du Febvre*, to provide for the better regulation of the Common in the said *Seigniori*:"

The Act 3 Will. 4, c. 14, intituled "An Act further to suspend certain parts of an Act or Ordinance therein mentioned, and to consolidate and further to continue for a time the provisions of two other Acts therein mentioned for more effectually ascertaining the damage on Protested Bills of Exchange, and for terminating disputes relating thereto, and for other purposes:"

The Ordinance 2 Vic. (3rd Session) c. 7, intituled, "An Ordinance to amend the Act passed in the thirty-sixth year of the Reign of King *George* the Third, chap. 9, commonly called the Road Act:"

The Ordinance 2 Vic. (3rd Session) c. 19, intituled, "An Ordinance to suspend in part certain Acts therein mentioned, and to establish and incorporate a Trinity House in the City of *Montreal*:"

The Ordinance 2 Vic. (3rd Session) c. 22, intituled, "An Ordinance concerning the erection of Parishes, and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church-yards:"

And the Ordinance 2 Vic. (3rd Session) c. 65, intituled, "An Ordinance to provide for the inspection of Fish and Oil."

And beg leave to recommend that a Bill for the purpose of continuing the said Acts and Ordinances be forthwith introduced.

Ordered, That Mr. *Boutillier* have leave to bring in a Bill to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances 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 tomorrow.

Report of Committee on Expiring Laws.

Expiring Laws Bill.

Notarial Or-
ganization
Bill.

On motion of Mr. Laurin, seconded by Mr. Jobin, Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called Lower 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:

Press 8, line 30. After "ability" insert "and have made proof of having pursued for five years a regular course of study in some one or more of the Seminaries or Colleges named in the fourteenth section of this Act, or of otherwise having received a regular classical education.

Press 8, line 31. After "articles" insert, "and an authentic copy of such articles, as well as of every assignment thereof, shall be filed in the Office of the Secretary of such Board, within eight days from the date thereof, on pain of nullity: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to any Student whose articles shall have been executed before the passing of this Act, or to affect the right of any such Student to obtain his admission as a Notary at the expiration of the term of such articles, subject to the requirements of the Laws in force at the time such articles were executed, save and except that every such Student shall cause an authentic copy of his articles to be filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Notaries, within whose jurisdiction his Patron resides, within thirty days after the establishment of such Board."

Press 9, line 3. After "currency" insert Clause (A.) Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, That from and after the first day of January next, it shall be the duty of each and every Notary in Lower Canada, to number consecutively all Deeds, Contracts, or Instruments which may be executed before him and remain of record in his Office, (Etude,) and to note the number of each and every such Deed, Contract, or Instrument in the margin of his repertory, opposite to the entry of such Deed, Contract, or Instrument, as well as in every copy thereof."

Press 9, line 6. After "therein" insert "the number thereof and."

Press 12, line 7. After "Canada" insert "that no Notary shall act as such while holding the office of Registrar or Deputy Registrar of any County, or carrying on business as a Merchant, Trader, or Manufacturer."

Press 12, line 8. After "Bench" insert "or of Registrar or Deputy Registrar of any County, or carrying on business as a Merchant, Trader, or Manufacturer."

Press 12, line 13. After "Bench" insert "or of Registrar or Deputy Registrar of any County, or of the calling of a Merchant, Trader, or Manufacturer."

Press 12, line 16. After "Clerk" insert "or of Registrar or Deputy Registrar, or to carry on business as a Merchant, Trader, or Manufacturer."

Press 12, line 20. After "Clerk" insert "or of Registrar or Deputy Registrar, or carrying on business as a Merchant, Trader, or Manufacturer."

Press 12, line 22. After "offence" insert "and it shall be lawful for any of the said Boards of Notaries to suspend for a time, or to dismiss from office, any Notary within its jurisdiction, who shall be lawfully convicted of having carried on at one and the same time the profession of a Notary and the business of a Merchant, Trader, or Manufacturer; provided always that no Registrar or Deputy Registrar now appointed, shall be affected by the provisions of this Act."

Press 12, line 27. After "accordingly" insert "And be it enacted, that any person assaulting or otherwise obstructing a Notary in the due execution of his duty as such, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and may on conviction thereof be sentenced to the same punishment as if he or they had been convicted of an assault upon a Peace Officer, or a Revenue Officer, in the execution of his duty."

Press 12, line 34. Leave out "or less."

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood have leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly Upper Canada."

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 ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Moffatt, seconded by Mr. Brooks,

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock," 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 3. After "subscribing" insert "and provided also, that the said eight thousand shares be subscribed for within eighteen months, and be wholly paid up within three years from and after the passing of this Act."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Moffatt do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House of last Session, as well as to that of the present Session, relating to the Indian affairs, be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of the Members of this House.

Resolved, That the Returns to the Addresses of this House of last Session, and of the present Session, relating to the Indian affairs, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. Price, Mr. Dickson, the Honorable Mr. Aylwin, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Cameron of Lanark, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. Macdonell of Stormont, seconded by Mr. Seymour,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be graciously pleased to cause Returns to be made by the Adjutant General of Militia, of the Flank Companies, Troops of Dragoons, Corps of Artillery, Corps of Provincial Marine, and Incorporated Battalions in Upper Canada, which were entitled to Lands for their services during the late war with the United States of America; and that said Returns may be reported upon by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, shewing the parties who have received

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ganization
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Bill.

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Address respecting Militia and Loyalists' Lands.

their Lands, and the names of such as have not received Land or Scrip in lieu thereof for their services, and also the names of such parties of the Corps aforesaid who have located Lands, and which have been forfeited for the non-performance of settlement duty; and that His Excellency will be further pleased to call upon the Commissioner of Crown Lands for a Return of the number and names of Loyalists who have applied for their Lands since the 1st of January, 1843, as well as those under location prior to that time and forfeited for the non-performance of settlement duty, for the information of the Legislature at its 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 Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Public Lands.

Mr. *Merritt* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Prince*, 1. That it is expedient that the Second Clause of the Act 4 and 5 Vic. c. 18, passed in 1841, should be carried into effect with the least possible delay; which Clause enacts, that for the establishment, support and maintenance of Common Schools in each and every Township and Parish in this Province, there shall be established a permanent fund which shall consist of all such monies as may accrue from the selling or leasing of any lands which, by the Legislature of this Province, or other competent authority, may hereafter be granted and set apart for the establishment, maintenance and support of Common Schools in this Province, and of such other monies as are hereinafter mentioned; and that all such monies as shall arise from the sale of any such lands or estates, and certain other monies hereinafter mentioned, shall be invested in safe and profitable securities in this Province; and that the interest of all monies so invested, and the rents, issues and profits arising from such lands or estates as shall be leased or otherwise disposed of without alienation, shall be annually applied in the manner hereinafter provided, to the support and encouragement of Common Schools.

2. That, from information in possession of this House, it appears there were purchased from sundry Indian Tribes, viz: on the

	ACRES.
17th October, 1818, from the Chippawas of Lakes Huron and Simcoe.....	1,592,000
28th October, 1818, from the Mississagas of the River Credit.....	648,000
5th November, 1818, from the Mississagas of the Rice and Mud Lakes.....	1,951,000
31st May, 1819, from the Mississagas of Alawick.....	2,748,000
9th May, 1820, from the Chippawas of the River Thames.....	580,000
20th July, 1820, from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.....	33,280
26th April, 1825, from the Chippawas of Chenail Ecarté, and the St. Clair.....	2,200,000
25th October, 1826, from the Moravians of the River Thames.....	25,000
9th August, 1836, from the Saguenen Indians.....	1,500,000

Acres.....11,277,280

on which an Annuity of £6,655 is paid out of the Revenues of this Province.

3. That as the Public Lands constitute the only capital in this Province, they could, by judicious management, be made available, and the proceeds thereof in a few years would pay the annuity to the Indians, £6,655, and the grant from the Revenues and Imposts for support of Common Schools, £50,000; it is therefore expedient that whatever portion

of the Indian Purchase remains ungranted, should be set apart and appropriated for no other purpose than that set forth in the above mentioned Clause of the Act of 1841.

Public Lands.

4. That in case the remainder of those Lands have been granted, it is expedient that a like quantity from other Lands be set apart to make up the amount of Ten millions of Acres, for the purpose of being sold or rented to create a Fund to be applied for the support of Common Schools and the establishment of District Libraries in the various Townships and Parishes throughout the Province.

5. That as no fund can be more bountiful in its effects, and more universal in its distribution, or more lasting in the advantages it will confer in promoting civilization than that now proposed, it is desirable those Lands should be sold at the least possible expense, for creating the same.

6. That not exceeding six per cent. be allowed for the sales of the said Lands, whether sold by the Crown Land Office or individual; and that the remaining ninety-four per cent. be invested in Public Securities of this Province, to aid in promoting the Public Works therein,—the interest, in all cases, to be secured for the benefit of this Fund.

7. That such steps as His Excellency may deem advisable, by a Commission or otherwise, to set apart the above Lands, should be adopted as soon as practicable; and that all Land Claims hereafter be paid out of Lands not appropriated for the creation of this Fund.

8. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the said Resolutions to be carried into effect.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said motion be postponed until the next Session.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the British North American Electric Telegraph Association, 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.

British North American Telegraph Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Sherwood* of Brockville, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in Upper Canada," 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.

Rivers and Rivulets Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Colville*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the Carillon and Grenville Railroad Company, 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.

Carillon and Grenville Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the Bytown and Britannia Railroad Company, 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.

Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Master and
Servant Bill.

Mr. *Lyon*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, 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.

Supply

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Committee of Supply, reported, according to Order, the Resolutions of the said Committee: which Resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table; and are as followeth:—

Toronto Custom
House.

1. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Toronto Custom House*.

Arthabaska
Road.

2. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Arthabaska Road*.

Kennebec
Road.

3. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and ninety-nine pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Kennebec Road*.

Chaudière
Bridge.

4. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and ninety pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Chaudière Bridge*.

Jacques Cartier
Bridge.

5. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Jacques Cartier Bridge*.

Grosse Isle
Wharf.

6. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Grosse Isle Wharf*.

Vaudreuil
Bridge, Missis-
quoi Canal, and
Toronto Har-
bour.

7. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and forty-four pounds fifteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Surveys of *Vaudreuil Bridge, Missisquoi Canal, and Toronto Harbour*.

Chambly
Canal

8. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and thirty pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Chambly Canal*.

Tecumseth
Road.

9. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Forty-eight pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Tecumseth Road*.

Narrows
Bridge.

10. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds sixteen shillings and fourpence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Narrows Bridge*.

St. Ann's Lock.

11. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty-three pounds twelve shillings and five pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for blasting rock at *St. Ann's Lock*.

Metis Bridge

12. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Metis Bridge, damages*.

Chambly
Canal Claims.

13. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred and twenty-five pounds seventeen shillings and four pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Chambly Canal claims*.

Arbitrations.

14. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Arbitrations*.

15. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Chatham Bridge*.

Chatham
Bridge.

16. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Dams at *Buckhorn and Bobcaygean*.

Buckhorn and
Bobcaygean
Dams.

17. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Roads between the *Trent Slides and Drawbridge*.

Road between
Trent Slides
and Draw-
bridge.

18. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Pier and Leading Light at *Presqu'île*.

Pier and Light
at Presqu'île.

19. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Rouge Hill*.

Rouge Hill.

20. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Road from *Prescott to the Ottawa*.

Prescott and
Ottawa Road.

Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Owen's Sound Road*.

Owen's Sound
Road.

22. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards opening a Road from *Kingston to the Ottawa*.

Kingston and
Ottawa Road.

23. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Nottawasaga Bridges*, and reducing hills on the Town line between *Mono and Adjala*.

Nottawasaga
Bridges, &c.

24. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Shannonville Bridge*.

Shannonville
Bridge.

25. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Winchester Bridge over Nation River*.

Winchester
Bridge.

26. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Road from *Peterboro' to Lindsay*, in the Township of *Ops*.

Peterboro'
and Lindsay
Road.

27. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight pounds eighteen shillings and eleven pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs and alterations to *Gnols and Court Houses*.

Gnols and
Court Houses.

28. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and six pounds eleven shillings and three pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Road from *Waterloo to Sherbrooke*.

Waterloo and
Sherbrooke
Road.

29. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty-five pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Kemp Road*.

Kemp Road.

30. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and seventy pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Gaspé Roads and Bridge*.

Gaspé Roads
and Bridge.

31. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Chemin des Caps*.

Road des Caps.

Metis and Matane Road, and Rimouski Bridge.

Public Buildings.

Bouchette's Map.

London Mechanics Institute.

Bishop's College.

L'Assomption College.

Gaspé Prothonotaries.

School at Three Rivers.

Joliette College.

Ste. Thérèse Seminary.

Montreal University Lying-in Hospital.

Quebec Literary and Historical Society.

Clarenceville Academy.

Welland Canal

Lachine Canal.

32. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand six hundred and eleven pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Metis and Matane Road*, and *Rimouski Bridge*.

33. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine pounds thirteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Public Buildings in Lower Canada*.

34. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to be paid to *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, to meet the expenses of publishing his *Map*.

35. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Mechanics Institute in London, Canada West*.

36. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Bishop's College at Lennoxville*.

37. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *College at L'Assomption*.

38. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Salaries of the *Prothonotaries in the District of Gaspé*, at Fifty pounds each.

39. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to pay *Charles H. Lassisseraie*, for arrears of Salary as Teacher of a School at *Three Rivers*.

40. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Joliette College*.

41. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Le Petit Séminaire de Ste. Thérèse*.

42. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *University Lying-in Hospital at Montreal*.

43. Resolved, As 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 publishing historical documents.

44. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Clarenceville Academy*.

45. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Welland Canal*, to be raised by Debenture.

46. Resolved, As the opinion of this Committee, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Lachine Canal*, to be raised by Debenture.

Ordered, That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the said Resolutions.

And the first to the fourteenth of the said Resolutions being again severally read, and the question being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

The fifteenth 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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Powell*, *Petrie*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, *Wilson*, and *Woods*.—(30.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Ermatinger*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Price*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, and *Thompson*.—(26.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The seventeenth to the nineteenth of the said Resolutions being again severally read, and the question being separately put upon each, they were agreed to by the House.

The twentieth 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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *DeBleury*, *Dickson*, *Duggan*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Petrie*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, *Wilson*, and *Woods*.—(30.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaunier*, *DeWitt*, *Fournier*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laterrière*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Rousseau*, *Scott*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, and *Thompson*.—(29.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

The residue of the said Resolutions being again severally read, and the question being put separately upon each, they were agreed to by the House; and, Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolutions.

Mr. *Meyers*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to regulate the summoning of Jurors 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. *Wilson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen, 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 the *Prescott Act* of Incorporation, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to provide for an Assessment of real and personal property in the Town of Pres-

Supply.

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Seamen's Bill.

Prescott Incorporation Bill.

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"cott, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That Mr. Jessup do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Master and Servant Bill.

An engrossed Bill to enforce the fulfilment of engagements between Master and Servant, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

Ordered, That Mr. Smith of Frontenac do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Judgment Debtors Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors in certain cases, 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 said Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Rivers and Rivulets Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in Upper Canada," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in 'Upper Canada.'"

Ordered, That Mr. Powell do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Port Credit and Hurontario Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company, 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 gone through the Bill, and had made several amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine, seconded by Mr. Leslie,

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

À quatre heures, P.M.

British North American Telegraph Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the British North American Electric Telegraph Association, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Aylmer do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Rebellion Losses (U. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the issue of Debentures to pay the balance due to claimants for

losses during the Rebellion and Invasion in Upper Canada, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Rebellion Losses (U. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill to explain and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly Upper Canada," was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Registry Laws (U. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill regulating the shipping of Seamen, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen."

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

Seamen's Bill.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Sherwood,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to consolidate and amend the Laws and repeal certain Acts relating to the crime of Forgery," be now taken into consideration.

Forgery Bill.

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

And the said Amendments were read; and are as followeth:—

Press 2, line 4. After "money" insert "or any indorsement on or any assignment of any Bill of Exchange or Promissory Note for the payment of money."

Press 12, line 41. Leave out from "but" to "act" in line 42, both inclusive.

Preamble, line 6. Leave out from "unless" to "act" in line 7, both inclusive.

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors in certain cases, being read;

Judgment Debtors Bill.

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 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 on the Bill to appropriate the sums therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and certain other Expenses not otherwise provided for, being read:

Supply Bill.

Supply Bill.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Committee, to embody in the said Bill the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply this day, and concurred in by the House.

The House then 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 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.

Quebec Debentures Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act granting Debentures to sufferers by Fires at Quebec, being read;

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 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.

Message from the Council.

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, viz:—

Dundas Incorporation Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of Dundas:"

Morin's Bridge Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize Augustin Norbert Morin to build a Toll Bridge over the River du Nord in the Parish of Saint Jerome, to fix the rates of Tolls for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same:"

Montreal Harbour Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend a certain Act passed to provide for the improvement and enlargement of the Harbour of Montreal, and for other purposes:" And also,

Burlington Bay Dock Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the Burlington Bay Dock Company," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

School Act Amendment Bill, (U. C.)

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for amending the Common School Act of Upper Canada," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Gilman's Attorney Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Edward Gilman to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein; and also to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise at the Bar;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and the:" And also,

The Legislative Council have passed an Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

And then he withdrew.

An engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Edward Gilman to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein; and also, to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise at the Bar," was read for the first time.

Gilman's Attorney Bill.

The Honorable 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.

Message from His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Assembly, copies of two Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Despatches.

Government House,

Montreal, 21st July, 1847.

Schedule of Despatches accompanying the Governor General's Message of the 21st July, 1847.

No.	Date.	Subject.
	1847.	
91	22d June.	Respecting the establishment of an equality of Trade between Canada and the United States.
92	9th June.	Stating that the amount of surplus Postage collected in Canada will be paid over to the Receiver General.

Copy.)
No. 91.

Downing Street,
22nd June, 1847.

My Lord,

In pursuance of the intention communicated to Your Predecessor on the 11th August, 1846, Her Majesty's Government directed Her Majesty's Minister at Washington to submit a proposal to the Government of the United States, for the establishment of an equality of Trade between that Country and Canada. I regret to state that the measures which have been adopted by Her Majesty's Representative at Washington, have not hitherto been attended with success, owing to circumstances over which the British Minister could have no control; but no opportunity will be lost of bringing the subject under the renewed consideration of the Government of the United States, with the view of meeting the wishes of the House of Assembly of Canada. As

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it may be satisfactory to that body to be acquainted with the exact state of the question, I transmit to Your Lordship herewith, copy of a letter (10th June, 1847,) and of its enclosures, which I have received on the subject from Viscount *Palmerston*, and Your Lordship is at liberty to communicate its contents, if you should find that course convenient, to the House of Assembly for their information.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) GREY.

Right Honorable,
The Earl of *Elgin*,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Foreign Office,
June 10th, 1847.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th of June, 1846, and to the letter from this Department of the 4th August following, relative to the proposal which Mr. *Pakenham*, Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, had been instructed to make for the establishment of an equality of Trade between the *United States* and the *British North American Colonies*, I am directed by Viscount *Palmerston* to transmit to you, for the information of Earl *Grey*, a copy of a Despatch upon that subject which has been received from Mr. *Pakenham*.

I am, &c.

(Signed,) H. U. ADDINGTON.

James Stephen, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

Washington,
13th May, 1847.

My Lord,

By Lord *Aberdeen's* Despatch No. 27, of 18th June, 1846, I was instructed to bring under the consideration of the *United States* Government, the question of establishing an equality of Trade between the *United States* and the *British North American Colonies*, which question had been pressed on the attention of Her Majesty's Government, by an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, passed on the 12th of May, 1846.

