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## PROVINCE OF CANADA.



HIS EXCELLENCY

The Right Honorable JAMES, Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, K.T.,

GOVERNOR GENERAL,

&c. &c. &c.



BEING THE FIRST SESSION

OF THE

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ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

(L. S.)

*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, and to all whom it may concern—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS, WE HAVE THOUGHT FIT, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council, of Our Province of Canada, to Dissolve the present Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, which stands prorogued to the Twenty-ninth day of July next. Now KNOW YE, that We do for that end publish this Our Royal Proclamation, AND DO HEREBY Dissolve the said Provincial Parliament accordingly ; and the Legislative Councillors, and the Knights, Citizens and

Burgesses of the Legislative Assembly are discharged from their meeting and attendance on the said TWENTY-NINTH day of JULY next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, at Our CITY of QUEBEC, in Our said Province, this TWENTY-THIRD day of JUNE, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
C. C. Chy.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.



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ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

(L. S.)

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

## A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS, We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of Canada, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament; WE DO MAKE KNOWN Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a Provincial Parliament, and do further declare that by the advice of Our Executive Council, WE HAVE THIS DAY, given Orders for issuing Our WRITS in due form, for calling a PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT in Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on this TWENTY-THIRD day of JUNE, and to be returnable on the TENTH day of AUGUST next, except however, the Writs for the Counties of Saguenay and Gaspé, and for the United Counties of Chicoutimi and Tadoussac, which Writs will be returnable on the FIRST day of SEPTEMBER next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, JAMES EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our CITY of QUEBEC, in Our said Province, this TWENTY-THIRD day of JUNE, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

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(L. S.)

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

**K**NOW YE, that We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of Canada, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly, in and for Our said Province, to meet at Our CITY of QUEBEC, in Our said Province, on THURSDAY, the TENTH day of AUGUST next, then and there to have conference and treaty with the Great Men and Legislative Council of Our said Province.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, JAMES EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our CITY of QUEBEC, in Our said Province, this TWENTY-THIRD day of JUNE, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

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C. C. Chy.

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ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

(L. S.)

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

To Our Beloved and Faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Quebec, on the Tenth day of the Month of August instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS, the Meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the Tenth day of the Month of August instant, NEVERTHELESS, for certain causes and considerations, WE HAVE THOUGHT FIT further to prorogue the same to TUESDAY, the FIFTH day of the Month of SEPTEMBER now next, so that neither you, nor any of you, on the said Tenth day of August instant, at Our City of Quebec, to appear are to be held and constrained, for WE DO WILL that you, and each of you, be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; Commanding, and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on TUESDAY, the FIFTH day of the Month of SEPTEMBER now next ensuing, at Our CITY of QUEBEC aforesaid, personally you be and appear for the DESPATCH of BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, JAMES EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

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Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our CITY of QUEBEC, in Our said Province of Canada, this SEVENTH day of AUGUST, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. Chy.

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**T**UESDAY, the Fifth day of September, in the Eighteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady *Victoria*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, **QUEEN**, Defender of the Faith, being the First Session of the Fifth Provincial Parliament of *Canada*, as continued by several Prorogations to this day.

The Members in attendance in the Building prepared for the accommodation of the Legislative Council, in the City of *Quebec*, were :—

The Honorable **JAMES MORRIS**, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

**FERRIE,**  
**MCKAY,**  
**DIONNE,**  
**WALKER,**  
**FERRIER,**  
**TACHÉ,**

The Honorable Messieurs

**LESLIE,**  
**ROSS,**  
**TURGEON,**  
**PANET,**  
**BELLEAU,**  
**WILSON.**

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that a Commissioner was in attendance for the purpose of administering the Oath prescribed by Law.

Who being introduced, was *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire.

Then the following Members of the House took and subscribed the Oath.

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The Honorable JAMES MORRIS,  
ADAM FERRIE,  
THOMAS MCKAY,  
JOSEPH DIONNE,  
WILLIAM WALKER,  
JAMES FERRIER,  
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ,  
JAMES LESLIE,  
JOHN ROSS,  
JOSEPH O. TURGEON,  
LOUIS PANET,  
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU,  
CHARLES WILSON.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this "House."

Who being come, the Speaker of this House, said

*Honorable Gentlemen, and*

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*

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

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

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

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## Wednesday, 6th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JAMES MORRIS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
ROSS,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Jennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately " in this House."

Who being come,

Mr. *Louis Victor Sicotte*, said,

May it please Your Excellency,

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

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

Then the Speaker of this House said—

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*  
*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

It affords me much satisfaction to meet you. The increase in the Members of the Legislative Assembly which has taken place under the Statute which came into operation for the first time on the occasion of the recent General Election, will, I trust, give additional weight to the deliberations of the Legislature, and afford more ample security than has hitherto existed for the due Representation in Parliament of all interests in the Province.

Subjects of great magnitude and importance will necessarily come under your consideration during the Session which is now commencing.

The Imperial Parliament, proceeding with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed two Acts which impose on this Legislature responsibilities of a very grave character.

One of these Acts empowers the Canadian Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council. The substitution of the principle of Popular Election for that of Nomination by the Crown in the appointment of Members of that Body is obviously a task of considerable difficulty, in the execution of which little aid can be derived from experience, as Parliamentary Government and Ministerial responsibility in the British sense of the term are for the most part unknown to the Constitutions of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers. In order, however, to give to this important branch of the Legislature, the weight and influence which it is most desirable that it should possess, some change in its Constitution seems to be imperatively required; and the difficulties to which I have referred, will, I trust, be surmounted by your wisdom, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body.

The other Act of the Imperial Parliament removes the restrictions which have for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with the Clergy Reserves. From an early period in the history of *Upper Canada*, this provision, which was originally intended for the support of the Protestant faith, has been a source of discord and agitation in that section of the Province. It is most desirable,

in the interest of religion and social harmony, that a final and conclusive adjustment of this long-pending controversy should take place without delay. The subject was distinctly brought before the people of the Province at the late Election, and their opinion upon it expressed in no equivocal manner. I trust, therefore, that you will be able without difficulty to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object, which will give general satisfaction.

The condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure, will also, it may be presumed, engage your attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of certain questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interests both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. You will no doubt see the importance of approaching this subject with caution, and with a due regard to the legal and equitable claims of all parties interested. Security of property is an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, must look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighboring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals.

You may probably take into consideration the expediency of assimilating the Municipal Institutions of *Lower Canada*, in so far as circumstances will permit, to the system which, since its introduction has contributed so materially to the prosperity of *Upper Canada*; and also, of extending to the former Section of the Province the advantages of the Municipal Loan Fund Act. On these and other subjects of importance measures will be submitted for your deliberation.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

I will direct the Public Accounts for the past year and the Estimates for the current year to be laid before you; and I rely on your readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,*

You may probably be of opinion that the prosperous condition of the Revenue affords an opportunity, of which Parliament may properly avail itself, to revise the existing Tariff, with a view to the removal of such duties as affect Raw Materials employed in Ship-building and other branches of manufacture within the Province, and to the reduction of others, to which articles entering largely into the consumption of the people are now subject.

I will lay before you the copy of a Treaty which has been concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of the *United States*, for the adjustment of various questions affecting the mutual interests of Her Majesty's subjects in *British North America* on the one hand, and of the citizens of the *United States* on the other, and I recommend to your consideration the propriety of amending the Act passed in 1849 for the free admission into *Canada* of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States*, so as to bring it into harmony with the Provisions of this Treaty.

The Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and

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friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and I trust that they will be met in a corresponding spirit by the Provincial Legislatures.

The removal of duties on the importation of the natural products of *Canada*, into the Markets of the *United States*, will, it may be hoped, have a tendency to perpetuate and extend the prosperity which has prevailed of late to so remarkable a degree in this Province.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Common Schools."

The said Bill was read for the first time, *pro formâ*.

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

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That two hundred and fifty copies of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

*Ordered*, That all the Members present this day be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament; their Honors, or any five of them, to meet to-morrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in the Legislative Council Chamber, and every Monday after, and to adjourn as they please.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, McKay, Moore, Walker, and Taché*, be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this House be instructed to open an account with the Post Master for the postage of letters to and from Members, and to include the same in his Contingent Account.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, McKay, Moore, Walker and Taché*, be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, McKay, Moore, Dionne, Walker, Ferrier, Turgeon, and Wilson*, be appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council, for the present Session.



The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Law Clerk, on expiring Laws.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Thursday, 7th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JAMES MORRIS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal Ladies Benevolent Society*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented the Report of the Librarian, on the State of the Library.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

September 5th, 1854.

To the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada*, the Librarian begs leave respectfully to Report.

That in the interval of time which has elapsed since the last meeting of your Honorable Council, in June last, no change of condition or locality has taken place in the Library, with the exception that a case of Books, chiefly on legal subjects, which had been long missing, having failed to reach *Quebec* in due course by the

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Ocean Steamer from *England*, has been recovered, the contents are in good order, and have been placed in their proper class in the collection of Law.

At the Meeting of Parliament in the Month of June, your Librarian presented a detailed Report of the State of the Library, accounting for the damage done to the Books, estimating the loss sustained, and shewing the number of volumes saved from the fire which consumed the Parliament Buildings, on the first day of February, in the present year.

To that Report your Librarian respectfully begs leave to refer your Honorable Council for any information which may be desired on subjects connected with the present condition of the Library under his charge.

A classified Catalogue of all the Books in the Library of Parliament had been prepared, and was ready for printing, when the disastrous fire of the first of February occurred. This Catalogue was saved, with the exception of a portion of it referring to the works on the History, Topography &c., of the *American* Continent, but as the various sections and classes in the Library generally were much mutilated, and in some instances completely destroyed by the fire, it has not been thought advisable to incur the expense of printing any portion of it without the sanction of your Honorable Council, except the Legal and Constitutional Sections, which are absolutely necessary for reference during the Session of the Legislature.

Your Librarian would, however, respectively observe, that reference can be had to the aforesaid manuscript Catalogue of the remaining sections, on application to the Librarian.

All which is humbly and respectfully submitted.

W. AGAR ADAMSON,  
Librarian.

*Ordered*, That the said Report, together with the Report made by the Librarian on the Fourteenth day of June last, be taken into consideration by the House, on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Reverend *John Cook* and others, inhabitants of *Quebec*, praying that a certain clause in the Act, intitled, "An Act to provide a remedy against the Corporation of the City of *Quebec*, in case of injury to property by any mob, or during Riots in the said City," may be repealed; and also, that such other measures may be taken to vindicate the Law in the matter of the late Riots at *Chalmers' Church*, as may be considered necessary for the maintenance of the religious liberty of all classes of Her Majesty's Subjects.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read;

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented the Bursar's Report of the state of the Income and Expenditure of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at *Toronto*; and also, the Report of *Joseph Workman*, Esquire, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the said Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table; and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Bank of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of that Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from the Honorable *P. J. O. Chauveau* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be incorporated under the name of the "*Quebec and Saguenay Railway Company.*"

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

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

## Friday, 8th September, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JAMES MORRIS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *St. Mary's College* at *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Pierre Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Joseph* of *Point Levi*, praying for a grant of five hundred pounds towards the erection of a School House for a Superior School for Girls;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. D. Déziel* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*, in the County of *Dorchester*, praying for aid towards the support of an Agricultural, Industrial and Commercial School in that Parish;

And also, a Petition from the College of *Chambly*, praying for pecuniary aid.  
*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the *Institut Canadien* praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum, praying for pecuniary aid;

And also, a Petition from the Roman Catholic School Commissioners of the City of *Montreal*, praying for aid towards the erection of a School House for a Roman Catholic Model School in that City.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr *McKay* presented a Petition from *James Reid*, and another, on behalf of the Directors of the *Huntingdon* Academy Association, praying to be incorporated under the name of the "*Huntingdon* Academy;"

And also, a Petition from the Directors of the said *Huntingdon* Academy, praying that the amount annually granted to the said Institution may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, President of the National School Society, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the said School.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of North *Monaghan*, praying that the Act, 16th *Victoria*, chapter 228, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain allowance for road in the Township of *Monaghan*, and to provide for the compensation of persons suffering loss by the confirmation of such allowance," may be repealed;

And also, a Petition from *Charles Jones* and others, of *Toronto*, praying to be

incorporated for the purpose of exploring for, and working, mines of Copper and other Minerals, in *Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Petition from *John C. Becket*, Printer, of *Montreal*, presented to this House on the twentieth day of June last, and praying that he may be indemnified for certain losses arising from the non-fulfilment, on the part of the Legislative Council, of a certain contract for Printing, entered into with him in the year 1849, be referred to the Contingent Committee, to examine and report on the same.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The order of the day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

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

## Monday, 11th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JAMES MORRIS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from *John Jermy Macaulay*, Esquire, of the City of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively.

*Ordered*, That the same to lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *Wolfred Nelson* and others, Members of the British American Friendly Society, praying to be incorporated.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Lewis Rose* and others, of the County of *Stanstead*, praying for an Act of incorporation to enable them to establish a Bank in the said County, to be called "The *Saint Francis Bank*."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That all the Orders standing for this day be discharged until to-morrow.

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

## Tuesday, 12th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
ROSS,  
TURGEON,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Boulton* and *Matheson* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The House was informed that a Commission under the Great Seal had been granted to the Honorable *John Ross*, appointing the said Honorable *John Ross* the Speaker of this House.

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

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To the Honorable *John Ross*, and to all to whom these presents shall come,—

GREETING :

**K**NOW YE, that having taken into Our Royal consideration the Loyalty, Integrity, and Ability of the said *John Ross*, We have constituted and appointed, and do by these presents constitute and appoint the said *John Ross*, to be Our Speaker of the Legislative Council of Our Province of *Canada*, in the place and stead of the Honorable *James Morris*, resigned; to have, hold, and enjoy the said Office unto you, the said *John Ross*, for and during Our Pleasure and your actual residence within Our said Province, together with all and singular the rights, profits, privileges, and advantages thereunto belonging and appertaining in the most full and ample manner. Provided always, that you, the said *John Ross*, do execute the said Office in person, except in cases of sickness or other incapacity.

Recorded 15th September.

THOS. AMNOT,

Depty. Regr.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Right Trusty and Right Well Beloved Cousin, JAMES EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At QUEBEC, in Our said Province, this ELEVENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

LEWIS T. DRUMMOND,

*Atty. Genl. L.C.*

By Command,

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,

*Secretary.*

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

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Town of *Guelph*; also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Village of *Preston*,

severally praying that the Act incorporating the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway may be so amended as that the Municipalities taking stock therein may be authorized to vote at the Election of private Directors ;

Also, a Petition from the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway Company, praying that all Municipalities taking stock therein may have authority to vote at the Election of private Directors, and also, that the said road may be extended to *Sydenham* and other Towns on Lake *Huron*.

Also, five Petitions from *Charles Charpentier*, senior, and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*, praying that compensation may be granted to Jurors in *Lower Canada* ;

Also, praying that the annual grant for Public Education may be increased to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds ;

Also, praying for the amendment of the Municipal Laws, and for the consolidation of the Road Laws in *Lower Canada* ;

Also, praying for the subdivision of the Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and that each of the said Counties may have the right of returning a Member to the Legislative Assembly ;

And also, praying that the Settlers in the Eastern Townships known as "*Squatters*," may be protected against the exactions of the Patentees.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The order of the day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session,

It was moved,

That the same be discharged until to-morrow ;

Which being debated,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was then moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That all the remaining Orders standing for this day, be discharged until to-morrow.

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



## Wednesday, 13th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

#### ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has granted permission to the Honorable *James Gordon*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

#### GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec*, 13th September, 1854.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Honorable *Z. Burnham* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying that the survey made by *John K. Roche*, Esquire, between the seventh and eighth Concessions of the said Township of *Hamilton*, may not be disturbed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Edward Botterel*, Door-keeper, praying that he may be indemnified for the expenses incurred in the removal of his family from *Upper Canada* to the Seat of Government.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*, praying for the amendment of their Charter ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. St. Germain*, President of the *Académie Industrielle* of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, in the County of *Montreal*, praying for a pecuniary grant in favor of that Institution ;

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Also, a Petition from the Corporation of *La Banque du Peuple*, praying for an additional increase to its Capital Stock;

And also, a Petition from *J. Gabriel Valois*, and another, School Commissioners at *Pointe Claire*, praying that their annual Legislative allowance may be increased, to enable them to enlarge their School-house, and engage an English Master.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Louis Proulx*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de la Beauce*, praying for pecuniary aid, to enable him to enlarge a Female Academy in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Misael Archambault*, of the Parish of *St. Hugues de Ramsay*, praying for a grant of five hundred pounds, to enable him to complete the building of a Female Academy in the said Parish;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. Charland* and others, of the Parish of *St. Clement*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for aid in favor of the *Beauharnois* College.

And also, a Petition from His Lordship the Right Reverend *Ignace Bourget*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, Members of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, praying for a pecuniary grant to enable them to complete the building of their College.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

It was moved

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at seven o'clock in the evening.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That all the remaining Orders, standing for this day, be discharged until to-morrow.

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

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Thursday, 14th September, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the City Bank of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to increase its Capital Stock, and also, to enable it from time to time to augment the value of its depreciated Shares.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Sherbrooke*, praying for the alteration of the present system of issuing Shop Licenses, and to authorize the Municipal Councils to regulate the Liquor Traffic;

Also, a Petition from *C. A. G. de Tonnancour*, Coroner of the District of *Saint Francis*, praying that he may be paid for the eight years that he acted without a salary, at the rate of the allowance subsequently granted the Coroner of said District, or such other remuneration for his services as may be considered just and reasonable;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *George Werner* and others, Members of the German Congregation at *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as the German Evangelical Church, with authority to keep Registers and hold Real Estate.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Board of Directors of the *Clarenceville* Academy, praying for pecuniary aid;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Haldimand*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporation Acts, as also the Assessment, School, and License Acts.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr *J. Morris* enters.

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

Which being read by the Clerk,

It was moved to resolve :—

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

To assure His Excellency that it affords this House much satisfaction to be called upon at this time for the discharge of its important functions.

To express to His Excellency a hope, that the increase in the Members of the Legislative Assembly, which has taken place under the Statute which came into operation for the first time on the occasion of the recent General Election, will give additional weight to the deliberations of the Legislature, and afford more ample security than has hitherto existed for the due Representation in Parliament of all interests in the Province.

To assure His Excellency that the most earnest attention will be given by this House to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which His Excellency informs us, will necessarily come under the consideration of the Provincial Parliament during the Session which is now commencing.

To acknowledge that responsibilities of a very grave character are imposed on this Legislature by the two Acts to which His Excellency alludes, as having been recently passed by the Imperial Parliament, advancing, as His Excellency truly observes, with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years.

With reference to that one of these Acts which empowers the Canadian Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council; to agree with His Excellency that the substitution of the principle of Popular Election, for that of nomination by the Crown in the appointment of Members of that body, is obviously a task of considerable difficulty, in the execution of which little aid can be derived from experience, as Parliamentary Government and Ministerial responsibility, in the British sense of the terms, are for the most part unknown to the constitutions of countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers. And to assure His Excellency that the respectful consideration of this House will be given to his suggestion, that in order to give to this important branch of the Legislature the weight and influence which it is most desirable that it should possess, some change in its Constitution seems to be required, and that he may rely on the patriotism of the Members of this House for their utmost endeavors to surmount any difficulties which the case may be found to present.

With reference to the other Act of the Imperial Parliament which removes the restrictions which have for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, to agree with His Excellency, that from an early period in the History of *Upper Canada*, this provision, which was originally intended for the support of the Protestant faith, has been a source of discord and agitation in that Section of the Province, and that it is most desirable in the interest of religion and social harmony, that a final and conclusive adjustment of this

long pending controversy should take place without delay. And, as the subject was distinctly brought before the people of the Province at the late Election, and their opinion upon it expressed in no equivocal manner, to concur with His Excellency in trusting that Parliament will be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction.

To assure His Excellency that this House sees the importance of approaching with caution, and with a due regard to the legal and equitable claims of all parties interested, the subject of the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure, which His Excellency mentions as being likely to engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of certain questions affecting them, which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interests both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*, and to agree with His Excellency that security of property is an indispensable condition of economical progress, and that persons who invest their funds in *Canada*, must look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighboring country is afforded by judicial tribunals.

To express to His Excellency the willingness of this House to take into consideration the expediency of assimilating the Municipal Institutions of *Lower Canada*, in so far as circumstances will permit, to the system which since its introduction has contributed so materially to the prosperity of *Upper Canada*; and also, of extending to the former section of the Province the advantages of the Municipal Loan Fund Act.

To assure His Excellency that attentive consideration will be given by this House to the measures on these and other subjects of importance, which His Excellency informs us will be submitted for our deliberation.

To acquaint His Excellency with the readiness of this House to consider whether the prosperous condition of the Revenue does not afford an opportunity of which Parliament may properly avail itself, to revise the existing Tariff, with a view to the removal of such duties as affect Raw Materials employed in Ship-building, and other branches of manufacture within the Province, and to the reduction of others, to which articles entering largely into the consumption of the people are now subject.

To thank His Excellency for his promise to lay before Parliament a copy of the Treaty which has been concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of the *United States*, for the adjustment of various questions affecting the mutual interests of Her Majesty's subjects in *British North America*, on the one hand, and of the Citizens of the *United States*, on the other, and for recommending to our consideration the propriety of amending the Act passed in 1849, for the free admission into *Canada* of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States*, so as to bring it into harmony with the provisions of this Treaty.

To concur with His Excellency in trusting that the liberal and friendly disposition evinced by the Government and Congress of the *United States*, in dealing with this subject, will be met by a corresponding spirit on the part of the Provincial Legislatures.

And to agree with His Excellency in hoping that the removal of duties on the importation of the natural products of *Canada*, into the markets of the *United States*, will have a tendency to perpetuate and extend the prosperity which has prevailed of late to so remarkable a degree in this Province.

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

It was moved to adopt the same;

Which being debated,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

The remaining paragraphs of the said Resolution being then again severally read,

It was moved to adopt the same.

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put thereon on each, and

The same was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, be appointed a Committee to draft an Address founded on the foregoing Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the said Committee, reported an Address prepared by them, as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward* and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your Gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, and beg leave to assure Your Excellency that it affords us much satisfaction to be called upon at this time for the discharge of our important functions.

We hope that the increase in the Members of the Legislative Assembly which has taken place under the Statute which came into operation for the first time on the occasion of the recent General Election, will give additional weight to the deliberations of the Legislature, and afford more ample security than has hitherto existed for the due Representation in Parliament of all interests in the Province.

The most earnest attention will be given by this House to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which Your Excellency informs us, will necessarily come under the consideration of the Provincial Parliament during the Session which is now commencing.

We acknowledge that responsibilities of a very grave character are imposed on this Legislature by the two Acts to which Your Excellency alludes, as having been recently passed by the Imperial Parliament, advancing as your Excellency truly

observes, with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years.

With reference to that one of those acts which empowers the Canadian Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, we agree with your Excellency that the substitution of the principle of Popular Election, for that of nomination by the Crown in the appointment of Members of that body, is obviously a task of considerable difficulty, in the execution of which little aid can be derived from experience, as Parliamentary Government and Ministerial responsibility, in the British sense of the terms, are for the most part unknown to the Constitutions of countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers; the respectful consideration of this House will however be given to Your Excellency's suggestion, that in order to give to this important branch of the Legislature the weight and influence which it is most desirable that it should possess, some change in its Constitution seems to be required; and Your Excellency may rely on the patriotism of the Members of this House for their utmost endeavours to surmount any difficulties which the case may be found to present.