Lord *Aberdeen's* Despatch reached *Washington* on the 8th July, a few days after Mr. *Walker's* Bill "for the reduction of the Duties upon Imports" had passed the House of Representatives, and when the debate on that important measure was about to be opened in the Senate, with great uncertainty as to the result. The proceedings in Congress on the subject of the Tariff, I had the honor to report in my Despatches Nos. 86 of 13th July, 91 of the 13th July, and 97 of 29th July; and in my Despatch No. 92 of 13th July, in answer to the Earl of *Aberdeen's* Despatch No. 27, were explained the reasons why I did not, at that time, think it advisable to bring the subject of an equalization of Duties between this Country and *Canada* formally under the consideration of the Government. On the 8th of August, the Session of last year was brought to a close, not however without an Act having been passed "for allowing Drawback on Goods imported from *British North America*," and "exported to Foreign Countries," of which Act I had the honor to transmit a copy with my Despatch No. 108, of 14th August.

In the course of a short visit which I paid to *Canada* in the autumn of last year, I communicated with the Governor General respecting the measures which Her Majesty's Government were anxious to have brought about, and I requested His Lordship to furnish me with a list of the particular articles which, by the respective Tariffs, were subjected to a higher rate of duty on importation into the *United*

States from Canada, than on importation into *Canada* from the *United States*, as well as with any other information which might seem likely to be of use in following up the matter with the *United States* Government.

Soon after the opening of last Session of Congress, that is to say, on the 20th December last, I received from Lord *Cathcart* a Despatch, of which I have the honor to enclose a copy, transmitting a memorandum prepared by the Inspector General of Public Accounts, accompanied by a comparative statement of the rates of Duties on the principal articles of *Canadian* Exports at present levied in the *United States* and in *Canada*. These papers I hastened to place in the hands of Mr. *Walker*, the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied by a memorandum, a copy of which I enclose, embodying the substance of Lord *Aberdeen's* Despatch No. 27, as well as that part of the Legislative Assembly's Address which related to the Trade with this country. Copies of this memorandum and accompanying papers I also placed in the hands of Mr. *Dix*, one of the Senators for *New York*, a gentleman of great influence in Congress, particularly on questions of this nature, on whose assistance in carrying through the proposed measure I knew we might rely, if an opportunity could be found to bring it forward.

Mr. *Walker* professed to be equally in favor of the removal of all restrictions on the interchange of produce between the *United States* and the *British Provinces*, and promised, if time allowed, to make such a measure the subject of a special recommendation to Congress. But such was the press of business during the late short Session, occasioned principally by the war with *Mexico*, and the numerous questions incidental to it, that no opportunity was found to bring the subject forward with any prospect of success.

It may be hoped that during the next Session, there will be a better chance of accomplishing the wishes of Her Majesty's Government on this subject; meanwhile, I have thought it right to explain to Your Lordship the causes which have hitherto prevented their fulfilment.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) R. PAKENHAM.

Viscount *Palmerston*, G. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

Government House,
Montreal, 9th December, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, in compliance with the wish expressed by Your Excellency to that effect, a copy of a memorandum which I have received from the Inspector General of Public Accounts in this Province, and of a comparative statement of the rates of Duties on the principal articles of *Canadian* Exports at present levied in the *United States* and in *Canada*; and I would request your consideration of the suggestion of the Inspector General, that the present would be a favorable opportunity for making a proposal to the Government of the *United States* on the important subject of the establishment of an equality of Trade between that Country and the *British North American Provinces*.

(Signed,) CATHCART.

Right Honorable *R. Pakenham*,
&c. &c. &c.

The Inspector General has the honor to submit the following memorandum on the Address of the House of Assembly, May 12th, 1846:—

The Address of the House of Assembly passed 12th May, prayed that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken for opening a negotiation with the *United*

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States, for the admission of Colonial products into their Ports on the same terms that theirs are admitted into *Great Britain* and this Country.

This Address was passed subsequently to the enactment of a Law repealing all Duty on *American* produce coming through this Province for export, either in the shape of grain, or to be converted into flour for exportation, and also after the House had been made aware of the views of Her Majesty's Government with reference to the admission of Foreign grain into *Great Britain* at a reduced rate of Duty for a limited period, and then at a nominal Duty of one shilling per quarter, and of other general modifications and reduction in the Custom Duties of *Great Britain*, and which have subsequently obtained the sanction of the Imperial Parliament.

It may, consequently, be assumed that the House of Assembly sought the adoption by the *United States* of regulations conceived in a similar spirit of liberality and friendly commercial intercourse, and therefore humbly prayed the gracious interference of Her Majesty to effect these objects.

The extension of the operation of the *American* Drawback Bill to merchandize imported from the *British North American* Provinces adjoining the *United States*, approved the 8th of August in the last Session of Congress, clearly embraces one of the objects contemplated by the House of Assembly, namely, increased facilities for the transmission of *Canadian* products through the *States*; but the second point, the admission of those products into the *United States* for consumption on the same terms as theirs are admitted into *Great Britain* and this Province, is very insufficiently met by the Tariff of Customs Duties established by Congress in the summer Session of 1846. While in some articles a slight modification has been introduced, the Duties on that description of merchandize, the production of which is common to both countries, preponderate vastly in favor of the *United States*, and tend materially to check that vigor which general trade would derive from the removal of artificial restraints, and by their onerous character suppress the development of the natural and permanent resources of the country. The consideration of this subject may, with peculiar fitness, be taken up at this period, as the *British Possessions Act* leaves the Province, to a very great extent, free to pass such enactments with regard to Duties and Trade, as may be found best suited to her wants and position, and enable her to meet on terms of friendly reciprocity any advantages which the neighbouring Republic may be disposed to make for the mutual encouragement of industry and trade, and the development, undisturbed by artificial influences, of the resources peculiar to each Country.

Comparative Rates of Duties on the following Articles as levied in the *United States*, and as levied in *Canada*, viz. :—

United States Duties.	Canada Duties.
Flour of Wheat.....20 p. ct.	2s. 6d. Sterling per barrel, or 18½ per cent.
do other Grain..... do	2s. Sterling per barrel, or 12½ per cent.
Wheat do	3s. Sterling per qr., or 11½ per cent.
Barley, Indian Corn, } Oats, Peas and other } Grain }	3s. Sterling per qr., or 13 per cent.
Meats, prepared40 p. ct.	5s. Sterling per cwt., or 24 per cent.
Wool, manufactured.....30 do	9 per cent.
Woolen Manufactures...30 do	12 do
Leather, not described...20 do	12 do
Hides tanned and Lea- ther not described20 do	9 do
Ashta, all kinds20 do	5 do

Memorandum for the consideration of the Government of the *United States*.

Washington, December 1846.

On the 12th May last, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada* voted an Address to the Queen, on the subject of the measures of commercial relaxation which were at that time pending in the *British Parliament*.

This Address contained the following observations respecting the commercial intercourse between the *British North American* Provinces and the *United States*, as at present reciprocally regulated: "We would further remind Your Majesty that, while in compliance with the recommendation of the Imperial Parliament, we have passed a Law repealing all Duty on *American* produce coming through our country for exportation, no similar advantage is accorded by the *American* Government to the people of this Province, but that Duties amounting in most cases to prohibition, are rigorously maintained by that Government on every article of ours entering into their ports. The disadvantage we must labour under in this respect is so apparent, that we respectfully request Your Majesty will be pleased to cause the necessary steps to be taken for opening a negotiation with the Government of the *United States*, for the admission of our products into their ports on the same terms that theirs are admitted into those of *Great Britain* and this Colony."

To which observations Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department replied in the following words:—

"With respect to that portion of the Address which prays Her Majesty to invite the Government of the *United States* to establish an equality of Trade between the dominions of the Republic and the *British North American* Colonies, I am commanded to instruct Your Lordship to assure the Assembly, that Her Majesty will readily cause directions to be given to Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, to avail himself of the earliest suitable opportunity to press this important subject on the notice of that Government, and that it will afford Her Majesty the most sincere satisfaction if any communication which may hereafter be held for this purpose, shall have the effect which is desired by Her faithful Commons of *Canada*."

To this important subject Her Majesty's Government earnestly request the attention of the Government of the *United States*.

It seems to Her Majesty's Government that the measures of relaxation desired by *Canada*, on its own account, would be almost, if not quite, as advantageous to the *United States* as establishing a free and unrestricted commercial intercourse between the two countries, and thereby affording a much more extended demand for *United States* produce, than the *Canadas*, in their present restricted power of mutual exchange, are enabled to sustain.

Without entering into unnecessary details, Her Majesty's Government would submit that the mutual benefits to be derived from relaxed commercial intercourse between a country of such vast dimensions as *Canada*, lying on their extended frontiers, are so obvious, and lie so completely on surface, that they scarcely fail to strike every one who duly reflects upon the subject.

In further elucidation of this important question, is submitted a copy of a memorandum lately presented to the Governor General of *British North America* by the Inspector General of Public Accounts of the Province of *Canada*, with a comparative statement of the rates of Duties on the principle articles of *Canadian* Exports at present levied in the *United States* and in *Canada*.

All which is submitted for the consideration of the *United States* Government.

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Surplus Postage in Canada.

(Copy.)
No. 92.

Downing Street,
25th June, 1847.

My Lord,

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have apprized me that their Lordships have authorized the Post Master General to cause the sum of £5,189 3s. 5d., the amount accrued from Surplus Postage in *Canada* during the period of two years, to the 5th July last, to be paid over to the Receiver General of the Province, in order that it may be applied to the Public Service of the Colony, in such manner as shall be directed by the local Legislature.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) GREY.

The Right Honorable,
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c. &c. &c.

Clergy Lands and Crown Land Office.

The Honorable 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, dated the 21st ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, “a copy of an Order in Council, of the 17th September, 1845, and an order or instruction to the Commissioner of Crown Lands, dated 18th November, 1845, relative to Clergy Lands, with a list of persons who have purchased Clergy Lands from 17th September, 1845, to 1st April, 1846; with the particulars of the sale, and whether charged with rent or interest; and further, a copy of the Rules or Regulations of the Crown Lands Department by which the public are excluded from the Public Office, except on special application.”

App. (X. X.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix X. X.)

Census.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 15th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, “copies of any Circulars addressed to the Wardens of the different Districts in this Province, by authority of the Executive Government thereof, since the last Session of Parliament, on the subject of the taking the periodical Census for the present year, as required by the Act of the 4 and 5 *Vic.* cap. 42; and also, copies of any other documents which His Excellency may, in his discretion, think fit to communicate, explanatory of the grounds upon which the Government proceeded in omitting to take the steps required by that Act for the taking of such Census, and in directing that the same should not be taken, or otherwise interfering with the duties imposed upon the local authorities by that Act.”

App. (Y. Y.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix Y. Y.)

Ordnance Lands in Bytown.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 11th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, “a Statement of the amount paid by the late Lord *Dalhousie*, to one *Hugh Fraser*, for the land held by the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance in *Bytown*; with a copy of the instructions of Lord *Dalhousie* to Colonel *By*, in reference to such lands; —together with a tabular statement shewing the names of the parties to whom town lots were located, the date of location, the size of the lot, the amount of rent, the amount for which each lot was commuted into freehold, the names of the parties to whom leases or deeds have issued, the amount charged for such leases or deeds, and the date of each respectively,—accompanied by a map

“of said lands shewing what lots are at this date in the possession of the Ordnance on the several streets in the said Town; together with a copy of any Orders in Council placing value upon any of the unconceded lots, in terms of the Act 7 *Vic.* cap. 11, sec. 7.”
(For the said Return, see Appendix Z. Z.)

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App. (Z. Z.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 11th ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, “all papers and documents in relation to the grants of land in certain parts of *Upper Canada* for Mining purposes, together with all rules and regulations adopted by the Executive Government or the Crown Lands Department, in relation to such grants of land.”

Grants of Land for Mining purposes.

(For the said Return, see Appendix A. A. A.)

App. (A. A. A.)

Also, Supplementary Report of the Commissioner of Public Works to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 15th July, 1847.

Public Works.

(For the said Supplementary Report, see Appendix B. B. B.)

App. (B. B. B.)

And also, Distribution of Statutes of *Canada* in *Upper Canada*.

Distribution of Statutes.

(For the said Document, see Appendix C. C. C.)

App. (C. C. C.)

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered this day, with the accompanying Documents relating to the Trade between *Canada* and the *United States*, and to surplus Postage, be printed, for the use of the Members of this House.

Despatches to be printed.

The Order of the Day for taking into consideration a Motion made on Friday last, “That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections,” being read;

Simcoe Election.

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

And the said Motion being again read;

Mr. *Gouvan* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Williams*, That all the words after “That” in the said motion be struck out, and the following substituted: “on the twenty-sixth day of June 1846, *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, then a Member representing the County of *Simcoe* in this House, addressed a letter to Mr. Speaker, informing him of his acceptance of the Office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, the acceptance of which office vacated his seat in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; that on the fourth day of July following, Mr. Speaker issued his warrant for a new writ for the said County of *Simcoe*; that on the 6th day of July (two days after the issue of the warrant by the Speaker) the Honorable *Dominick Daly* and the Honorable *James Smith*, two Members of this House, issued another warrant under their hands and seals, for a new writ, for the said County of *Simcoe*, the said last named warrant being issued by the said two Members under the belief that the Speaker of this House, *Sir Allan Napier MacNab*, Knight, had vacated his seat as such Speaker, by virtue of his supposed acceptance of the office of Adjutant General of Militia, he having been gazetted to that office on the 4th day of July, 1846; that acting under the authority of the warrant so issued by the two Members aforesaid, *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, (the proper Officer to whom the issuing of writs of Election properly appertains,) issued his writ for an Election for the County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire; that under such writ, so issued as aforesaid, an

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“election for one Member to serve for the County of *Simcoe*, was held at *Barrie*, in the said County of *Simcoe*, on the 27th day of July, aforesaid, and and there being no opposing candidate, the said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, was declared duly elected by the free choice and acclamation of the Freeholders of the said County then and there assembled, (as appears by the Return made to the said writ by *Gerald Alley*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said Election; That while this House regrets that any misapprehension on the part, either of any of its Members, or of its Officers, should have led to any irregularity in the issuing of the writ for the Election for the said County of *Simcoe*, it has no reason to believe that the result of the Election was affected by such irregularity; and the House is further strengthened in this opinion by the absence of petition, or other application to the House, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County of *Simcoe*, pursuant to the Statute Law of this Province, (4 *Geo. 4*, c. 4,) for the trial of all cases of undue Election and Return, made and provided.”

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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Brooks*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Chalmers*, *Christie*, *Colville*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *Duggan*, *Erma-tinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Lyon*, *Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Meyers*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Prince*, *Seymour*, *Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Viger*, *Webster*, *Williams*, and *Wilson*.—(34.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Aylwin*, *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Boutillier*, *Cameron* of LANARK, *Cauchon*, *Chauveau*, *Conger*, *Desaxnier*, *DeWitt*, *Dichson*, *Franchère*, *Guillet*, *Jobin*, *Lacoste*, *LaFontaine*, *Lantier*, *Laurin*, *Lemieux*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt*, *Méthot*, *Morin*, *Nelson*, *Powell*, *Price*, *Rousseau*, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Thompson*, and *Watts*.—(32.)

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 carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That on the twenty-sixth day of June, 1846, *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, then a Member representing the County of *Simcoe* in this House, addressed a letter to Mr. Speaker, informing him of his acceptance of the Office of Chief Commissioner of Public Works, the acceptance of which office vacated his seat in the Legislative Assembly of this Province; that on the fourth day of July following, Mr. Speaker issued his warrant for a new writ for the said County of *Simcoe*: that on the 6th day of July (two days after the issue of the warrant by the Speaker) the Honorable *Dominick Daly* and the Honorable *James Smith*, two Members of this House, issued another warrant under their hands and seals, for a new writ, for the said County of *Simcoe*, the said last named warrant being issued by the said two Members under the belief that the Speaker of this House, *Sir Allan Napier MacNab*, Knight, had vacated his seat as such Speaker, by virtue of his supposed acceptance of the office of Adjutant General of Militia, he having been gazetted to that office on the 4th day of July, 1846; that acting under the authority of the warrant so issued by the two

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Members aforesaid, *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, (the proper Officer to whom the issuing of writs of Election properly appertains,) issued his writ for an Election for the County of *Simcoe*, in the room of the said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire; that under such writ, so issued as aforesaid, an election for one Member to serve for the County of *Simcoe*, was held at *Barrie*, in the said County of *Simcoe*, on the 27th day of July aforesaid, and there being no opposing candidate, the said *William B. Robinson*, Esquire, was declared duly elected by the free choice and acclamation of the Freeholders of the said County then and there assembled, (as appears by the Return made to the said writ by *Gerald Alley*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said election;) that while this House regrets that any misapprehension on the part, either of any of its Members, or of its Officers, should have led to any irregularity in the issuing of the writ for the Election for the said County of *Simcoe*, it has no reason to believe that the result of the Election was affected by such irregularity; and the House is further strengthened in this opinion by the absence of petition, or other application to the House, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County of *Simcoe*, pursuant to the Statute Law of this Province, (4 *Geo. 4*, c. 4,) for the trial of all cases of undue Election and Return, made and provided.

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On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Ordered, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow, at ten o'clock, A. M. Adjournment.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, in their present order. Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.

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10â horâ, A. M.

ON motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *Boutillier*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency will be pleased to issue his warrant, in favor of the Speaker of this House, for the sum of Nine thousand two hundred and fifty-two pounds, to enable him to defray certain Contingencies of the Session already voted and to be provided for in a Bill of Appropriation to be passed in the present Session.

Address for £9252, to defray certain Contingencies.

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

Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, That the Sessional Allowance and Mileage to Members for this, be the same as last Session.

Sessional Allowance and Mileage to Members.

Mr. *Smith* of *Frontenac* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*, That all the words after “Allowance” in the said motion be struck out, and

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the following substituted, "to Members, during the present Session, be Seventy-five pounds, besides their travelling expenses."

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, That the further consideration of the said Motions be postponed until Monday next,

And 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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Cameron* of LANARK, *Chauveau, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Leslie, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Price, and Smith* of WENTWORTH.—(14.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Boulton, Boutillier, Brooks, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colville, Conger, Cummings, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Fournier, Gowan, Hale, Jessup, Jobin, Laurin, Lyon, Petrie, Robinson, Rousseau, Seymour, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Webster, Williams, and Wilson*.—(32.)

So it passed in the negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Cameron* of LANARK, *Cayley, Chauveau, Colville, Conger, Duggan, Fournier, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Leslie, Lyon, Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, *Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Viger, Williams, and Wilson*.—(30.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Aylwin, Boutillier, Brooks, Cauchon, Chalmers, Christie, Cummings, Ermatinger, Foster, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laurin, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Rousseau, Stewart* of PRESCOTT, and *Webster*.—(17.)

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Boutillier, Cameron* of LANARK, *Cayley, Chalmers, Chauveau, Christie, Conger, Duggan, Ermatinger, Fournier, Gowan, Guillet, Hale, Jessup, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Seymour, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Stewart* of PRESCOTT, *Viger, Webster, and Williams*.—(36.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Brooks, Cauchon, Colville, Cummings, Foster, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laurin, Rousseau, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, and *Wilson*.—(12.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the Sessional Allowance to Members, during the present Session, be Seventy-five pounds, besides their travelling expenses.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*,—The Petition of *David Marsh* and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *James Drummond* and others, Members of the Congregational Denomination of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark*,—The Petition of *A. Jeffrey* and others, of *Cobourg*, in the District of *Newcastle*. Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Lantier*,—The Petition of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Boutillier*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of *St. Hyacinthe*. (Limits of the Village of *St. Hyacinthe*.)

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Colin C. Ferrie*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Christie*,—The Petition of *John Francis Muncy* and *John Fontana* of the *Magdalen Islands*, in the District of *Gaspé*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*.—(Emigrants.)

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *B. Pouliot*, Junior, and others, of the County of *L'Islet*; and the Petition of *James Oliva*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas* and other places, in the County of *L'Islet*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *Alfred N. Thompson* and others, of *Tiny, Tay*, and other Townships.

By Mr. *Ermatinger*,—The Petition of *M. McKenzie* and *B. Treadwell*, on behalf of a meeting of the inhabitants of *St. Thomas* and its neighbourhood.

An engrossed Bill to appropriate the sums therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and certain other Expenses not otherwise provided for, was read for the third time. Supply Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act granting Debentures to sufferers by Fires at *Quebec*, was read for the third time. Quebec Debentures Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act for granting relief to the sufferers by the Fires at *Quebec*."

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

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Bytown and Britannia* Railroad Company, was read for the third time. Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Bytown and Britannia* Railway Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Carillon and Grenville* Railroad Company, was read for the third time. Carillon and Grenville Railroad Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon and Grenville* Railway Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed, according to Order, the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better organization of the Notarial Profession in that part of this Province called *Lower Canada*."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House. Notarial Organization Bill.

Petitions brought up.

Ordered, That Mr. *Laurin* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Petition read.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petition was read:—

Of *John N. W. Daly*, Esquire, and others, the Magistrates of the eastern section of the *Huron* District; praying for the passing of an Act to divide the said District, as already petitioned for.

Petition of T. Morgan and others, referred.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Thomas Morgan* and others, of the Province of *Canada*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Conger*, Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*, and Mr. *Macdonell of Stormont*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Report on Petitions of G. Robitaille and others.

Mr. *Chauveau*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Guillaume Robitaille* and others, of the Parish of *Ancienne Lorette*, and other references, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.

App.(D.D.D.) To be printed.

(For the said Report, see Appendix D. D. D.)

Ordered, That the said Report, together with the Evidence appended thereto, and the Return to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, relating to the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Navigation of the River St. Lawrence.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "and Commons," and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Echo Lake* Mining Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, this day.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*, seconded by Mr. *Powell*,

Burlington Bay Dock Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Burlington Bay Dock* 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 37. Leave out "and" and insert "or." Burlington Bay Dock Bill.
Press 1, line 37. After "with a" insert "wet dock."

Press 1, line 38. Leave out "or" and insert "and."
Press 1, line 40. Leave out "and" and insert "wet dock."

Press 1, line 41. Leave out "or" and insert "and."

Press 2, line 44. After "wharves" insert "wet dock."

Press 4, line 9. After "wharves" insert "wet dock, dry."

Press 4, line 26. Leave out "and."

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Press 4, line 27. Leave out "or" and insert "and."

Press 6, line 25. After "District" insert Clauses (A.) and (B.)

Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that in case it should at any time happen that an election of Directors should not be made on any day when pursuant to this Act it ought to have been made, the said Corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful on any day to make and hold an election of Directors, in such manner as shall have been regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said Corporation."

Clause (B.) "And be it enacted, that the Directors, for the time being, or a major part of them, shall have power to make and subscribe such rules and regulations as to them shall appear needful and proper touching the management and disposition of the stock, property, estate, and effects of the said Corporation, and touching the duty of the officers, clerks and servants, and all such other matters as appertain to the business of the said Corporation; and shall also have power to appoint as many officers, clerks, and servants for carrying on the said business, with such salaries and allowances as to them shall seem fit."

Press 7, line 3. After "aforesaid" insert "Provided always, that the said Directors shall not commence the construction of the said Harbour, Wharves, Docks, or Railway, until ten per cent. upon the Capital Stock of the said Company shall be paid in."

Press 8, line 8. After "request" insert Clauses (C.) and (D.)

Clause (C.) "And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall affect, or be construed to affect, in any manner, or way whatsoever, the rights of Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, or of any person or persons, or of any bodies politic, corporate, or collegiate, such only excepted as are herein mentioned."

Clause (D.) "And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a public Act, and as such shall be judicially noticed by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and other persons, without being specially pleaded."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron of Lanark* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal* Building Society, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, this day. Montreal Building Society Bill.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Jesse Dunn Armstrong*, Esquire, and others, be discharged. A Committee discharged.

Lake St. Peter.	<p>On motion of Mr. <i>Williams</i>, seconded by Mr. <i>Petrie</i>, <i>Resolved</i>, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Return to an Address laid before this House, on the 2nd instant, containing the Report of Captain <i>Bayfield</i>, R. N. and other documents, on the improvement of the navigation of the <i>Lake St. Peter</i>.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Cobourg and Port Hope Road Company</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.</p>	Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.
Adjournment.	<p>On motion of Mr. <i>Laurin</i>, seconded by Mr. <i>Lemieux</i>, <i>Resolved</i>, That the First Rule of this House be suspended during the remainder of the present Session; and that when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until ten o'clock, A. M., the day following, unless some other hour or day be specially appointed.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Cobourg and Grafton Road Company</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.</p>	Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.
	<p>The Honorable Mr. <i>Ayhe</i> moved, seconded by Mr. <i>Boutillier</i>, That this House do adjourn at the hour of three this day, until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm the title of certain persons to part of the allowance for Road between broken Concessions A. and B. in the Township of <i>Hamilton</i>, being read; <i>Ordered</i>, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.</p>	Hamilton Road Allowance Bill.
	<p>The question being put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and the names being called for, they were taken down: as followeth:—</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.</p>	Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill.
	YEAS.		
	<p>Messieurs <i>Armstrong, Aylwin, Attorney General Badgley, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Solicitor General Cameron, Cauchon, Cayley, Chalmers, Chauveau, Colville, Conger, DeBleury, Desautier, Dickson, Ermatinger, Fournier, Franchère, Guillet, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Papineau, Petrie, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of WENTWORTH, Viger, and Williams.</i>—(36.)</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River <i>St. Lawrence</i>, from any point at and between the Island of <i>St. Helens</i> and the foot of the <i>Lachine Rapids</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.</p>	St. Lawrence Bridge Bill.
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	<p>Messieurs <i>Brooks, Christie, DeWitt, Gowan, Hale, Jessup, Merritt, Meyers, Moffatt, Monroe, Powell, Price, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Thompson, and Webster.</i>—(18.)</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Vaudreuil Glass Factory</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.</p>	Vaudreuil Glass Factory Bill.
	<p>So it was carried in the affirmative, and <i>Resolved</i>, That this House do adjourn at the hour of three this day, until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of <i>Perth</i>, to sell and convey a portion of a certain piece of land now holden by them, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.</p>	Perth Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill.
Leave of absence.	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the Honorable Mr. <i>Laterrière</i> have leave to absent himself from this House during the remainder of the Session, on urgent business.</p>		
Port Credit and Hurontario Road Bill.	<p>Mr. <i>Hale</i>, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the <i>Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company</i>, 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.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for incorporating <i>Henry John Boulton, Esquire</i>, and others, under the name and style of the <i>Toronto and Goderich Railroad Company</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.</p>	Toronto and Goderich Road Bill.
	<p><i>Ordered</i>, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Montreal Cemetery Company</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.</p>	Montreal Cemetery Bill.
Osgoode Side Lines Bill.	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to declare the mode in which the side lines of the Lots in the Township of <i>Osgoode</i>, in the County of <i>Carleton</i>, shall be run, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the <i>Friends' Seminary</i> in the Township of <i>Hallowell</i>, in the District of <i>Prince Edward</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.</p>	Friends Seminary Bill.
Quebec Library Bill.	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned incorporating the <i>Quebec Library</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the District Bank of <i>Quebec</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.</p>	Quebec District Bank Bill.
Streetsville Road Bill.	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Streetsville Plank Road Company</i>, being read; The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.</p>	<p>The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill for the incorporation of the <i>Agricultural Association</i>, being read;</p>	Agricultural Association (U. C.) Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering and Markham Plank Road Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Etobicoke and Mono Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Canada and Nova Scotia Railroad Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railroad Company*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

William Henry Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of *William Henry*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

Bathurst School Money Bill for 1845.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the payment of School money to the Teachers in the *Bathurst* District, for the year 1845, notwithstanding that there was no assessment for schools in that District in said year, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Lower Canada Agricultural Society Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Lower Canada Agricultural Society*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read, and ordered to be engrossed.

Optional Commutation of Lands Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *Franc-aleu-roturier*," being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Bill explanatory of an Act to amend the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Act.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *William the Fourth*, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company," being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Port Credit and Hurontario Road Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Port Credit and Hurontario Plank 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 of the *Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company*."

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Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* 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 enable *William Duncan* to collect a certain sum of money, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

W. Duncan's Collection Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Law of imprisonment for debt, and afford additional means for the discovery and disposal of the estates and effects of Judgment Debtors in certain cases, was read for the third time.

Judgment Debtors.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Law of imprisonment for debt in *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *Ste. Thérèse*, be now read.

Terrebonne Registry Office Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, That the words "now read," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "read this day six months."

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.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office in the County of *Terrebonne*, from the Village of *Terrebonne* to the Village of *Ste. Thérèse*, be read this day six months.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Jurors Bill, (L. C.)

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* 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 incorporate the *Lake St. Louis and Province Line Railway Company*, being read;

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

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* of *Stormont* 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 facilitate proof of the Charter and Act of Incorporation of the *British American Land Company*, being read;

British American Land Company Bill.

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 render commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, into that of free and common

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socage, compulsory on the Seignior at the pleasure of the *Censitaire* or Landholder, supplementary to an Act therein mentioned relating to the optional commutation of such tenure, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Toronto Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 9 *Vict.* intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the City of Toronto," being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Quebec and
Lake Superior
Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association*, 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;

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 to-morrow, and that it be then the first Order of the Day.

Message from
the Council.

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, viz.:—

Bill to amend
an error in
Customs Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an error in the Act of the present Session imposing Duties of Customs:"

Lake Erie
Railway and
Harbour Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*:"

Kingston In-
corporation
Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the tenth Section of the Act to incorporate the Town of *Kingston* as a City:" and also,

Winter Roads
Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Ordinances therein mentioned relating to Winter Roads in that part of the Province of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec* on the south of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the north of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

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red.

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

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

The House adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock, A. M.

Veneris, 23° die Julii.

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Osgoode Side
Lines Bill.

AN engrossed Bill to declare the mode in which the side lines of the Lots in the Township of *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, shall be run, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lyon* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the payment of School money to the Teachers in the *Bathurst* District, for the year 1845, notwithstanding that there was no assessment for schools in that District in said year, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the payment of School money to the Teachers in the *Bathurst* District, for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding that there was no assessment for schools in that District in the said year."

Ordered, That Mr. *Cameron of Lanark* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill for the incorporation of the Agricultural Association, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for the incorporation of the Agricultural Association of *Upper Canada*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Lower Canada Agricultural Society*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to facilitate proof of the Charter and Act of incorporation of the *British American Land Company*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to facilitate the proof of the Charter and Act of incorporation of the *British American Land Company*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, 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:

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*, and have agreed to the same without any amendment; but would nevertheless beg to call the particular attention of Your Honorable House to the power granted to the Company, by the second clause, of taking and entering upon real property, after tendering the value thereof.

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, clause by clause, and have agreed to the same, respectively, without any amendment, viz:

Bill to incorporate the *Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company*.

Bill to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*.

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*.

They have also examined the Bill to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of *Perth* to sell and convey a portion of a certain piece of land now holden by them, and have agreed to the same with amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Bathurst
School Money
Bill for 1845.

Agricultural
Association
Bill, (U. C.)

Lower Canada
Agricultural
Society Bill.

British American
Land
Company Bill.

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of Committee
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Bills.

Your Committee have also agreed to the Bill to incorporate the Friends' Seminary in the Township of *Hallowell*, with an amendment, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Report on
Frauds against
the Revenue
Laws.

Mr. *M'Connell*, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire whether Frauds have not been committed against the Revenue Laws, by the introduction of Cattle into this Province under false pretences, 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 made an investigation into the matter entrusted to them, and have examined several witnesses upon the subject, (whose evidence is appended to this Report;) and they do not find anything in the evidence before them to shew that Frauds have been committed against the Revenue Laws; they find, however, that a number of head of cattle have been entered at various times by the Government Contractors, avowedly for the use of the Commissariat Department, but which have not afterwards been actually issued for the use of Her Majesty's Troops: but, nevertheless, there is not any evidence to shew that the Contractors have received the drawback on a greater quantity than was issued to the Commissariat. Your Committee, however, would respectfully suggest that a change in the present system of drawbacks on cattle imported for the use of the Troops, is desirable, and that instead of the duties being refunded by the Commissariat to the Contractor, as is done at present, the plan suggested by Commissary General *Filder* (which will be found in his evidence) be adopted for the future, thereby placing out of the power of the Contractors to defraud the Revenue.

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

Wednesday, 14th July, 1847.

Mr. *William Longley*, of *Shefford*, called in; and examined:—

1. Have you the Government contract for supplying the Troops stationed at *Montreal* with Beef, for the present year?—I have.

2. Are you aware that cattle have been entered at the different ports of entry, in your name, for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, that have afterwards been otherwise disposed of?—Cattle have been entered in my name as Commissariat contractor, but without any specific statement that they were intended for the use of the Government,—some of which I afterwards disposed of, but did not claim the return of duties on them.

3. Were you to tender for the Government contract for the ensuing year, what difference would you make in the cwt. to have the duties refunded or otherwise?—At present I should not make more than two shillings and sixpence per hundred pounds difference; at other times I might make much more, as very much would depend on the prospect of the Southern market at the time of tendering.

Friday, 16th July, 1847.

Commissary General *William Filder* examined:

4. What precautions are taken by the Commissariat to prevent fraud being practised?—The following are the Rules observed by the Commissariat Department:—When the frontier Custom House is at the same place as the Commissariat station, the cattle are branded on the hoof or horn immediately after being passed at the Custom House, and the permits are at the same delivered up to the Commissariat. But where the Commissariat station is at a distance from the frontier Custom House, the Officer of Customs transmits by post to the Commissariat Officer a descriptive list of the cattle imported by

the contractor, who is bound to present the animals, together with the permits, within a limited number of days to the Commissariat Officer, when they are marked in like manner; and the branded hoof or horn remains still attached to the carcass when the latter is brought to the issuing store for delivery to the Troops. A careful register is kept by the Commissariat of the number of imported cattle so supplied to the Troops, and the duties are calculated accordingly; but with a view to the further prevention of fraud upon the Revenue, it is stipulated in the contracts at those Posts which are at a distance from the Frontier, that if there should be any difficulty in identifying, to the satisfaction of the Commissariat Officer, the cattle presented at the depot to be the same as those entered at the Custom House, the duties shall be returned only upon such number of head as the quantity of imported meat issued to the Troops shall be equal to at the rate of 550 or 575 lbs. per head—which would require that an ox should be upwards of 900 lbs. live weight,—on the other hand, if the cattle should weigh more, the duty is returned only upon the number actually imported and slaughtered; by this means the contractor is effectually precluded from changing large cattle for small with the view of obtaining the return of duty upon a greater number of head (permits also being produced) than he imported. It is quite compatible with the system here described, that the contractor should sell for private consumption part of the cattle imported in his name without prejudice accruing thereby to the Revenue, (he generally indeed produces permits for a greater number than are slaughtered for the Troops,) and the instance of this kind mentioned by Mr. *Gilbert*, before the Committee, proves nothing, unless Mr. *Gilbert* could also shew that the duties had been returned to the contractor on the occasion to which he alludes; but this he is unable to do, nor can any trace be found in the account of duties refunded by the Commissariat of any transaction at all resembling the one to which he refers. If the Committee would examine also Mr. *Longley*, the contractor, he would no doubt clear up to their satisfaction other matters of detail adverted to by Mr. *Gilbert*.

5. Is it possible for the Contractor to obtain a drawback on cattle which is not handed over to the Commissariat?—Under the system explained above, I conceive it to be impracticable; those rules were adopted with the view of guarding against fraud upon the Revenue, but they equally, I am of opinion, protect the agricultural interest by preventing the sale of any portion of the imported meat, upon which the duty has been remitted, for private consumption.

6. In your opinion, are the Contractors in the habit of substituting other cattle to the Commissariat in lieu of those brought over the frontier?—For the reasons already stated, I am of opinion that they are unable to substitute other cattle with the slightest advantage to themselves, the stipulation above mentioned with regard to the weight of the cattle is considered indeed a greater security on this point than marking them.

7. In your opinion, can greater precautions than now exist be taken to prevent imposition?—The only other system which I could suggest, and which perhaps might be more satisfactory to the agricultural interest of the Colony, would be to require parties in future to state in their offers the price at which they would engage to supply the Troops, if permitted to import cattle duty free, and that at which they would undertake the contract without possessing this privilege—the agreements to be made upon the latter principle, and the Colony to pay over to the Imperial Treasury the difference between the two rates. This might allay the fears which the agricultural gentlemen appear to entertain under the present sys-

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tem, but which I am of opinion are unfounded. I am apprehensive, however, that the Contractors finding, year after year, that one of the alternatives (that of importing duty free) was not acted upon, this rule would not long continue to be a safe guide—they would naturally become indifferent to stating with accuracy the price on that condition. If it should be nevertheless the wish of the Colonial Government that this system should be adopted, it is necessary that the same should be intimated to me with the least possible delay, as the contracts now in force are about to expire, and it is indispensable that tenders for the new contracts should be called for immediately.

8. What reduction in price do you obtain from the Contractor in consideration of the drawback? The relative price of meat in the *United States* and *Canada* has latterly changed very much, and it is difficult, under present circumstances, to estimate the reduction obtained in the terms of the contract in consideration of the drawback. All that is contended for is, that the Contractors should have the power of purchasing meat for the supply of the Troops, wherever they can procure it cheapest without being required to pay duty if imported.

Mr. *H. Gilbert*, of the City of *Montreal*, called in; and examined:—

9. Have you any knowledge that cattle have been introduced into this Province under false pretences?—I know that mostly all the cattle that are entered at the frontier Custom House, are entered in the name of the different Government Contractors for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, at the same time those cattle are driven directly to market and sold to different butchers, and are not furnished to Her Majesty's Troops.

10. By what evidence do you arrive at the conclusion of the answer just given?—The different drovers have told me they had entered their cattle in Mr. *Longley* and other Contractor's names. There was a large number, 200 head, bought in *St. Lawrence* County, State of *New York*, a great share of which has been sold in this market since to the different butchers, and the person who bought them, Mr. *M. Shane*, told me himself, that he was about making arrangements with *Longley*, the Government Contractor, to enter the cattle in his name.

11. Have you any more evidence to offer to the Committee to substantiate the opinion expressed in your answers to the two previous questions?—I believe further information, and very important, could be obtained, if you would procure those permits on which the Commissariat have paid the drawback duties; and also, information could be had from the Collectors of Customs at the different ports of entry.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, 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 E. E. E.)
Ordered, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Report on af-
fairs of the
Seigniorship of
Lauzon.

App. (E. E. E.)
To be printed.

Eighth Report
of Committee
on Railroads
and Telegraph
Lines.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, 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 examined the Bill for incorporating *Henry John Boulton*, Esquire, and others, under the name and style of the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railroad Company; also, the Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia* Railroad Company; and the Bill explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign,

intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company," and have made amendments to each of the said Bills, which they submit for the concurrence of Your Honorable House.

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of Committee
on Railroads
and Telegraph
Lines.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick* and *Nova Scotia* Railroad Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Canada and
Nova Scotia
Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, relating to the Ordinance Lands at *Bytown*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordinance
Lands at By-
town.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Cemetery Company, be engrossed.

Montreal
Cemetery Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Quebec Dis-
trict Bank Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Laurin*, seconded by Mr. *Méthot*,
Ordered, That the Amendments made by the

Winter Roads
Bill.

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 of *Canada* heretofore *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Quebec*, the District of *Gaspé*, and that part of the District of *Three Rivers* which extends from the District of *Quebec* on the south of the River *St. Lawrence* to the Parish of *Nicolet*, and on the north of the said River to the Town of *Three Rivers*, exclusively," 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 30. Leave out "repealed" and insert "suspended for three years, and from thence until the end of the then next Session of the Provincial Parliament, and no longer."

Preamble, line 1. Leave out "amend" and insert "suspend for a time the operation of."

Preamble, line 3. Leave out from "in" to "Ordinances" in line 4, both inclusive, and insert "within."

Title, line 1. Leave out "repeal" and insert "suspend for a time."