With reference to the other Act of the Imperial Parliament, which removes the restrictions which have for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, we agree with Your Excellency, that from an early period in the history of *Upper Canada*, this provision, which was originally intended for the support of the Protestant faith, has been a source of discord and agitation in that section of the Province, and that it is most desirable, in the interest of religion and social harmony, that a final and conclusive adjustment of this long pending controversy should take place without delay. And as the subject was distinctly brought before the people of the Province at the late Election, and their opinion upon it expressed in no equivocal manner, we concur with Your Excellency in trusting, that Parliament will be able without difficulty to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction.

We assure Your Excellency that this House sees the importance of approaching with caution, and with a due regard to the legal and equitable claims of all parties interested, the subject of the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure, which Your Excellency mentions as being likely to engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of certain questions affecting them, which cannot be kept in dispense without detriment to the interests both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*, and we agree with Your Excellency, that security of property is an indispensable condition of economical progress, and that persons who invest their funds in *Canada* must look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection, which in a neighboring country is afforded by judicial tribunals.

We beg leave to express to Your Excellency the willingness of this House to take into consideration the expediency of assimilating the Municipal Institutions of *Lower Canada*, in so far as circumstances will permit, to the system which since its introduction has contributed so materially to the prosperity of *Upper Canada*; and

also, of extending to the former section of the Province, the advantages of the Municipal Loan Fund Act.

We assure Your Excellency that attentive consideration will be given by this House to the measures on these and other subjects of importance which Your Excellency informs us will be submitted for our deliberation.

We beg leave to acquaint Your Excellency with the readiness of this House to consider, whether the prosperous condition of the Revenue does not afford an opportunity of which Parliament may properly avail itself, to revise the existing Tariff, with a view to the removal of such duties as effect Raw Materials employed in Ship-building, and other branches of manufacture within the Province, and to the reduction of others, to which articles entering largely into the consumption of of the people are now subject.

We thank Your Excellency for your promise to lay before Parliament a copy of the Treaty which has been concluded between Her Majesty and the Government of the *United States*, for the adjustment of various questions affecting the mutual interests of Her Majesty's subjects in *British North America*, on the one hand, and of the citizens of the *United States*, on the other, and for recommending to our consideration the propriety of amending the Act passed in 1849, for the free admission into *Canada* of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States*, so as to bring it into harmony with the provisions of this Treaty.

We concur with Your Excellency in trusting that the liberal and friendly disposition evinced by the Government and Congress of the *United States*, in dealing with this subject, will be met by a corresponding spirit on the part of the Provincial Legislatures.

And we agree with Your Excellency in hoping that the removal of duties on the importation of the natural products of *Canada* into the markets of the *United States*, will have a tendency to perpetuate and extend the prosperity which has prevailed of late to so remarkable a degree in this Province.

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

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed, and that the same be signed by the Speaker of this House.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the Address of this



House, and that His Excellency had appointed to-morrow, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House, in this City, for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That all the remaining Orders standing for this day, be discharged until to-morrow.

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

## Friday, 15th September, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, being the Committee of Management of the "*Montreal Industrial House of Refuge*," praying that an annual pecuniary grant may be made to the said Institution ;

Also, a Petition from *A. B. Lafrenière* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Guillaume*, praying for alterations to the *Lower Canada Municipal Laws* ;

And also, a Petition from *A. B. Lafrenaye* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Guillaume d'Upton*, praying for the sub-division of the Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and that they may each have the privilege of returning a Member to Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. Thèberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, praying for an increased annual grant in favor of *Masson College* ;

And also, a Petition from His Lordship the Right Reverend *Ignace Bourget*, Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, Directors of the said *Masson College*, praying for an Act of Incorporation in favor of that Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Ronald Macdonald* and others, Trustees of the Roman Catholic Seminary of *St. André d'Argenteuil*, praying for aid towards the support of the said Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *John Sharples* and others, being the Committee of Management of the Congregation of Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English language, praying to be incorporated, for purposes connected with the management of the Buildings and property appertaining to *St. Patrick's Church* in that city.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

#### THE HONORABLE

JOHN ROSS, Speaker.....	Present.
PETER BOYLE DE BLAQUIERE,.....	Absent.
PETER MCGILL,.....	Absent.
RENÉ E. CARON, .....	Absent.
WILLIAM MORRIS, .....	Absent.
JAMES CROOKS, .....	Absent.
ADAM FERGUSSON,.....	Absent.
JOHN MACAULAY, .....	Absent.
JOHN HAMILTON, .....	Absent.
ADAM FERRIE, .....	Present.
PAUL H. KNOWLTON, .....	Absent.
THOMAS MCKAY, .....	Present.
PHILIP H. MOORE,.....	Present.
JOSEPH DIONNE,.....	Absent.
GEORGE J. GOODHUE, .....	Absent.
WILLIAM WALKER, .....	Present.
CHRISTOPHER WIDMER,.....	Absent.
J. ÆMILIUS IRVING, .....	Absent.
P. BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE, .....	Absent.
JAMES MORRIS, .....	Present.

## THE HONORABLE

JAMES GORDON, .....	} Absent, with leave of His Excellency the Governor General.
HAMNETT PINHEY, .....	
JAMES FERRIER .....	Present.
RODERICK MATHESON, .....	Absent.
GEORGE S. BOULTON, .....	Present.
DENIS B. VIGER, .....	Absent.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ .....	Present.
JAMES LESLIE, .....	Present.
FREDERICK A. QUESNEL, .....	Absent.
JOSEPH BOURRET, .....	Absent.
GEORGE S. DE BEAUJEU, .....	Absent.
LOUIS MÉTHOT, .....	Absent.
JOSEPH O. TURGEON, .....	Present.
SAMUEL CRANE, .....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS, .....	Absent.
LOUIS PANET, .....	Present.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU, .....	Present.
CHARLES WILSON, .....	Present.

The House, according to Order, then received the Report of the Committee of Privileges, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM,  
15th September, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament, beg leave to Report, in obedience to the Fourth Standing Order of this House,

That the Honorable *Alexander Fraser*, and the Honorable *James Wylie*, Legislative Councillors, have departed this life since the last Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ROSS,  
*Speaker.*

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company, praying for an extension of their Charter;

And also, a Petition from the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company, praying for an increase of their Capital Stock.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Librarian, presented to this House on the Fourteenth day of June last, and on the Seventh day of September, instant,

It was moved,

That the first mentioned Report be printed for the use of Members.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to notice,

It was moved,

That the following words be left out of the fifty-third Rule of the Legislative Council, " That no printed Petition be received by this House, and "

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to notice,

It was then moved

That the following Standing Orders be adopted, viz :—

" That this House will not in future refuse to receive Petitions on account of the same being printed, provided there are at least three genuine signatures upon the same printed sheet."

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable the Speaker reported, that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious Reply.

*Honorable Gentlemen,*

I thank you for your Loyal Address and I rely on your cordial assistance in promoting measures for advancing the best interests of the Province.

*Ordered*, That the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, be forthwith printed and published in both languages for the use of Members.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Tuesday, 19th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
BELLEAU,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House the Public Accounts for the year 1853;

And also, two Returns shewing the number of Bonds and Securities recorded in the Provincial Registrar's Office, between the 19th of August, 1852, and the 5th of September, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon*, presented a Petition from *W. Kiernan* and others, of *Lochaber*, praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, except for Mechanical or Medical purposes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from *J. W. Carter* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry*, praying that the Petition of the said Municipality, for the passing of an Act to incorporate it as the "Town of *Sorel*," may not be granted;

Also, a Petition from the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation;

Also, a Petition from *B. H. LeMoine* and others, of the District of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of improving the Navigation of the *L'Assomption* River;

And also, a Petition from *G. Brisson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Liguori*, in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for the establishment of a Registry Office, a Circuit Court, a Court of Conciliation, and a Municipal Council, in each Parish in *Lower Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. Brassard* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Longueuil*, praying for aid to enable them to complete the construction of an Academy in that Parish ;

Also, a Petition from *Gédéon Ouimet* and others, Municipal Councillors of the Village of *Vaudreuil* ;

Also, a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*, severally praying that the Petition of the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company, for certain amendments to their Charter, may be granted ;

Also, a Petition from *François Rouleau* and others, of the Township of *Newton*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying for the appropriation of a sum of money to open certain roads in that Township ;

Also, a Petition from *Nazaire Caron* and others, of *Saint Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid towards the purchase of a Library for the Teachers' Association of the County of *L'Islet* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Kingsey Slate Works Company*, praying for an Act to extend their powers ;

Also, a Petition from the *Shefford, Stanstead, and Chambly* Railway Company, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation ;

Also, a Petition from the Members of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Saint Hyacinthe*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

And also, a Petition from the *Woodstock and Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, praying for such an extension of their privileges as will authorize them to construct a line of Railway from *St. Thomas* to *Otterville* or *Simcoe*, and from *Dunnville* to the Suspension Bridge at the Falls of *Niagara*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the *Hamilton and Toronto* Railway Company, praying for such an amendment to their Act of Incorporation as will authorize them to erect a "Fixed" instead of a Swing Bridge over the River *Humber*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal and Vermont* Junction Railway Company, praying for certain amendments to their Charter.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *William H. Ellerbeck* and others, of *Brockville* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Miller* and others, of *Spencerville* ;

Also, a Petition from *Reuben Clothier* and others, of *Oxford Mills*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject, for the information of the Legislature ;

And also, a Petition from *Fred. C. Cutter* and others, Physicians, residing in the Counties of *Missisquoi* and *Shefford*, praying for relief, in consequence of the unfavorable application in regard to them, of the Act to amend the Act which incorporates the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*, praying that authority may be given them to negotiate a loan to consolidate their debt.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *William H. Brehaut*, Joint Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*, praying for consideration and relief in regard to the appointment he fills, and the Salary which he receives therefor ;

Also, a Petition from *E. Boudeau* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*, praying for certain amendments to the Laws which regulate their duties ;

Also, a Petition from *E. Duchesnay* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Marie de la Beauce*, in the County of *Beauce*, praying for aid towards the completion of a College which is being erected by private subscription in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the *Quebec Bank*, praying for an increase of their Capital Stock ;

Also, a Petition from *G. K. Foster* and others, of the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke*, praying for the passing of an Act to separate, for Municipal and Registrars purposes, the Townships now comprised in the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke*, from the remaining part of the present Municipal County of *Sherbrooke*, and to constitute the same into a distinct Municipality and Registration District ;

Also, a Petition from *R. N. Webber* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, praying for a Bill to Incorporate the *St. Francis College* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Cascade Division*, No. 155, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Ramsay* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Iona Division*, No. 290, of the Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from the *Lanark Division*, No. 409, of the Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from the *Prince Edward Division*, No. 14, of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Picton* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Lennox* Division, No. 32, of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Napanee*;

Also, a Petition from the *St. Thomas* Division, No. 196, of the Sons of Temperance;

And also, a Petition from the *Aqueduct* Division, No. 85, of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Merrittville*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject, for the information of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of *Gaspé*, for the year 1853;

Also, a Return from the *Toronto* General Hospital, for the year ending 30th of April, 1854;

Also, a Return from the *Quebec* Provident and Savings Bank, for the year ending 1st March, 1854;

Also, a Return shewing the position of the *Northumberland* and *Durham* Savings Bank, made up to the 1st June, 1854;

Also, a Return of the Liabilities and Assets of the *Montreal* Provident and Savings Bank, made up to the 1st June, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *London*, praying for authority to negotiate a loan for the purpose of consolidating the City Debt;

Also, a Petition from the President, Directors, and Company of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, praying for an Act increasing the Capital Stock of the said Institution;

Also, a Petition from *William Barker* and others, of the Town of *London*, praying to be incorporated as the "*London Hotel Company*;"

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying that certain amendments may be made to the Municipal Corporations Act;

Also, a Petition from *John Arnold* and others, of *Toronto*, praying to be incorporated as the "*Toronto Coal Company*;"

Also, a Petition from the *Lobo* Division, No. 52, of the Sons of Temperance,



praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature;

And also, a Petition from *B. Galvin*, of the Town of *London*, praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor in the said Courts respectively.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Wednesday, 20th September, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manuel, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to the House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has granted permission to the Honorable *Æmilius Irving*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 17th September, 1854.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the *Spring Bank Division*, No. 306;

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Also, a Petition from the *Richmond Hill* Division, No. 83 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Laskay* Division, No. 220 ;

And also, a Petition from the *Whitby* Division, No. 31 ; all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *R. Rugg* and others, Trustees to the *Compton* High School, praying for aid to the said Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Ladies Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School, praying for pecuniary aid towards the said Institution ;

And also, a Petition from the *Quebec British and Canadian* School Society, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Andrew Stuart* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be incorporated as the “ *Quebec and St. Francis* Mining and “ *Exploring Company* ; ”

And also, a Petition from *J. Douglas* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be incorporated as the “ *Megantic* Mining Company.”

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Building Society, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. Groulx* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Benoit* and *St. Scholastique*, in the County of *Two Mountains* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Stovsdon* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Scholastique*, in the said County of *Two Mountains*, and *St. Jerome*, in the County of *Terrebonne* ;

And also, a Petition from *A. Merizzi* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*, in the County of *Napierville*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for giving full execution to the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 58, intituled, “ An Act to provide for “ the indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed “ during the Rebellion, in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven “ and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.”

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *J. H. Heward* and others, Merchants, of *Toronto*, praying to be incorporated as an Association for the purpose of erecting an "Exchange" in the City of *Toronto*;

And also, a Petition from the Canadian Institute of *Toronto*, praying that pecuniary aid may be granted to enable them to erect a Building suited to the wants and objects of their Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* General Hospital, praying for an augmentation of the pecuniary aid annually afforded to it;

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* British and Canadian School Society;

Also, a Petition from the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*, severally praying for pecuniary aid;

And also, a Petition from *W. H. Ponton* and others, praying to be incorporated for the purposes of connecting the waters of *Lake Ontario* with the Bay of *Quinte*, under the name of the *Murray Canal Company*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Village of *Oshawa*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Municipality to construct a Harbour on *Lake Huron*;

Also, a Petition from the *Woodland* Division, No. 168, of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Cumberland*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature;

Also, a Petition from *John Welsh* and others, of *Whitby*, praying that the said Village may be incorporated as the "Town of *Whitby*;"

And also, a Petition from *Antoine Lachance* and others, Messengers of the Legislative Council, praying that the gratuity of twenty-five per cent. on their Salaries which has been paid generally to the Officers and Servants of Government, may in like manner be advanced to them.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have power to report from time to time.

Whereupon the Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented their First Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

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The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, COMMITTEE ROOM,  
20th September, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, beg leave to Report as follows; Upon the Petition of *John C. Becket*, which has been referred to them :—

In the Session of 1851, the sum of fifty pounds was awarded by Your Honorable House to the Petitioner, by way of compensation for certain losses sustained by him, in consequence of the unavoidable delay in furnishing him with the means of commencing the printing of your Journals for the Session of 1849.

At that time there appears to have been pending in the Superior Court at *Montreal* an action, in which one *Pierre Gendron*, a Sub-Contractor of the Petitioner for the Printing of the French version of said Journals, sought to recover damages from him on account of that delay.

This action was dismissed in October, 1851, but on an appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada*, the judgment of dismissal was reversed, and the Petitioner was condemned to pay *Gendron* fifty pounds by way of damages, for the non-fulfilment of the Contract between them, together with interest and costs in both Courts.

It has been proved by the production of taxed Bills of Costs and other Vouchers, to the satisfaction of your Committee, that the Petitioner has thus been put to an expense of one hundred and sixty-six pounds nine shillings and sixpence half-penny, by no fault of his own, over and above the amount of the losses contemplated by the House at the period of the former award in his favor.

Your Committee therefore recommend that the sum of one hundred and sixty-six pounds nine shillings and sixpence half-penny be paid to the Petitioner by way of full and final indemnity for the losses sustained by him in this behalf.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. WALKER,  
*Chairman.*

*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Friday next.

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

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 Thursday, 21st September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Christian Wurtele* and others, of *Quebec*, praying for certain amendments in the Act establishing Provident and Savings Banks.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented two Petitions from the Officers and Members of the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal*, of the Colonial Church and School Society, praying for pecuniary aid; and also, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from *George S. Tiffany*, *Clara Pigot Powell*, the Reverend *Arthur Palmer*, and *George J. Grange*, praying that a certain lot of land conveyed to the said Reverend *Arthur Palmer*, *George J. Grange*, and another in fee, for the use of the said *Clara Pigot Powell*, may be sold for her benefit, and for the purpose of securing an income for her support.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act for the protection of British and American Patentees of Inventions, and the encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in this Province.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read for the second time, this day fortnight.

Pursuant to notice,

It was moved,

That a Select Committee of five Members be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, with power to the said Committee to send for persons, papers, and records, and to report as soon as possible.

The said Committee to be composed of the Honorable Messieurs *McKay*, *Moore*, *Ferrier*, *Turgeon*, and *Belleau*;

Which being debated.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

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

## Friday, 22nd September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Return from the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*, made up to the 19th September, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Edward Barnard*, Esquire, Clerk of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, in the District of *Three Rivers*, praying for an increase of Salary ;

Also, a Petition from *John Dillon* and others, of *East Frampton*, *Standen*, and parts adjacent, in the County of *Dorchester*, praying for a grant of money to construct a Bridge and repair a Road leading to the unsettled lands in the Townships of *Buckland*, *Standen East*, *Evan*, *Waterford*, and *Cranbourne* ;

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Harper* and others, of the Parish of *Grégoire*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for a grant of money in aid of a Girls' School in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House the Regulations adopted by the Central Board of Health ;

Also, the *Lower and Upper Canada* Municipal Returns required by the Statute 16 *Vic.* cap. 163, intituled, "An Act to provide for the making of certain Annual "Returns to the Government ;"

Also, the Returns of the Bursar of the University of *Toronto* and *Upper Canada* College, for the year 1853 ;

And also, the Geological Report for the years 1852 and 1853.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the *Bytown* Division, No. 224, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Friendly Society, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Thomas N. Gibb* and others, of the Viliage of *Oshawa*, praying that as the *Sydenham* Harbor Company has failed to fulfil the conditions of their Charter, the Petition of the said Company for an increase to their Capital Stock, may not be favorably entertained ;

Also, a Petition from the *Canborough* Division, No. 231 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Jarvis* Division, No. 132 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Wellington* Division, No. 40 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Marysburgh* Division, No. 321 ;

Also, a Petition from the Line Division, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least

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for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature ;

Also, a Petition from *J. S. Lewis* and others, of *Huntingdon* ;

And also, a Petition from *William Dougall* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*, severally praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture or sale of Intoxicating Liquors, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to prohibit interments in certain Burial Grounds in the city of *Quebec*.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the day being read for the consideration of the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Thursday next.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act for giving effect on the part of this Province to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

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

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 Saturday, 23rd September, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, 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., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the title of a Bill to be passed as follows:—

"An Act for giving effect on the part of this Province to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*."

To the said Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General, doth assent to this Bill."

The Legislative Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Catholic Institute of *Toronto*, praying that separate Schools may participate equally with Common Schools in any distribution which may be made of the funds arising from the Clergy Reserves.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *J. M. Browning* and others, Inhabitants of the Circuit of *Beauharnois*, praying that the Seat of the Circuit

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Court may be removed from the Parish of *Ste. Martine* to the Village of *St. Clément*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the College of *St. Henri des Mascouche*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next at three o'clock in the afternoon ;

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, praying for an increase to their Capital Stock ;

And also, a Petition from *James Thompson* and others, of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as "The Evangelical Society of *La Grande Ligne* ;"

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Edwin Pridham* and others, Proprietors of Lands in the Counties of *Argenteuil* and *Ottawa*, praying that a grant may be made for the erection of a Bridge over the River *Rouge* ;

And also, a Petition from the Committee of Management of the National School at *Quebec*, praying that the annual Legislative grant made to them may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

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Thursday, 28th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

McGILL,  
FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *McGill* and *DeBoucherville* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Acts and Ordinances relating to the Incorporation of the said City may be amended and consolidated;

Also, a Petition from the *Quebec* Library Association, praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, two Petitions from the North Shore Railway Company, praying for authority "to purchase, take, hold, and subscribe for Stock in any other Railway or "Steamboat Company;" also, praying for authority to construct Docks in the River *Saint Charles*;

Also, a Petition from the President, Directors, and others, Shareholders in the British North American Electric Telegraph Association, praying for an extension of their Act of Incorporation;

Also, a Petition from *A. J. Parker* and others, of the Village of *Danville*, praying for aid towards the erection of the *Danville* High School.

And also, a Petition from *John Downey* and others, of *Danville*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, praying for the amendment and extension of their Act of Incorporation;

And also, a Petition from the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *A. M. Delisle* and others, of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing Docks, Basins, Reservoirs, and Wharves within the said City.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Natural History Society of *Montreal*, praying for the usual annual pecuniary aid ; and also, for a special grant, to further certain objects connected with said Society ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the united Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*, praying for the construction of a Railroad from *Toronto* to *Amherstburgh*, to pass through *Dundas*, *Brantford*, *Norwich*, and *St. Thomas* ;

Also, a Petition from the President and Secretary of *L'Association de l'Ecole St. Jacques à Montréal*, on behalf of the said Association, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*, praying that the whole of the Clergy Reserve Lands may be devoted to Public Municipal purposes ;

Also, a Petition from the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of *Montreal*, praying for aid to erect a School House in the said City ;

And also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying for the amendment of the Laws regulating the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Town Council of *Bytown*, praying that the Charter of the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company may be amended in such a way as to admit of the said Railway being extended to *Bytown* ;

Also, a Petition from the School Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Parish of *Verchères*, praying for a grant in aid of an Educational Institution under the *Clercs de St. Viateur* in that Parish ;

And also, a Petition from *Charles Brin* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Marc*, in the County of *Verchères*, praying that measures may be adopted for the full and entire execution of the Statute 12th *Victoria*, chapter 58, intituled, " An Act to " provide for the indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada* whose property was " destroyed during the Rebellion, in the years one thousand eight hundred and " thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. M. Mignault* and others, members of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the years 1852 and 1853.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

And it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *F. Pilote* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anne La Pocatière*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for a grant towards the opening of a Road from *Grand Bay*, on the River *Saguenay*, to Lake *St John*;

Also, a Petition from “The *St John’s Academy*,” praying for an addition to the annual grant in their favor;

Also, a Petition from *P. A. C. Munro* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, Physicians and Surgeons, and Professors in the *Montreal* School of Medicine and Surgery, praying for certain amendments in the Act of Incorporation of the said School;

And also, a Petition from *P. A. DeGaspé* and others, of the Parishes of *St Jean*, *Port Joli*, and *St. Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L’Islet*, praying for the construction of a Wharf on the River *St. Lawrence*, near the Church of the said Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Schedule of the distribution of the Statutes of *Canada*, 16th *Victoria*, parts first and second, 1852 & 3, with the Reserved Act;

And also, a Statement respecting the Jesuits’ Estates, furnished by the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, as required by the 5th section of the 16th *Victoria*, chapter 163.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Donald Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, praying that a certain allowance for Road in the said Township, may be granted to *Edward Shortis*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the City of *Toronto*, praying for certain amendments in the Esplanade Act;

Also, a Petition from the *Toronto* Athenæum, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation;

Also, a Petition from *Nathan Fellows* and others, of *Earnest Town* and *Fredericksburgh*;

Also, a Petition from *Charles Waters* and others, of the Village of *Vankleeckhill*, severally praying for the passing of an Act to Prohibit the Sale and Manufacture of Intoxicating Liquors;

And also, a Petition from *P. Colin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Valentin*, praying that measures may be taken for the due execution of the Statute 12th *Victoria*, chapter 58, respecting Losses suffered during the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* presented a Petition from *Robert Brown* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*, praying that the Concession Line between Lot No. seven in the said Township, and the Indian Reservation, may be finally and authoritatively settled;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, School Commissioners of the School Municipality of *St. John*, Island of *Orleans*;

And also, a Petition from "the Ladies of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*," severally praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the landed property held by the *Welland Canal Loan Company*, on the first of September, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* presented a Petition from the *Shipton Slate Company*, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged, and

*Ordered*, That the said Report be referred back to the same Select Committee to report further thereon.

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

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 Friday, 29th September, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *F. Tremblay* and others, of the Township of *Stukely*, praying that such persons as have settled on Lands belonging to Absentees may not be ejected therefrom without receiving compensation for the improvements made thereon ;

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Michel*, in the County of *Bellechasse*, praying for aid to the College of *Saint Michel* ;

Also, praying for aid to a Training Institution for Female Teachers in the last mentioned Parish ;

And also, two Petitions from the Reverend *Edouard Joseph Crevier*, of the Parish of *Sainte Marie*, in the County of *Rouville*, praying for aid to a College and Convent in that Parish ;

And also, praying for the Incorporation of a College lately founded by him.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Curé of the Parish of *Chambly*, in the County of *Chambly*, praying for a grant in aid of a Girls' School in that Parish ;

And also, a Petition from *Narcisse Pelletier* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*, in the County of *Arthabaska*, praying for certain amendments in the Laws relating to Tavern Licenses.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*, praying for the amendment of their Charter.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Committee of Manage-

ment of the Male Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, praying for aid to the said Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, praying for the amendment of their Charter and the extension of their powers;

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Section of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, praying for the adoption of such measures as will make it incumbent on the Judges of the Superior Court to preside at the *Enquêtes* in cases in the Circuit Court for the *Montreal* Circuit;

And also, a Petition from "The *North Shore* Railway Company," and "The *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company," praying to be authorized to construct a Railway from *Pembroke* to *Georgian Bay*, and from thence to the *Sault Sainte Marie*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *M. L. C. Panet* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying to be Incorporated under the name of *L'Hospice de la Maternité de Sainte Joseph*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* presented a Petition from *Thomas M. Taylor* and others, Trustees of *Zion* Church, *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to perfect the conveyance of a certain Lot of Land in regard to which there exists some doubt as to their present powers on the subject.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the nineteenth Rule of this House be dispensed with preparatory to the moving that a Select Committee be appointed on the subject of a change in the Constitution of the Legislative Council.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *David Dunckerley* and others, of *Durham*, in the County of *Durham*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the establishment and support of "the *Durham* High School;"

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Sewell* and others, of *Durham*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.



It was moved,

That the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session be authorized to send for persons, papers, and records, in relation to the Petition of *John C. Becket*, referred to the said Committee.

The question of concurrence being put thereon; the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Taché*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

## Monday, 2nd October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
PANET.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Superior Courts of Law and Equity to issue process to compel the attendance of Witnesses out of their Jurisdiction, and to give effect to the service of such process in any part of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *C. Alleyn*, Esquire, Mayor of *Quebec*, and others, interested in the Trade, Steam, and General Navigation of the Districts of *Montreal* and *Quebec*, praying for the erection of a Public Wharf at old *Bic* Harbour.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from His Lordship the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate "*St. Michael's* College."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *Bishop's* College, *Lennoxville*, praying that the annual grant made by the Legislature towards the said Institution, may be increased.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Thomas J. Higginson* and others, of the Townships of East and West *Gwillimbury*, praying for the passing of a Law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of Intoxicating Liquors ;

Also, a Petition from the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour, praying for amendments to their Act of Incorporation ;

Also, a Petition from the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, praying for further amendments to their Act of Incorporation ;

Also, a Petition from *A. Rankin* and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation to construct an Hotel in the Village of *Windsor*, in the County of *Essex* ;

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the *Montreal* Roman Catholic Lying-in Hospital, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from the *New York*, *Newfoundland*, and *London* Telegraph Company, praying for an Act confirming their Charter, giving them aid, and guaranteeing the interest on a certain amount of their bonds ;

And also, a Petition from *Sheffington Connor*, L.L.D., and others, late Professors in the University of *Toronto*, praying for the restoration of the Faculties of Law and Medicine, or that they may receive reasonable compensation for the loss of their said Professorships.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Samuel Phillips*, of *Mont-*

real, Teacher, praying for a grant of one thousand pounds to be applied to the purchase of Ground, and the Erection of Buildings for a Classical and Commercial School under his Superintendance ;

And also, a Petition from the Medical Faculty of *McGill* College, praying that the usual Annual Grant may be made to them.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* from the Select Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session, presented their Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM,

2nd October, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session, have agreed to the following Report :—

Your Committee having deemed it advisable to call, by advertizement in all the Newspapers in *Quebec* and *Montreal* during ten days, for Tenders from parties desirous of contracting for the Printing and Binding required by this House during the present Session, received four Tenders for Printing and two Tenders for Binding.

Of the former, that of Messieurs *Rollo Campbell* and *Louis Perrault*, and of the latter, that of Mr. *Alfred Dredge*, appear to your Committee to be the most advantageous, and have accordingly been accepted.

Your Committee have instructed the Law Officer of the House to draw up the necessary agreements and Bonds, to be executed by the above-named parties and their sureties, for the fulfilment of the terms of their contracts respectively, in favor of the Clerk of the House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ADAM FERRIE,  
*Chairman.*

*Ordered*, That the said Report be now taken into consideration by the House. And the said Report being then again read by the Clerk, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be adopted.

Pursuant to notice,

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That while this Council participates in the regret which has been expressed by the Reverend Chaplain, that the Holy Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, which had been presented to the Legislative Council of *Upper Canada* by His late Majesty King *George* the Third, should have perished in the fire of the first of February last, it concurs in the recommendation that measures should be taken, under the direction of the Honorable the Speaker, to repair the loss by procuring Books to resemble, as nearly as may be, the volumes which have perished.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

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*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for moving,  
Pursuant to notice,

That the Honorable the Speaker be authorized to adopt such measures as may to him seem to be desirable to carry out the opinion, as expressed by the Librarian and concurred in by your Honorable House, so that in any future arrangement which may be made for the re-construction of the Library, a responsible Officer connected with the Department should reside in the building appropriated for its reception.

It was ordered, that the same be discharged, and

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Librarian on the State of the Library, presented to this House on the Fourteenth day of June last, be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, for the appointment of a Committee consisting of the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Boulton*, *Taché*, and *Ferrier*, to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses, for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, the tenth day of October instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Tuesday, the Tenth day of October instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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 Tuesday, 10th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *William Workman* and others, of *Montreal*, praying to be Incorporated as the *Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Company*;

Also, a Petition from the *Peerless* Division, No. 130, located at *Glengarry*;

Also, a Petition from the *Glengarry* Division, No. 21, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature.

Also, a Petition from *John Smith* and others, of the Village of *Martentown*;

Also, a Petition from *James Bell* and others, of North-west *Glengarry*;

And also, a Petition from *George Stringer* and others, of the Township of *Canborough*, severally praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Robert Ramsay* and others, of the Township of *Whitchurch*, praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *William McClarty* and others, of *Pike River*, in the County of *Missisquoi*, praying that except for Medicinal

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or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

Also, a Petition from *J. S. Walton*, late Clerk of the Municipal Council of the District of *Sherbrooke*, praying that he may be compensated for certain services performed by him, as such Clerk ;

Also, a Petition from the Members of the *Sherbrooke* Library Association, praying that an annual grant may be made towards the support of that Institution ;

And also, a Petition from *Joseph Pennoyer*, Provincial Land Surveyor of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, praying that he may be compensated for professional services rendered to the late Municipal Council of the District of *Sherbrooke*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* presented a Petition from *Flavien Vallerand*, of the City of *Quebec* ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexis Pinet*, of the City of *Montreal*, severally praying to be indemnified for certain losses incurred by them as Creditors of the late Municipal District of *Richelieu*, in consequence of the repeal of the Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, 4 *Vict.* caps. 3 and 4 ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Cary*, Printer and Bookseller, of the City of *Quebec* ;

And also, a Petition from *Charles Herbert*, of the said City of *Quebec*, severally praying to be indemnified for the losses incurred by them as Creditors of the late Municipal District of *Quebec*, in consequence of the repeal of the Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, 4 *Vict.* caps. 3 and 4.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Dissident School of *Berthier*, praying for a pecuniary grant in order that they may be enabled to discharge a debt contracted by them in the purchase of a School House ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *Louis H. Fortier* and others, Commissioners of Schools, in the Parish of *Saint Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*, praying for aid to two Superior Schools in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*, praying that Municipalities taking Stock in the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway Company may vote thereon, in the same manner as private parties are entitled to do on Stock held by them ;

And also, a Petition from *John Young* and others, of *Hamilton*, praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the construction of a Railway from the City of

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*Hamilton* to the Town of *Amherstburgh*, or some other suitable point on the *Detroit* River.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Horticultural Society, praying for a pecuniary grant ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *D. H. Tétu* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Roch des Aulnets*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid towards the erection of a Wharf on the beach of the River *St. Lawrence*, in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *George Desbarats* and others, associated in the *St. Lawrence* Mining Company, praying for an Act of Incorporation ;

Also, a Petition from *Sewell Scofield* and others, of the Township of *Sutton*, praying that except for Mechanical or Medicinal purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

Also, a Petition from *John Murphy* and others, of *Tingwich*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying that they may, for Municipal purposes, be annexed to the Municipality of *Richmond*, instead of *Drummond* No. 2 ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Foye*, in the County of *Quebec*, praying that the Road tenthly mentioned in the fifth section of the 16th *Vict.*, cap. 235, may be declared to be that known as "the *Bridgewater* Road ;"

Also, a Petition from *William Brown* and others, of the Township of *Kingsey*, praying that they may be attached to the Municipality of *Richmond*, instead of that of *Drummond* No. 2 ;

Also, a Petition from *H. Glines* and others, inhabitants of *Shipton*, praying that the Townships of *Kingsey*, *Walton*, and *Tingwich*, may be detached from the Municipality of *Drummond* No. 2, and added to the Municipality of *Richmond* ; and also, that the Township of *Shipton* be divided for electoral purposes into two separate Townships ;

Also, a Petition from *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by him as a Creditor of the late Municipal District of *Quebec*, in consequence of the Repeal of the Ordinances of *Lower Canada*, 4th *Vict.*, caps. 3 and 4 ;

And also, a Petition from the *North Shore* Railway Company, praying that the Copy of the Subscription Book of the said Company in the custody of the Secretary of the Province, may be substituted by law for the original lately destroyed by fire ;

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of *British* and *American* Patentees of Inventions, and the encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in this Province," it was  
*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Superior Courts of Law and Equity to issue process to compel the attendance of Witnesses out of their Jurisdiction, and to give effect to the service of such process in any part of *Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Taché*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to notice,

It was moved to resolve,

That the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, *Ferrier*, and *Taché*, be appointed to act on behalf of this House, as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses, for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Legislative Assembly by one of the Masters in Chancery.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to request that House to give leave to *George Brown*, *William Lyon Mackenzie*, and *John Langton*, Esquires, three of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to that House by one of the Masters in Chancery.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from *John Joseph Loy de Medeiros*, of the Parish of *Sainte Zotique*, in the County of *Soulanges*, praying to be allowed to practise Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Th. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Ignace du Côteau-du-Lac*, in the County of *Soulanges*, praying for aid to a College in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *F. Chôlette* and others, of the County of *Soulanges*, praying that a Circuit Court, a Registry Office, and a Municipal Council for that County may be located in the Village of the Parish of *Saint Polycarpe*;



And also, a Petition from the Reverend *T. Brassard* and others, of the County of *Soulanges*, praying that a Circuit Court, a Registry Office, and a Municipal Council for that County may be located at the Village of the Parish of *Saint Ignace du Côteau-du-Lac*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Townships of *Brooke* and *Enniskillen*, praying that the sum of £500 already granted for opening a Road from *Euphemia*, through the South-west corner of *Brooke* and *Enniskillen*, to *Port Sarnia*, may be laid out in improving Roads already opened in the Townships of *Brooke* and *Enniskillen*, as also, the Mail Routes from *Warwick* to *Euphemia*, and from *Plymton* to *Enniskillen* Mills;

And also, a Petition from *Stephen Mackay* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Eustache*, in the County of *Two Mountains*, praying that full and entire effect may be given to the provisions of the Act 12 *Victoria*, cap. 58.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from the Reverend *François P. Porlier* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*, in the County of *Hochelaga*, praying for aid towards the erection of an Academy in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *F. C. H. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Eustache*, in the County of *Two Mountains*, praying for a grant towards the establishment of an Academy or High School in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from *John Counter*, of *Kingston*, Contractor for making the Junction Canal at *Edwardsburgh*, praying that, for certain reasons therein mentioned, he may be allowed a sum beyond the rate agreed upon with the Commissioners of Public Works, to enable him to fulfil his contract.

Also, a Petition from the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, at *Toronto*, praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Bruck* and others, Sons of Temperance, residing at *Lacolle*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from *H. Laparre*, of the City of *Montreal*, praying for indemnity for his losses and expenses, and an increase of his Salary as Secretary to the *Montreal* Board of Notaries.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. Charland*, on behalf of the Ladies Academy at *Beauharnois*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to the fifth day of November next.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

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

## Wednesday, 11th October, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Henry Bull* and others, praying to be incorporated as the *Belleville* and *Midland* Railway Company ;

Also, two Petitions from the *Montreal* and *New York* Railway Company, praying that the Bill before Parliament, intituled, “ An Act for removing all doubts as to the interpretation of a certain Act relative to the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company,” may not pass ;

Also, praying that certain amendments may be made to their Act of Incorporation ;

And also, a Petition from the Lady Directress and Officers of the University Lying-in Hospital, in connection with *McGill* College, *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as “ The University Lying-in Hospital.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Samuel H. Parsons* and others, of *Hereford*, in the County of *Compton*, praying for aid to open a Road from *Compton* to *Eaton* and *Hereford*;

Also, a Petition from *William Mills* and others, of the Township of *Matilda*;

And also, a Petition from *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Eaton*, severally praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the "Rescue" Division, No. 182, located at *Crowland*;

Also, a Petition from the "Hydraulic" Division, No. 90, located at *Thorold*;

Also, a Petition from the *Allenburgh* Division, No. 164, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at the least, for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Neale* and others, of the Township of *Howard*, praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

Also, a Petition from the provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*, praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may be sold, and the proceeds thereof as well as all past sales may be applied to the support of Common Schools and to other public purposes;

And also, a Petition from *William Pierce Howland*, of the Township and County of *York*, praying that the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company may not be authorized to erect any other than a Swing Bridge over the River *Humber*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *Léopold Desrosiers* and others, of the Parish of *Berthier*, in the County of *Berthier*, praying for aid to the *Berthier* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute;

Also, a Petition from *J. Trigge* and others, Inhabitants of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*, and adjoining Parishes, praying that the entrance of the main Channel of the River *Nicolet* may be dredged and cleared;

Also, a Petition from *L. G. DeTonnancour* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Yamaska*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of 1851, relating to the Common of the said Seigniorship;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Louis Theophile Fortier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for aid towards the establishment of a Female School in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from *Josephite Ponsant*, wife of *Magloire Grenier*, and *Luce Ponsant* widow of *Zephirin Bergeron*, both of the Parish of *St. Michel*, in the County of *Yamaska*, School Teachers, praying that measures may be adopted for procuring payment of the debts due to them by the School Commissioners of that Parish;

And also, a Petition from the Directors of the *Berthier* Academy, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, the General Rules and Forms as framed and approved pursuant to the provisions of the Tenth Section of the *Upper Canada* Division Courts Extension Act of 1853, (16 *Vict.* cap. 177, sec. 10).

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Thomas Mackie* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be incorporated as the "*Canada Copper Company.*"

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *John Young* and others, Proprietors of certain Houses situated in *Champlain Street*, in the City of *Quebec*, which were destroyed, with many members of their families, by the falling of rock into the Lower Town of the said City of *Quebec*, praying that their claims to indemnity may be favorably entertained.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Bill intituled, "An Act for the Protection of *British* and *American* Patentees of Inventions, and the encouragement of "Arts and Manufactures in this Province," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in "the City of *Quebec*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon ;

The same was agreed to by the House.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed, and read a third time to-morrow.

Which being debated,

It was moved in amendment,

That the said Bill be not printed and read a third time to-morrow, but that it be referred back to the Select Committee to report further on same.

The question of concurrence being put on the said amendment, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Moore* and *Panet* be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the last mentioned Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, in the following words :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Tuesday, 10th October, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council to inform their Honors, that this House do give leave to *George Brown*, *William Lyon Mackenzie*, and *John Langton*, Esquires, three of the Members of this House, if they think fit, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

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

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**Thursday, 12th October, 1854.**

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Laurent Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *Notre-Dame de la Victoire*, praying that Municipalities of Parishes may be substituted for the existing Municipalities of Counties ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. C. Cloutier* and others, of the County of *Temiscouata*, praying that a Wharf may be erected on the River *St. Lawrence* opposite the Parish of *St. George de Cacouna*, and the *Chef-lieu* of the County, established in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Mechanics' Institute of *Three Rivers*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* enters.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Clerk and others, Officers and Servants of the Legislative Council, praying that they may be compensated for certain losses occasioned by the fire which destroyed the Parliament Buildings, on the first day of February, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Ferrier*, and *Panet*, to report thereon from time to time, and to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

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 Friday, 13th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
TURGEON,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, for the year 1853 ;

Also, a Report of the Postmaster General, for the year ended 31st March, 1853 ;

And also, a Return of the Receipts and Disbursements of *St. Mary's College*, at *Montreal*, for the years 1853-4.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Board of Trustees of the University of *Queen's College, Kingston*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *J. B. Bailey* and others, of *Plattsburgh*, Stockholders and Proprietors of the *Montreal and Plattsburgh Railroad*, praying that no Bill to amalgamate the *Montreal and New York Railway Company* with the *St. Lawrence and Champlain Railroad Company* may be passed into a law, but that the former Company may be compelled to re-open their communications and fulfil their engagements with the said *Montreal and Plattsburgh Railroad Company* ;

Also, a Petition from *P. C. Matte* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*, praying that measures may be taken for the settlement of the differences which have arisen between the Seignior of the Seigniorship of *Beauharnois* and his *Censitaires* ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexis Bisson* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Remi*, in the County of *Napierville*, praying that measures may be adopted for giving full and entire effect to the Act 12 *Vict. cap. 58* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. C. DeMontigny* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*, praying that measures may be taken for the settlement of the differences which

have arisen between the Seignior of the Seigniory of *Beauharnois* and his *Censitaires*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Mary Raper* and others, Females of the Village of *Newmarket* and vicinity;

Also, a Petition from *Robert H. Smith* and others, of *Whitchurch*;

Also, a Petition from *Henry Bull* and others, of the Village of *Markham*;

Also, a Petition from *Emma Brown* and others, Ladies residing in the Eastern Townships;

And also, a Petition from *Charles Brodie* and others, of *Quebec*, praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Samuel Hills* and others, Sons of Temperance, of *Lachute*, praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

Also, a Petition from *George Brown* and others, of *Lachute*, praying that the County of *Argenteuil* may be detached from the County of *Two Mountains* for Municipal purposes, and the holding of Circuit Courts; that Legislative aid may be given towards the Construction of three Main Roads to the rear of the County; that the Channel of the *North River* between the *Ottawa* and the Village of *St. Andrews* may be opened; and that a Central Locality should be chosen for holding the Public Meetings in the Township of *Chatham*;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Dale* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that the Township Meetings may be convened in a central locality;

And also, a Petition from *Duncan Sinclair* and others, residing in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth Ranges of the Township of *Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that the Side Lines in the said Ranges may be established and confirmed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *William Ritchie* and others, of *Sherbrooke*, praying for a grant to repair a Bridge across the River *St. Francis*;

Also, a Petition from *R. W. Bishop* and others, of the Township of *Weedon*, in the County of *Wolfe*;



And also, a Petition from *Amos Bishop* and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*, severally praying for aid to open a Road from the said Township to *Sherbrooke*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Charles Brooks* and others, of the *Eastern Townships*, praying that the Clergy Reserves may be secularized, and the proceeds applied to Educational purposes; also, that the "*St. Francis Col-lege*," situated at the Village of *Richmond*, may be endowed from that source.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker, presented a Petition from *N. Dugas* and others, of the County of *Montcalm*, praying that a separate Registry Office, and separate Judicial and Municipal Institutions for that County, may be established in the Parish of *St. Jacques*;

Also, a Petition from *George B. Roe* and others, of the Township of *Clarence*;

Also, a Petition from *William St. Jule* and others, of the Township of *Longueuil*, in the County of *Prescott*;

And also, a Petition from *Sidney Warner* and others, of *Earnest Town*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the *Shefford Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* enters.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was then moved,

That the nineteenth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it regards the present motion; and that the eightieth Rule be suspended until otherwise ordered, so that in future, the hour of daily meeting may be four instead of three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

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The Speaker then declared this House continued until Tuesday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Tuesday, 17th October, 1854.

At half-past Four o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until to-morrow at Four o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

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## Wednesday, 18th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Governors of the University of *McGill* College :

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Also, a Petition from the Patrons and Members of the Committee of Management, of the *Montreal* Dispensary, severally praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from *James Cumming* and others, of the Township of *Charlottenburgh* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. T. Insley* and others, of the Township of *Athol*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

And also, a Petition from *R. S. Tylee* and others, of *Montreal*, praying for aid towards the support of the *Montreal* Dispensary.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the " *Monument* " Division, No. 411, located at *Queenston* ;

Also, a Petition from the " *Ravine* " Division, located at *St. Davids* ;

Also, a Petition from the " *Beacon Light* " Division, No. 361, located at *Caistor* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Smithville* Division, No. 148 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Grimsby* Division, No. 153 ; all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature.

Also, a Petition from the Board of School Trustees, of the Town of *Chatham*, praying for authority to dispose of a certain Lot of Land for the benefit of Schools in the said Town ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*, praying that certain amendments may be made in the *London* and *Port Stanley* Railroad Company's Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Council of the Municipality of *Shefford*, praying for the passing of a Law prohibiting the Importation, Manufacture, and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House a Return of the Commutations of Tenure within the *Censives* of *Quebec*, *Three Rivers*, and the Seigniori of *Lauzon* ;

Also, a Return of the Commutations of Tenure within the *Censives* of the late

Order of *Jesuits*, in the Districts of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and *Three Rivers*, from the 1st August, 1852, to the 31st August, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—  
(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a petition from the Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Daniel H. Lammon* and others, of *Edwardsburgh*, praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *D. Martineau* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying for aid to open a Road in that County ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *D. Martineau* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Joseph* and *St. Frederic*, in the said County of *Beauce*, and of the Township of *Broughton*, in the County of *Megantic*, praying for aid to open a Road in those Counties.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to request that House to give leave to *William Rhodes*, Esquire, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the accusations against the Members of the late Administration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the foregoing communication be communicated to the Legislative Assembly by one of the Masters in Chancery.