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 Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Philadelphia* and *Huron* Mining Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Philadelphia
and Huron
Mining Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*, That under the direction of the Honorable the Speaker of this House, the Law Clerk be enjoined to translate into English, during the approaching recess, the text of the "*Coutume de Paris*," with a view to its being afterwards published in French and English in columns opposite to each

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other, with notes indicating the changes and modifications which may have been made since its introduction into this Country.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin*, Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cameron* of LANARK, *Chauveau, Conger, Cummings, Desautier, DeWitt, Dickson, Foster, Fournier, Guillet, Jessup, Jobin, La Fontaine, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Petrie, Price, Prince, Robinson, Rousseau, Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Webster, and Williams*.—(36.)

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Messieurs *Ermatinger, Hale, Lyon, and Viger*.—(4.)

So it was carried in the affirmative; and Resolved, Accordingly.

Crown, Clergy and School Lands.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, seconded by Mr. *Colville*, Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the then mode of disposing of the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands, presented to the House on the 7th March, 1845, be now read.

The said Report was read accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Report be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

Bill respecting Causes in formâ pauperis.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending causes *in formâ pauperis* before the Courts of Law in Lower Canada.

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

Lands for Mining purposes.

Resolved, That the Return to an Address of the 11th June last, for papers and documents relating to the granting of Lands for Mining purposes, laid before the House on the 21st instant, be referred to a Committee of seven Members, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Berthelot*, Mr. *Dickson*, Mr. *Hale*, the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, and Mr. *Williams* do compose the said Committee.

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

The Order of the Day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company, being read;

Mr. *Lantier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Armstrong*, That the said Bill and Report be now recommitted to a Committee of the whole House.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin*, Attorney General *Badgley, Baldwin*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cauchon, Cayley, Conger, Cummings, DeBleury, Desautier, Ermatinger, Fournier, Guillet, Jobin, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laterrière, Laurin, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Nelson, Powell, Petrie, Price, Robinson, Rousseau, Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Webster, and Wilson*.—(34.)

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Messieurs *Boulton, Colville, DeWitt, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, Jessup, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Macdonell* of DUNDAS, *Merritt, Prince, Smith* of FRONTENAC, and *Viger*.—(13.)

So it was carried in the affirmative.

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 further 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.

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and Lake Superior* Mining Association, being read;

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.

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.

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

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

Àâ horâ, P. M.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company, was read for the third time.

Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Colville* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the Ordinance therein mentioned incorporating the *Quebec* Library, was read for the third time.

Quebec Library Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chauveau* 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 remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending causes *in formâ pauperis* before the Courts of Law in Lower Canada, being read;

Bill respecting Causes in formâ pauperis.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Mining Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Canada Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Dry Dock Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and Lake Superior* Mining Association, being read;

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.

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 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.

Message from the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Registry Laws (U. C.) Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act to consolidate and amend the Registry Laws of that part of this Province which was formerly *Upper Canada*:'"

Gaspé Landholders Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Landholders in the District of *Gaspé*:"

Lands Partition Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the partition of lands, tenements, and hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*:"

Copyright Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Provincial Copyright Act to persons resident in the United Kingdom on certain conditions:"

Toronto Mechanics Institute Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Mechanics Institute of the City of *Toronto*:"

Rebellion Losses (U. C.) Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the issuing of Debentures to pay the balance due to claimants for losses during the Rebellion and Invasions in *Upper Canada*:"

Rivers and Rivulets Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend, explain, and continue an Act passed in the seventh year of the Reign of Her Majesty, intituled, 'An Act to prevent obstructions in Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada*:'"

Mrs. Vallières de St. Réal's Pension Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the subsistence of the Widow of the late Honorable *Joseph Remi Vallières de St. Réal*: And also,

Medical Faculty (L. C.) Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Quebec Bank Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas Road Company*," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

His Excellency appoints to be attended.

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Monday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Joint Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony; and that the Legislative Council have ordered that such Members as

are of the Executive Council do attend His Excellency at that time on the part of their House.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do attend His Excellency the Governor General on the part of this House, on Monday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, with the Address of both Houses on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony.

Messengers to attend His Excellency with Addresses.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*, was read for the third time.

Montreal Cemetery Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Quebec Bank Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank," 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 33. Leave out from "at" to "Charter" in line 34, both inclusive.

Press 1, line 38. After "each" insert "Provided always, that the said eight thousand shares shall be subscribed for within eighteen months, and be wholly paid up within three years from and after the passing of this Act."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The Honorable 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, dated the 7th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, copies of the Indictment preferred at the late Assizes held in and for the Western District, and the proceedings had thereon, against one *Martin R. White*, with the Judgment of the said Court upon the conviction of the said prisoner."

Martin R. White.

(For the said Return, see Appendix F. F. F.)

App. (F.F.F.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 21st ultimo, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, a Statement of the expenditure on the *Welland Canal* since the close of the first Session of the present Parliament, and what proportion thereof has been expended between Lock number 18 and *Port Dalhousie*, and at that Port, including the amount expended in excavating various cuts which were intended to let in the water from *Lake Erie*, progressed with to a certain extent, and then abandoned."

Welland Canal.

(For the said Return, see Appendix G. G. G.)

App. (G.G.G.)

Also, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 23rd ultimo, and praying that he will

Commissioners under the Quebec Relief Act.

Commissioners
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bec Relief Act.

cause to be laid before the House, "the Names of the Commissioners appointed under the 9 Victoria, cap. 62, the date of their appointment, a copy of the instructions given them by the Executive Government, and a copy of all correspondence between the Executive and the said Commissioners, and a copy of the Report of the said Commissioners (if they have made one) to the Executive Government; together with a copy of the general rules adopted by the said Commissioners for the distribution of the money mentioned in the said Act."

App. (H. H. H.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix H. H. H.)

Yonge Street
Road.

And also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 2d instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before them, "a Statement of the amount of the money allowed to the Toll-gate Keepers on *Yonge Street Road* for losses sustained by them in consequence of the breaking up of the Road at the northern end of it; and also, a copy of the Report or Statement of the late Commissioners of that Road made in the year 1845, in which their views respecting said loss, and the allowance to be made therefor, is set forth; and also, a Statement of the amount allowed to the said Toll-gate Keepers for losses sustained by them in consequence of the alteration in the rates of Toll, under the authority of the Board of Works Act; also, a Statement of the amount of gross and net revenue derived from the same for the years 1844 and 1845, while the same was under the management of the Commissioners, with a Statement of the gross and net revenue derived from the same for the years 1846 and 1847,—the said Road being, during that period, under the management of the Board of Works; also, a Statement of the amounts at which each Toll-gate on the said Road was let by the Commissioners prior to their being suspended, for the year 1846; and also, the amount for which the same were let under the direction of the Board of Works Act; and also, the costs of the first four miles of the *Yonge Street Road*, near *Lymburner's*, with a Statement of what the original contracts had been taken for."

App. (L. I. I.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix L. I. I.)

Municipal Au-
thorities
(L. C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities 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* of *Dundas* 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.

Census Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for taking the Census in *Canada*, and obtaining statistical information therein, being read; The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 second reading of the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Act for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws affecting Division Courts in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred the Report of the Compilers of the Indices to the Journals of the Houses of Assembly of *Upper and Lower Canada*, 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 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 instead of depositing a manuscript copy of the Indices in the Library of the House, according to the Resolution of 30th November, 1843, it is expedient that five hundred copies of each of the said Indices be printed for the use of the Members of this House.
2. Resolved, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to take such steps, during the ensuing recess, as he shall deem necessary, to procure manuscript copies of the missing Journals of the *Upper Canada* Legislature; and that all reasonable expenses to be incurred by him, in procuring the same, will be defrayed by this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Friends' Seminary in the Township of *Hallowell*, in the District of *Prince Edward*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Friends' Semi-
nary Bill.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until to-morrow, in their present order.

Orders defer-
red.

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

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Sabbati, 24° die Julii.

ANNO 10^o, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

10â horâ, A. M.

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

Petitions
brought up.

By Mr. *Petrie*,—The Petition of *William Edwards* and others, of the County of *Russell*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *George Silver* and others, of *Beamsville* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of *Robert Reid* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; and the Petition of *Frederick J. Cheslire*.

By Mr. *Dickson*,—The Petition of *George H. Ryland*, Esquire, Registrar of the County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*.—(Municipal Councils.)

Bill respecting Causes in forma pauperis.

An engrossed Bill to remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending causes *in forma pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Balwin*, seconded by Mr. *Price*,

Petition read.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Frederick J. Cheshire* be now read; and that the Rule of this House of the 28th June, 1841, be suspended as to the present Petition.

And the said Petition was read; complaining of injustice done to certain settlers on Indian Lands in the Township of *Tuscarora*, and praying relief.

Petitions read.

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

Of *David Marsh* and others, Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation of *Quebec*; and of the Reverend *James Drummond* and others, Members of the Congregational Denomination of *Quebec*; praying that the Bills introduced relative to the University of King's College may not be passed, but that the said University be open to all classes without restriction.

Of *A. Jeffrey* and others, of *Cobourg*, in the District of *Newcastle*; praying that the Bills relative to the University of King's College may not be passed, but that the question be postponed until the next Session.

Of *Colin C. Ferris*, Esquire, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Bill relative to the endowment of King's College may not pass into a Law.

Of the Honorable *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the Bill to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railroad Company may not pass into a Law.

Of the Municipal Council of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying that the Bill to incorporate the Village of *St. Hyacinthe* may not pass into a law until they have had an opportunity to examine the same, and to make their observations thereon.

Of *John Francis Muncey* and *John Fontana*, of the *Magdalen Islands*, in the District of *Gaspé*; representing that they expended a certain amount in relieving the distress of certain shipwrecked Emigrants cast upon their shores, and furnishing them with the means of travel, and praying indemnification.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying that certain more effectual measures may be adopted to prevent the spreading of disease among the Emigrants, and to protect the community from the consequences of the contagion.

Of *B. Pouliot*, junior, and others, of the County of *L'Islet*; praying the repeal of the Acts 8 *Vic.*, cap. 46, and 9 *Vic.* cap. 76, relating to the preservation of wild game.

Of *James Oliva* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, and other places in the County of *L'Islet*; praying the repeal of the Act for the preservation of wild game in the said County.

Of *Alfred N. Thompson* and others, of *Ting, Tay*, and other Townships; praying a further grant of money to complete the *Penetanguishine Road*.

Petition of F. J. Cheshire referred; and to be printed.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Frederick J. Cheshire* be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *F. J. Cheshire* and others, of the Township of *Tuscarora*, in the County of *Wentworth*.

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

Resolved, That the Petition of *Dugald Cameron*, of the Township of *Elmsley*, in the County of *Lanark*, be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Stewart* of *Prescott*, Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown*, 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.

Petition of D. Cameron referred.

Mr. *DeWitt*, 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:—

Second Report of Committee on Contingencies.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of Mrs. *Charlotte Frémont*, widow of the late *Jasper Brewer*, referred to them, and they respectfully express their regret that the nature of the application is such that they cannot recommend it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Your Committee have made their examination of the Account Current of the Clerk, comprising the various sums placed in his hands for the Contingent Expenses of Your Honorable House. The Account reaches from the 1st April, 1846, to the 1st June, 1847. Your Committee are satisfied that the expenditure is in accordance to the directions and with the wants of Your Honorable House.

The following is an abstract of the Account Current:—

Balance at last audit.....	£233	10	1½
Warrants.....	19,161	18	1
Fees on Private Bills.....	460	0	0
	£19,855	8	2½

Against which, vouchers have been laid before the Committee by the Clerk, for the expenditure of.....

19,648	19	7½
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Clerk on the 1st day of June, 1847, the date of the Account Current, of.....		
£206	8	7

Your Committee herewith append an Estimate of the amount of Contingencies required for the services of the present year, and would recommend that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the sum of Thirteen thousand five hundred and eight pounds eleven shillings and fivepence (£13,508 11s. 5d.) be advanced to the Clerk for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the said present year, and for which an humble Address to His Excellency has been prepared accordingly.

Estimate of Contingencies of the Legislative Assembly for the Third Session and Recess of the Second Parliament—including the Salaries and Allowances to Officers and Servants for the year ending 31st March, 1848; also for payment of Arrears beyond the Estimate of last Session:—

Salaries to the Officers of the House, including Pensions.....	£5215	0	0
Extra Writers during the Session.....	600	0	0
Messengers.....	600	0	0
Witnesses, and other expenses of Committees.....	250	0	0
Books, Maps, &c., for Library.....	1,500	0	0
Postage.....	1,500	0	0
Printing (including Sessional Papers) and Binding.....	7,500	0	0
Stationery, including Printing Paper..	1,200	0	0
Newspapers and Publishing.....	300	0	0
Tradespeople and others, including Light and Fuel.....	800	0	0

Carried forward.....£19,465 0 0

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Brought forward.....	£19,465	0	0
Insurance.....	50	0	0
Petty or Incidental Expenses.....	200	0	0
	£19,715	0	0
Balance in hands of Clerk at audit, of 2nd June, 1847.....	£206	8	7
Received by Address of present Session.....	5,000	0	0
Amount of Fees on Private Bills.....	1,000	0	0
	£6206	8	7
Required by Address.....	£13,508	11	5

Eleventh Report of Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Ermatinger*, 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; as followeth:—
Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the Town of *William Henry*, and have made certain amendments thereto, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Sixth Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; as followeth:—
Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have made amendments to each of them, to which they solicit the concurrence of Your Honorable House:—Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg* and *Grafton* Road Company; Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Road Company; Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetsville* Plank Road Company.

Seventh Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; as followeth:—
Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke* and *Mono* Sixth Line Road Company, and have agreed to report the same without amendment.
They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* and *Markham* Plank Road Company, and have made amendments thereto, which they submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Eighth Report of Committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. *Armstrong*, from the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; as followeth:—
Your Committee have examined the Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the Island of *St. Helens* and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids; and, from the evidence they have had before them, are satisfied that a drawbridge for admitting the passage of vessels is not a necessary appendage to the said Bridge, inasmuch as all vessels passing down the River are able to pass down through the *Lachine* Canal, which is always open during the season of navigation; and they have inserted a provision in the Bill, requiring that the arches over the channel of the River shall be two in number, of not less than four hundred feet span, and the remaining arches to be not less than two hundred feet; which amendment they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Report on Petition of T. Morgan and others.

Mr. *Conger*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *Thomas Morgan* and others, of the Province of *Canada*, presented to the

House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; as followeth:—
Your Committee find that the Petition sets forth, that the practice of Medicine on the Thompsonian or Botanic system is based on scientific principles and a proper education, and prays that some method should be adopted for the examination of such persons as profess this system, and that in passing such examination they should obtain a license and other privileges similar to other Physicians.

Report on Petition of T. Morgan and others.

Mr. *Merritt*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table; as followeth:—

Ninth Report of Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines.

The importance of affording effectual aid for the formation of Railroads throughout this Province, has engaged the serious attention of your Committee: they have examined the Report made by a Select Committee in the first Session of the present Parliament, on the subject of the management of the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands, (which was referred to them by Your Honorable House,) and they find therein a general statement of the quantity of land constituting the public domain in this Province, as well as the value thereof, furnished by the late Surveyor-General, from which it appears that there remains on hand, of surveyed lands,—

IN UPPER CANADA.			
1,400,000 acres, at 4s.....	£280,000	0	0
Amount due for Scrip sold....	30,000	0	0
	£310,000	0	0
1,421,440 acres north of <i>Huron</i> tract, not surveyed, at 7s. 6d....	533,040	0	0
7,697,920 acres north of <i>Colborne</i> , <i>Victoria</i> , <i>Midland</i> , <i>Bathurst</i> and <i>Dalhousie</i> Districts, at 2s. 6d....	962,240	0	0
10,519,360 acres, (After deducting 4,472,960 acres as bad land.)	£1,805,280	0	0
IN LOWER CANADA.			
3,314,707 acres, surveyed at 2s. 6d.	414,338	7	6
8,500,000 acres unsurveyed, in rear of Seigniories, at 2s. 6d....	1,062,500	0	0
6,000,000 acres northeast of the District of <i>Quebec</i> , at 3s.....	900,000	0	0
750,000 acres southeast of <i>St. Francis</i> , and part of <i>Quebec</i> , at 4s....	150,000	0	0
(After deducting 592,293 acres as bad land.)			
29,084,067 acres in all, making a Total of.....	£4,432,118	7	6

This capital it is proposed shall be inalienably appropriated for the support of Common Schools and Township Libraries.

It is further proposed to borrow from *Great Britain*, on the credit of this capital, £2,500,000, at an interest of five per cent. (equal to £125,000 per annum,) to be repaid out of the sales of this land only. To secure the avails, it must be sold to private Companies in blocks; or, if disposed of to individuals, in smaller quantities. The expense of such sales should not exceed 6 per cent. on the purchase money; and, as the proceeds of these sales are realized from time to time, the amount of the loan above alluded to should be paid off.

The money thus borrowed, it is proposed to loan for the purpose of constructing Railroads or other improvements in different parts of the Province, and the employment of Emigrants thereon as they arrive; as for instance, the following, viz. :—

1. *Halifax* to *Quebec*.
2. *Quebec* to *Montreal*.
3. *Portland* to *Montreal*.
4. *Montreal* to *Kingston*.

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- 5. Kingston to Toronto.
- 6. Toronto to Hamilton.
- 7. The Great Western.
- 8. The Toronto and Goderich,

or any other Railroad or other public improvement that may hereafter be chartered or determined upon, upon the following conditions:—

As soon as a Company for constructing any one of these Railroads or other improvements is regularly organized, and an instalment of ten per cent. has been paid in, a sum equal to the amount of such instalment to be loaned from this School Fund; the interest payable half-yearly for the benefit of the Fund.

This method would secure to the Province and the Mother Country the following advantages:—

1st. The only capital a new country possesses is land, which has heretofore, so far as this Province is concerned, been squandered without a single pound having been paid into the Revenue; this property will be converted into Railroads, and the proceeds be made available.

2nd. The proceeds will form a sufficient fund to pay competent Teachers, diffuse education to the remotest part of the Province, place it within the reach of every man, and form an entire different class or race of men in the next generation.

3rd. Borrowing £2,500,000 from Great Britain, on the security of the capital, will ensure the employment of Emigrants on Public Works without any outlay or cost to the Mother Country, who are secured by this land, from sales of which the interest, and eventually the principal, is to be repaid without any charge on the Provincial Treasury. These works will be under the management of private Companies, thus relieving the Imperial or the Provincial Government from the expense of managing the same.

4th. Loaning the money thus borrowed, to Railroad or other Companies, will ensure better management of those works than if they were in the hands of Government Agents. Restricting the advance to an amount equal to the sum paid in, will secure the capital, as works will be commenced by individuals who embark their own money, without a prospect of repayment: and those roads, with this encouragement, will be brought into operation at the earliest possible period, without the risk of a total waste of capital by expending it on unproductive works; and the use of this capital will be opened alike to all parts of the Province.

5th. In a word, it would ensure a fund for Education and Libraries, a fund for construction of Railroads or other improvements, and secures employment to Emigrants in the most economical method, without wasting the capital of the Mother Country or the Colony.

The Toronto and Golerich Railroad Company, now applying for an Act of Incorporation, proposes to construct a Railroad through a large portion of the Crown Domain lying to the west of the Home District, and to purchase lands for the width of five miles along the line of road. By the appropriation of 400,000 acres of these lands, as estimated in the Report of the Select Committee of 1845, the enhanced value of the residue created by the construction of this road would very materially increase the fund to be derived from these lands, as well as facilitate the settlement of that part of the Province. The quantity of land in this tract is estimated at 1,844,200 acres, valued at 7s. 6d. per acre, or £691,575; and your Committee are of opinion, that 400,000 acres of these lands next adjoining the 400,000 acres assumed, for the purposes of this calculation, to be set apart for the above Company, would, upon the construction of the road in question, bring 20s. per acre,

or.....	£400,000
And that the residue of this block, or 1,044,200 acres, would in like manner bring 15s. per acre, equal to.....	783,150
Which, with 400,000 assumed to be set apart, at 7s. 6d.....	150,000

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Would shew the value of the Public Domain, west of the Home District, to be £1,333,150 Shewing an increase in value, over the estimate of 7s. 6d. per acre, of..... £641,575

Your Committee are also of opinion that the increased facilities for settling this portion of the Province, which the construction of the above road would present, would enable the whole of this block to be sold within a few years; and that thus, out of this portion of the Public Domain alone, the greater part of the loan of £2,500,000 proposed to be effected, could be liquidated.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company be engrossed.