The Honorable the Speaker, as President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, presented to the House a Statement of Moneys received and expended in *Canada* by the said Company, from the date of the Annual Report, 30th June, 1854, to 1st September, 1854 ;

Also, the Revenue Account, General Balance, and Capital Account of said Grand Trunk Railway Company ;

Also, a Statement of the number and classification of the Passengers, and the quantity of Merchandize conveyed on the section of the Grand Trunk Railway of *Canada* opened for Traffic, for the six months ending 30th June, 1854 ;

Also, a Statement of the Traffic Returns, for five months ending December 31st, 1853;

Also, a Statement of the Traffic Returns on the *Montreal* and *Portland* Section, of the Grand Trunk Railway, from 1st January, 1854, to 30th June, 1854, the date of the half-yearly Report to the Shareholders.

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Amount of Liabilities and Assets of the Bank of *Montreal*, from 1st March to 31st August, 1854;

And also, a Return of the Amount of Liabilities and Assets of the *City* Bank, during the period from 28th February to 31st August, 1854.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *F. Park* and others, of the County of *Essex*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Dover*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Chatham*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Harwich*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Howard*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Oxford*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Romney*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *East Tilbury*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Town of *Amherstburgh*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Anderson*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Maidstone*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Rochester*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Gosfield*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Colchester*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Mersea*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Malden*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *West Tilbury*, seven-

rally praying that a Charter may be granted for the construction of a Railroad from *Amherstburgh* to *St. Thomas*, and thence to the *Niagara River*;

Also, a Petition from *Pierre Viger* and others, of the County of *Chambly*, praying for the Repeal of the Ordinance of *Lower Canada*, 3rd and 4th *Vict.* cap. 25;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. Robert* and others, of the Parish of *Lacadie*, in the County of *Saint John*, praying that measures may be adopted for giving full and entire execution to the Statute intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada* whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion, in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker presented to the House a Despatch from the Military Secretary, enclosing a Copy of a Letter from *H. W. Bayfield*, Esquire, Captain and Admiralty Surveyor, accompanied by a complete set of his "Charts and Directions," and presented by him to the Parliament of *Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec*, 14th October, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to transmit herewith for your information, the Copy of a Letter which His Excellency has received from Captain *Bayfield*, R.N.

19th September, 1854.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

AUGT. T. HAMILTON,

*Military Secretary.*

The Honorable the Speaker of the  
Legislative Council,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

SURVEYING VESSEL "GULNARE,"

*Sheet Harbour, Nova Scotia.*

19th September, 1854.

My Lord,—I have the honor to inform Your Excellency, that in replying, on the 21st January last, to a communication from Lieutenant General *Rowan*, at that time Administrator of the Government of *Canada*, respecting the sites of proposed Light Houses in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence* and Strait of *Belle Isle*, I had occasion to refer to points and places incorrectly represented in the old Charts. It therefore appeared to me desirable, that the Government of *Canada* should have ready access to the Admiralty Charts, resulting from my Surveys, for reference on any future occasion.

Having communicated this opinion to the Hydrographer, Sir *Francis Beaufort*, he has transmitted to me a complete set of my Charts and Directions, in order that I might have the gratification of presenting them to the Canadian Parliament.

Requesting that they may be considered as indicative of the deep interest I must ever feel for *Canada*, in which so many years of my life have been passed, and also as a small mark of the high respect entertained by Sir *Francis Beaufort*, as well as myself, for Your Lordship and the Parliament of *Canada*.

I have, &c.

(Signed,)

H<sup>y</sup>. W. BAYFIELD,

*Captain & Admiralty Surveyor.*

His Excellency

The Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE,

&c. &c. &c.

P. S.—The case of Charts, with the original of this letter, forwarded from *Halifax* by the Brigantine *Zillah*, *Bernier*, Master, to sail from *Halifax* on or about the 7th October.

H. W. B.

*Ordered*, That the said Despatch and Letter be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Report of the Librarian presented to this House on the Fourteenth day of June last.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a detailed account of Property holden by *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation de Notre-Dame*, under the authority of the Act 8th *Vict.* cap. 99.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

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

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Thursday, 19th October, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *Thamesford* Division, No. 346 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Washington* Division, No. 334, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least, for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature ;

And also, a Petition from *W. V. Southard* and others, Builders, praying for the passing of such an Act as will give them a lien on buildings until the full amount of the Contract is paid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*, praying that the said Town may be Incorporated as the "*City of Ottawa* ;"

Also, a Petition from the *Upper Canada Mining Company*, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation ;

And also, a Petition from *John McLean* and others, of *Oakville*, praying for the passing of a Law prohibiting the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from *John George Crébassa* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry* ;



And also, a Petition from *James Kelly* and others, of *Sainte Victoire*, severally praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *Charles Laberge* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Athanase*, in the County of *Iberville*, Directors of *l'Institut Canadien d'Iberville*, praying for aid to that Institution ;

And also, a Petition from *Charles Thibeau* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Alexandre*, in the County of *Iberville*, praying that measures may be adopted for securing the repair of the Turnpike Roads from *St. Athanase* to *Spears' Corner* in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

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## Friday, 20th October, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *James Adamson* and *John George Couillard*, Advocates, and Clerks in the Office of the Legislative Council, praying that they may be respectively designated in accordance with the daily duties which they are required to perform in the service of the Council.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the foregoing Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to

peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *P. Blanchet* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that measures may be adopted for giving full and entire execution to the Statute intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada* whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight";

And also, a Petition from *Alexis Caron* and others, of the Township of *Shawinigan*, in the County of *Saint Maurice*, praying for aid to open a Road through the said Township.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *Claude Rajotte* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorrel*, in the County of *Richelieu*, praying for the repeal of the Laws of *Lower Canada* relating to Winter Vehicles.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Taché* and others, in the following words, viz :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 16th October, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Macdonald of Glengarry*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Laberge*, and Mr. *Taché*, be appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned; and to act on behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, communicating to their Honors, a copy of the foregoing Resolution, appointing certain Members to act on behalf of this House, as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Taché* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B LINDSAY,

*Clerk Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, Clergymen of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in

the Diocese of *Toronto*, praying that in the settlement of the Clergy Reserve question, their claim for certain arrears of Salary may be duly satisfied.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 23rd October, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prévost* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the College *Masson*, at *Terre-bonne*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John H. Holden* and others, of the Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*;

Also, a Petition from *John Rutherford* and others, of *Kemptville*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from *Sarah Coyle* and others, Ladies of the County of *Ox-*

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*ford*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *A. Scott* and others, of the County of *Carleton*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *J. B. Drinville* and others, of the County of *Berthier*, praying for aid towards the opening of a Road from the North-east part of the Township of *Brandon* to the Parish of *Saint Cuthbert* in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *E. B. Lindsay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Foy*, School Commissioners, praying for aid to an Academy at the place called *Sillery* in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Charles Benedict* and others, of *St. Andrews*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, praying for a pecuniary grant to clear the Channel of the Rapids of the *North River*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *George Benjamin* and others, praying to be Incorporated under the name and style of "The *Moir* Works," at *Belleville*, for the purpose of Manufacturing Locomotive and other Engines;

Also, a Petition from *John Beatty* and others, of *Cobourg*, on behalf of the *Northumberland* Liquor Law League, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Raleigh*, praying for the construction of a Railway from *Amherstburgh* to *St. Thomas*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

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Tuesday, 24th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Pierre Jely* and others, of the Township of *Montmini*, in the County of *Montmagny*, praying for aid to open a Road from the Parish of *St. Pierre* to that Township;

Also a Petition from *Amable Jetté* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Felix de Valois* and *St. Gabriel de Brandon*, in the County of *Berthier*, praying for certain amendments in the Acts relating to the erection of Roman Catholic Parishes in *Lower Canada*;

And Also, a Petition from *Joseph Eugene Doucet*, praying to be appointed Additional Clerk Assistant of the Honorable Legislative Council, in the room and place of *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, promoted.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *Coleman's Corner* Division, No. 5, located at *Lyn*;

Also, a Petition from the *Mallony* Town Division, No. 10;

And also, a Petition from the *Kitley* Division, No. 68, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least, for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject for the information of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Clarke* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers Five and Six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*,

“and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *James Shannon* and others, of the Village of *Ashton* ;

Also, a Petition from *A. McArthur* and others, of the Township of *Beckwith* ;

Also, a Petition from the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Lanark* Division, No. 409, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

Also, two Petitions from the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, praying that a Law may be passed prohibiting all Labour in the Post Office and other Public Departments on the Lord's Day ;

Also, praying for the Secularization of the Clergy Reserves ;

And also, a Petition from *Henry Gordon*, Moderator, in the name of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, praying for certain amendments to the Act 10th and 11th *Vict.* cap. 14, in regard to Returns of Baptisms, &c.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *W. H. Richmond*, of the City of *Toronto*, praying that a number of Copies of a Book compiled by him, containing Legal Forms and other information, may be purchased for the use of Honorable Members, and for the Public Offices ;

Also, two Petitions from the Municipal Councils of the County of *Kent*, praying that an Act may be passed, placing the appointment of County Officers at the disposal of the Municipal Councils in *Upper Canada* ;

Also, praying for the passing of an Act to make valid, and confirm the substitution of certain copies of the By-Laws of the Municipal Council of the said County, for those destroyed by fire on the fifteenth day of August last.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *William Ritchie* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, praying for aid in behalf of a School for Females established in the said Town.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the College *Masson*, at *Terrebonne*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Taché*, and *Panet*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Copy of a Proclamation, relative to the Public Health.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

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

## Wednesday, 25th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Adam Young* and others, of the *Port Robinson* Division, No. 86, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Spencer* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*, severally praying that, except for Mechanical or Medicinal purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

Also, a Petition from the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*, praying for the construction of a Branch Canal from *Thorold* Village to the mouth of the *Niagara* River;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Thorold*,

praying that a lateral cut may be made to connect the Village of *Thorold*, on the *Welland Canal*, with the outlet on the *Niagara River*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, in the following words, viz:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Tuesday, 24th October, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, to inform their Honors, that this House do give leave to *William Rhodes*, Esquire, a Member of this House, if he thinks fit, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Smith*, of *Northumberland West*, and others, in the following words, viz:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 23rd October, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying their Honors to permit the Honorable *John Ross*, Speaker, the Honorable *James Morris*, and the Honorable *Samuel Mills*, Members of that House, to attend the Select Committee to whom is referred the charges against the late Administration, on Saturday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Smith*, of *Northumberland West*, do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable *John Ross*, Speaker, the Honorable *James Morris*, and the Honorable *Samuel Mills*, do have leave to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if they think fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was



*Resolved* in the affirmative.

And it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *John Ross*, Speaker, the Honorable *James Morris*, and the Honorable *Samuel Mills*, to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly to whom is referred the charges against the late Administration, on Saturday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if they think fit.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Humberstone*, praying that a lateral cut may be made to connect the Village of *Thorold*, on the *Welland Canal*, with the outlet on the *Niagara River*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Jacob Ryman* and others, of the Township of *Barton*;

And also, a Petition from *Gideon Smith* and others, of the Township of *Glandford*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *F. J. Gemmill* and others, of the Township of *Elizabeth*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from *M. Patton*, Senior, and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*, praying against the passing of any Act to amalgamate the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad with the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad, but that the conditions and stipulations which have been made in regard to the latter Road may be ratified and confirmed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Labelle*, on behalf of the Mutual Assurance Association of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *Edouard Faucher*, of the Parish of *Lotbinière*, praying for a grant to enable them to build a Wharf in the said Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Charles N. Tripp* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying to be Incorporated as the International Exploring, Mining, and Smelting Company;

Also, a Petition from *R. Hoyle* and others, of *Lacolle*, praying for the immediate abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Town of *Belleville*, praying that an Act may be passed, granting to the said Municipality the right of Ferry from the Town of *Belleville* to the Township of *Ameliasburgh* ;

Also, a Petition from *C. H. Midler* and others, of the Villages of *Newburgh* and *Clarks Mills* ;

And also, a Petition from the *Cobourg* Division, No. 9, of the Order of the Sons Temperance, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee appointed to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament, presented their Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 25th October, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament, have, in obedience to the Order of Reference of the twentieth instant, examined the Petition of *James Adamson* and *John George Couillard*, two of the Writing Clerks in the employ of your Honorable House, praying that your Honorable House will be pleased to grant them the titles of “ Clerk of the English Journals,” and “ Clerk of the French Journals,” respectively, and have agreed to Report thereon, as follows :—

Your Committee recommend, that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ADAM FERRIE,

*Chairman.*

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the College *Masson*, at *Terrebonne*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, in the English version only, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

Page 1, Line 45.—Leave out from “ erected ” to “ shall.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon,

The same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers Five and Six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *McKay*, and *Moore*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

## Thursday, 26th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,

FERRIE,

McKAY,

MOORE,

WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,

TACHÉ,

DEBEAUJEU,

PANET,

BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Lanark*, No. 448, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from *G. W. Ross* and others, of the County of *Renfrew*, praying that the Municipalities, in which Buildings appropriated for Religious Worship are situated, may be charged with the cost of their repair or reconstruction, should any such be damaged or destroyed, either by the violence of a Mob, or by the torch of an Incendiary.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Zoé Bigue*, of the City of *Quebec*, widow of *Joseph René Richard*, School Teacher, praying for a Pension in consideration of the services rendered by her said late husband to the cause of Education;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. Sax* and others, praying for aid to open a Road from Lake *Beauport* to the Parish of *Laval*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Hugh Allan* and others, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to establish a Line of Ocean Steamers between *Liverpool* and *Quebec* and *Montreal*, or such other places as may appear desirable.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, presented their second Report.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 26th October, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, have examined the said Accounts, and have agreed to Report thereon, as follows:—

The Clerk of this House has accounted satisfactorily to your Committee, by vouchers, numbered from one to six hundred and twenty-one, for the expenditure of the balance of One thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine pounds and six shillings, remaining in his hands on the thirty-first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, the date to which the last audit of his accounts extended, as well as of all sums received by him from that day to the thirty-first day of August last, with the exception of three hundred and fifty-four pounds, two shillings and nine-pence, which remained as a balance in his hands to the credit of your Honorable House at the last mentioned date.

It has been represented to your Committee by *Michael Keating*, the House-keeper and Chief Messenger of the Legislative Council, that he has incurred expenses to the amount of twenty pounds, in procuring lodgings for himself and his family, in the intervals between the removal of the Seat of Government from *Toronto* to *Quebec*, in October, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and the completion of the apartments allotted to him in the Parliament Building here in May, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and between the destruction of the latter by fire, in February last, and his admission in June last, into the apartments now occupied by him in that part of the *Quebec* Court House allotted to the use of the Legislative Council; and your Committee recommend that the Clerk be authorized to reimburse him for such expenses to the above amount.

And on the Petition of *Edward Botterell*, Door-keeper of the Legislative Council, praying that he may be indemnified for the expenses incurred in the removal of his family from *Upper Canada* to the Seat of Government, which has been referred to them, your Committee beg leave to Report that, in their opinion, the said expenses, to the amount of sixteen pounds six shillings and ten pence half-penny, should be refunded to the Petitioner; and they recommend that the Clerk be authorized to pay that sum to him accordingly.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,  
*Chairman.*

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

*Ordered*, That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Five thousand pounds, to enable that Officer to meet the current expenditure of the House during the present Session, and the ensuing recess; being in addition to the sum of One thousand five hundred pounds advanced by His Excellency on the fifteenth day of April last; and also, the sum of Four thousand pounds likewise advanced by His Excellency on the seventh day of July last, on the personal applications of the said Clerk.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council, as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the College *Masson*, at *Terrebonne*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, in the English version only, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Roger Finn* and others, of the Parish of *Laval*, and of the City of *Quebec*, praying for aid to improve the Roads in the said Parish of *Laval*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

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Friday, 27th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *W. Gamble* and others, Millowners, &c., praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of “The Millers, Merchants, and Farmers Bank of *Canada West* ;”

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, praying that Petit Jurors may be remunerated for their services ; that the License Laws may be amended, and the Inspectors of Houses of Public Entertainment appointed by the County Councils, and that the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Daniel McDougall* and others, of the Township of *Vaughan* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *V. St. Aubin* and others, of *Clarenceville* ;

Also, a Petition from *A. R. Harris* and others, of the West Riding of the County of *Missisquoi*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the Diocesan School, at *St. Johns*, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to build additional Houses ;

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Stanbridge* Academy, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Cornwall*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the Survey of part of the said Town, made by *John S. Bruce*, in February, 1854 ;

And also, a Petition from *A. L. Taylor* and others, of the West Riding of the

County of *Missisquoi*, praying that each Riding may be constituted a separate County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *John Hackett* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Chambly*, in the County of *Chambly*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the sale of certain Lands, described as "Lots numbers Five and Six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the "re-investment of the proceeds for the object of the Trust," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House at the next sitting thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Superior Courts of Law and Equity to "issue process to compel the attendance of Witnesses out of their Jurisdiction, and "to give effect to the service of such process in any part of *Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was again referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds "in the City of *Quebec*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with one other amendment in addition to that recommended in their former Report, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be taken into consideration by the House at the next sitting thereof.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Prévost* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the College *Masson*, at " *Terrebonne*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment

made by the Legislative Council to the English version only of this Bill, without any amendment.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 30th October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *William F. Coffin* and others, holders of Stock in the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company*;

Also, a Petition from Major General *Wetherall*, Adjuant General of Her Majesty's Forces, and *Charles Martin*, Esquire, a Lieutenant in Her Majesty's 95th Regiment, by their Attorney *William F. Coffin*;

Also, a Petition from the said *William F. Coffin*, as Attorney and Agent of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Clinton, Essex, and Franklin*, in the State of *New York*, one of the United States of *America*; severally praying that, no measure may be passed to authorize the amalgamation of the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company*, with the *Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company*, except under certain specific conditions;

Also, a Petition from *Gilbert Weller* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*;

And also, a Petition from *J. M. Grover* and others, of the Village of *Colbourne*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.



The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Richard Coleman* and others, of the Village of *Lyn*, praying for the Incorporation of a General Manufacturing Company, under the name and style of the "*Lyn Manufacturing Company* ;"

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. V. Rogers* and others, of *Kingston* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Drew* and others, of the Townships of *Usborne*, *Stephen*, and *Hay* ;

Also, a Petition from *Charles R. Black* and others, of the County of *Renfrew* ;

And also, a Petition from *William Nairn* and others, of the *St. Lawrence* Division, No. 16, of the Sons of Temperance, *Quebec*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Members of the Committee of the *Three Rivers* Academy, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Pelham*, praying for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves ;

Also, a Petition from *James Jamieson* and others, praying that the Statute 11th *Vict.* cap. 10, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act therein mentioned, and to "make better provision for the construction of Aprons to Dams on the River *Moira*," may be so amended as to compel Lumbermen to build their own Slides and not impose that duty on the Millowners and Occupiers ;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Anderson* and others, of the County of *Welland* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Pelham*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

Also a Petition from *J. Ketcheson* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon* ;

Also, a Petition from *G. Wheeler* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon* ;

Also, a Petition from *Daniel Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Elziber* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Nixon* and others, of the Township of *Madoc*, severally praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to repair the Roads and Bridges in their respective Townships ;

And also, a Petition from Lieutenant Colonel the Honorable *E. P. Taché*, as

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Chairman of the Committee appointed for collecting subscriptions for erecting Monuments on the different Battle Fields of the last War with the *United States*, praying for aid in that behalf.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *François Lapointe* and others, Pilots for the Port of *Quebec*, praying that the Bill introduced into the Legislative Assembly, this Session, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Port of *Quebec*," may not pass into a Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from *James Mason* and others, proprietors of lands crossed by the Grand Trunk Railway, between *Montreal* and *Kingston*, praying for certain amendments in the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the sale of certain Lands, described as Lots numbers Five and Six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged, and

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee to whom it was formerly referred, to report further thereon.

Pursuant to Order the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment last reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*."

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon,

The same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed, and the same read a third time on Thursday next.

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

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## Tuesday, 31st October, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Cloutier* and others, of the Seigniory of *Lessard*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid to open a Road from the Parish of *L'Islet* to the Province Line in rear thereof;

Also, a Petition from *François Milot* and others, of the Township of *St. Maurice*, in the County of *Saint Maurice*, praying for aid to open certain Roads in and near that Township;

And also, two Petitions from *Simon Bertrand* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Mathias*, in the County of *Rouville*, praying that full and entire effect may be given to the Statute, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion, in the years "one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight;" and also, praying for the immediate abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Charles Berczy* and others, Owners and Lessees of Water Lots, in the City of *Toronto*, praying that certain stipulations and conditions may be introduced into the *Toronto Esplanade Act*, by means of which their interests may be considered and respected.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Quebec Board of Trade*, praying that the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec* may not pass into a Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *P. H. Grandbois* of the Parish of *Grondines*, in the County of *Portneuf*, praying for aid to build a Bridge over the river of *Ste. Anne*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of Thursday last, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously, and to say that he would comply with the wishes of this House.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *R. H. Thornhill* and others, of *Fort Erie*, praying to be incorporated, as “the President, Directors and Company of the *Fort Erie Canal Company* ;”

Also, a Petition from *J. S. Smith* and others, of *Port Hope* ;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Gerry* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

And also, a Petition from *James O' Connor* and others, of *Lacolle*, praying that full and entire effect may be given to the Statute, intituled, “An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion, in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.”

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to request that House to give leave to the Honorable *William B. Robinson*, and *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, two of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the foregoing resolution be communicated to that House, by one of the Masters in Chancery.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* be added to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers Five and Six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-vestment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust”—reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment to the English version only, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

Page 1, Line 6.—After “*Adam*” insert “*Johnston*.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment to the English version only, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Thursday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Thursday, 2nd November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the *Georgeville* High School, praying for an annual grant in favor of the said Institution.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Clarke* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers Five and Six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the

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“ Trust,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the English version only, of the said Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented two Petitions from *J. T. Béchard* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*, praying that certain improvements may be made in the Gaol and Court House of the District of *Kamouraska* ;

Also, praying that a Survey may be made of the country lying between *Lake St. François* and the *Dégelé*, and a Road opened from *Ste. Hélène* to the former place, at the expense of the Province ;

Also, a Petition from *P. Pelletier* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*, praying that a Pier and a Harbour of Refuge may be built in the River *St. Lawrence*, opposite the Village of *Kamouraska* ;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Desjardins* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli* and *St. Roch*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for the completion of the *Elgin Road*, in rear of those Parishes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*,” was read a third time. The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

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

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## Friday, 3rd November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,

McKAY,

MOORE,

WALKER,

DEBOUCHERVILLE,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,

TACHÉ,

PANET,

BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *John Clanson* and others, Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from *D. Dockerty* and others, Sons of Temperance, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John O'Donnell* and others, of the Township of *Augusta* ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Page* and others, of the Township of *Thorold* ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Sowersby* and others, of the Village of *Port Robinson* ;

Also, a Petition from *Edward Carl* and others, of the Township of *Crowland* ;

And also, a Petition from *James Begg* and others, of the Township of *Roxborough*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House, a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad and appurtenances, together with the amount of Tonnage and of Passengers conveyed over the Road, during the year 1853 ;

Also, a General Statement of the Affairs of the *Gore* Bank, on the 30th September, 1854 ;

Also, a Statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the *Toronto* General Hospital, from the 1st May, 1853, to the 1st September, 1854 ;

Also, the Annual Report of the Directors of the *Montreal* Horticultural Society, for the years 1853 and 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—  
(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Henry Williams* and others, inhabitants of *Long Island*, in the County of *Carleton*, praying for the passing of an Act prohibiting the Importation, Manufacture and Sale, as a beverage, of Intoxicating Liquors in this Province;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Adams* and others, Turnkeys of the *Montreal Gaol*, praying that their Salaries may be increased;

And also, a Petition from *Robert G. Haliburton*, M.A., Attorney and Barrister-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Province of *Nova Scotia*, praying to be admitted as an Attorney in the Superior Courts of *Canada West*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *P. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Reach*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn Manufacturing Company*.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, in the following words, viz:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 2nd November, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council to inform their Honors, that this House do give leave to the Honorable *William B. Robinson*, and *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, Members of this House, if they think fit, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.