Etobicoke and Mono Road Bill.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report made by the Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada, upon Public Elementary Instruction, and the Report on the means which have been taken to establish a Normal School for Upper Canada, be printed in Pamphlet form, for general distribution.

Elementary Instruction and Normal School (U. C.)

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron,

Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations," 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 18. After "Act" insert "Provided always that the Seigniorship of Sorel shall be expressly excepted from the provisions and operations of this Act."

Press 2, line 46. After "Quebec," insert "or in."

Press 2, line 47. Leave out from "or" to "Henry" both inclusive.

Press 3, line 30. After "Quebec" insert "or"
Press 3, line 30. Leave out from "or" to "Henry" in line 31, both inclusive.

Press 3, line 32. After "Quebec" insert "or."
Press 3, line 32. Leave out from "or" to "Henry" in line 33, both inclusive.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron, That this House doth concur in the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill.

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.

Messieurs Attorney General Badgley, Boulton, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Cummings, Drummond, Duggan, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Lantier, Macdonald of Kingston, Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Robinson, Sherwood of Brockville, Stewart of Prescott, Viger, and Woods.—(21.)

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill.

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Cameron* of LANARK, *Chauveau, Conger, DeWitt, Dickson, Ermatinger, Fournier, Guillet, Jessup, Jobin, LaFontaine, Laurin, Lemieux, LeMoine, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Méthot, Moffatt, Morin, Powell, Price, Rousseau, Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Webster, and Williams*.—(31.)

So it passed in the negative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Viger*, Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Lower Canada, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein," 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 5, line 7. After "qualification" insert Clause (A.)

Clause (A.) "Provided always, and be it enacted, That every person who has obtained, or may hereafter obtain, a Medical Degree or Diploma in any University or College in Her Majesty's Dominions, shall be entitled to such certificate without examination as to his qualification."

Press 5, line 36. After "practise," insert "Provided always, that such rules shall not be contrary to the provisions of this Act."

Press 5, line 42. Leave out from "Provided" to "license" in line 45, both inclusive.

Press 6, line 7. Leave out "Chairman" and insert "President."

Press 6, ult. Leave out from "or" to "language" in Press 7, line 1, both inclusive.

Press 7, line 18. Leave out "Chairman" and insert "President."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Perth Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of *Perth*, to sell and convey a portion of a certain piece of land now holden by them, be engrossed.

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering and Markham* Plank Road Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Streetsville Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetsville* Plank Road Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Cobourg and Port Hope* Road Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Bill explanatory of an Act to amend the

Ordered, That the Bill explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act

"passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City of "Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company,"' as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Act.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg and Grafton* Road Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Drummond*, That the Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the Island of *St. Helens* and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids, as reported by the Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, this day.

St. Lawrence Bridge Bill.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Ermatinger*, That the words "this day," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "on Monday next."

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

Ordered, Accordingly.

Ordered, That the Return to the Address of this House, on the subject of the Tolls imposed at *Windsor Harbour*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Windsor Harbour.

Ordered, That the Bill for incorporating *Henry John Boulton*, Esquire, and others, under the name and style of the *Toronto and Goderich* Railroad Company, as reported by the Standing Committee on Railroads and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Town of *William Henry*, as reported by the Standing Committee on Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

William Henry Incorporation Bill.

On motion of Mr. *Webster*, seconded by Mr. *Stewart of Prescott*,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Dundas* Road Company," be now taken into consideration.

Guelph and Dundas Road Bill.

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

And the said Amendments were read; and are as followeth:—

Press 1, line 6. Leave out from "*Waterloo*," to "and" in line 7.

Press 1, line 18. After "that" insert *James B. Morden, Walter Colclough, John Weir, William Miller*, (of West *Flamborough*,) *William M'Kindlay* " (of the same place.)"

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of three Members, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, and Mr. *Christie*, be appointed to draw up Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council at a Conference, for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common socage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations."

Offices of the House.

Mr. *Christie* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Christie*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Williams*, Mr. *Gowan*, and Mr. *Rousseau*, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the state of the offices of this House, the attendance and diligence of the several Clerks and Writers therein, particularly during the last Recess, and whether the Order of this House of the fifth of June, 1846, which requires that all the officers of the House, (including the Clerk and Clerk Assistant) are to complete and finish the whole of the work and business of the year, and that the labors of the Recess shall, as nearly as possible, be by the Clerk, so divided among the proper officers under him, as to ensure their performance in due time, has been complied with, and if not, the reason of the non-compliance therewith; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Resolved, Accordingly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for amending the Common School Act 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:—

Press 2, line 5. After "*pro tempore*" insert "and provided further, that the Chairmen and Members of such Boards of Trustees shall perform their duties as such gratuitously."

Press 2, line 15. After "Treasurer" insert "Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend or be construed to extend to monies so raised or granted for Common School purposes during the current year."

Press 2, line 31. After "situated" insert "and provided also, that all lands, houses, tenements, and property of every description, now vested in the District Council of any District, for the purposes of a model School within any such City or incorporated Town, shall remain vested in such District Council."

Press 2, line 37. After "whatsoever" insert "and which may be vested in the Corporation of such City or the Board of Police of such Town, under the provisions of this Act."

Press 4, line 33. Leave out from "notwithstanding" to "and" in line 44.

Press 5, line 6. Leave out from "Council" to "and" in line 19.

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

School Act Amendment Bill, (U. C.)

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee to which were referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1846, to make a Special Report on the payments therein stated to be made to the late Adjutant General of Militia for *Lower Canada*, and the late Adjutant General for *Upper Canada*.

Adjutants General of Militia.

Mr. *Stewart of Bytown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cameron of Lanark*, That this House doth concur in the Report of the Select Committee to which was referred *Thomas C. Keefer's* Report, and accompanying Documents, relating to the *Bytown* and *Hatfield Road*.

Bytown and Hatfield Road.

Mr. *Petrie* 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 Report of the Select Committee to which was referred *Thomas C. Keefer's* Report, and accompanying Documents, relating to the *Bytown* and *Hatfield Road*, be now committed to a Committee of the whole House."

The question having been put upon 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.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. *Monro* 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:—

Message from the Council.

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz.:

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for granting relief to the sufferers by the Fires at *Quebec*:"

Quebec Debentures Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to appropriate the sums therein mentioned, to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and certain other Expenses not otherwise provided for:"

Supply Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive and extend the Act for incorporating the *Humber* Harbour and Road Company:"

Humber Harbour and Road Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant, and for other purposes therein mentioned:" And also,

Master and Servant Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Seamen's Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Prescott*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Prescott Incorporation Bill.

And then he withdrew.

Orders deferred.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the Day be postponed until Monday next, in their present order.

Then, on motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Lantier,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Lunæ, 26° die Julii.

ANNO 11° , VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

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Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. Cummings,—The Petition of William Lowell and others, of Drummondville and neighborhood.

By Mr. Sherwood of Brockville,—The Petition of Thomas Johnson and John Miller, School Trustees of the Township of Chinguacousy.

Perth Calvinistic Baptist Church Bill.

An engrossed Bill to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church of Perth, to sell and convey a portion of a certain piece of land now holden by them, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
“ An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of Perth, to sell and convey certain portions of the land now holden by them.”

Ordered, That Mr. Cameron of Lanark do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Etobicoke and Mono Road Bill

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Etobicoke and Mono Sixth Line Road Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Duggan do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Association, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine 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 William Edwards and others, of the County of Russell, and of George Silver and others, of Beamsville and its vicinity; praying that the proposed Bills respecting the University of King's College may not pass—that theological education be excluded from the said University, and that it may be open to all classes without restriction.

Of Robert Reid and others, of the City of Kingston; praying that the proposed Bill to divide the endowment of the University of King's College may not pass, and that no partition be made of the said endowment among any religious bodies.

Of George H. Ryland, Esquire, Registrar of the County of Montreal; representing the imperfect state of the archives and books of the said Office, and praying that measures may be adopted to protect the public from the consequences thereof.

Of the Municipal Council of the Parish of St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet; praying the continuance of the present Law respecting Municipal Councils, and that the proposed Bill to amend the same be rejected.

On motion of Mr. Gowan, seconded by Mr. Hale, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications between J. W. Dunscomb, Esquire, Comptroller of Customs, and Captain Vidal, Collector at Port Sarnia, in Upper Canada, on the subject of the importation of a cargo of Wheat to be ground in bond, (after the passing of the Act providing for the same, and previously to the Law coming into operation,) belonging to Malcolm Cameron, Esquire, a Merchant of Port Sarnia, and a Member of this Honorable House; and also praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications between the Government and John Cameron, Esquire, late Collector at the Port of Rivière aux Raisins, (Lancaster,) on the subject of the necessity of his residing at his Post, and his removal from office.

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

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Council at a Conference, for disagreeing to the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations,” reported that the Committee had drawn up Reasons, accordingly; which Reasons were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House; and are as followeth:—

1st. Because all Seigniories in Lower Canada, and especially lands held *en roture* of the Crown, are included within the operation of the Imperial Statute 3 Geo. 4, c. 119, which was the spontaneous Act of the Imperial Legislature, and to which this Act is merely supplementary, and under the provisions of which numerous commutations have already been made.

2nd. Because the exemption of the Seignior of Sorel, held by the Ordnance Department, as a branch of Her Majesty's service, and thereby virtually appertaining to the Crown, would work injustice to the tenants therein, as compared with those of other Seigniories in the Queen's Domain, by preventing commutation of their feudal charges upon their property, and obviously opposed to the spirit and letter of the Imperial Statute which is applicable to Seigniorial property generally in Lower Canada, and would moreover have an injurious tendency in delaying the several commutations of Feudal and Seigniorial tenure within this Province.

Resolved, That a Conference be desired with the Honorable the Legislative Council, for the purpose of communicating to them the Reasons which induced this House not to concur in the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations.”

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

Mr. Macdonell of Dundas, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal the Acts there-

Address respecting the Collectors at Ports Sarnia and Rivière aux Raisins.

Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

Municipal Authorities (L. C.) Bill.

Municipal
Authorities
(L. C.) Bill.

in mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and 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.

Census Bill.

Mr. *Méthot*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for taking the Census in *Canada*, and obtaining statistical information 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.

An engrossed Bill for taking the Census in *Canada*, and obtaining statistical information therein, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be,
"An Act for taking the Census of this Province
and obtaining statistical information therein."

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

Niagara
Marine Insur-
ance Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Marine Insurance Company in the District of *Niagara*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Canada As-
surance Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a new Assurance Company, under the name of the Assurance Company of the Province of *Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Witnesses At-
tendance Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for enforcing the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

P. Vieau and
others' Bridge
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize *Pierre Vieau, Louis Lachaise* and *Joseph Brien dit Desrochers* to build a Toll bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Parish of *La Visitation* and *Isle Jésus*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, 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* of *Stormont* 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.

Montreal Min-
ing Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*, 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.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *British North American Mining Company*, being read;

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 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 on the Bill to incorporate the *Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Company*, 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 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 Bill to authorize *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the *River des Prairies*, in the District of *Montreal*, and to fix the rate of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, 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 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, intitled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of

"*St. Peters Church* at *Brockville*, to sell a certain lot of land therein mentioned, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a Parsonage House for the Minister of such Church, on a lot to be hereafter conveyed to the Bishop of *Toronto* for that purpose," being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read.

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 Mr. *Gowan* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same without any Amendment.

Montreal
Mining Bill.

British North
American
Mining Bill.

Lake Huron
Silver and
Copper Mining
Bill.

Lachapelle's
Bridge Bill.

Brockville
Parsonage
Bill.

Peel District Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to erect a new District, to be called the District of *Peel*, from certain parts of the Districts of *Huron* and *Wellington*, in the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

King's College Charter Bill.

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 discharged.

The University Endowment Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate "The University Endowment Board" and to vest certain Estates therein, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Grammar Schools (U.C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws relating to Grammar Schools in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Lock-up Houses Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

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

Grenville District Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to divide the *Johnstown* District, and to erect the County of *Grenville* into a new District, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Surveyors Bill, (L. C.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Province Line Junction* Railroad Company, 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.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

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

The House adjourned until four o'clock P. M.

4^a horá, P.M.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, 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, 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 regulate the construction of, and to protect from injury, *Electro Magnetic Telegraphs* throughout this Province, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Wilson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and 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 the *Montreal* Telegraph Company, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Macdonald* of *Glengary* 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 on the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Brantford*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Powell* 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.

Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs Bill.

Montreal Telegraph Bill.

Brantford Incorporation Bill.

Message from
the Council.

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, viz:—

Lower Canada
Agricultural
Society Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lower Canada Agricultural Society*:"

Port Credit
and Huron-
tario Road Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Port Credit and Hurontario Plank Road Company*:"

Bathurst
School Money
Bill for 1845.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the payment of School Money to the Teachers of the *Bathurst District* for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, notwithstanding that there was no assessment for Schools in that District in the said year:"

Agricultural
Association
(U. C.) Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the *Agricultural Association of Upper Canada*:"

British Ame-
rican Land
Company Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the proof of the Charter and Act of incorporation of the *British American Land Company*:"

Osgoode Side
Lines Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare the mode in which the side lines of the Lots in the Township of *Osgoode*, in the County of *Carleton*, shall be run:"

Judgment
Debtors Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law of Imprisonment for Debt in *Upper Canada*:"

British North
American
Telegraph Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *British North American Telegraph Association*:" And also,

Montreal
Cemetery Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal Cemetery Company*," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Bytown and
Britannia
Railroad Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Bytown and Britannia Railway Company*," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Carillon and
Grenville Rail-
road Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Carillon and Grenville Railway Company*," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Jurors Bill,
(L. C.)

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*:" with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill.

The Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired on the subject matter of their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations," and acquaint this House that the Managers on the part of their House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Sullivan* and *Neilson*, who are to meet the number of Managers required by Parliamentary usage, presently, in the Committee Room of the Legislative Council.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That four Managers be appointed to meet the Managers appointed by the Honorable the Legislative Council, at the time and place appointed for the holding of the Conference desired upon the Amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutations of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*, the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and Mr. *Christie*, be appointed Managers on the part of this House. Then the Managers went to the Conference; and being returned:—

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* reported, That the Managers had been at the Conference, and had delivered the Reasons for disagreeing to the said Amendments; and had left the Bill and Amendments with their Honors.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following letter:—

Civil Secretary's Office,
Montreal, 26th July, 1847.

Sir,

I am commanded by the Governor General to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention, should the state of the public business allow it, to prorogue the Provincial Legislature on Wednesday next, the 28th instant, at four o'clock.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient humble servant,
T. E. CAMPBELL, Major,
Civil Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Mining Company*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* 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 extend and increase the Representation of the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly, 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 the village of *St. Hyacinthe*, 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 secure titles to real estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, of the 1 *Will* 4, cap. 53, 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 supply proof of Title to the Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and for certain other purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West* not specially incorporated, being read;

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.

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill.

His Excellency
intends to pro-
rogue the Le-
gislation.

Montreal
Mining Bill.

Representation
Bill.

St. Hyacinthe
Incorporation
Bill.

Aliens Titles
Bill.

Etchemin
Bridge Bill.

Towns and
Villages Bill.

Message from
the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council do not insist on their Amendments made to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations," to which this House disagree. And then he withdrew.

Queen's Do-
main Lands
Commutation
Bill.

Answer to an
Address.

The Honorable 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 Navigation Laws, in so far as they relate to or affect this Colony; and that His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he would transmit the Address to Her Majesty to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Beecher's Let-
ters Patent
Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher* for an improved Bark Mill, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Emigrants.

The Honorable 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, dated the 19th instant, "representing to His Excellency the "alarming extent to which contagious fever unhappily "prevails at the Emigrant Sheds erected at the mouth "of the *Lachine* Canal, and among the Emigrants "arriving from below and congregating there; that "the situation chosen for said sheds, and more especially *Windmill Point*, is, in the opinion of the "House, unsuitable and inconvenient for the reception and proper treatment of the Emigrants while "the existence of contagious disease in the immediate vicinity of the principal business thoroughfare of "the City—the daily and unavoidable resort of a large "portion of the inhabitants thereof, is attended with "imminent danger to the citizens at large, and is "exciting great uneasiness and apprehension in the "community; and praying that His Excellency will "be pleased to cause measures to be promptly taken "in order to provide a Station at some place below "the City, more easy of access, and in other respects "better suited than the locality in question, for the "purposes of a depôt for Emigrants, and thereby "allay the existing fear of contagion;" which Return is as followeth:—

The Governor General informs the Legislative Assembly, in answer to their Address of the 19th July, on the subject of the sick Emigrants, that those who have been detained by sickness at the Sheds referred to, will be removed from thence, and instructions have been given to discontinue the occupation of the Sheds at *Windmill Point*, near the entrance of the *Lachine* Canal. With regard to the concluding paragraph of the Address, referring to the establishment of another Quarantine station at some place be-

low *Montreal*, the Governor General transmits the accompanying Reports from the Emigrant Commission and the Medical Board, from which it is apparent that such a course cannot be adopted this season, with advantage to the public welfare.

By command,

D. DALY,

Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
26th day of July, 1847.

The Emigrant Commissioners have the honor to report, as follows:—

This Commission entered upon its duties at a moment of much excitement, when the progress of disease amongst the Emigrant population arriving at the Sheds and through this City had caused general apprehension.

It was also a time of great confusion, owing to the recent death of the Emigrant Agent for this Port, and the sickness of several persons in charge, including the chief Emigrant Physician.

Under these circumstances, the Commissioners were authorized to receive the Reports of the authorities at the sheds, together with that of the visitor appointed at the same time with themselves, and from these Reports, to ascertain what further arrangements it might be necessary to make.

The Commissioners were not authorized to remove the Emigrant depôt from *Montreal* altogether; on the contrary, that question seemed to them to have been decided by Government, by the act of acquiring some acres of land on *Point St. Charles* for Hospitals, just before the Commissioners were appointed.

Nevertheless, as the removal of the Emigrant depôt to an Island below the City, was brought prominently before the Commissioners by a memorial addressed to His Excellency the Governor General, and by him transmitted to the Commissioners, that question was the first that engaged their attention, and had they deemed the adoption of such a plan requisite, or even advisable, they would not have failed to recommend it before taking any other step. After careful investigation, however, and acting under a deep sense of responsibility, that plan was given up as impracticable under the circumstances, and it was decided to endeavor to secure all its advantages, without any of its drawbacks, near the City.

As this decision has given great dissatisfaction, the Commissioners may be permitted briefly to allude to some of the reasons for adopting it:—

1st. The necessity for new arrangements upon an extensive scale was most pressing, but it appeared to the Commissioners futile to undertake these arrangements in time, on an Island to which all the materials and workmen must be transported as required.

2nd. To land Emigrants on an Island below *Montreal* would not, after all, have secured the resident population from contact with them—they must still pass through the City.

If brought up by a Steamboat to be shipped at the Canal, there must be a shipping place with a shed upon it, the same as at present. If barges are to be towed to and from the Island in order to ship Emigrants there, the difficulty and delay would, the Commissioners are convinced, prove most formidable and injurious, without speaking of a very greatly increased expense both to the Emigrants who pay their own way, and to the Government. Indeed, from the difficulties continually occurring in procuring barges on the spot, the Commissioners believe that any plan which should depend upon sending down barges to an Island below the current, would turn out nearly impracticable.

In ordinary years, three-fourths of the Emigrants select and pay for their own conveyances, and pur-

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chase their own provisions; and even this year, more than half the emigration is thus circumstanced.

Should these fellow-subjects, whose coming among us is profitable to all concerned, be detained upon an Island, they would be almost forced to become dependent upon Government, by putting it out of their power to make arrangements for themselves; the only way of avoiding this would be to provide shops on the Island to supply them with requisite stores, or to allow them to land at *Montreal*, to make their own purchases and arrangements. The first alternative would be, in reality, to send down a part of the City to them, and the second would be to leave them to scatter among the Citizens as heretofore—in neither way avoiding the risk of contagion.

It may be added, that a considerable number of the Emigrants have legitimate business in *Montreal*, so that there must, under any circumstances, be a continued intermixing of Emigrants with the Citizens, unless the former are to be treated in the most despotic manner; and even upon an Island, without a strong force and strenuous coercion, Emigrants would always be escaping to the mainland, and straggling through the agricultural population into the City. How far such coercion would be legal is another question.

These, and many other considerations convinced the Commissioners, that complete isolation was impracticable, and they were and continue to be persuaded that partial isolation, such as the nature of the case alone demands or will permit, is attainable near the City by the following simple and economical plan, which was the first resolved upon by the Commissioners, and which they are more and more convinced is the best under the circumstances:—

1st. Instead of landing Emigrants on our wharves, the lowest and most confined part of the Town, where they are exposed to contact with the Citizens, and to the snares of evil disposed persons, and whence they have a mile of cartage through the City and Suburbs, in order to reach the Emigrant Sheds, they are now to be landed at the mouth of the Canal, on the side furthest from the City, (*Windmill Point*), and there embark in barges for *Canada West*, without any cartage, and without the necessity of entering the City at all. In order that this place of transshipment may be even more isolated than it is at present, a strong paling is to be put round it, with policemen stationed at the gates to prevent the ingress to the City of baggage, bedding, &c., as well as of Emigrants, except those who are clean and healthy. The point in question is to be merely a landing and shipping place, with a shelter of boards to protect the Emigrants from the weather, for the few hours they may be detained on it.

2nd. The sick will be separated at landing, and sent direct to the spacious and airy Hospitals, now nearly completed, on *Point St. Charles*, and a Medical man is to be constantly in attendance at the landing place, in case any should become sick, previous to their re-embarkation for *Canada West*—the said Physician to see that those sent forward are healthy and not over crowded.

3rd. Such Emigrants as are obliged to wait for their sick relations, are to be sent at once to the best of the Sheds, beyond *Wellington Bridge*, there to be registered and kept, so long as is absolutely necessary, and no longer.

By these means the landing place at *Windmill Point* will doubtless be clear every day, perfect order will be introduced into the Sheds, where some portion of the Emigration must remain for a time, and the Hospitals will be entirely separated from both places, as well as from all resort of the Citizens.

The only obstacle to this plan is the present necessity of landing Emigrants at the *Windmill Point*

in scows; but even if this difficulty continue, it would be little compared with the mile of cartage heretofore rendered necessary. The Commissioners submit, however, that as the stream of Emigration is likely to be permanent; a permanent wharf might with great advantage be thrown out from that point into the deep water, to be entirely appropriated to Emigrants.

The Commissioners do not think themselves called upon to discuss the capabilities of the several Islands recommended for the transshipment of Emigrants, inasmuch as they have not the precise description of these Islands before them, and they deem all of them, unless it be *St. Helen's Island*, unsuitable on account of their partially swampy character and distance from the City.

(Signed,) JNO. E. MILLS,
Mayor.

Chairman Emigrant Commissioners.

Montreal, 24th July, 1847.

The Medical Commissioners, firm in the belief of the correctness of the views under which they entered upon their charge of the sick Emigrants at the Sheds, and supported by the concurrent testimony of the most able and enlightened members of the Medical Profession whose attention has been, like their own, directed to the investigation of the nature of the disease which has recently been introduced into this Continent, in addition to the reasons already expressed by them, beg leave to report:—

1. That they unhesitatingly offer as their opinion, that the lives of a large number out of the sixteen hundred now sick at the Sheds would be jeopardized, if not actually sacrificed, by any attempt to remove them to any distance from their present position: such being the case, even were a second establishment erected upon one of the Islands contemplated, the City of *Montreal* would still be exposed to all the evils, real or imaginary, by having upwards of one thousand fever cases in its immediate vicinity, in the Sheds at present occupied by them; and where sufficient accommodation, free ventilation, and proper attention to the management of such cases are utterly impossible.

2. That the new Hospitals at *Point St. Charles* are now nearly completed, and that in two or three days, such of the sick as can be removed without danger to themselves, will be carefully transported to them. The situation and construction of these, are admirably adapted for the treatment of such diseases, and the perfect isolation of their inmates.

3. That they confidently state that the distance of these Hospitals from the City, the constantly changing currents of air caused by the Rapids in their front, and the prevailing winds, totally preclude the possibility of contagion being wafted to the City; in which opinion they are fully borne out by the elaborate Report of the Academy of Medicine of *New York*, and the universal opinions of all the professional men who have visited the new Hospitals.

4. That the Medical Commissioners, although most efficiently supported by the Engineer of the Board of Works, with all the mechanics which the City could furnish, have found it impossible to complete the present arrangements on *Point St. Charles* in a fortnight; and, judging from the difficulties which they have had to contend against even in the immediate vicinity of the City, in providing sufficient accommodation for the sick alone, may safely assume that more than a month must elapse before the necessary Hospitals and Sheds for the sick and healthy could be erected on any Island at a distance.

5. That they are not aware of any instances in which the disease has originated except from direct communication with Emigrants; nor, on any occasion has fever so contracted been communicated to a third

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party, where the position of the patient has been such as to enable attention to be paid to personal cleanliness and ventilation.

6. That from their own experience, and that of many of their professional friends, they have every reason to believe that the disease is on the decline in the City, very few new cases having recently occurred; the fears of the citizens (either real or induced) at present preventing them from imprudently exposing themselves to contagion in the Sheds, as they were too much in the habit of doing a few weeks ago, especially on the Sundays.

7. That with a view to eradicate the disease out of the City, the Commissioners would suggest the propriety of appropriating exclusively for the reception of fever cases from among the citizens, one of the Hospitals now erected upon *Point St. Charles*.

8. That the Commissioners anticipating the probability of many of the Emigrants being detained until a period of the year when their transportation would be impossible, owing to the severity of their attack, and the tediousness of their convalescence, and feeling that provision must be made for their accommodation and maintenance during the winter, are convinced that the difficulties of accomplishing these objects would be much increased by placing them at a distance from the City, and in an insular situation; whereas the present erections are of such a substantial nature, that with very trifling additional expense, they can be readily converted into comfortable winter residences.

9. In conclusion, the Medical Commissioners beg leave in the strongest terms to deny the correctness of the comparisons attempted to be made in reference to the mortalities of the present and past season; it being an acknowledged fact among the Medical Practitioners of this City, and one of which the Commissioners had reason to be especially cognizant, that the months of June, July, and August, 1846, were extraordinarily healthy months, whereas the same months of the preceding year (1845) were extremely unhealthy; they conceive that the increased mortality of the present season is referable, not to the introduction of this peculiar fever among Emigrants solely, but to the favouring condition of the atmosphere to the greater prevalence and severity of the infantile diseases usual at this period of the year, and to the influence produced upon the minds of many by the excitement of exaggerated, if not ill-founded apprehensions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) M. M'CUCCLOCH, M.D.
 JAS. CRAWFORD, M.D.
 FRANCIS BADGLEY, M.D.
 GEO. W. CAMPBELL, M.D.
 WFD. NELSON, Ph. & Surgeon.

Montreal, 24th July, 1847.

Honorable P. M'Gill's house.

And also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 14th instant, "praying for copies of all documents relating to the purchase of the Honorable *Peter M'Gill's* house at present occupied by "the Crown Lands Department."

App. (J. J. J.)

(For the said Return, see Appendix J. J. J.)

Municipal Authorities (L. C.) Bill.

An engrossed Bill to repeal the Acts therein mentioned, and to amend the Law for the establishment of Local and Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities 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.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, *Boulton*, *Boutillier*, Solicitor General *Cameron*, *Cayley*, *Christie*, *Conger*, *Cummings*, *Daly*, *DeBleury*, *Ermatinger*, *Foster*, *Gowan*, *Hale*, *Jessup*, *Macdonald* of *KINGSTON*, *Moffatt*, *Monro*, *Morin*, *Papineau*, *Petrie*, *Robinson*, *Sherwood* of *BROCKVILLE*, Attorney General *Sherwood*, *Stewart* of *BYTOWN*, *Webster*, *Wilson*, and *Woods*.—(28.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Baldwin*, *Berthelot*, *Cameron* of *LANARK*, *Chauveau*, *DeWitt*, *Fournier*, *Guillet*, *LaFontaine*, *Laurin*, *Leslie*, *Macdonell* of *STORMONT*, *Merritt*, *Nelson*, *Scott*, and *Viger*.—(15.)

So it was carried in the affirmative; and Resolved, Accordingly.

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

Municipal Authorities (L. C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Arthur Road* Company, being read;

Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.

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 the Act of incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

London Incorporation Bill.

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 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 incorporate the managers of "the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund of "the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* "in connection with the Church of *Scotland*," being read;

Widows and Orphans' Fund (Presbyterian) Bill.

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to form General Partnerships for Manufacturing and other purposes, being read;

General Partnerships Bill.

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.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to continue and amend the Ordinance establishing Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Registry Offices (L. C.) Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Montreal
Court House
Bill

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to erect a Court House in *Montreal*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

L'Islet Regis-
try Office Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBligny* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Bill relating to
the Insane and
Destitute.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to transfer power vested in Justices of the Peace in General Quarter Sessions for the support of Insane and Destitute, to the respective District Councils, in that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*, being read;

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.

Quebec Incor-
poration Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read;

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

Communities
Loans Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to enable Communities and other like parties to lend monies to the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Barristers and
Attornies
(U. C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attornies and calling of Barristers in *Up- per Canada*," being read;

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

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 an Amendment thereto; which Amendment was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House; and is as followeth:—

After the second Clause, insert the following Clause:—

"And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the Courts of Queen's Bench and Chancery respectively, in their discretion, to admit as Attornies or Solicitors of the said Courts respectively, and the said Society aforesaid, to admit as Barristers, any person or persons who shall have taken any of the Degrees aforesaid at King's College, Queen's College, or *Victoria* College, in this Province, and shall have been three years under Articles or standing on the Books of the said Society, as the case may be, notwithstanding that such person or persons shall have entered into such

"Articles, or been admitted upon the Books of the said Society before taking any such Degree as aforesaid."

Ordered, That the said Amendment be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to relieve the District of *Johnstown* from the payment of the sum of Seven thousand pounds, and to authorize the Municipal Council of the said District to raise the further sum of Ten thousand pounds, for the completion of certain Roads therein, being read;

Johnstown
District Roads
Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment laws of *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Assessment
Bill, (U. C.)

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain deeds, instruments, and documents executed before Notaries in *Lower Canada*, and to secure the rights, titles, and interests of all persons concerned therein, being read;

Notarial
Deeds, &c.
Bill, (U. C.)

The said Bill was accordingly read; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of *Upper Canada* relating to the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams, being read;

Mill Dams'
Aprons Bill.

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada* Mining Company, being read;

Upper Canada
Mining Bill.

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, 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 Bill to authorize *Eduard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *Ste. Rose*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, being read;

Leprohon and
Berthelot's
Bridge Bill.

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 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 the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, being read;

Lachine Rail-
road Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Lachine Railroad Bill.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

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

Lake Superior Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* 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.

Garden River Copper Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Garden River* Copper Mining Company, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. *DeBleury* 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.

Huron and St. Mary's Copper Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Huron and St. Mary's* Copper Company, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Cameron* of *Lanark* 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.

Expiring Laws Bill.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, 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 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.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Echo Lake* Mining Company, being read;

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 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 on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal* Building Society, 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, without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the Bill be engrossed.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia* Railroad Company, 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 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 the District Bank of *Quebec*, 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.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for incorporating *Henry John Boulton*, Esquire, and others, under the name and style of the *Toronto and Goderich* Railroad Company, 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 said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Philadelphia* and *Huron* Mining Company, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

Montreal Building Society Bill.

Canada and Nova Scotia Railroad Bill.

Quebec District Bank Bill.

Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill.

Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill.

Philadelphia
and Huron
Mining Bill.

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.

Canada Mining Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Mining Company*, 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 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.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*, being read;
The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.
Mr. *Laurin* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
And Mr. *Laurin* 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.

Education (L. C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Act for Elementary Instruction in *Lower Canada*, being read;
Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be postponed until to-morrow.

And the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock on Tuesday morning;

Martis 27° die Julii, 1847:

Friends' Seminary Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Friends' Seminary* in the Township of *Hallowell*, in the District of *Prince Edward*, 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 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.

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering and Markham Plank Road Company*, being read;
The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.
Mr. *Webster* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,
Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
And Mr. *Webster* reported that the Committee had 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.

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

Ordered, That the Report be received to-morrow.

Then the names of the Members present were taken down; as followeth:—

Mr. Speaker,
Messieurs *Baldwin, Boulton, Boutillier, Solicitor General Cameron, Cayley, Conger, DeWitt, Duggan, Gowan, Lantier, Laurin, Lemieux, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Monro, Morin, Prince, Robinson, and Webster.*

And, at half-past one o'clock on Saturday morning, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, for want of a Quorum, till ten o'clock A.M. this day.

Martis, 27° die Julii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

10á horâ, A.M.

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

Petitions brought up and read.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *A. Polette* and *P. E. Vézina*, Esquires, on behalf of the Municipal Council of *Three Rivers*; praying that the Common of the Town of *Three Rivers* may be placed under the control of the said Municipal Council.

By Mr. *Hale*,—The Petition of *Archibald Gillis* and others, of the Townships of *Eaton* and *Newport*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying that the proposed Bills relative to the University of King's College may not pass into law; that Theological Education be excluded from the said University, and that it may be open to all classes without restriction.

By the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas L. Davidson* and others, Members of the First Baptist Church, *Pickering*; praying that the proposed Bills relative to the University of King's College may not pass into Law; that Theological Education be excluded from the said University, and that it may be open to all classes without restriction;—and the Petition of *Henry Croft* Esquire, and others, the Professors of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of King's College; praying that no measures may be adopted with reference to the said University, which might tend to diminish the usefulness of or destroy the Medical School in connection therewith.

Ordered, That the said Petitions be now read; and that the Rule of this House of the twenty-eighth of June one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, be suspended as to the foregoing Petitions. The said Petitions were read accordingly.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Dry Dock Company*, was read for the third time.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Canada Mining Company*, was read for the third time.

Canada Mining Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, was read for the third time.

Lock-up Houses Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Lock-up
House Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ermatinger* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Lake Superior
Mining Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Garden River
Copper Mining
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Garden River* Copper Mining Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Lake Huron
Silver and
Copper Mining
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Lake Huron* Silver and Copper Mining Company, 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.

British North
American
Mining Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the British *North American* Mining Company, 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.

Surveyors
Bill, (L. C.)

An engrossed Bill to revive and amend a certain Act therein mentioned concerning Surveyors and the measurement of Lands in *Lower Canada*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fournier* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Expiring Laws
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

Beecher's Let-
ters Patent
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize the issuing of Letters Patent to *Isaac Beecher* for an improved Bark Mill, was read for the third time.

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.

Huron and St.
Mary's Copper
Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Huron* and *St. Mary's* Copper Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron* and *Saint Mary's* Copper Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montreal
Building So-
ciety Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Montreal* Building Society, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attornies and calling of Barristers in *Upper Canada*," as amended, be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was read accordingly.

Resolved, That the said Bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Attornies and
Barristers
(U. C.) Bill.

Mr. *Christie*, from the Select Committee to which were referred the Accounts and Statements respecting the Income and Expenditure of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1846, with Instructions to the said Committee, and 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:—

In obedience to the Instruction of Your Honorable House, Your Committee have caused to be prepared Statements, in detail, of the whole Annual Revenue and Expenditure of each of the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, from the date of their Constitution to the period of the Union, so far as the records in the possession of Your Honorable House will shew; which Statements they now beg leave to report, for the information of Your Honorable House. (For the said Statements, see Appendix K. K. K.)

Revenue and
Expenditure of
Upper and
Lower Canada.

App. (K.K.K.)

Mr. *Ermatinger*, 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 examined the Bill to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Glass Factory, and have made amendments thereto, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Twelfth Re-
port of Com-
mittee on Pri-
vate Bills.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, from the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library to which shall be referred all matters relating thereto, 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 L. L. L.)

Library.

App. (L.L.L.)

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Friends' Seminary, in the Township of *Hallowell*, in the District of *Prince Edward*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Friends or Quakers' Seminary, in the Township of *Hallowell*, in the District of *Prince Edward*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Conger* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Friends' Semi-
nary Bill.

Mr. *Macdonell* of *Stormont*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to authorize *Pierre Vizeau*, *Louis Lahaise* and *Joseph Brien dit Desrochers* to build a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Parish of *La Visitation* and *Isle Jésus*, to fix the 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.

P. Vizeau and
others' Bridge
Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Lachapelle's
Bridge Bill.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to authorize *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*, in the District of *Montreal*, and to fix the 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.

Montreal and
Province Line
Railroad Bill.

Mr. *Leslie*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Province Line Junction Railroad Company*, 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.

St. Lawrence
and Atlantic
Railroad Bill.

Mr. *Jessup*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic Railroad Company*, and to extend the powers of the said Company, 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.

Electro Mag-
netic Tele-
graphs Bill.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to regulate the construction of, and to protect from injury, *Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs* throughout 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.

Brantford In-
corporation
Bill.

Mr. *Powell*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Brantford*, 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.

Towns and
Villages Bill.

Mr. *DeWitt*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, not specially incorporated, 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.

Guelph and
Arthur Road
Bill.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph* and *Arthur Road Company*, 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.

London Incor-
poration Bill.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to repeal the Act of incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town

Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, reported, 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.

London Incor-
poration Bill.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to authorize *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *Ste. Rose*, to fix the 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.

Leprohon and
Berthelot's
Bridge Bill.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine Railroad Company*, 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.

Lachine Rail-
road Bill.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick*, and *Nova Scotia Railroad Company*, 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.

Canada and
Nova Scotia
Railroad Bill.

Mr. *Webster*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Pickering* and *Markham Plank Road Company*, 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.

Pickering and
Markham
Road Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize *Pierre Vieau, Louis Lahaise*, and *Joseph Brien dit Desrochers* to build a Toll Bridge over the *Rivière des Prairies*, between the Parish of *La Visitation* and *Isle Jésus*, to fix the rates of Toll for passing thereon, and to provide regulations for the same, was read for the third time.

Mr. *DeWitt* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, That the following engrossed Proviso be added to the said Bill, and do make part of the third Clause:

" Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any number of inhabitants interested in the said Bridge, from assuming at any time the possession and property of the said Bridge, Toll House, Turnpike and dependencies, and the ascents and approaches thereto, upon paying to the said *Pierre Vieau, Louis Lahaise*, and *Joseph Brien dit Desrochers*, their heirs, executors, curators, and assigns, the full and intrinsic value which the same shall at the time of such assumption bear or be worth, with an addition of twenty-five per cent. upon such intrinsic value; and that after such assumption of the said Bridge, it shall become a free Bridge."

And the said Proviso was brought up, and thrice read; and agreed to, to be made part of the Bill, by way of Rider.

P. Vieau and
others' Bridge
Bill.

P. Vieau and others' Bridge Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize *Pierre Vieau* and others, "to build a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Lachapelle's Bridge Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*, in the District of *Montreal*, and 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 *Paschal Persillier dit Lachapelle* to erect a Toll Bridge over the River *des Prairies*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Leprohon and Berthelot's Bridge Bill.

An engrossed Bill to authorize *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. Eustache* and *St. Rose*, 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 *Edouard Martial Leprohon* and *Joseph Amable Berthelot*, junior, of the "City of *Montreal*, Esquires, to build a Toll "Bridge over the River *Jésus*, at the Village of " *St. Eustache*, between the Parishes of *St. "Eustache* and *St. Rose*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railroad Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and "Province Line Junction Railway Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *DeWitt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Lachine Railroad Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

An engrossed Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, and to extend the powers of the said Company, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the " *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, "and to extend the powers of the said Com- "pany."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs Bill.