## Monday, 6th November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manuel, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

### ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

The Governor General informs the Legislative Council that he has granted permission to the Honorable *Adam Fergusson*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

### GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec, 4th November, 1854.*

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Curé* and *Marguilliers* of the *Œuvre* and *Fabrique* of the Parish of *Montreal*, praying to be authorized to keep two distinct series of Registers for the said Parish ;

And also, a Petition from *William Lighton Kinmond* and another, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that, with others, they may be Incorporated as “The *Montreal* “Locomotive, Marine, and Steam Forge Works.”

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *A. Painsonneault, fils*, and others, praying for the immediate abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Leon Lachapelle* and others, of the Counties of *Huntingdon* and *Beauharnois*, praying that no Act may be passed to ratify the arrangements entered into between the *Montreal* and

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*New York* Railroad Company, and the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Boivin* and others, School Commissioners of the Borough of *William Henry*, in the County of *Richelieu*, praying for aid for a Boys' School and a Girls' School in that Borough.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Toronto*, in Synod assembled at the City of *Toronto*, praying that the Common School Act may be so amended as that the Members of the said United Church may possess the same privilege in regard to separate Schools as is enjoyed by their Roman Catholic fellow subjects; and also, that provision may be made for the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in all the other Common Schools.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That the Honorable *James Morris* be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate Communities of Inhabitants, in *Lower Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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Tuesday, 7th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Saint Aubin* and others, School Commissioners and Secretary-Treasurer of the School Municipality of *St. Felix de Valois*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for aid to establish a Model School in that Municipality.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return, shewing the Liabilities and Assets of the *Montreal Provident and Savings' Bank*, on the 1st September, 1854;

And also, a Return of the Property belonging to, and held by, the Mechanics' Institute of *Toronto*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Town of *Brantford*, praying that a Charter may be granted to construct a Railway from *Toronto* to *Amherstburgh*, passing through *Dundas*, *Brantford*, *Norwich*, and *St. Thomas*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn Manufacturing Company*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, *J. Morris*, *Ferrier*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *James Cahill* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*;

And also, a Petition from the *Hamilton* Division, No. 25, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Mary Ann Bankier* and others, Ladies of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the *Quebec* Lower Town Infant School.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the *Lochiel* Division, No. 115, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Glengarry* ;

And also, a Petition from *E. Chalmers* and others, of *Smith's Falls*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their Third Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 7th November, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, have, in obedience to the order of reference of the twenty-eighth day of September last, again examined the Petition of *John C. Becket*, referred to and already reported upon by them, and have agreed to Report anew thereupon, as follows :—

Your Committee having been authorized, since the date of their former Report on this Petition, to send for persons, papers, and records in relation thereto, have caused the whole of the Record in the case of *Gendron vs. Becket* to be laid before them ; and after a careful perusal of the evidence adduced in that case, they have seen cause to modify the conclusions on which that Report was based.

Your Committee therefore recommend, that a further sum of Fifty Pounds be paid to the Petitioner, and in consideration thereof, that he be required to execute a release in full, of all claims and demands whatsoever, legal or equitable, arising out of his Contract for Printing the Journals of the Session of 1849.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,

*Chairman.*

*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration be discharged.

After a long Debate,

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

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

## Wednesday, 8th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Ladies Benevolent Society of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from the *Acton* Division, No. 242 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Wellington Square* Division, No. 103 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Troy* Division, No. 244 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Oakville* Division, No. 61, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from *John Gowan* and others, of the Village of *Jarvis* ;

And also, a Petition from *Joseph Lemon* and others, of the said Village of *Jarvis*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Reverend *John Durand* and others, of the Village of *Stouffville*;

And also, a Petition from *G. Buchanan* and others, of the Township of *Whitby*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*, praying that the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron* Railroad Company may be compelled, by Legislative enactment, to fence in their line of Road;

And also, praying for the extension of the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts in *Upper Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *F. H. Prévost* and others, Commissioners of Roman Catholic Schools in the City of *Montreal*, praying for aid towards the erection of a Building for a Roman Catholic School in that City;

And also, a Petition from *Samuel Hills* and others, of *Argenteuil*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented to the House a Return, shewing the number of Passengers and the quantity of Freight passed over the *Industry* Village and *Rawdon* Railway during the season of 1853.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented two Petitions from the Roman Catholic Institute of *Saint Rochs, Quebec*, praying for certain amendments in their Charter; and also, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *John Dewar* and others, Sons of Temperance of *St. Andrew*, in the County of *Argenteuil*;

Also, a Petition from *A. McEachern* and others, Sons of Temperance of *Montreal*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from *James Young* and others, of the Township of *Grenville*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that the Act of the sixteenth *Victoria*,

affirming a certain Survey by *J. J. Roney*, of the Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Ranges of the said Township, may be repealed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That the Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Third Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Which said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be adopted.

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

## Thursday, 9th November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* came to the table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fenning Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the *Great Western Railway Company*, praying for an increase to their Capital Stock, and for other purposes ;

Also, a Petition from *William Henry Smith* and others, of *Toronto*, praying to be Incorporated as the " *Provident Fire Assurance and Investment Company* ;"

And also, a Petition from the *Sydenham Harbour Company*, praying for an increase to their Capital Stock.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John McDonald* and others, of *Gananoque* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Tobias* and others, of the Township of *Pittsburgh* ;

Also, a Petition from *Douglas Griffin* and others, of the Township of *Grimsby* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Campbell* and others, of *Lanark* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay* ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of *Kingston* ;

Also, a Petition from *Eliza Sherburn* and others, of the Township of *Nelson* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Buttimer* and others, of the Township of *Portland* ;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Toronto* ;

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Storrington*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *A. Gagy* and others, Members of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Quebec*, praying that an investigation may be made into the conduct of the Honorable *Thomas Cushing Aylwin*, one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada*, with a view to his removal from the said office of Judge.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Annual Return for the year 1853, of the *St. Lawrence Inland Marine Assurance Company*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *James Corbett* and others, of *Perrytown* ;



Also, a Petition from *M. Sawyer* and others, of the County of *Hastings*;

Also, a Petition from *William Stewart* and others, Sons of Temperance;

Also, a Petition from *John Shoults* and others, of the Township of *McGillivray*;

And also, a Petition from *Robert Rawlins* and others, of the Township of *Bid-dulph*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to notice it was moved,

That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to cause the following Documents to be laid before this House, viz:—

FIRST.—Extracts of the Order in Council respecting the Application of *Simeon Larochelle*, for commutation of Land in the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, and the Opinion and Reports of the Law Officers on or about the 7th day of October, 1848.

SECOND.—Extracts of the first Order in Council on the above case, with a Copy of the Petition of the said *Simeon Larochelle*.

THIRD.—Copy of the Indenture of a Sale made on the 30th March, 1765, by His Excellency the Honorable *James Murray*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Province of *Quebec*, to *Isaac Werden*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, of the Seigniorship of *Rivière du Loup* or *Wolf River*; also, of the Fief *Madawaska*, with the Lake *Temiscouata*, and the Rivers, Water Courses, Piscaries, and the right of Fishing. Registered at *Quebec*, on the 28th May, 1765. Register A.

FOURTH.—Copy of the Sale made on the 7th November, 1767, by *Dame Charlotte Aubert*, wife of the Marquis *D'Albergatti Veza*, to *John Grant*, Esquire, one of the Barons of Her Majesty's Court of Exchequer in *Scotland*, of the Fief and Seigniorship of *Echemins*, on the South-west side of the River *Sault La Chaudière*, with all the Rivers included. Registered at *Quebec*, on the 29th May, 1765. Register A.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

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

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The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Welland* Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under His Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

The Governor General recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Council, the propriety of concurring in a grant of Twenty Thousand Pounds Sterling, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec*, 9th November, 1854.

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

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## Friday, 10th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Christina MacKay*, widow of *Robert Walter Stewart MacKay*, of *Montreal*, praying that, in consequence of the services rendered by her late Husband to the Province, by the publication of the *Canada Directory* and other works of general utility a pension, or some other compensation may be granted to her.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Charles Rubige* and others, Registers of the Counties in *Upper Canada*, praying that the Fees enjoyed by them last year, may be restored, and that an allowance may be made to them to pay the Salary of a Clerk, and the Rent of an Office ;

And also, a Petition from certain Officers of the Legislative Council, praying that, in consequence of the increase in the prices of all the necessaries of life, a suitable addition to their Salaries may be made.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *David Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*, praying for aid to build a Bridge over the River *Batiscan* ;

And also, a Petition from *Pierre Jean Mathon*, of the Parish of *St. Prosper*, in the County of *Champlain*, praying to be remunerated for his services as a School Teacher during thirty-five years.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Petition presented this day from certain Officers of the Legislative Council, praying that, in consequence of the increase in the price of all the necessaries of life, a suitable addition to their Salaries may be made, be re-

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ferred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *George Wetham* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*;

And also, a Petition from *John Porteous* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time, on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Francis Morrison* and others, representing the *Fabrique* of the Parish of *St. Cyprian*, praying that the claim of the said *Fabrique* to indemnification under the Act 12 *Vict.* cap. 58, and the Bill of Amnesty which preceded it, 12 *Vict.* cap. 13, may be re-considered, and justice done to them in the matter.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate Communities of Inhabitants, in *Lower Canada*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until this day fortnight.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Monday, 13th November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,  
 FERRIE,  
 MOORE,  
 WALKER,  
 DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
 MORRIS, J.  
 FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
 TACHÉ,  
 LESLIE,  
 DEBEAUJEU,  
 PANET,  
 BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *William Griffin* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*, praying for the consideration of the Legislature on account of the distress and loss which they have sustained by reason of the Fires in the Woods during the past summer;

And also, a Petition from *Patrick Rooney* and others, praying for the adoption of measures to secure the speedy settlement of the question at issue between them and the Honorable *James Ellice*, Seigneur of *Beauharnois*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *C. A. McConnell* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*;

And also, a Petition from *Hugh Blair* and others, of the Township of *Madox*, severally praying for a Government Allowance for the repair of Roads and Bridges in their respective Townships.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Honorable *Louis Massue* and others, resident upon and interested in the *Gomin Road*, near *Quebec*, praying that the said road may be macadamized, and placed under the control of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust*;

And also, a Petition from *Felix Emmanuel Juneau*, of the City of *Quebec*, praying for an annual grant for the support of his School, in the *Saint Roch's* Suburb of the said City.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Council of the *Quebec Board of Trade*, praying that no alteration may be made in the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*;

And also, a Petition from *Gustave Joly* and others, Proprietors of Fiefs and Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, praying that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *lods et ventes* or fines upon the mutation of lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*," may not pass.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

*Ordered*, That the Petition just presented from the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying that no alteration may be made in the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the *Toronto* Savings Bank, for the period commencing on the 8th July, 1854, to the 8th November instant.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That there be a Call of the House on Thursday, the twenty-third day of November instant.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of British and American Patentees of Inventions, and the encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in this Province," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Welland Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until this day week.

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

## Tuesday, 14th November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, Roman Catholic inhabitants of the Town of *Picton*, praying that in the event of any portion of the Clergy Reserve Fund being applied to Common School purposes, a provision may also be made for the participation by separate Schools in the benefits of the said Fund.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Auclair* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying that an Act may be passed for the suppression of houses of Ill-fame in that City, or at least that persons knowingly letting their houses for the purpose of being used as such, may be declared subject to the same pains and penalties as persons convicted of keeping disorderly houses.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company*, praying that no Act authorizing the Grand Trunk Railway to encroach on the rights of the said *New York and Montreal Railroad Com-*

pany may be passed into a Law, except upon such terms and conditions as may be previously agreed upon by them.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their First Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly to assist Mr. Speaker in the regulation and management of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a First Report :—

The Committee, since their organization, have been actively engaged in the consideration of measures for replacing the valuable portions of the Library destroyed by the Fire of the 1st of February last, full particulars of which disaster were reported to Your Honorable House, by the Librarian, at the commencement of the present Session.

The result of these deliberations will be hereafter submitted ; meanwhile it is satisfactory to state, that the money claimed of the Insurance Companies, in payment for the Books damaged or lost at the Fire, amounting to the sum of £5,700, has been paid into the hands of the proper Officers, and is available for re-appropriation.

Among the Books saved at the Fire, the Committee rejoice to find included the valuable manuscripts illustrative of the early History of *Canada*, which were procured by Mr. *Faribault* during his Mission to *Europe*, on behalf of the Library, in 1852, and which are now arranged, bound, and deposited in the Library.

The Committee have received from Mr. *Faribault* proposals for procuring from *Paris*, a further series of these documents ; those already obtained consisting of Official Correspondence, during the years 1625 to 1747, between the authorities in *Canada* and the Government of *France*. Additional papers, in continuation of this series, are to be found among the Archives of the Departments of State at *Paris*, and by the liberality of the French Government, permission has been given to make further selections from the same.

In view of the historical importance of such a collection, and its use as affording materials of the highest value to the future Annalist, the Committee recommend that the sum of £200 sterling be placed at the disposal of Mr. *Faribault* for the purpose of completing the series in question, it having been intimated by that gentleman that some six thousand pages of manuscript, being all that remains, which it is thought desirable to obtain, could be transcribed and transmitted to *Canada* for a sum not exceeding that amount.



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*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of British and American Patentees of Inventions, and the encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in this Province."

And the said amendments being again read by the Clerk, it was

*Moved*, That the said amendments be not now proceeded with, but that the said Report and Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee, with instructions so to amend the Bill as to limit its operation to future Letters Patent, and to provide that the enjoyment of the benefits to be obtained by the enregistration of any such Letters Patent shall be conditional upon the immediate and continued exercise, by the Patentee, in this Province, of the manufacture, art, or invention, which such enregistration will secure to him, the exclusive privilege of exercising within its limits.

After debate,

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

It was then moved to

*Resolve*, That the Order of the Day for the consideration of the amendments reported by the Select Committee to the said Bill be discharged, and that the said Bill and the Report thereon be committed to a Committee of the whole House, on Thursday next.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

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

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## Wednesday, 15th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Richard Woodruff* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying that measures may be adopted for encouraging the County Grammar Schools, and for increasing the number thereof.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying for the repeal of the ninth section of the Act 16 *Vict.* cap. 181.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Marie Metivier* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying for aid to the *Hospice de St. Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the Honorable *L. M. Viger* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, praying that the Seigniorial Bill, now before Parliament, may not be passed into a Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. Piette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*, in the County of *Chambly*, praying that the said Parish may be declared to be the centre of the said County ;

And also, a Petition from the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal* and others, praying for the enactment of a law for the suppression of the abuses resulting from the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Reverend Dr. *Taylor* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

And also, a Petition from *Henry Allen*, Esquire, late Judge of the District Court of the District of *London*, praying for Inquiry, by a Committee of the Legislative Council, into the cause of his dismissal from Office in the year 1847, and that relief may be afforded to him.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *A. Hurd* and others, of the Village of *Prince Albert*, praying that the application for the construction of a Railroad from *Port Perry* to some point on the *Ontario, Simcoe* and *Huron* Railway, between *Toronto* and *Newmarket*, may be favorably entertained.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton, DeBeaujeu, and Panet*, be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was moved,

That the Select Committee appointed on the twelfth day of October last, and to whom was referred the Petition from the Clerk and others, Officers and Servants of the Legislative Council, praying that they may be compensated for certain losses occasioned by the Fire which destroyed the Parliament Buildings on the First day of February last, be discharged, and that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the first Report of the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament.

Which said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was  
*Ordered*, That the same be adopted.

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

## Thursday, 16th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *James Gilrie* and others, of *West Gwillimbury*;

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Duffil* and others, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Timothée*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for aid to a Model School and a Nunnery in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, praying to be authorized to raise additional loans for the

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purpose of completing the drainage of the said City, and finishing their Water Works.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *N. Samuel* and others, Members of the German and Polish Congregation of the Jewish persuasion at *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate the said Congregation.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. H. Dostie* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Edouard de Gentilly*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for amendments to the Ordinance of *Lower Canada* concerning the erection of Parishes and the building of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards;

And also, a Petition from *Le Petit Séminaire de Sainte Thérèse de Blainville*, praying for aid.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* enters.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of British and American Patentees of Inventions, and the encouragement of Arts and Manufactures in this Province," together with the report of the Select Committee on the same.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from *Wolfred Nelson* and others, of *Montreal*, interested in the *Montreal* House and School of Industry, praying for pecuniary aid towards that Institution.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

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

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Friday, 17th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *James S. McCuaig* and others, merchants and citizens of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as a Fire and Marine Assurance Company.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *William Gamble*, on behalf of the President, Directors and Company of the *Humber* Harbour and Road Company, praying that the Charter of the said Company may be renewed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from *William Botsford* and others, of *Amherstburgh*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Th. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau-du-Lac*, praying for aid to repair the Bridge over the River à *Delile* in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Sale of certain Town Lots in the said Town, and that the proceeds of such sales may be applied to the use of the different Religious Denominations to which the said Lots belong ;

Also, a Petition from *Daniel W. Metlor*, Executor to the Estate of the late *Philip Metlor*, deceased, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the adjudication, under the authority of the Act 16th *Victoria*, intituled, "An Act to amend the

“Laws relating to the Public Works,” of the claims of the said Estate, for damages occasioned by the construction of the *Welland Canal* ;

Also, three Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying that a Charter may be granted for the construction of a Railway from *Amherstburgh* to *St. Thomas* ; also, praying that the Common School Act may be amended by repealing the Sectarian Clauses thereof ; also, praying that in the arrangement entered into by Government for the Sale of the Timber in the Indian Reserve, in the Township of *Oxford*, the just rights of the Indians and the interests of the County may be duly regarded ;

Also, a Petition from *Calvin Smith* and others, of the Township of *Sombra* ;

Also, a Petition from *George Hamilton* and others, of the Village of *Elora*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

Also, a Petition from the *Innisfil* Division, No. 177, located at *Cherry Creek* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Blenheim* Division, No. 57 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Sheffield* Division, No. 363, located at *Beverly* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Stewartown* Division, No. 75 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Refuge* Division, No. 215, located at *Euphemia* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Arthur Central* Division, No. 13 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Warwick* Division, No. 20 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Elora* Division, No. 272 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Arthur, Advance* Division, No. 413 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Birmingham* Division, No. 221, located at *Colchester* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Bridgetown* Division, No. 190 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Forest* Division, No. 381, located at *Oxford* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Percy* Division, No. 27 ;

Also, a Petition from the *Cornwall* Division, No. 91 ;

And also, a Petition from the *Erie* Division, No. 145, located at *Morpeth* ; all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters, at the next General Election, to express their opinion on the subject, for the information of the Legislature.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, presented their Fourth Report.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 17th November, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, have agreed to Report as follows, upon the Petition from the Clerk and others, Officers and Servants of the Legislative Council, praying that they may be compensated for certain losses occasioned by the Fire which destroyed the Parliament Buildings, on the 1st of February, 1854, which has been referred to them.

Your Committee have come to the conclusion, that Your Honorable House cannot properly be called upon to compensate any of its Officers for such a loss; but, under the circumstances, are disposed to entertain favorably the application for payment of certain articles used by the Officers in the discharge of their official duties, and which are usually kept within the Parliament Buildings; and would therefore recommend, that compensation to the following amounts respectively be made to the Officers who have met with such losses, viz. :—

The Reverend Dr. <i>Adamson</i> .....	£28	0	0
Mr. <i>John F. Taylor</i> .....	8	0	0
Mr. <i>LeMoine</i> .....	27	12	6
Mr. <i>Fennings Taylor</i> .....	32	10	0
Mr. <i>Fortier</i> .....	10	0	0
Mr. <i>Kimber</i> .....	22	10	0
Mr. <i>Doucet</i> .....	2	0	0
Mr. <i>Adamson</i> .....	2	10	0
Mr. <i>Couillard</i> .....	3	0	0

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As the Officers of Your Honorable House will no doubt guard themselves against similar losses in future, by seeking the protection which is to be found in the Insurance Offices of the Country, your Committee can hold out no hope, that any future application of a like character would be favorably entertained by Your Honorable House.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,  
Chairman.

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



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The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Terrill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the removal of doubts, and to explain the Statute, 12 *Vict.* cap. 42, to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *McDonald* of *Cornwall* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Monday, 20th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,  
 FERRIE,  
 MCKAY,  
 MOORE,  
 WALKER,  
 DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
 MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
 TACHÉ,  
 LESLIE,  
 DEBEAUJEU,  
 MILLS,  
 PANET,  
 BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* came to the table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed, under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John Stevenson* and others, of *Lanark*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Brockville*, praying that the Municipal Act may be so amended as that the County Councils may not have the power of levying Taxes on the Inhabitants of Incorporated Towns; and also, that Towns may be relieved from the necessity of sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves to the said County Councils.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the County of *Kent* Municipal Council, praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on the Lord's Day;

And also, a Petition from *William Brooks* and others, of *Sherbrooke*, praying for the establishment of a Bank within the said District of *Sherbrooke*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the *St. Roch's* Reading Room, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Michel Marcé* and others, of *St. Athanase*, in the County of *Iberville*, praying that an Act may be passed to prevent the establishment or use of Burial Grounds in populous places;

Also, a Petition from *M. Buckley* and others, of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of Incorporation of that Town.

And also, a Petition from the *Mechanics' Institute* of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *G. K. Foster* and others, of *Richmond*, praying for the establishment of a Bank in the District of *St. Francis*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 17th November, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted the accompanying Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of Relief to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England* and *France*, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged; and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The said Address to Her Majesty was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to accept our cordial congratulations on the glorious Victory achieved by Your Majesty's brave Army and gallant Allies, on the Heights of *Alma*, in the *Crimea*, on the 20th day of September, 1854, a Victory that must be ever memorable in the History of Nations, as well for the deeds of valour and self-devotion displayed by the Allied Armies, as for its important effects on the future peace and welfare of the civilized world.

At the same time we condole with your Majesty, and sympathise with all classes of your Majesty's loyal people, for the great loss of life which has arisen from this fierce and bloody struggle against the enemy of *Europe*, the sufferings of the numerous wounded in the army of your Majesty, and that of your Allies, and the

desolation of the Widows and Orphans of those brave men who have fallen in the hour of victory, courageously fighting in the cause of European liberty. Moved by these considerations, by sentiments of sympathy and compassion for the suffering survivors, and the sorrows and privations of those who have been left widowed and fatherless by this fearful contest, we desire the privilege of contributing towards the Fund for the Relief of the bereaved and afflicted Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England* and *France*, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest. And we pledge ourselves at the earliest opportunity, which the forms of Parliament allow, to place at the disposal of the Commissioners appointed by your Majesty for receiving the same, our humble aid towards so humane and commendable a purpose.

And we humbly request that your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause our contributions to be divided in equal proportion, between the wounded, the Widows, and the Orphans of your Majesty's gallant Army, and those of the Army of your Majesty's Imperial Ally, the Emperor of the French.

It was moved, that the nineteenth Rule be dispensed with, and that the said Address to Her Majesty be now considered by the House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Address being then again read by the Clerk ;

It was moved to agree with the Legislative Assembly, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council, and"

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Address to the Queen, by filling up the blank with the words "Legislative Council, and"

It was moved,

That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,  
Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle,  
Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and  
Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia,*

*New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council, and of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of Relief to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England* and *France*, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That the Speaker do sign the last mentioned Address on behalf of this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Address to which they desire their concurrence.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Welland* Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the removal of doubts and to explain the Provincial Statute, 12 *Vict.* cap. 42, to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time, on Thursday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

## Tuesday, 21st November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Goodhue* and *Quesnel* came to the table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed, under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, as follow:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Tuesday, 21st November, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors, that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of Relief to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England* and *France*, who have fallen or may here-

after fall in the contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged, by filling up the blank with the words "Legislative Assembly."

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

It was moved,

That the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of Relief to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England* and *France*, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged, be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

It was moved,

That the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended by both Houses with their Joint Addresses.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint this day, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the said Joint Addresses.

It was then moved to Resolve,

That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint that House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed this day at the hour of half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive both Houses with their Joint Addresses on the subject of Relief to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England* and *France*, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged, and that the Legislative Council will attend His Excellency at that time.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Legislative Assembly by one of the Masters in Chancery.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable the Speaker reported, that both Houses of the Legislature did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General with their Joint Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of Relief to Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of *England and France*, who have fallen or may hereafter fall in the contest in which *England and France* are now engaged; and also, their Joint Address to His Excellency, requesting him to transmit the same, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, and that His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious Reply:—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN,  
AND GENTLEMEN,

I shall have much satisfaction in transmitting this loyal and dutiful Address in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, and in forwarding to its destination your munificent gift of charity, which conveys so gratifying an assurance of the sympathy of Her Majesty's Canadian Subjects in the cause in which Her Majesty is engaged, and so graceful a tribute to the alliance now happily subsisting between the two great and powerful Nations whose descendants form one people in this Province.

*Ordered*, That the said Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also, the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General, together with His Excellency's Reply thereto, be printed and published in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Montreal and Bytown* Railroad Company, praying that the Legislature will refuse its assent to any Bill to amend and give further powers to the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company;

And also, a Petition from *P. R. Hutchins* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying for a grant of money to enable them to build a Bridge over the North River, and to repair the Road from the said Bridge to *Wentworth*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *George Vanduson* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Mary Anne Holehouse* and others, of the Township of *Blenheim*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *West Oxford*;

Also, a Petition from the *Ingersoll* Division, No. 233, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance;



Also, a Petition from *Mary Anne Holehouse* and others, of the Town of *Ingersoll*;

Also, a Petition from *F. Foy* and others, of the Township of *East Missouri*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Ferguson* and others, of *Kinecardine*;

And also, a Petition from *Asa Durkee* and others, of the Township of *Norwich*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William Mair* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that more stringent measures may be adopted to enforce, on the part of Officers charged with conducting the duties at the Election of Members of Parliament, a more scrupulous regard for, and attention to their duties;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. Piette* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Bruno*, in the County of *Chambly*, praying for aid to repair a Bridge over a brook in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *M. Holmes* and others, Merchants and Insurance Agents of the Town of *London*, praying that measures may be taken to investigate the cause, and prevent the recurrence, of Fires within this Province.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *McKay*, and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the last mentioned Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *McKay*, *Ferrier*, *Leslie*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

## Wednesday, 22nd November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fenning's Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed, under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manuel, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

### ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Council, that he has granted permission to the Honorable *C. Widmer*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

### GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec*, 20th November, 1854.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement exhibiting the manner in which the Insurance upon the Library, (£10,000,) and Furniture, (£8,000,) belonging to the two Houses of Parliament, which were destroyed by Fire, on the first day of February last, has been finally settled by their Clerks, in whose joint names the same was effected.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows :—

STATEMENT exhibiting the manner in which the Insurances upon the Library, (£10,000,) and Furniture (£8,000,) belonging to the two Houses of Parliament, which were destroyed by Fire, on the first day of February last, has been finally settled by their Clerks, in whose joint names the same was effected.

FURNITURE.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Value at the time of Fire, as per Inventory of Messrs. Drum and Benoit :—								
In the Legislative Council .....	3454	9	0					
In the Legislative Assembly .....	3791	15	0					
* Chandeliers and Burners, per Statement of Thomas Andrews .....	1213	10	5					
Glass Globes, do do do .....	71	17	11			8581	12	4
DEDUCT.—† Contents of Room, No. 40 .....								
Mace and Box .....	198	19	6					
A pair of Globes .....	500	0	0					
Furniture saved, per Inventory .....	50	0	0					
Lamps, do do .....	1972	15	6					
Glass Globes, do do .....	80	3	3					
	15	19	6			2817	17	9
ADD.—Estimated damage on Furniture saved .....								
				£		5713	14	7
						399	18	0
				£		6113	12	7
LIBRARY.								
Value at the time of the Fire .....	11723	19	0					
Value of Books saved .....	6017	13	0			5706	6	0
Expenses incurred for Collecting, Arranging, &c. ....								
				£		11819	18	7
						100	0	0
Total Amount Payable .....				£		11919	18	7
Paid into the hands of the Receiver General, Messrs. Forsyth, Bell & Co.'s Note, at ten days' date, from 11th November, 1854, for .....								
	4037	9	11					
Paid into the hands of the Receiver General, Messrs. Pemberton Brothers' Note, at ten days' date, from 11th November, 1854, for .....								
	3941	4	4					
Paid into the hands of the Receiver General, a Check from the Treasurer of the Quebec Fire Insurance Company upon the Quebec Bank, for .....								
	3941	4	4			11919	18	7

(Attest,)

J. F. TAYLOR,  
Clerk, Legislative Council.

W. B. LINDSAY,  
Clerk, Assembly.

\* These Items the Insurers did not wish to regard as being included in the Policies under the general term "Furniture," but the Insured having strenuously claimed the Insurance of them under that particular head, the point at issue was, after very much trouble and delay, conceded in favor of the Clerks of the two Houses, and the full amount embraced by those items has therefore been allowed in the settlement.

† The Property contained in this Room belonged to Mr. Michael Keating, the House Keeper, and although included in the appraisalment of Messrs. Drum and Benoit, the claim has been excluded by the Insurers, on account of its not appearing in the Policies that the Furniture in Room No. 40, was his own private property.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House, a General Abstract of the Estimated Liabilities and Assets of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company, on the 30th April, 1853 ;

And also, a statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the said *Canada* Life Assurance Company, for the year ending 30th April, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—  
(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *James Watts* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Mair* and others, of the said County of *Two Mountains*, praying that no Bill, having for its object to authorize a subscription by the Municipal Council of the said County for stock in the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, may be passed into a Law until after the said Council and parties interested, shall have been heard on the subject ;

And also, a Petition from *Jacob Schagel* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying against the passing of a Bill now before Parliament, intituled, “ An Act to “ constitute the Electoral County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality,” and that the Village of *St. Andrew*, in the said County, may be retained and established as the *Chef Lieu* of the said County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *L'Institut Canadien de Bytown*, praying that, in the event of any portion of the Clergy Reserve Fund being given over to the Municipalities for School purposes, it may be provided that separate Schools shall share in it in proportion to the numbers of their scholars.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *C. P. Reid*, incumbent of *St. Peters* Church, *Sherbrooke*, praying that his Stipend from the Clergy Reserve Fund may be continued to him, it being chargeable on the said Fund at the time of the passing of the the Imperial Act.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Fergusson* and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council to request, that their Honors will give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, a Member of their House, to attend before the Select Committee of this House, to which are referred the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, to be examined before the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fergusson* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché* do have leave to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, to which are referred the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, if he thinks fit.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Gill* and others, of the Townships of *Bagot* and *La Terrière*, in the County of *Chicoutimi*, praying for the Repeal of the Taxes on Registration and on judicial proceedings in that County, and for other things.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *Edward Turner* and others, employed in the *Quebec* Gaol and House of Correction, praying that their Salaries may be increased.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the "limits thereof," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the Fourth Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Which being again read by the Clerk, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Legault* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Scholastique* in the County of *Two Mountains*, School Commissioners, praying for aid to build a High School for Boys in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Statement presented this day, shewing the manner in which the Insurance upon the Library and Furniture belonging to the two Houses of Parliament, which were destroyed by Fire on the first day of February last, has been finally settled by their Clerks, in whose joint names the same was effected, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

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

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## Thursday, 23rd November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under His Sign Manuel, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

### ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General informs the Legislative Council, that he has granted permission to the Honorable *P. B. DeBlaquière* to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 23rd November, 1854.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, a Return in part to an Address of the Legislative Council of the 27th May, 1853, for information respecting Crown Seigniories and lands held *en franc aleu noble*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Appendix No. 1.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Wolfred Nelson* and others, Merchants, Bankers, and Traders of *Montreal*, praying that measures may be taken to investigate the cause, and prevent the recurrences of Fires within this Province.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *George B. Thompson* and others, Clerks and Bailiffs of Division Courts for the County of *Waterloo*, praying

that, in consideration of the enhanced price of all the necessaries of life, and the low rates of fees allowed for their services, further relief in the premises may be extended to them.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying that the authority proposed to be conferred on Commissioners by the *Montreal* Harbour Bill, to levy a certain Tax on all Vessels drawing less than ten feet of water, may not be confirmed by the Legislative Council.

*Ordered,* That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered,* That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was called :—

The Honorable

JOHN ROSS, Speaker .....	Present.
PETER BOYLE DEBALQUIERE.....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
PETER MCGILL .....	
RENÉ E. CARON .....	Absent.
WILLIAM MORRIS .....	Absent.
JAMES CROOKS .....	Absent.
ADAM FERGUSSON.....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
JOHN MACAULAY .....	
JOHN HAMILTON .....	Present.
ADAM FERRIE .....	Present.
PAUL H. KNOWLTON .....	Absent.
THOMAS MCKAY .....	Present.
PHILIP H. MOORE .....	Present.
JOSEPH DIONNE .....	Present.
GEORGE J. GOODHUE.....	Present.
WILLIAM WALKER .....	Present.
CHRISTOPHER WIDMER .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
J. ÆMILIUS IRVING .....	
P. BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE .....	Present.
JAMES MORRIS.....	Present.
JAMES GORDON .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.



## The Honorable

HAMNETT PINHEY .....	Absent.
JAMES FERRIER .....	Present.
RODERICK MATHESON .....	Present.
GEORGE S. BOULTON.....	Present.
DENIS B. VIGER .....	Absent.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ .....	Present.
JAMES LESLIE .....	Present.
FREDERICK A. QUESNEL .....	Present.
JOSEPH BOURRET.....	Present.
GEORGE SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU .....	Present.
LOUIS MÉTHOT .....	Absent.
JOSEPH O. TURGEON .....	Present.
SAMUEL CRANE .....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS .....	Present.
LOUIS PANET .....	Present.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU .....	Present.
CHARLES WILSON .....	Present.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the removal of doubts, and to explain the Provincial Statute 12th *Victoria*, chapter 42, to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and for other purposes,” was read a third time. The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*,” was read a third time. The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof,” was read a third time. The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass? It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon, and that the hour of daily meeting be in future three, instead of four o'clock.

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Which being objected to ;  
After debate,  
The question of concurrence was put thereon,  
And the House being equally divided,  
It was Resolved in the negative, by the casting vote of the Speaker.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns to-morrow, it do stand adjourned until Saturday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

In amendment it was moved, to leave out " three o'clock in the afternoon," and and to insert in lieu thereof, " eleven o'clock in the forenoon."

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.

The question was then put on the main motion,

Which being also objected to, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was moved,

That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

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## Friday, 24th November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *W. Hurlhurt* and others, Sons of Temperance, in the Township of *Whitby*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorables Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *J. R. Merritt* and others, Merchants and Shipowners, residing at the Town of *St. Catherines*, praying that a Company may be Incorporated under the name of "The *Welland Canal Fire and Marine Assurance Company*."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* enters.

It was moved to

*Resolve*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly, to request that House to give leave to *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Legislative Assembly by one of the Masters in Chancery.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *W. H. Anderson* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying that measures may be taken to investigate the cause, and prevent the recurrence of Fires within this Province.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation "Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 26.—Leave out from "Steam" to "Vessels."

Page 1, Line 30.—After "and" where it occurs the third time, insert "Steam or  
" other Vessels."

Page 5, Line 32.—Leave out "policy."

Page 5, Line 40.—Leave out "policy."

Page 6, Line 24.—Leave out from "of" where it occurs the first time, to  
" Stockholders," and insert "a Stockholder or."

Page 6, Line 26.—After "given" insert "representing three-fifths in value of  
" the Stock represented by all the Stockholders present, in  
" person or by proxy at such Meeting."

Page 7, Line 35.—Leave out "policies."

Page 8, Line 9.—Leave out from "*Torrance*" to "*Ira*," and insert "*Andrew  
" Shaw*."

Page 8, Line 17.—Leave out from "*Russell*" to "*James*," and insert "*John  
" Frothingham*."

Page 8, Line 34.—Leave out from "be" to "as," and insert "valid and bind-  
" ing upon all the parties thereto, and also upon the Stock-  
" holders of the Corporation hereby established."

Page 8, Line 35.—Leave out from "subsist" to "except," in line 36, and  
insert "in full force and virtue."

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate Communities of Inhabitants in *Lower Canada*," it was *Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Welland Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company*," it was *Ordered*, That the same be discharged until this day week.

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

The Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Quesnel*, *Turgeon*, and *Panet* enter.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of moneys arising from the lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of the Feudal Rights and duties in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

After the said Bill had been reported by the Speaker,

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the first time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read a first time, but that it be delayed until Tuesday, the 28th instant, in order that the legality and constitutionality of the said Bill be tested before proceeding on the same.

Which being objected to ;

After a long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a first time accordingly.

It was then moved,

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

Whereupon it was moved,

That leave be given to the Honorable the mover to withdraw the latter motion ;

Which being objected to,  
The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
The said motion was withdrawn accordingly.

It was then moved,  
That the said Bill be read a second time, on Monday next.  
The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *J. Wurtele* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, praying that the Bill which has passed the Legislative Assembly for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure, may not be finally enacted in its present shape, nor until they shall have been heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House, against the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.  
The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.  
*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

It was then moved,  
That Counsel be heard at the Bar of this House on Monday next, against the second reading of the said Bill.  
The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *David Shaw Ramsay*, a Proprietor of Seigniorial property in *Canada*, praying that he may be heard by Counsel against such parts of the Seigniorial Bill, now before the House, as injuriously affects his property.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.  
The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.  
*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

It was moved,  
That the last mentioned Petitioner be heard by Counsel at the Bar of this House, before the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and duties in *Lower Canada*."  
Which being objected to ;  
After debate,  
The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cartier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Grand

“ Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

## Saturday, 25th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the *Charlesville* Division, No. 247, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least, for the adoption of measures to enable the Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject, for the information of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *E. Hale* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marguerite*, in the County of *Dorchester*, praying that the *Chef-Lieu* of the said County may be established in the said Parish of *Ste. Marguerite* ;

Also, a Petition from *H. Boucher* and others, School Commissioners of *Trois Pistoles*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for aid towards the establishment of a Model School ;

And also, a Petition from *John Kane* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*, praying for aid towards the improvement of certain Roads, and the erection of certain Bridges and Wharves in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *W. Darling Campbell*, of the City of *Quebec*, Seigneur of the Seigniorship of *Bic*, in the District of *Quebec*, praying that the Seigniorial Tenure Bill may not be passed by the Legislative Council, and that he, in common with other proprietors of the same description of property, may either be maintained in the rights which he holds by law or that full compensation for them may be insured if they be taken away for any supposed public benefit;

And also, a Petition from Sir *Edward Filmer* and others, in possession of the Seigniorship of *Champlain*, praying that all further proceedings on the Seigniorial Tenure Bill may be suspended until the Legislature shall have authorized the payment of whatever sum may be required to pay the indemnity to the Seigniors, or that a provision be added to the Bill, that the making of the Schedules and the determining of the Seignior's rights be proceeded with immediately; but that the commutation or abolition of Seigniorial rights shall not take place in any Seigniorship until the Receiver General shall have paid the indemnity to which the Seignior may be entitled, or shall certify that he has in his hands a sufficient sum which he is ready to apply to that purpose, or that the fund voted by the Legislature be made sufficient by appropriating it to the redemption of the *lods et ventes* first, and obliging the *Censitaires* to pay the compensation for the *banalité*, with interest yearly; and by providing that the reduction of the *rentes* (unless they be reduced by the Judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench) shall not affect those lands which their present owners acquired by purchase.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company."

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and

The question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time, on Monday next.

The Honorable Messieurs *McKay* and *Turgeon* enter.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*," was read a second time.



*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Goodhue*, *Taché*, *Quesnel*, and *Mills*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Thomas Bog* and others, of the Town of *Picton*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*, praying that a Company may be Incorporated under the name of "The *Hastings* Tram Road Company."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Honorable Messieurs *Dionne*, *Leslie*, and *DeBeaujeu* enter.

*Ordered*, That the House be cleared of strangers, and the doors closed.

After some time the doors were opened, and

The last mentioned Bill was then read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company ;"

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bills be severally read a second time, on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mongenais* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions

“ of the Act to establish a Standard Weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds in *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Ordered*, That the return in part to an Address of the 27th May, 1853, asking for information respecting Crown Seigniories and lands held *en franc aleu noble*, and presented to this House on the 23d day of November instant, be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

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

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## Monday, 27th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
McKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from *D. S. Ramsay*, Esquire, Proprietor of Seigniorial property in *Lower Canada*, praying that the Seigniorial Bill may not become Law in its present shape.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Honorable *George René Saveuse DeBeaujeu* of *Côteau-du-Lac*, in the District of *Montreal*, Seigneur of the Fiefs and Seigniories of *Soulanges* and *New Longueuil*, and of the adjacent Islands, praying against the passing of the Seigniorial Tenure Bill now before Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from *H. Taylor* and others, Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, praying that the proposed Bill respecting Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, may not become law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *William Craiband* and others, Trustees of the Dissident School of the Scholastical Municipality of the Borough of *Sorel*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel* and *Turgeon* enter.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of Moneys arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," and for hearing Counsel against the said Bill, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Goodhue*, *Ferrier*, *Leslie*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter, and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be also referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be also referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *McKay*, *Ferrier*, *Leslie*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the several Acts Incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been this day referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to

“ the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank.”

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 27th November, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, to inform their Honors, that this House do give leave to *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, a Member of this House, if he thinks fit, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations against the Members of the late Administration.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be also referred to the same Select Committee to whom has been this day referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank.”

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Whereupon the Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

Tuesday, 28th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
MOORE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *Pierre Beaubien* and others, of *Montreal*, Members of the *Montreal* School of Medicine and Surgery, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the “ Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to extend to “ *Lower Canada* the provisions of the Act to establish a Standard Weight for “ the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds, in *Upper Canada*,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Taché*, *Bourret*, and *Wilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *John Saxton Campbell*, of *Treneere House*, near *Penzance*, *England*, Seigneur of the Seigniorship of *L'Islet du Portage*, in the District of *Quebec*, praying that the Seigniorial Bill now before Parliament, may not become Law in its present shape.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Messieurs *McKay*, *Dionne*, and *J. Morris* enter.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," and for Counsel to be heard at the Bar of this House against the said Bill.

Counsel was accordingly called in,

And *Christopher Dunkin*, Esquire, appearing, addressed the House against the second reading of the said Bill.

And having concluded,

The Counsel was then directed to withdraw.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Company*," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

It was then moved,

That the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," be now read a second time.

Which being objected to ;

After a long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

#### DISSENTIENT :—

FIRST.—Because, by the terms of the Capitulation of *Quebec*, in 1759; that of *Montreal*, in 1760, and the provisions of the Treaty of 1763, by which *Canada* was ceded to the British Crown, the Seigniors of this Country were recognized and declared to be a distinct class from the body of the inhabitants, and their rights and properties were specially enumerated as those which were to be guaranteed under the change of dynasty.

SECONDLY.—Because the rights and property of the Seigniors were secured to them by the said Treaty, by which the Crown of *Great Britain* bound itself to respect and maintain those rights and property inviolate, and because under the same the Seigniors have always held and exercised those rights and properties which the present Bill takes from them.

THIRDLY.—Because in consequence of that Treaty the Parliament of the United Kingdom could not interfere with the rights or property of the Seigniors, and that as the Parliament of this Province is but an immense Municipal Institution owing its existence to, and exercising its powers under the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the *United Kingdom*, it follows that the Canadian Legislature cannot interfere with those rights or properties. The latter body is not supreme or independent of the authority which created it; can only exercise the powers delegated to it; it cannot assume the exercise of a power which was not in the power of the Imperial Legislature to grant.

FOURTHLY.—Because not only therefore does this Bill exceed the Constitutional powers given to the Canadian Legislature, but it is also opposed to the enactments of the Imperial Statute passed in the 6th *George IV.*, and more familiarly known as the Tenure Act, and cannot therefore receive effect.

FIFTHLY.—Because the Legislature has no right to interfere with contracts or agreements voluntarily entered into between two parties in good faith under the sanction of their respective titles, and confirmed by the Courts of Jurisprudence of the Province, and because this Bill sets aside and annuls these contracts and agreements without consulting the parties who made them.

SIXTHLY.—Because the Bill provides no sufficient indemnity or compensation for the Seigniors, as an equivalent for the losses it is admitted by the Bill they must sustain in consequence of being deprived of their rights and property; and because, under the law of the land, the Seigniors are entitled to the fifth part of the value of all lands taken in their Seigniori for public use, as an additional indemnity over and above their other compensation.

SEVENTHLY.—Because the Bill is restrictive of the rights of proprietors and prevents them from disposing of such of their appurtenances as may be unproductive to them, but which might yield them large sums were they allowed the free exercise of their judgment in disposing of them to others.

EIGHTHLY.—Because the Bill is only a partial measure and does not effect an entire commutation of all Seigniories in the Province, and although the undersigned would not object to a general Act of Commutation, based on equitable principles, yet the present Bill is in every respect unfair to the Seigniors.

NINTHLY.—Because the Bill is unconstitutional, unjust and arbitrary, dangerous in principle, and subversive of the rights of Her Majesty's Subjects.

SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill, on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of



“ the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to facilitate the transfer of “ Shares in certain cases,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

Page 1, Line 9.—After “ purpose,” insert “ among other things.”

Page 1, Line 10.—Leave out from “ Steam ” to “ between,” and insert “ Vessels.”

Page 1, Line 11.—Leave out from “ Steam ” to “ Navigation.”

Page 1, Line 27.—Leave out “ with,” and insert “ and.”

Page 1, Line 34.—Leave out from “ Steam ” to “ Vessels.”