An engrossed Bill to regulate the construction of, and protect from injury, Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs throughout this Province, was read for the third time; and an Amendment was made to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dichson* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Electro-Magnetic Telegraphs Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Philadelphia* and *Huron* Mining Company, was read for the third time.

Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An "Act to incorporate the *Bytown* and *Britannia* "Railway Company," be now taken into consideration.

Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.

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

And the said Amendments were read; and are as followeth:—

Press 2, line 11. After "*Ross*" insert Clause (A.) Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that it shall "and may be lawful for the Governor in Council to "determine the gauge which shall be used in the "Railway in this Act mentioned, and such determination shall be declared by Proclamation in the "Official Gazette, and shall thereupon be binding "upon the said Company."

Press 28, line 28. Leave out "five" and insert "three."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

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

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act "to incorporate the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Rail- "way Company," be now taken into consideration.

Carillon and Grenville Railroad Bill.

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

And the said Amendments were read; and are as followeth:—

Press 2, line 16. After "expedient" insert Clause (A.)

Clause (A.) "Provided always and be it enacted, "That the gauge upon which the said Rail shall be "constructed, and which shall be used in the said "Railway, shall be four feet eight and a half inches, "unless within six calendar months the Governor of "this Province in Council shall, by Order in Council, determine upon any different gauge, and that "upon communication to the said Company of any "Order in Council establishing any different gauge, "the gauge so established shall be the one used in "the said Road, as if the same had been established "in and by this Act."

Press 15, line 6. Leave out from "and" to "notwithstanding" in line 24, both inclusive.

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Moffatt*, seconded by Mr. *Ermatinger*,

Montreal
Cemetery Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Montreal Cemetery 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 2, line 13. Leave out "Episcopalians" and insert "Members."

Press 4, line 30. Leave out "Episcopalians" and insert "Members."

Press 4, line 33. After "subscribed" insert "such portion to be vested in the Bishop administering the Diocese of Quebec according to the Establishment of the Church of England, or the Bishop administering any other such Diocese in which the said Island of Montreal may be included for the time being."

Press 4, line 45. After "regulations" insert "and all monies to be received for lots sold in the said portions shall be paid over to the general funds of the Company, and such lots shall be sold at the same rates as lots in other portions of the Cemetery."

Press 6, line ult. After "persuasion" insert "and may have their own manager for all purposes connected with the burial of their dead and with the keeping of their registers, and for all other purposes, saving and excepting the laying out, planting, or ornamenting of the Cemetery; but nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the members of any such denomination from contributing to all the expenses of the Company for the purposes mentioned in the eighteenth section, or from the payment of the rates or fees therein mentioned."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Moffatt do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron,

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the summoning of Jurors 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 7, line 19. After "Members" insert "of the Legislative Council and."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

On motion of Mr. Jessup, seconded by Mr. Conger,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the assessment of real and personal property in the Town of Prescott, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes," 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 10, line 35. Leave out from "establish" to "Johnstown" in line 36, both inclusive, and insert "incorporate the Village of Prescott, and to establish an elective Police therein."

Press 18, line 14. Leave out "North" and insert "South."

Press 18, line 15. Leave out "West" and insert "East."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Jessup do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Viger, Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for regulating the shipping of Seamen," 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 40. Leave out "or person."

Press 3, line 6. Leave out from "whether" to "not," both inclusive, and insert "whatever."

Press 3, line 35. Leave out "License" and insert "Office."

Press 4, line 40. Leave out from "not" to "and" in line 41, both inclusive.

Press 4, line 43. Leave out "and."

Press 7, line 13. After "repealed" insert Clause (A.)

Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that this Act shall take effect upon, from, and after the first day of January next, and not before."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General Badgley do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Report of the Superintendent of Education for Lower Canada, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Gowen, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General Cameron,

Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit Edward Gilman to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, and also to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise at the Bar," be now read a second time.

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

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 Amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House; and are as followeth:—

Press 1, lines 10 and 11. Strike out "and also as a Barrister."

Press 1, line 15. After "Solicitor" strike out to "Courts" in line 18, inclusive.

Press 1, line 38. Strike out the second Clause.

Prescott Incorporation Bill.

Seamen's Bill.

Jurors' Bill,
(L. C.)

Prescott Incorporation Bill.

Education Report, (L. C.)

Gilman's Attorney Bill.

Gilman's Attorney Bill. In the Title, line 4. After "therein" strike out the remainder of the Title.
Ordered, That the said Amendments be engrossed.

Revenue and Expenditure of Upper and Lower Canada. *Ordered*, That the Returns of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, respectively, from the establishment of their Constitutions to the Union, as reported by the Select Committee on Public Accounts, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Contingencies, to inquire of the propriety of purchasing, for the Library of this House, one hundred copies, or any other number, of the History of *Canada*, by *F. X. Garneau*, to be hereafter disposed of in such manner as may be ordained.

Vaudreuil Glass Factory Bill. On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,
Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Vaudreuil Glass Factory*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House this day.

Library. On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,
Ordered, That the Report of the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, be committed to a Committee of the whole House this day.

Upper Canada Mining Bill. An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada Mining Company*, was read for the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Guelph and Arthur Road Bill. An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons as the *Guelph and Arthur Road Company*, was read for the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. *Webster* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Montreal Telegraph Bill. An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Telegraph Company*, was read for the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. *Leslie* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. *Gowan*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*,
Ordered, That the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Edward Gilman* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, and also to authorize the Law Society of *Upper Canada* to admit him to practise at the Bar," as amended, be now read for the third time.
The said Bill was read accordingly.
Resolved, That the Bill, as amended, do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. *Boulton* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. *Christie*, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency the concern of this House on learning it to have been the intention of the Executive Government to bring to sale the Seigniorie of *Lauzon* acquired by Her Majesty, in the year 1845, pursuant to an Act of the Parliament of this Province, in part payment of the defalcation of the late Sir *John Caldwell* as Receiver General of *Lower Canada*, and appropriated by the said Act towards the public uses of the Province; and that the intended sale and alienation of the said Seigniorie is, in the opinion of this House, in contravention to the interests and wishes of Her Majesty's faithful subjects, the Commons of this Province, who desire that the said Seigniorie shall continue to form part of Her Majesty's Domain therein; and praying that His Excellency will be pleased, in compliance with the desire of this House, to prevent the proposed sale of the Seigniorie aforesaid, and set apart the Revenues arising from the same as a separate Fund, until such time as the same can be disposed of by an Act of the Legislature.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Gowan*,
Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Printing, to report upon the possibility of reducing the expense of Printing and Distributing the Laws of this Province, and certain Public Notices in the *Canada Gazette*.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, seconded by Mr. *Leslie*,
The House adjourned until four o'clock, P.M.

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An engrossed Bill to repeal the Act of incorporation of the Town of *London*, and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned, 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.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Pickering and Markham Plank Road Company*, was read for the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Scarborough* and *Markham Plank Road Company*."
Ordered, That Mr. *Monro* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the District Bank of *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.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Town of *Brantford*, was read for the third time.
Resolved, That the Bill do pass.
Ordered, That Mr. *Smith* of *Wentworth* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Address respecting the Seigniorie of Lauzon.

Printing and distributing the Laws, &c.

London Incorporation Bill.

Pickering and Markham Road Bill.

Quebec District Bank Bill.

Brantford Incorporation Bill.

Address respecting the Works at Windsor Harbour.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Price*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, expressing the regret of this House that the Works at *Windsor Harbour* have not been prosecuted with the vigor and despatch which their importance, and the means placed at the disposal of the Government for that purpose, required.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Baldwin, Berthelot, Chauveau, DeWitt, Gowen, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Lemieux, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Méthot, Monro, Morin, Rousseau, Scott,* and *Smith* of WESTWORTH.—(23.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Colville, Cummings, Dickson, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Hale, Jessup, LeBoutillier, Lyon, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Papineau, Robinson*, Attorney General *Sherwood, Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Webster,* and *Wilson*.—(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 Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Motion for an Address respecting the Tolls at Windsor Harbour, negatived.

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, expressing the regret of this House at the disproportionate rate at which the Tolls imposed at *Windsor Harbour* have been fixed, as compared with those imposed on the *Welland* and *Burlington Bay* Canals; and requesting that the Tariff may be reconsidered with a view to a more just arrangement of the same.

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.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Cauchon, Chauveau, DeWitt, Gowen, Guillet, Jobin, Lacoste, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Lemieux, LeMoine, Leslie, Macdonell* of STORMONT, *Merritt, Méthot, Morin, Rousseau,* and *Scott*.—(23.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley*, Solicitor General *Cameron, Cayley, Christie, Colville, Cummings, Daly, Dickson, Duggan, Foster, Hale, Jessup, LeBoutillier, Lyon, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Monro, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Robinson*, Attorney General *Sherwood, Stewart* of BYTOWN, *Viger, Webster, Wilson,* and *Woods*.—(26.)

So it passed in the negative.

Message from the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz:—

Etobicoke and Mono Road Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Etobicoke* and *Mono* Sixth Line Road Company."

Quebec and Lake Superior Mining Bill.

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Lake Superior* Mining Association." And also,

Lachine Railroad Bill.

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *St. Lawrence* and *Atlantic* Railroad Company, "and to extend the powers of the said Company," with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick,* and *Nova Scotia* Railroad Company, was read for the third time.

Canada and Nova Scotia Railroad Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick,* and *Nova Scotia* Railway Company."

Ordered, That Mr. *Stewart* of *Bytown* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company," be now taken into consideration.

Lachine Railroad Bill.

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

And the said Amendments were read; and are as followeth:—

Press 2, line 39. After "provisions" insert "of this Act and to those."

Press 5, line 22. After "accordingly" insert Clauses (A.) (B.) and (C.)

Clause (A.) "And be it enacted, that all By-Laws of the said Company, and all other Railroad Companies now or hereafter incorporated, as to which the right to interfere with the Act of incorporation is reserved in such Act of incorporation, regulating the tolls to be taken on the said Road in this Act, and on the Roads in the said other Acts of incorporation mentioned, shall be subject to the approval of the Governor in Council."

Clause (B.) "And be it enacted, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to exempt the Railway in this Act mentioned from the provisions of any general Act relating to Railways which may be passed during the present or any future Session of Parliament."

Clause (C.) "And be it enacted, that this Act shall be deemed and taken to be a Public Act, and as such shall be judicially taken notice of by all Judges, Justices of the Peace, and others, without being specially pleaded."

Preamble, line 10. After "Act" insert "and whereas it is also expedient to provide for the regulation of the Tolls to be taken under the authority of the said Act, and of certain other Acts incorporating Railway Companies."

Title, line 3. After "Company" insert "and for other purposes therein mentioned."

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cameron* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The Honorable 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, dated the 26th instant, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, "copies

Collectors at Ports Sarnia and Rivière aux Raisins.

Collectors at
Port Sarnia
and Rivière
aux Raisins.

" of all communications between *J. W. Dunscomb*, Esquire, Comptroller of Customs, and Captain *Vidal*, Collector at *Port Sarnia*, in *Upper Canada*, on the subject of the importation of a cargo of Wheat to be ground in bond, (after the passing of the Act providing for the same, and previously to the Law coming into operation,) belonging to *Malcolm Cameron*, Esquire, a Merchant of *Port Sarnia*, and a Member of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly; and also praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all communications between the Government and *John Cameron*, Esquire, late Collector at the Port of *Rivière aux Raisins*, (*Lancaster*), on the subject of the necessity of his residing at his Post, and his removal from office."

App.(M.M.M.) (For the said Return, see Appendix M. M. M.)

Public Works.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 15th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause the proper Officer to lay before the House, " a Statement of the amount expended on each public work in *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, prior to the Union, for Debentures outstanding, and which forms a portion of the debt of *United Canada*; also, the amount expended on those works which were commenced prior to the Union, out of the one and a half million Loan for Debentures since issued, and from any other source; also, the amount still to be expended to complete those works for which a further grant from the Legislature is required, to be numbered Class 1: also, a Statement of the amount expended on those public works for the completion of which the one and a half million Loan was obtained, and the amount still to be expended to complete those works for which a further grant is required from the Legislature, to be numbered Class 2: also, a Statement of the amount expended on all other public works in *Canada*, when authorized, when commenced, amount expended under the Loan of one and a half million for Debentures issued, money borrowed, or from any other source, and the amount still to be expended to complete those works for which a further grant is required, and naming those works not yet commenced, to be called Class No. 3; also, a Statement of the annual interest due on the Debentures issued for the construction of each of those works, under each class, and the amount of income received under each, to be made out in tabular form, and the difference shewn in two separate columns; and report for the information of this House, which works are likely to repay the interest, and which are not, with any other information he may think it advisable to communicate; and append a copy of the same to the Report of the Board of Works."

App.(N.N.N.) (For the said Return, see Appendix N. N. N.)

Magdalen Islands.

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 1st July, 1847, and praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before the House, " Copies of the Petition of the late *Sir Isaac Coffin*, dated 31st July, 1787, to Lord *Dorchester*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the late Province of *Quebec*, pursuant to which the Letters Patent, bearing date at *Quebec*, 24th April, 1798, granting him the *Magdalen Islands*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, were issued, and of any other papers, letters, or correspondence anterior to that date, which may have passed between the late *Sir Isaac Coffin* and the Governor for the time being, that may be in the possession of the Executive Government or any Department thereof."

App.(O.O.O.) (For the said Return, see Appendix O. O. O.)

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Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 16th July, 1847, and praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, " copies of the Order in Council of the 20th of November, 1835, revoking and annulling, in respect to the Vice-Admiralty Court of *Lower Canada*, the Tariff of Fees established by the Order in Council of the 27th June, 1832, for the Vice-Admiralty Courts abroad, under the authority of the Imperial Statute 2 Will. 4, cap. 51; and of the Petition of the Bar of *Quebec* to Her Majesty in relation to the said Tariff, and the said Orders in Council, transmitted through His Excellency the late Lord *Metcalfe*, in November, 1843; together with copies of all correspondence and documents in His Excellency's possession, having reference to the establishment of a Tariff of Fees for the said Court."

(For the said Return, see Appendix P. P. P.)

Vice-Admiralty Court Fees.

App.(P.P.P.)

Also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 23d ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, " the Names of the Commissioners appointed under the Act 9 *Victoria*, cap. 62, the date of their appointment, a copy of the instructions given them by the Executive Government, and a copy of all correspondence between the Executive and the said Commissioners, and a copy of the Report of the said Commissioners (if they have made one) to the Executive Government; together with a copy of the general rules adopted by the said Commissioners for the distribution of the money mentioned in the said Act."

(For the said Return, see Appendix H. H. H.)

Commissioners under the Quebec Relief Act.

App.(H.H.H.)

And also, Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 13th July instant, to His Excellency the Governor General, praying he would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, certain Statements relative to the Clergy Reserve Fund.

(For the said Return, see Appendix Q. Q. Q.)

Clergy Reserve Fund.

App.(Q.Q.Q.)

Ordered, That the following Documents be printed for the use of the Members of this House, viz:—Return to an Address respecting amount expended on Public Works in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, prior to the Union: Return to an Address respecting the Vice-Admiralty Court of *Lower Canada*; and Return to Address relative to the Clergy Reserve Fund.

Public Works; Vice-Admiralty Court Fees; and Clergy Reserve Fund.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for incorporating *Henry John Boulton*, Esquire, and others, under the name and style of the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railroad Company, being read;

Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill.

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 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 on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Road Company, being read;

Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Cobourg and
Port Hope
Road Bill.

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 amendments were again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

Streetsville
Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetsville* Plank Road Company, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;
And Mr. *Webster* reported that the Committee had 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.

Bill explanatory of an Act to amend the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Act.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the City "of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Company," 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 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.

Message from the Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—
Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Telegraph Company," with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law for the admission of Attornies and calling of Barristers in *Upper Canada*," without any amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and "of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Edward Gilman* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor "therein," without any amendment.
And then he withdrew.

Gillman's Attorney Bill.

Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill

An engrossed Bill for incorporating *Henry John Boulton*, Esquire, and others, under the name and style of the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railroad Company, was read for the third time.

Mr. *Duggan* moved, seconded by Mr. *Webster*, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act "for incorporating the *Toronto* and *Goderich* Railway Company."

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued; and it was

Resolved, In the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto* Dry Dock Company," with several Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Mining Company," with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*," with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron* and *Saint Mary's* Copper Company," with an Amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.
And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. *Leslie*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act "to incorporate the *Montreal* Telegraph Company," 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 5, line 16. Leave out from "against" to "up" in line 18, both inclusive, and insert "a return "of at least ten per cent. on the expense to which "they may be put for establishing and keeping up "such Station."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Leslie* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,

Ordered, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An "Act to incorporate the *Toronto* Dry Dock 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 2, line 22. Leave out from "or" to "mentioned" in line 24, both inclusive.

Press 2, line ult. Leave out "either."

Press 3, line 3. Leave out "they" and insert "such owners or occupiers."

Press 3, line 8. Leave out from "and" to "provided" in line 43, both inclusive.

And the said Amendments being again read, they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Boulton*,

Message from the Council.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

Canada Mining Bill.

Lake Superior Mining Bill.

Huron and St. Mary's Copper Bill.

Montreal Telegraph Bill.

Toronto Dry Dock Bill.

Canada Mining Bill.

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada Mining Company*," 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 26. After "individuals" insert "or from the Crown."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Monro*,

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron and Saint Mary's Copper Company*," 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 3, line 8. After "individuals" insert "or from the Crown."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Prince*, seconded by Mr. *Guillet*,

Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British and Canadian Mining Company of *Lake Superior*," 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 35. After "individuals" insert "or from the Crown."

And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prince* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg and Grafton Road Company*, 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 without making any amendment thereto; and the Report was again read at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said Bill be engrossed.

St. Lawrence Bridge.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the Island of *St. Helens* and the foot of the *Lachine Rapids*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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 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 the Town of *William Henry*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

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

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Wilson* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and 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 amend the Act for enforcing the attendance of Witnesses before Magistrates in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to extend and increase the Representation of the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Village of *St. Hyacinthe*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to secure titles to real estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, of the 1 *Will.* 4, cap. 53, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to supply proof of Title to the Toll Bridge over the River *Etchemin*, and for certain other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the engrossed Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the managers of the Ministers' Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*" in connection with the Church of *Scotland*," 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 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 now read for the third time.

The said Bill was accordingly read a third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

St. Lawrence Bridge.

William Henry Incorporation Bill.

Witnesses Attendance Bill.

Representation Bill.

St. Hyacinthe Incorporation Bill.

Aliens Titles Bill.

Etchemin Bridge Bill.

Widows and Orphans' Fund (Presbyterian) Bill.

Widows and Orphans' Fund (Presbyterian) Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart of Bytown do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath passed the same, without any Amendment.

Quebec Incorporation Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of Quebec, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read:

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Notarial Deeds &c. Bill (L.C.)

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain deeds, instruments, and documents executed before Notaries in Lower Canada, and to secure the rights, titles, and interests of all persons concerned therein, 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.

And Mr. Ermatinger 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.

Education (L. C.) Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend and extend the provisions of the Act for Elementary Instruction in Lower Canada, being read:

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Vaudreuil Glass Factory Bill.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Vaudreuil Glass Factory, being read:

Ordered, That the said Order of the Day be discharged.

Library.

The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, 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 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 Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library.

And Mr. Prince also reported that the Committee had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

Public Works.

Ordered, That the Reports of the Commissioners of Public Works, laid before this House on the 12th and 21st instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Canadian Agricultural Reader.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Contingencies, to inquire of the propriety of purchasing two hundred copies, or any other number, of the Canadian Agricultural Reader, lately published at Niagara, to be hereafter disposed of in such manner as may be ordered.

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies be now committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Contingencies of the House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. Morin took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And the Honorable Mr. Morin 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 favor of William Burns Lindsay, Esquire, Clerk of this House, for a further sum of Thirteen thousand five hundred and eight pounds, eleven shillings and five pence, Currency, on account of the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Address for £13,508 11s. 5d. on account of Contingencies.

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

An engrossed Bill to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of Canada West, not specially incorporated, was read for the third time.