Page 1, Line 38.—After “ and ” where it occurs the third time, insert “ Steam  
“ or other Vessels.”

Page 2, Line 20.—After “ Currency ” insert “ Provided always that the said  
“ Company shall have paid up the sum of Fifty thousand  
“ pounds currency, before receiving any passengers or  
“ freight.”

Page 6, Line 25.—Leave out from “ Steamers ” to “ as.”

Page 6, Line 29.—Leave out “ Vessels,” and insert “ Steamers.”

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the several Acts Incorporating the City “ Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Charter, and increase the Capital Stock of “ the Bank of *Montreal*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the "Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, "and for other purposes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the "Quebec Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank," reported, that had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, be read a third time to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That Government measures, standing upon the Orders of the Day for to-morrow, take precedence of all others.

On a question of Privilege arising, it was

*Ordered*, That the House be cleared of strangers,

And the doors closed.

After some time the doors were opened.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing "the inhabitants of the Seigniorie of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said "Seigniorie," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Wednesday, 29th November, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
FERRIE,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
MORRIS, J.  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Buchanan Harris* and others, of *Hamilton*, praying that measures may be adopted to ascertain the cause, prevent the recurrence, and in certain cases to assess the Hundred or Municipality for losses occasioned by Fires in this Province.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, presented their Fifth Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 29th November, 1854.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, have, in obedience to the Order of Reference of the twentieth day of September last, and tenth day of November instant, examined the subject matter of the Petitions of certain of the Officers and Messengers of the House for increase of Salary, and have agreed to Report thereon as follows :—

Your Committee are of opinion, that in consequence of the increased cost of all the necessaries of life, since the Salaries of your Officers and Messengers were last revised, such Salaries no longer afford them the same remuneration for their services which they were respectively intended to afford.

Your Committee therefore recommend, that an addition of fifty pounds currency be made to the Salary of each of the following officers, viz:—The Chaplain and Librarian, the Clerk, the Clerk Assistant, the Law Clerk, the Chief Office Clerk, the second Office Clerk, the Additional French Translator, the Clerk of the English Journals, the Clerk of the French Journals, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, and the Serjeant-at-Arms, and also to that of the Chief Messenger; that twenty pounds be added to the Salary of the Door-keeper, and that the Sessional allowances of the Messengers be increased from fifty pounds to sixty-five pounds.

These additions to the Salaries of the Officers, and of the Chief Messenger, and the Door-keeper, should, in the opinion of your Committee, take effect for the whole of the year 1854, and be payable monthly by the Clerk, out of the Contingencies; and the increase to the Sessional allowances of the Messengers should, as your Committee also think, be payable to them by the Clerk, out of the Contingencies, on account of the present Session.

All which is respectively submitted.

WILLIAM WALKER,  
*Chairman.*

*Ordered,* That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the several Acts Incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Charter, and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of Moneys arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the said Report be now received.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the Report of the said Committee be not now received, but that the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of striking out all the words in the sixteenth and seventeenth lines of the fifth Clause, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:—  
"Constitute a special fund of such Municipality, which shall be applied by such Municipality exclusively for the support of Common Schools within the limits of such Municipality, and for no other purpose whatever."

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question was then put on the Main Motion,

Which being also objected to;

After debate,

The same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Report was then received accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company."

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and

The question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the inhabitants of the Seigniorship of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniorship," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Belleau*, and *Wilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Prisque Millette* and others, School Commissioners of the Scholastical Municipality of *Sorel*, praying for aid towards the erection of two School Houses.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Thursday, 30th November, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
McKAY,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented two Petitions from the *Pioneer* Division, No. 58, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the inhabitants of the Seigniory of *Yamaska*, to regulate the Common of the said Seigniory," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read a third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Quesnel*, *Turgeon*, and *Panet* enter.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of Fifth Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Which said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Prescott*, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal and Assessments Acts of *Upper Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from Messrs *Gillespie, Moffatt* and Company and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Montreal*, praying for certain amendments to the Tariff of Customs Duties.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

## Friday, 1st December, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
McKAY,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Thomas Jenkins*, the younger, and others, of the Village of *Vienna, Canada West*, praying to be Incorporated as the *Otter Creek Navigation Company* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Henderson* and others, of *Port Stanley* ;

And also, a Petition from *B. C. Doan* and others, of the Township of *Yarmouth*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House a Return in part, to an Address from the Honorable the Legislative Council of the 27th of



May, 1853, asking for information respecting Crown Seigniories and Lands held *en franc aleu noble*; and also, a Return to three Addresses from the Honorable the Legislative Council, dated respectively the 19th May, 1853, 4th June, 1853, and 9th November, 1854, in relation to certain Seigniorial Documents.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Appendix No. 1.*)

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Returns be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Marcel Fortier* and others, of the County of *Dorchester*, praying that the *chef-lieu* of said County be fixed in the Parish of *Ste Hérodine*;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. Bélanger* and others, of the County of *Temiscouata*, praying that the *chef-lieu* of said County may be established in the Parish of *St. Arsène*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate Communities of Inhabitants in *Lower Canada*," it was  
*Ordered*, That the same be discharged.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Welland Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company*," it was  
*Ordered*, That the same be discharged.

The Honorable Messieurs *DeBoucherville*, *Matheson*, *Quesnel*, and *Turgeon* enter.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*."

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged until to-morrow, and that it do stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out "to-morrow," and to insert in lieu thereof, "Monday next,"

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and *Ordered* accordingly.

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

## Saturday, 2nd December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
MCKAY,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Moore, Walker, DeBoucherville, Quesnel, DeBeaujeu,* and *Turgeon* enter.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada.*"

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged until Monday next, and that it be the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and *Ordered* accordingly.

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

## Monday, 4th December, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
GOODHUE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *P. Hunt* and others, Shareholders in the Union Building Society, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

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 Honorable Council, Copies of all Petitions, Letters, Memorials and other Documents, which have been addressed to His Excellency, to the Executive Council, or to the Post Master General of this Province, on the subject of the site to be selected for the erection of a Post Office in the City of *Hamilton*, together with a copy of the Title Deed of the Land on which the Post Office of the said City was actually erected.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency with the said Address.

The Honorable Messieurs *Walker* and *DeBoucherville* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions of the Act to

“ establish a Standard Weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse and Seeds “ in *Upper Canada*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 22.—Leave out from “ *Canada*” to the end of the Bill, and insert Clauses A. and B.

#### CLAUSE A.

“ Upon any sale and delivery of any description of Grain,  
“ Pulse, or Seeds mentioned in the said Act, and in every  
“ contract which shall be made after the commencement of  
“ this Act for the sale or delivery of any such Grain, Pulse,  
“ or Seeds, the *minot* shall be taken and intended to mean  
“ the Weight of a Bushel, as regulated by the said Act,  
“ and by this Act, and not a Bushel in measure, or accord-  
“ ing to any greater or less Weight, unless the contrary  
“ shall appear to have been agreed upon by the parties.”

#### CLAUSE B.

“ This Act shall commence and take effect upon, from, and  
“ after the first day of May next, and not before.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ferrie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this “ Province,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Somerville* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Huntingdon Academy*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act further to amend the Act incorporating “ the *Quebec Friendly Society*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the "North Shore Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, of *Victoria*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating "the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour, and to authorize them to borrow "a further sum of Money for the completion thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Powell* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect the town of *Bytown* into a City, "under the name of the City of *Ottawa*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend "the *Upper Canada* Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company "Act," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain Survey "of the Township of *Bedford*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Fergusson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, a Return in part to an Address from the Honorable the Legislative Council of the 27th May, 1853, for information respecting Crown Seigniories and Lands held *en franc aleu noble*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Appendix No. 1.*)

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read as follows:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

The Governor General transmits to the Honorable the Legislative Council, a Statement of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Province during the year 1854, together with an Estimate of the sums required for the service of the same year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 1st December, 1854.

(*For Revenue, Estimates, &c., Vide Sessional Papers.*)

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

## Tuesday, 5th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of the City of *Kingston*, praying to be incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the said City to *Smith's Falls*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *E. C. Allen* and others, School Teachers in the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, in the County of *Richelieu*, praying that certain arrears of Salary due to them for services rendered in the year 1846, may be paid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Tuché* presented a Petition from the *Shefford* Municipal Council, praying that an Act similar in its provisions to the *Upper Canada* Municipal Loan Fund Act, may be passed for *Lower Canada*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *L'Institut Canadien de Bytown*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions of the Act to establish a Standard Weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds in *Upper Canada*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Quesnel*, and *Turgeon* enter.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*."

It was moved,

That the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

Which being debated,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The House, according to Order, was then adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* reported, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

It was moved,

That the remaining Orders of this Day be discharged until to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was then moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Langton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange a Concession Road allowance for another portion of Land to be given in lieu thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Papin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Mutual Assurance Associations of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Quebec*, and *Three Rivers*, and of *Montreal*, and *St. Hyacinthe*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain lands held by him in trust," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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



A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prévost* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends, without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Young* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in Upper Canada' to Lower Canada ;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes."

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated 'The German Evangelical Church,'" to which they desire the concurrence of the House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, in case of the illness or unavoidable absence of the County Judge," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

## Wednesday, 6th December, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
FERRIER,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the “ Naturalization Laws of this Province,” was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate “ the *Huntingdon* Academy,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier,* and *Quesnel,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act further to amend “ the Act incorporating the *Quebec* Friendly Society,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret, Panet,* and *Belleau,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the “ Act of Incorporation of the *North Shore* Railway Company,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Dionne, Panet,* and *Belleau,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the “ Act incorporating the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour, and to authorize them to borrow a further sum of money for the completion thereof,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, McKay,* and *Boulton,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect the "Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa,*" was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, together with the Petition presented to this House on the nineteenth day of October last, from the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown,* praying that the said Town may be Incorporated as the "City of *Ottawa,*" be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, McKay, Leslie, Quesnel,* and *Turgeon,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Upper Canada Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company "Act," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Goodhue,* and *Boulton,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a "certain Survey of the Township of *Bedford,*" was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, Hamilton,* and *Matheson,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* "to *Guelph,*" it was

*Ordered,* That the same be discharged until Saturday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the "Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange a Concession Road "allowance for another portion of Land to be given in lieu thereof," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Matheson,* and *Boulton,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act incorporating the Mutual Assurance Associations of the *Fabriques* of the "Dioceses of *Quebec,* and *Three Rivers,* and of *Montreal,* and *St. Hyacinthe,*" was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Dionne, Bourret*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, McKay*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain Lands held by him in trust," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, Hamilton*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judge may delegate their powers to Notaries," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret, Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran Church* in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McKay, Ferrier*, and *Leslie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Act intituled, 'An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*' to *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Matheson*, and *Leslie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, Ferrier*, and *Leslie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated, 'The German Evangelical Church,' was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Leslie*, and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, in case of the illness or unavoidable absence of the County Judge," was read a second time.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

After debate,

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn, and it was

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *André Benjamin Papineau*, Esquire, Mayor of the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company," may not be passed except on certain conditions.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*, praying for such alterations in the Common School Act, as will entirely relieve the said Council from the operation thereof, and that in future all the School affairs of the said Counties may be managed by and through the said Municipal Council;

Also, a Petition from *P. E. Adams* and others, Stockholders of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation;

Also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catherines*;

Also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*;

Also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*;

And also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*, severally praying that the Municipal and Assessment Laws may be so amended, as that all Incorporated Towns may be relieved from all liability to taxation by the County Councils, and that such Towns may be relieved from the necessity of sending representatives to the said County Councils.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* reported, that they had again taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some further progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Larwill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*, to dispose advantageously of a Lot of Land appropriated for School purposes in that Town," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Copper Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, of *Victoria*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the Name of the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*, and to amend the Act Incorporating the same," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion Church in Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Megantic Mining Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the time of Payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec and Saguenay Railway Company* ;"

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis Mining and Exploring Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Commissioners of the *Port Hope Harbour*, and to authorize them to borrow a further sum of money, for the completion thereof," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee*, to exchange a Concession Road allowance for another portion of Land to be given in lieu thereof," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *North Shore Railway Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Mutual Assur-

“ance Associations of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Quebec*, and *Three Rivers*, “and of *Montreal*, and *St. Hyacinthe*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and “convey, or to demise certain Lands held by him in trust,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act further to amend the Act Incorporating the *Quebec* “*Friendly Society*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to allow Notarics to receive the advice of Relations “and Friends without being thereunto authorized by a Judge in all cases in which “the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries,” reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, Line 33.—Leave out from “Act” to the end of the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to extend the Act, intituled, ‘An Act to authorize “‘limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*’ to *Lower Canada*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* “Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of “Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.



*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Joint Stock Pier, " Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Aubry* and others, of the County of *St. Maurice*, praying for aid towards the opening of certain Roads and the Building of certain Bridges in that County.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Thursday, 7th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Joseph Lemieux*, the elder, and others, of the Township of *Viger*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for relief in consequence of the destruction of their Crops by frost in the early part of September last.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the *Bradford* Division, No. 146, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, praying for the passing of a

prohibitory Liquor Law, or at least, for the adoption of measures to enable Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject, for the information of the Legislature.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the Honorable *John M. Fraser*, of the City of *Quebec*, Seigneur in possession of the Seigniorship of *Mount Murray*, and of *John Nairne*, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, Esquire, Seigneur of the Seigniorship of *Murray Bay*, praying that the Seigniorial Bill now before Parliament may not be passed into a Law, except upon certain specific conditions.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered,* That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker*, from the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament presented their Second Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, for the management, and direction of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a Second Report :—

The Committee have bestowed due attention upon the means to be adopted to restore the Library to the state of completeness and efficiency in which it was found when destroyed by the disaster of the first of February last. As already made known to the House, the amount claimed of the Insurance Companies has been paid over, and is now in the hands of the Receiver General; but the Committee are not disposed to recommend the expenditure of any large sum of money for the purchase of Books, until more ample and suitable accommodation can be obtained for the reception of the Library. Meanwhile, they have made arrangements for the due security of the funds in hand, amounting to £5,700, and for ensuring the receipt of interest upon the same, until it is required for re-appropriation. To prevent encroachment upon this amount, they recommend that for all necessary expenditure to be incurred, for casual purchases of Books by the Librarians, for Binding, or other incidental expenses of a like nature, payment be made out of the Contingencies of the Legislative Council and Assembly.

The Committee received instruction from the Legislative Assembly, to consider of the purchase of the Library of the late Chief Justice of *Lower Canada*, Sir *James Stuart*, Bart., with a view to its preservation for the use of the Legislature. Pursuant to this direction, the Committee opened a correspondence with the present proprietor of the same, Sir *Charles James Stuart*, and were obligingly furnished by him with printed Catalogues of the Books, and were invited to the fullest examination of the contents of the Library. Your Committee bear willing testimony to the value of this collection, especially in the Classes of *French* and Civil Law. But much of the *English Law*, they considered, to be of inferior worth, owing to the extent to which it has been superseded by later works, or editions; while the *English Law Library*, already in possession of the Legislature, though small in size, consists principally of Modern works, and is of considerable utility. The Commit-

tee therefore were not disposed to treat for the purchase of the whole of the "*Stuart Library*." They did however submit to Sir *Charles* proposals in reference to a large portion thereof, if he could consent to a selection being made of such Works only as the Committee might approve. That gentleman, however, was not willing to allow the privilege of selection, except upon the condition that purchases to the extent of £2,500 should be made. The Committee, after careful examination, were unable to discover Books to such an amount, the purchase of which they could agree to recommend, and accordingly they have intimated to Sir *Charles Stuart*, their inability to comply with his terms. Since then, no further proposals have been made to them upon the subject.

The Committee have inspected, with much gratification, a series of Maps, Charts, and Memoirs, prepared Mr. *P. L. Morin*, of the Surveyor General's Department, and procured by him during a recent mission to *France*, under the authority of the Executive Government. These Drawings are done in outline, upon tracing paper, and are *fac similes* of the Originals, which are deposited among the *Archives* of the Departments of State in *Paris*. They relate to the early History and Topography of *Canada*, and other parts of the ancient *French Dominion in America*. The tracings are the property of the Library, Mr. *Morin* having been empowered to procure them for future deposit in the Library, on the occasion of his visit to *Paris*. But as it is most desirable that information so unique and precious should be preserved in a more perfect and less perishable form, the Committee have directed Mr. *Morin* to copy his tracings upon thick paper, and to color and complete the same, in a Portfolio, for preservation and future reference; which he has undertaken to do for the sum of £150. The drawings are about 150 in number, and it is understood that the Originals are to continue the property of the Legislature.

Mr. *Morin* also exhibited to the Committee a new Plan of the City of *Quebec*, surveyed and drawn by himself, containing full and accurate details to the present time, Lithograph Copies of which he offered for sale, at twelve shillings and sixpence each. The Committee authorized the purchase of fifty copies of this Plan, in aid of so meritorious an undertaking, and have directed the distribution of these copies amongst the Educational Institutions throughout the Province, and to the principal Foreign Libraries that exchange publications with the Library of Parliament.

In addition to these praiseworthy and useful labors, Mr. *Morin* laid before the Committee a Catalogue of a number of Documents and State Papers, existing in different Departments of State in *France*, and which illustrate, in a greater or less degree, the past History of this Country, when it formed part of the possessions of the French Crown. This Catalogue is worthy of preservation, and might, if printed, be found useful to many, especially to those engaged in historical investigations. But its value would, in the opinion of the Committee, be considerably enhanced, if it included a notice of former collections of a similar kind, which have been procured through the instrumentality of Mr. *Faribault*, or from other sources, or which may be known to exist in hitherto unexamined quarters.

The Committee have accordingly made proposals to Mr. *Morin* to compile a General Catalogue of this description, and if they receive a favorable answer, they would recommend that authority be given to Mr. *Morin* to prepare and print the Catalogue, and that the Librarians be directed to distribute copies of the same amongst those Literary Institutions and Public Libraries of *Europe* and the neighbouring States, with whom relations of friendly intercourse have been established.

The Committee have considered a Petition, referred to them by the Legislative Assembly, from *Henry Taylor*, of *Quebec*, the Author of "A System of the Creation of our Globe," soliciting aid to enable him to publish a Ninth Edition of the same. Not regarding this Work to be of sufficient merit, in a scientific point of view, to justify the application of Public Funds towards its dissemination, the Committee cannot recommend a compliance with the prayer of this Petition.

The Petition of *W. C. Crofton*, Esquire, for encouragement to publish a Guide Book to the Parliaments of *Canada*, on a similar plan to *Dod's* Parliamentary Companion for *Great Britain*, was also referred to the consideration of the Committee by the Legislative Assembly, but the proposed Volume is one which does not appear to the Committee sufficiently important to induce them to depart from their general rule, not to recommend appropriations on behalf of works which are not already in print, unless special reasons exist to the contrary.

For a similar reason, the Committee have not complied with an application made to them by Mr. *McLaughlin*, of *Quebec*, for assistance to publish a projected Illustrated Work, on "*Quebec* and its Environs." On the publication of this Volume, should it appear deserving of encouragement, they may be led to advise that some pecuniary aid be extended towards it, but, for the present, they do not feel warranted in making any recommendation on the subject.

The Committee have favorably entertained the Petition of Mr. *W. H. Richmond*, of *Toronto*, for aid on behalf of the Second Edition of his "Book of Legal Forms, and Law Manual." Considering this Work to be of considerable utility and deserving of public patronage, they recommend a Gratuity of £25 to be given to Mr. *Richmond*, to reimburse him for the outlay attending its publication.

The Committee have received a communication from *Robert Christie*, Esquire, in reference to a Supplementary Volume of his "*History of Lower Canada*," the completion of which has recently issued from the press. The House, upon the Report of former Committees, had authorized at different times, the number of Two hundred and thirty-five Copies of this Supplementary Volume to be subscribed for, in order to furnish a copy to the parties who received the successive Volumes of the "*History*," by direction of the House; but as the publication of this Volume will be attended with considerable expense, while its sale would probably be very limited, Mr. *Christie* has declared his inability to put it to press unless the House should guarantee him against pecuniary loss, by engaging to take, of the publishers, copies to the value of £250. For this sum he would undertake to print the work,

and to furnish the Legislature with one thousand copies. Before deciding upon the application, the Committee appointed two of their number to read and examine the Papers intended to be comprised in this Supplementary Volume, and requested the assistance therein of the Reverend Dr. *Adamson*, Librarian to the Legislative Council, and of *F. X. Garneau*, Esquire, the well known Author of the "*Histoire du Canada*." By Reports from these gentlemen, the Committee are informed that the papers in question contain "a mass of curious, interesting, and useful information on Ecclesiastical affairs, on the History of the Civil Government, and "and on the progress of Education in *Canada*, which cannot fail to instruct the "the future Student of the History of this Province." The Committee accordingly suggest, that authority be given to Mr. *Christie* to proceed without delay in the publication of this Volume, upon the terms above mentioned; that such of the Documents only as shall have been examined and approved by Dr. *Adamson* and Mr. *Garneau* be inserted therein, and that the same be, in every instance, printed in the language of the original text.

The Committee have much pleasure in announcing the receipt of a valuable Donation from Captain *Bayfield*, R. N., of a complete series of his Charts of the Gulf and River *St. Lawrence*, and the Inland Lakes of Western *Canada*. This accomplished Officer, in terminating a long official connection with this Province, wherein his services are well known and widely appreciated, was desirous of presenting a series of his Charts, as a token of respect and good will, to be deposited in the Library of Parliament. Through the kindness of Sir *Francis Beaufort*, the Hydrographer of the Admiralty, Captain *Bayfield* was enabled to obtain and present a copy of these Charts, (published by authority of the Board of Admiralty,) in his own name, and through the medium of His Excellency the Governor General. On receipt of the same, the Committee lost no time in suitably acknowledging this friendly and generous gift, and in conveying both to Captain *Bayfield*, and to Sir *Francis Beaufort*, the expression of their thanks for their courteous and well-timed liberality.

While alluding to the subject of Donations to the Library, the Committee would observe that they have approved of the adoption, by the Librarians, of a plan similar to that which prevails in other Public Libraries, of acknowledging by a printed form, to be filled up according to circumstances, the receipt of Donations of Books, Maps, &c., immediately upon their arrival, without waiting for the assembling of Parliament, as at present, in order to the formal acknowledgment of the same. Such a mode would suffice for all ordinary occasions, should a Donation of unusual extent or value be made, special and particular notice thereof could be taken by the Legislature, upon its being reported through the proper channel.

The Committee would observe, in conclusion, that so much of the Library as was saved at the Fire appears to be in good order and condition; and that an Insurance, to its estimated value, has been effected upon the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour, and to authorize them to borrow a further sum of money, for the completion thereof," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange a Concession Road allowance for another portion of Land to be given in lieu thereof," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *North Shore* Railway Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Mutual Assurance Associations of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Quebec*, and *Three Rivers*, and of *Montreal*, and *St. Hyacinthe*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain Lands held by him in trust," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act Incorporating the *Quebec* Friendly Society," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Act, intituled, 'An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada* to *Lower Canada*,' was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Upper Canada Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company Act," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read, for again putting the House into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal "Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*."

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, Boulton, Taché, Leslie, Quesnel, Panet, and Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the "Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham* to dispose advantageously of "a lot of Land appropriated for School purposes in that Town," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Walker, and Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act to Incorporate "the *Canada Copper Company*," was read a second time.