Towns and Villages Bill

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Ermatinger do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, intituled, 'An Act to incorporate the 'City of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Company,'" was read for the third time.

Bill explanatory of an Act to amend the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Act.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Baldwin do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Baldwin,

The House adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mercurii, 28° die Julii.

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1847.

10â horâ, A. M.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Report of the Commissioners for the relief of Invalid Persons and Foundlings in the District of Quebec.

Invalids and Foundlings, District of Quebec.

The Commissioners have the honor to report, that there are now under their charge the following Persons and Foundlings, viz. :—

At the General Hospital, 28 Invalids; at the Hotel Dieu, 46 Foundlings; for whose support, during the year to commence on the 1st July next, the following sums will be required, viz. :—

For 28 Invalids, at 1s. per diem.....	£511	0	0
For clothing for the same.....	100	0	0
For 46 Foundlings, at 5d.....	349	15	10
For 2 Guardians, at 1s. 3d., for 6 months.....	22	17	6

Carried forward.....£983 13 4

Invalids and Foundlings, District of Quebec.

Brought forward.....	£983	13	4
For attending indigent sick.....	200	0	0
	£1183	13	4

There will be due on the 1st July next, 6 months' expenditure, amounting to 563 11 9

The whole forming a sum of.....£1747 5 1 for which the Commissioners respectfully pray that an appropriation be made by the Legislature.

The whole humbly submitted.

CHS. F. BAILLARGEON, Ptre.
E. W. SEWELL, Clk.
JOS. MORRIN.
L. MASSUE.

Quebec, 8th June, 1847.

Petitions brought up.

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

By Mr. Wilson,—The Petition of *Adam Hope* and others, of the Town of *London*.

By the Honorable Mr. Baldwin,—The Petition of *Frederick J. Cheshire*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Frederick J. Cheshire* be now read; and that the Rules of this House be suspended as regards the said Petition.

Petition read.

And the said Petition was read; praying that certain documents in the possession of a Select Committee of this House, and upon which an action at Law is pending, may be returned to the Petitioner.

Streetville Road Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetville Plank Road Company*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Duggan* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Cobourg and Grafton Road Company*, 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.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the *Echo Lake Mining Company*, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Drummond* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Notarial Deeds, &c. Bill, (L. C.)

An engrossed Bill to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain deeds, instruments, and documents executed before Notaries in *Lower Canada*, and to secure the rights, titles, and interests of all persons concerned therein, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Instruments and Documents executed before Notaries in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley* 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 *William Lowell* and others, of *Drummondville* and neighbourhood; praying that the proposed Bills relative to the University of King's College may not pass into a Law, but that all classes may participate in the benefits of the said University.

Of *Thomas Johnson* and *John Miller*, School Trustees of the Township of *Chinguacousy*; praying for alterations in the School Act respecting the payment of School Funds in certain cases, and the leases of sites for School Houses.

Mr. *Prince*, from the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of *F. J. Cheshire* and others, of the Township of *Tuscarora*, in the County of *Wentworth*, 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:—

Report on Petition of F. J. Cheshire.

Your Committee find that after examining the evidence submitted to them by Mr. *Cheshire*, on behalf of himself and other Petitioners, (whose Agent he appears to be,) the Petitioners were dispossessed, by due course of Law, of the Lands they occupied, and that such Lands are, in fact, Indian Reserves, and your Committee have not been able to discover, in the course of their investigation, any grounds for the interference of this House on behalf of the Petitioners; nevertheless, your Committee are of opinion that some of the Petitioners settled upon these lands under an impression that they would be sold by the Government, and that they would be entitled to the right of pre-emption; and your Committee therefore express their hope that such who have not received compensation will be paid by the Indian Department a fair and reasonable remuneration for the improvements made by them upon their Lands.

Ordered, That the Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for the removal of the Emigrant Sheds from *Windmill Point* to some place below the City of *Montreal*, and the answer of His Excellency thereto, with the Reports and Documents thereunto annexed, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Emigrants.

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, of the twenty-first of June last, praying for a Statement of Sales of the Clergy Reserves sold from September, 1845, to March, 1846, together with the Rules and Regulations of the Crown Land Office, and an Order in Council of the 18th November, 1845, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Clergy Lands and Crown Land Office.

Mr. *Drummond*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the Island of *St. Helens* and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids, 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.

St. Lawrence Bridge Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

An engrossed Bill for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the Island of *St. Helens* and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids, was read for the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act for erecting a Bridge over the River *St. Lawrence*, from any point at and between the lower entrance of the *Lachine* Canal and the foot of the *Lachine* Rapids."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Wilson*, from the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the Town of *William Henry*, 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.

William Henry Incorporation Bill.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be engrossed.

William Henry Incorporation Bill	<p>An engrossed Bill to incorporate the Town of <i>William Henry</i>, was read for the third time. <i>Resolved</i>, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the Town of <i>Sorel</i>." <i>Ordered</i>, That the Honorable Mr. <i>Morin</i> do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.</p>	<p>Mr. Speaker, The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without any amendment, viz. :—</p>	Perth Calvinistic Baptist Church.
Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.	<p>An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name of the <i>Cobourg and Port Hope Road Company</i>, was read for the third time. <i>Resolved</i>, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Cobourg and Port Hope Road Company</i>." <i>Ordered</i>, That Mr. <i>Boulton</i> do carry the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Calvinistic Baptist Church in the Town of <i>Perth</i>, to sell and convey certain portions of the land now holden by them :"</p>	Expring Laws Bill.
F. J. Cheshire.	<p>On motion of the Honorable Mr. <i>Balmain</i>, seconded by Mr. <i>Prince</i>, <i>Ordered</i>, That certified copies of the Documents referred to in the Petition of <i>Frederick J. Cheshire</i>, presented to the House this day, be delivered to him; and that the original Documents be transmitted by mail to the Clerk of any Court where they may be required to be put in evidence, upon the Clerk of this House receiving a request to do so from Mr. <i>Cheshire's</i> Solicitors, Messieurs <i>Duggan</i> and <i>Holden</i>, of <i>Hamilton</i>.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned :"</p>	P. Vieux and others' Bridge Bill.
Library.	<p>The Order of the Day for the House in Committee on the Report of the Standing Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library, being read ;</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize <i>Pierre Vieux</i> and others, to build a Toll Bridge over the River <i>des Prairies</i> :"</p>	Lachapelle's Bridge Bill.
Bouchette's Map.	<p>The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize <i>Paschal Per-sillier dit Lachapelle</i> to erect a Toll Bridge over the River <i>des Prairies</i> :"</p>	Municipal Authorities (L. C.) Bill.
Private Bills.	<p>Mr. <i>Leslie</i> took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in <i>Lower Canada</i> :"</p>	Friends' Seminary Bill.
Quarantine Station at Grosse Isle.	<p>Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; And Mr. <i>Leslie</i> 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 :—</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Friends' or Quakers' Seminary in the Township of <i>Hallowell</i>, in the District of <i>Prince Edward</i> :"</p>	Quebec District Bank Bill.
App. (R. R. R.)	<p>1. <i>Resolved</i>, That twenty-five copies of Mr. <i>Bouchette's</i> Map of <i>Canada</i> be taken, in conformity with the Report of the Standing Committee on the Library for the Session of 1846, which was not then concurred in by the House; to be disposed of in such manner as may be hereafter ordained.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the District Bank of <i>Quebec</i> :"</p>	Philadelphia and Huron Mining Bill.
Marine Hospital	<p>2. <i>Resolved</i>, That Mr. Speaker be authorized to pay a sum of Fifty pounds for the Report drawn up on Private Bills, pursuant to an Order of this House of the 9th June, 1846.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Philadelphia and Huron Mining Company</i> :"</p>	Upper Canada Mining Bill.
App. (S. S. S.)	<p>The Honorable Mr. <i>Aylwin</i>, from the Special Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the Quarantine Station at <i>Grosse Isle</i>, and another reference, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Upper Canada Mining Company</i> :"</p>	Leprohon and Berthelot's Bridge Bill.
Message from the Council	<p>(For the said Report, see Appendix R. R. R.) <i>Ordered</i>, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize <i>Edouard Martial Leprohon</i> and <i>Joseph Amable Berthelot</i>, junior, of the City of <i>Montreal</i>, Esquires, to build a Toll Bridge over the River <i>Jesus</i>, at the Village of <i>St. Eustache</i>, between the Parishes of <i>St. Eustache</i> and <i>St. Rose</i> :"</p>	Lake Huron Silver and Copper Mining Bill.
	<p>The Honorable Mr. <i>Aylwin</i>, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the Marine Hospital at <i>Quebec</i>, and its adaptation to the purposes for which it was designed, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the <i>Montreal Building Society</i> :"</p>	Montreal Building Society Bill.
	<p>(For the said Report, see Appendix S. S. S.) <i>Ordered</i>, That the said Report be printed for the use of the Members of this House.</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish Lock-up Houses in the unincorporated Towns and Villages of <i>Canada West</i> :"</p>	Lock-up Houses Bill.
	<p>A Message from the Legislative Council by <i>John Fenning's Taylor</i>, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery :—</p>	<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal Mining Company</i> :"</p>	Garden River Copper Mining Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Garden River Copper Mining Company</i> :"</p>	Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Lake St. Louis and Province Line Railway Company</i> :"</p>	British North American Mining Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the British <i>North American Mining Company</i> :"</p>	Guelph and Arthur Road Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons as the <i>Guelph and Arthur Road Company</i> :"</p>	Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act for incorporating the <i>Toronto and Goderich Railway Company</i> :"</p>	London Incorporation Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act of incorporation of the Town of <i>London</i>, and to establish a Town Council therein in lieu of a Board of Police, and for other purposes therein mentioned :"</p>	Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal and Province Line Junction Railway Company</i> :"</p>	Canada and Nova Scotia Railroad Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia Railway Company</i> :"</p>	Markham Road Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the <i>Scarborough and Markham Plank Road Company</i> :"</p>	Brantford Incorporation Bill.
		<p>Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of <i>Brantford</i>." And then he withdrew.</p>	

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*,
Ordered, That the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company*, and "to extend the powers of the said Company," 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 6, line 9. After "Resolutions" insert "Provided always and be it enacted, that the guage upon which the said Rail shall be constructed, and which shall be used in the said Railway, shall be four feet eight and a half inches, unless within six calendar months the Governor of this Province, in Council, shall by Order in Council determine upon any different guage, and that upon communication to the said Company of any Order in Council establishing any different guage, the guage so established shall be the one used in the said Road, as if the same had been established in and by this Act."
 And the said Amendment being again read, it was agreed to by the House.
Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry back the said Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

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, viz:—
 Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove all doubts as to the validity of certain Instruments and Documents executed before Notaries in *Lower Canada*."
 Bill, intituled, "An Act to confer limited corporate powers on the Towns and Villages of *Canada West*, not specially incorporated."
 Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg and Grafton Road Company*."
 Bill, intituled, "An Act explanatory of an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the sixth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William the Fourth*, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the City of *Toronto* and *Lake Huron Railroad Company*."
 Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Cobourg and Port Hope Road Company*."
 Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Echo Lake Mining Company*."
 Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Streetsville Plank Road Company*."
 And then he withdrew.

Another Message from the Legislative Council by *John Fenning's Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—
 Mr. Speaker,
 The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining statistical information therein," without any amendment.
 And then he withdrew.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *Frederick Starr Jarvis*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Bill.

Message from the Council.

Notarial Deeds, &c. (L. C.) Bill.

Towns and Villages Bill.

Cobourg and Grafton Road Bill.

Bill explanatory of an Act to amend the Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad Act.

Cobourg and Port Hope Road Bill.

Echo Lake Mining Bill.

Streetsville Road Bill.

Message from the Council.

Census Bill.

Royal Assent to Bills.

Mr. Speaker,
 I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to acquaint this Honorable House, that it is the pleasure of His Excellency that the Members thereof do forthwith attend him in the Legislative Council Chamber.
 Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went up to attend His Excellency, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—
 An Act to define the limits of the Town of *Bytown*, to establish a Town Council therein, and for other purposes. Bytown Incorporation Bill.
 An Act to extend the provisions of the Marriage Act of *Upper Canada* to Ministers of all denominations of Christians. Marriages (U. C.) Bill.
 An Act to incorporate the *Saint Lawrence and Industry Village Railroad Company*. Industry Village Railroad Bill.
 An Act to provide for an assessment of real and personal property in the Town of *Brockville*, according to the annual value or rental thereof, and for other purposes. Brockville Assessment Bill.
 An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara, and Saint Catharines Electro-Magnetic Telegraph Company*. Toronto, &c. Telegraph Bill.
 An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Cobourg and Rice Lake Plank Road and Ferry Company*. Cobourg Road and Ferry Bill.
 An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench and of Chancery, in their discretion, to admit *Archibald Gilkison* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein. Gilkison's Attorney Bill.
 An Act to exempt the property of the Crown from local rates and taxes in *Lower Canada*. Crown Property Taxes Exemption Bill.
 An Act to authorize the Commissioners for the *Dundas and Waterloo macadamized Road* to borrow money to enable them to complete the said Road, and for other purposes. Dundas and Waterloo Road Bill.
 An Act to amend the Act incorporating *La Banque du Peuple*. Banque du Peuple Bill.
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An Act for taking the Census of this Province, and obtaining statistical information therein. Census Bill.

The Titles of the following Bills were then read: Bills reserved.

An Act to extend the time for taking the oath and making the declaration required of persons naturalized in this Province. Aliens Relief Bill.

An Act to enable the Bank of *Montreal* to increase their Capital Stock. Montreal Bank Bill.

An Act to enable the City Bank to increase its Capital Stock. City Bank Bill.

An Act to incorporate the *Woodstock and Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company. Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Bill.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and to amend in part the Act to extend the Charter of the said Bank. Quebec Bank Bill.

An Act to facilitate commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Queen's Domain, into that of free and common soccage, and to avoid the unnecessary delays and expense heretofore incidental to such commutations. Queen's Domain Lands Commutation Bill.

An Act to incorporate the *Bytown and Britannia* Railway Company. Bytown and Britannia Railroad Bill.

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An Act to incorporate the *Lake St. Louis* and Province Line Railway Company. Lake St. Louis Railway Bill.

An Act to incorporate the District Bank of *Quebec*. Quebec District Bank Bill.

An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway Company. Montreal and Province Line Railroad Bill.

An Act to incorporate the *Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia* Railway Company, Canada and Nova Scotia Railroad Bill.

An Act for incorporating the *Toronto and Goderich* Railway Company. Toronto and Goderich Railroad Bill.

To each of which it was His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure to say, that he reserved the said Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.

Then, the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency, as follows: Speaker's Address to His Excellency.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, approach Your Excellency with profound respect, and humbly beg leave to assure Your Excellency that in no period of our history have the Commons of *Canada* applied themselves more assiduously to the arduous duties which have devolved upon them, as the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal and affectionate people, than during the present Session, while it has been their earnest endeavour to support the honour and dignity of the Crown, upon which depend the greatness and prosperity of the country.

The Session now about to close has been characterized by the introduction of many important measures well calculated to develop private enterprize, in extending the Railway communications of the Province, and facilitating the Mining operations on the shores of *Lake Superior*.

Speaker's Address to His Excellency.

We trust that much benefit will arise from the facilities thus promised to be afforded to our internal trade and commerce, and from the developement of the Mineral treasures and resources of the Province, and we have devoted much time and labour to the legislation requisite to promote and encourage these important objects.

To meet the altered state of our Commercial relations with the Mother Country, we have found it indispensable to pass a new Bill materially altering the existing regulation of the Customs in this Province. In making these changes, while due regard has been paid to the protection of the Revenue, our best attention has been given to the adopting such modifications of the Customs' Tariff and Regulations, as we hope will ensure great benefit to the trader and consumer, by the removal of unequal pressure, and a vexatious enforcement of the Law; and to give, where it was possible, fresh stimulus to individual enterprize and industry.

It has been my duty, thus briefly to state to Your Excellency some of the most important measures of the Session. We believe them to be well calculated to increase the prosperity of the Country, and to promote the happiness and welfare of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects in this valuable and important portion of Her vast dominions.

The Bill, which it is now my duty to present to Your Excellency, is intituled, "An Act to appropriate the sums therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and certain other Expenses not otherwise provided for," to which, with all humility, we pray Your Excellency to give the Royal Assent.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly then presented the following money Bill:

An Act to appropriate the sums therein mentioned to defray certain Expenses of the Civil Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and certain other Expenses not otherwise provided for.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

Royal Assent to Supply Bill.

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

After which, His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses:—

His Excellency's Speech

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

In relieving you for the present from attendance in this place, I have to thank you for the zeal and assiduity in the discharge of your important duties which have enabled you, during the course of a Session of comparatively short duration, to consider and perfect many measures which promise to be of great advantage to the community.

I sincerely trust that the alterations which you have made in the Provincial Tariff, and the additional facilities afforded to Trade by the extension of Bonding and Warehousing Privileges, will be productive of benefit to the Colony, and tend to the promotion of its commercial and agricultural interests.

His Excellency's Speech.

I have observed with satisfaction the attention which you have bestowed on the several projects which have been brought before you for developing the Mineral resources of the Province, and improving its means of internal communication.

I trust that the measures which you have passed for the amendment of certain provisions of the Criminal Code, for the protection of Mercantile interests, for rendering the Common School Act of *Upper Canada* more effective, and for placing the Municipal Institutions of *Lower Canada* on an improved footing, will be attended with beneficial results.

The prevalence of disease among the immigrants who have arrived from *Europe* this season, has occasioned me much concern. I have not failed to bring this subject under the consideration of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, and to represent the necessity of adopting measures to place Emigration to this Colony under more efficient regulation. Meanwhile my warmest acknowledgments are due to you for the liberal provision which you have made for relieving the indigent and preventing disease from spreading in the Province. The charitable exertions of the Clergy—of the Ladies attached to the Religious Communities—and of Benevolent Individuals among the Laity—who have, at the hazard of their lives, ministered to the necessities of the sick, are beyond any praise which it is in my power to offer; but I cannot refrain on this occasion from paying a tribute to their devotedness and Christian zeal.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I thank you in the name of Her Majesty for the readiness with which you have voted the Supplies necessary for the Public Service and for maintaining the credit of the Province.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

The several Addresses to the Queen which you have transmitted through me have been duly forwarded to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

By exercising the influence which you possess in your respective Districts to carry out local improvements, and give full effect to the wise and salutary enactments of the Legislature, you may render services to the community hardly less important than those which you discharge while you are assembled here. I am confident that these duties will engage your attention on your return to your homes, and I earnestly pray that our exertions for the advancement of the various interests of this noble Province, and for the benefit of all classes of the Inhabitants, may be attended with the Divine Blessing

Then, the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

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

Parliament prorogued.

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Monday the sixth day of September next, to be then here holden; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday the sixth day of September next.

Parliament
prorogued to
24th April,
1847.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-eighth day of January now last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the fifteenth day of March instant, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear: Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that, on Saturday, the twenty-fourth day of the month of April now next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of *Montreal*, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this eighth day of March, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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

Province of }
Canada. } ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights,

Citizens, and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of *Montreal*, on the twenty-fourth day of April instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you,—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the twenty-fourth day of April instant, nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit further to prorogue the same to Wednesday, the second day of June next, so that you, nor any of you, on the said twenty-fourth day of April instant, at Our City of *Montreal*, to appear, are to be held or constrained, for We do will, that you, and each of you, be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated: Commanding, and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you, and every one of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Wednesday, the second day of June next, at Our City of *Montreal* aforesaid, personally you be and appear, for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.: At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this fifteenth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and in the tenth year of Our Reign.

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L'Islet	Etienne P. Taché, Esq.....	Accepted Office, 1.
Missisquoi..	Mr. Atty. General Smith...	Accepted Office, 2.
Kingston ...	John Alex. Macdonald, Esq.	Resigned, 2.
Toronto	Hon. Henry Sherwood.....	Accepted Office, 2.
Simcoe.....	Hon. Wm. B. Robinson.....	Accepted Office, 2.

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