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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the name of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act Incorporating the same," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *Boulton*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion Church* in *Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *DeBeaujeu*, *Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time, at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company."

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to re-

“ceive the advice of Relations and Friends, without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged, and that the said Bill, together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon, be referred to the Select Committee to whom the said Bill was formerly referred.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated ‘The German Evangelical Church,’” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 2, Line 32.—Leave out from “within” to “their” in line 33, and insert “the City of *Montreal* as a site for.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Saturday next.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into Committee of the whole, on the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the holding of the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, in case of the illness or unavoidable absence of the County Judge,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged, and the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of “*Bedford*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Megantic Mining Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis Mining and Exploring Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec and Saguenay Railway Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion Church*, " in *Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, " and for other purposes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Copper Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 6, Line 6.—Leave out from "retire" to "and" where it occurs the first time in line 7.

Page 6, Line 27.—Leave out from "Corporation" to "the" in line 36.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Saturday next.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Saturday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Saturday next, at eleven in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Saturday, 9th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
MCKAY,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*, to dispose advantageously of a lot of Land appropriated for School purposes in that Town,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *D. Byrn* and others, of *Lotbinière*, *Megantic*, and *Beauce*, praying for the grant of a sum of money for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over the River *Beaurivage*, at a place called *Penny's* Bridge, in the Parish of *St. Sylvester*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *Huntingdon* Academy,” reported,

that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

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

It was moved,

That the nineteenth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the Appropriation of Moneys arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes," and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

Which being objected to ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT :—

FIRST.—Because the Bill destroys the endowment provided by the pious care of a British Sovereign and Parliament, for the maintenance and support of a Protestant Clergy in this Province.

SECOND.—Because Protestant Pastors in this Province will consequently be left in future, entirely dependent for their support and maintenance upon the voluntary contributions of their flocks.

THIRD.—Because the so-called voluntary system has never been found sufficient for the due support of Ministers of Religion, in any country where it has been tried.

FOURTH.—Because a dangerous precedent is afforded by this Bill, of which advantage may be taken hereafter, to the detriment of endowments secured to the Roman Catholic Church in *Lower Canada*, by Legislative enactment.

FIFTH.—Because feuds and animosities of a religious nature will be thereby engendered, which will prove fatal to the peace and harmony of Society in this Province.

SIXTH.—Because the Bill involves an ungenerous abuse of the confidence manifested by the Imperial Parliament in the wisdom and justice of this Legislature, when the former conferred upon the latter the power of varying the provisions of an Imperial Statute.

SEVENTH.—Because the said Imperial Statute effected a liberal and generous extension to various religious denominations of the benefits of an endowment previously believed to be secured to the Church of *England* alone, and was always, until lately, looked upon as a final compromise of conflicting pretensions.

WM. WALKER.

SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.

*Ordered*, That one of the Master in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated 'The German Evangelical Church,'" was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Copper Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion* Church, in *Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate

“ certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mongenais* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions of the Act to establish a Standard Weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds, in *Upper Canada*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Messieurs *DeBoucherville* and *Turgeon* enter.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Brown* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Toronto Exchange*;”

And also, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the International Mining and Manufacturing Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be severally read a second time on Monday next.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief of a Religious Congregation, at *Montreal*, denominated, ‘The German Evangelical Church,’” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to prevent Intemperance, by amending the License Act.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Monday, 11th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Henry Wulffe Trigge*, and *Alfred Trigge*, Proprietors in part of the Fief and Seigniori of *Nicolet*, praying that the Seigniorial Bill now before Parliament, may be amended in certain particulars before it becomes law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of " Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*."



The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the name of the *Peterborough and Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*, to dispose advantageously of a lot of Land appropriated for School purposes in that Town," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Huntingdon Academy*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Toronto Exchange*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *Ferrier*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the International Mining and Manufacturing Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *Ferrier*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as the please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Copper* Company," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Toronto Exchange*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the International Mining and Manufacturing Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. E. A. Dupuis* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade*, praying for aid towards the building of an Academy in the said Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet*, from the Select Committee to whom was again referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries," together with their former Report thereon, reported, that they had again gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with the amendment reported by the said Committee on Wednesday the sixth instant, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, Line 33.—Leave out from "Act" to the end of the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

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

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## Tuesday, 12th December, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Cecile du Bic*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying that a Wharf may be built on the *St. Lawrence* at *Bic* Harbour.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *George Derome* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade*, *St. Casimir*, *D'Eschambault*, and *Grondines*, praying that a Wharf may be built on the *St. Lawrence*, opposite to the Church of *Grondines*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Toronto* Exchange," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the International Mining and Manufacturing Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any amendment.

The Honorable Messieurs *McKay* and *Panet* enter.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends, without being

“ thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate  
“ their powers to Notaries.”

Which said amendment being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Wednesday, 13th December, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DIONNE,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
BOURRET,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* enters.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, a Return in whole to an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council, of the 27th May, 1853, for information respecting Crown Seigniories and Lands held *en franc aleu noble*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Appendix No. 1.*)

*Ordered*, That the said Return be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends, without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* enters.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act imposing "Duties of Customs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The Honorable Messieurs *Moore* and *Walker* enter.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary ;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital, in the City of *Montreal* ;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works ;"

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to each of these Bills, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Messieurs *DeBoucherville* and *Turgeon* enter.

It was moved,

That the reasons alleged in a certain Protest, entered on the Journals of this Honorable House, on the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," on the eighth of this month, be referred to the Select Committee appointed by this Honorable House on the said Bill.

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Felton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *St. Francis* College," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the "name of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the "Act incorporating the same," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* "Dispensary," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Leslie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the University "Lying-in Hospital, in the City of *Montreal*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Shipton* Slate "Works," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Leslie*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to Order, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Kingsey* "Slate Works," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Leslie*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *London and Port Stanley* Railway Company, praying for the amendment of their Charter, and for the change of the name of the said Corporation.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital, in the "City of *Montreal*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying for an inquiry into the manner in which Crown and Clergy Lands have been disposed of in the said County, with a view to the redress of certain alleged grievances;

Also, a Petition from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*;

And also, a Petition from the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and "Duties in *Lower Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

It was moved,

That the said Report be received presently.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Report be not received presently, but that the same be received and taken into consideration on Thursday, the first day of March next.

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The Question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.

It was then moved in amendment to the original motion,

That the said Report be not received presently, but that the same be delayed until a Call of the House shall first be made, and of which notice has already been given.

Which being also objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion,

And being objected to, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT :—

PIERRE BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 31.—After “repealed” insert “in so far as regards the Seigniories  
“ to which this Act applies, but Deeds of Commutation  
“ granted, or other things done under them, shall remain in  
“ full force, and have the same effect as if the said Acts had  
“ not been repealed.”

Page 1, Line 32.—Leave out from “unconceded” to “annum” in page 25, line 15, both words included, and insert “Clauses A, B, C, D,  
“ E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V,  
“ W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB, CC, DD, EE, FF, and GG,”  
being partly some of the Clauses of the Bill, with or without amendments, but arranged in a different order, and partly new Clauses.

### CLAUSE A.

*Being the eighteenth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

DETERMINATION OF THE PRICE TO BE PAID BY SEIGNIOR  
AND CENSITAIRE FOR THE COMMUTATION OF THE TENURE  
OF THEIR PROPERTY.

II. “It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint Com-  
“ missioners under this Act, and from time to time to remove



“ them, and to appoint others in the place of any so removed,  
 “ or dying, or resigning office ; and each of the said Com-  
 “ missioners shall, before entering upon the duties of his office,  
 “ take and subscribe, before a Judge of the Superior Court,  
 “ the following Oath :—

“ I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear that I will faithfully, and  
 “ without partiality, fear, favor or affection, perform my  
 “ duty as Commissioner under the Seigniorial Act of 1854.”

#### CLAUSE B.

*Being the nineteenth Clause of the Bill, without amendment.*

III. “ The said Commissioners shall receive for their services  
 “ under this Act, and for their necesssary expenses and disburse-  
 “ ments, such compensation as shall be allowed to them re-  
 “ spectively by the Governor, and no other fees or emoluments  
 “ whatsoever.”

#### CLAUSE C.

IV. “ Each of the said Commissioners shall and may act as  
 “ such in any part of *Lower Canada*, and they shall be aiding  
 “ to each other, so that any one of them, if need be, may con-  
 “ tinue and complete the work begun by any other of them ;  
 “ but subject to this provision, the Governor may, from time  
 “ to time, assign the Seigniori or Seigniories in and for which  
 “ each of them shall act.”

#### CLAUSE D.

*Being the twentieth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

V. “ It shall be the duty of each of the said Commissioners  
 “ to value the several rights hereinafter mentioned, with re-  
 “ gard to each Seigniori which shall be assigned to him as  
 “ aforesaid, by the Governor, and to draw up in tabular form,  
 “ in triplicate, a Schedule of such Seigniori, shewing :—

“ 1. The total value of the Seigniori, that is to say, of all  
 “ the property and lucrative rights which the Seignior holds  
 “ as such, whether as Seignior *dominant* of any Fief held of  
 “ him as such Seignior or otherwise, including in such total  
 “ value, the value of the rights of the Crown ;

“ 2. The value of the rights of the Crown in the Seigniori,  
 “ including the value of the *droit de quint*, and all other valu-  
 “ able rights of the Crown therein as Seignior *dominant* or

“ by reason of any reservation in the original grant of the  
 “ Seigniori, and any difference between the absolute value  
 “ in *franc aleu roturier* of all unconceded Lands, Waters,  
 “ and Water Powers in the Seigniori, and appertaining  
 “ thereto, and the value of the Seignior’s rights therein, as  
 “ they may be ascertained by the decisions of the Judges,  
 “ under the provisions hereinafter made ;

“ 3. The value of the lucrative rights of the Seignior *domin-*  
 “ *ant*, of whom the Seigniori for which the Schedule is made  
 “ may be held, if the Seigniori be an *arrière fief* ;

“ 4. The yearly value of the Seigniorial Rights upon each  
 “ land, that is to say, each parcel of land originally conceded  
 “ as a Separate lot, or actually owned at the time of making  
 “ the Schedule by a separate person ; entering severally,—the  
 “ yearly value of the *lods et ventes*,—the yearly value, (if any)  
 “ of the *droit de banalité*, and of the exclusive right to build  
 “ Mills in the Seigniori, as distinguished from the right to  
 “ the Water Powers, if such rights be recognized by the de-  
 “ cision of the Judges, who are to inquire of the same as  
 “ hereinafter provided, but not otherwise,—the yearly value  
 “ of the *cens et ventes* and other fixed rights, and of any other  
 “ legal charges to which the land may be subject ; but the  
 “ *droit de retrait* shall not be deemed a lucrative right ;

“ 5. The extent of such land, according to the title of the  
 “ owner, if produced, and whether it is held for agricultural  
 “ purposes or is a mere emplacement or building lot ;

“ 6. In determining the Seigniorial charges to which each  
 “ land is subject, the Commissioner shall be guided by the  
 “ title of the owner from the Seignior, subject to the decision  
 “ of the Judges hereinafter mentioned, if such decision shall  
 “ in any way limit the rights of the Seignior under the said  
 “ title ; and in the absence of the title of the owner, the  
 “ Commissioner shall determine the extent of the land and  
 “ the Seigniorial charges to which it is subject, by such  
 “ Books, Plans, *procès verbaux* or other secondary evidence  
 “ as he may be able to procure ;

“ 7. Each land shall be described in the Schedule by the  
 “ number and concession, under which it stands in the land-  
 “ roll of the Seignior, (or if it bear no such description  
 “ therein, then by the best brief designation the Commissioner  
 “ can assign to it,) and the name of the owner as it appears

“ on the land-roll, and in default of information on any of  
“ the said points, the Commissioner may describe it in such  
“ manner as he may think most convenient, provided he as-  
“ sign to each land a separate and distinct number ;

“ 8. The Commissioner shall also include in the Schedule  
“ all lands in regard to which the Seigniorial Rights have  
“ been commuted, and write opposite thereto the word  
“ ‘ Commuted’ only.”

#### CLAUSE E.

*Being the twenty-first Clause of the Bill, amended.*

VI. “ In order to determine the value of the Seigniorial  
“ Rights on lands held *en roture*, the Commissioner shall ob-  
“ serve the following rules, namely :—

“ 1. The amount of the *cens et rentes* and annual charges  
“ shall be taken as the yearly value thereof ; and if any of  
“ such rents or charges be payable in grain, fowls, or other  
“ provisions, or fruits of the earth, their average value shall  
“ be computed according to the average price of articles of  
“ the same kind, taken from the books of the Merchants  
“ nearest to the place, or ascertained in any other manner  
“ the Commissioner shall think most equitable ; to establish  
“ such average year, the fourteen years immediately preced-  
“ ing the period at which the valuation is made, shall be  
“ taken, the two highest and the two lowest shall be struck  
“ out, and the average year shall be established on the ten  
“ remaining years ; the value of personal labor (*corvées*) shall  
“ be estimated in the same manner ;

“ 2. In order to establish the yearly value of the casual rights,  
“ an average year of their value shall be computed for each  
“ of the two classes of lands hereinafter mentioned, upon the  
“ ten years immediately preceding the passing of this Act,  
“ and the amount of the valuation of the said average year  
“ shall be the yearly value of the said casual rights for all  
“ the lands in the Seignioriy of the same class ; and the Com-  
“ missioners in estimating the yearly value of the *lods et ventes*  
“ in any Seignioriy, shall distinguish those accruing on lands  
“ held as *emplacements* or building lots, or for other than agri-  
“ cultural purposes, which shall form one class, from those  
“ on lands held for agricultural purposes, which shall form  
“ another class ; and the Commissioner shall apportion the  
“ yearly value of the *lods et ventes* on each class, upon the

“ lands belonging to that class, charging each land with a  
“ portion thereof proportionate to its extent ; and any *rente*  
“ expressly charged in any deed of partial commutation under  
“ the Acts hereby repealed, as an indemnity to be paid by  
“ the *Censitaire* instead of *lods et ventes*, shall be held to re-  
“ present the value of the right to *lods et ventes* on the land  
“ referred to, and shall be entered and dealt with in all respects  
“ accordingly ;

“ 3. In order to establish the yearly value of the *droit de*  
“ *banalité* and the exclusive right of having Mills in the  
“ Seignior, (independently of the right to the Water Power,)  
“ if any such rights be recognized by the said Judges as  
“ aforesaid, the Commissioner shall estimate the probable  
“ decrease (if any) in the nett yearly income of the Seignior  
“ from his Mills, to arise from the loss of such right, and the  
“ said sum shall be deemed the yearly value of such right,  
“ and shall be apportioned upon the lands subject to the said  
“ right in proportion to their extent ;

“ 4. Any other rights shall be valued according to the re-  
“ venue or profits which may have accrued therefrom, to be  
“ ascertained by the Commissioner in such manner as he  
“ shall deem most equitable, and shall be charged upon the  
“ lands subject thereto respectively ;

“ 5. The yearly value of each class of rights upon each land,  
“ shall become a *rente constituée*, charged upon the same as  
“ the compensation payable to the Seignior thereof, and the  
“ total amount of such *rentes constituées* on any land, after the  
“ deduction to be made therefrom as hereinafter provided,  
“ shall be payable to the Seignior yearly, at the time and  
“ place where the *cens et rentes* on such land are now payable,  
“ unless it be otherwise agreed between the Seignior and the  
“ *Censitaire*, and shall accrue from the day on which notice of  
“ the deposit of the Schedule of the Seignior shall be given  
“ in the *Canada Gazette*, on which day the present *cens et*  
“ *rentes* and other annual charges upon the land shall cease  
“ to accrue ; and both they and the *rentes constituées* under  
“ this Act shall accrue rateably for any broken period less  
“ than a year, during which they may exist ;

“ 6. The value of the Rights of the Seignior *dominant* in any  
“ *arrière-fief* shall form the capital of a *rente constituée*, payable  
“ yearly by the Seignior of the *arrière-fief*, on the day of the

“ date of the publication in the *Canada Gazette* of the  
 “ notice of the deposit of the Schedule of such *arrière-fief*,  
 “ and accruing from the day of such publication; but out  
 “ of the moneys coming to the Seigneur of the *arrière-fief*,  
 “ from the Provincial aid hereinafter mentioned, a sum bear-  
 “ ing the same proportion to the whole of such moneys as the  
 “ value of the rights of the Seigneur *dominant* in such *arrière-*  
 “ *fief* bears to the value set upon the Seigniorial rights of the  
 “ Seigneur *servant* in such *arrière-fief*, shall belong to the  
 “ Seigneur *dominant*, and the said *rente constituée* shall be  
 “ diminished by the amount of the yearly interest at six per  
 “ cent per annum, of the sum so coming to him out of the  
 “ said Provincial aid;

“ 7. And in estimating the value of the casual rights of the  
 “ Crown in relation to each Seignior, the Commissioner  
 “ shall be guided as nearly as possible by the same rules as  
 “ are hereby prescribed for the determination of the yearly  
 “ value of the casual rights of the Seigniors.”

#### CLAUSE F.

*Being the twenty-third Clause of the Bill, amended.*

VII. “ Before beginning to prepare the Schedule for any  
 “ Seignior, the Commissioner entrusted with that duty,  
 “ shall give public notice of the place, day and hour, at which  
 “ he will begin his inquiry; and such notice shall be made  
 “ by placards and publications in the English and French  
 “ languages, at the door of every Parish Church in such  
 “ Seignior, during four consecutive Sundays, at the conclu-  
 “ sion of Divine Service in the forenoon, or by placards, in  
 “ both languages, posted during four consecutive weeks, in  
 “ the most frequented place in any Seignior in which there  
 “ shall be no Church.”

#### CLAUSE G.

*Being the twenty-fourth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

VIII. “ It shall be lawful for the Commissioner to enter  
 “ upon all lands situate in the Seignior, the Schedule whereof  
 “ is to be made by him, in order to make such examination  
 “ thereof as may be necessary, without his being subject in  
 “ respect thereof to any obstruction or prosecution, and with  
 “ the right to command the assistance of all Justices, Peace  
 “ Officers, and others, in order to enter and make such exa-  
 “ mination, in case of opposition.”

## CLAUSE H.

*Being the twenty-fifth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

IX. " The said Commissioners, and each of them separately,  
" shall have full power and authority to examine on Oath any  
" person who shall appear before them, or any of them, either  
" as a party interested or as a witness, and to summon before  
" them, or any of them, all persons whom they or any of  
" them may deem it expedient to examine upon the matters  
" subject to their consideration, and the facts which they may  
" require to ascertain in order to carry this Act into effect,  
" and to require any such person to bring with him, and pro-  
" duce before them or any of them, any Book, Paper, Plan,  
" Instrument, Document, or thing mentioned in such sum-  
" mons, and necessary for the purposes of this Act: And if  
" any person so summoned shall refuse or neglect to appear  
" before them, or before the Commissioner who shall have  
" summoned him, or appearing, shall refuse to answer any  
" lawful question put to him, or to produce any such Book,  
" Paper, Plan, Instrument, Document, or thing whatsoever,  
" which may be in his possession, and which he shall have  
" been required by such summons to bring with him, or to  
" produce, such person shall for every such refusal or neglect  
" incur a penalty of not less than ten, nor more than fifty  
" pounds currency, payable to Her Majesty, to be recovered  
" with costs upon summary plaint by such Commissioner be-  
" fore any Judge of the Superior or Circuit Court, and in  
" default of immediate payment shall, by warrant of such  
" Judge, be apprehended and committed to the Common  
" Gaol of the District, for a period not exceeding one calen-  
" dar month."

## CLAUSE I.

*Being the twenty-sixth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

X. " Whenever the Commissioner charged with the making  
" of the Schedule of a Seignior shall be of opinion that the  
" rules prescribed in this Act for determining any value  
" which he is hereby required to determine, do not form an  
" equitable basis for determining the same, or when the  
" Seignior, or not less than twelve *Censitaires* of the Seig-  
" niory, shall call upon the said Commissioner in writing,  
" within a period not exceeding eight days after the day fixed  
" for the commencement of the inquiry by the Commissioner,

“ requiring that *experts* be appointed to determine the value  
“ of the Seigniorial Rights therein, the said Commissioner  
“ shall call a public meeting of the *Censitaires* of the Seignior,  
“ at such place therein, and on such day, and at such hour,  
“ as shall be specified in the public notice thereof, which he  
“ shall give in the manner prescribed by this Act, with respect  
“ to the commencement of his inquiry, for the purpose  
“ of appointing two *experts*, one of whom shall be appointed  
“ by the Seignior, and the other shall be elected by the  
“ majority of the *Censitaires* present at such meeting; and in  
“ case the Seignior or his agent, shall not be present at the  
“ said meeting, or being present, shall refuse or neglect to  
“ appoint an *expert*, the said Commissioner shall appoint one  
“ on behalf of the Seignior, and such *expert* shall have the  
“ same powers as he would have had if he had been appointed  
“ by the Seignior, and in the event of the *Censitaires* refusing  
“ or neglecting to appoint an *expert* on their behalf, the  
“ Commissioner shall in like manner appoint an *expert* to  
“ act for them;

“ 2. The two *experts* so appointed shall have and exercise the  
“ same powers, with respect to the valuation of the Seigniorial  
“ Rights, as could be exercised by the Commissioner  
“ himself, except that they shall not in any case be bound by  
“ the rules aforesaid; and the said two *experts* shall appoint  
“ a third *expert*, but in case the two *experts* shall not agree  
“ upon the person to be the third *expert*, then any Judge of  
“ the Superior Court in the District in which the Seignior,  
“ or the greater part thereof lies, shall on the application of  
“ either *expert*, after three clear days' notice to the other, appoint  
“ such third *expert*; and the sums fixed by any two of  
“ such *experts* as the yearly value of the Seigniorial Rights  
“ respectively, shall be taken by the Commissioner as the  
“ value thereof, and shall be apportioned by him in the manner  
“ hereinbefore prescribed, upon or among the lands subject to such  
“ rights; and the Commissioner shall mention  
“ in the Schedule that the value was determined by *expertise*;

“ 3. Provided, that when the Seignior and the *Censitaires*  
“ shall agree to appoint and elect, or shall appoint and elect  
“ one and the same *expert*, such sole *expert* shall have the  
“ same powers as the three *experts* would have had, and his  
“ decision shall be final: And provided also, that the Com-

“ missioner may be appointed either third *expert*, or sole  
“ *expert* ;

“ 4. In the event of one of the said *experts* dying, becoming  
“ incapacitated, or refusing to act, the appointment or elec-  
“ tion of another in his stead shall be proceeded with in the  
“ manner above prescribed, excepting that it shall not be ne-  
“ cessary to call a public meeting of the *Censitaires* for the  
“ appointment of an *expert* in the stead of the person repre-  
“ senting the Seignior ; but if the Seignior refuse, or neglect  
“ during eight days to appoint another *expert*, after having  
“ been required so to do by the Commissioner, the Commis-  
“ sioner shall appoint an *expert* on behalf of the said  
“ Seignior ;

“ 5. If the Commissioner be appointed third *expert* or sole  
“ *expert*, then if he be prevented from acting by any cause,  
“ the Commissioner who shall be directed by the Governor  
“ to continue the proceedings in the Seigniory, shall be third  
“ *expert* or sole *expert* in the place of the former Commis-  
“ sioner ;

“ 6. The said *experts* shall be entitled to receive, out of the  
“ funds provided by this Act, such fees as the Commissioner  
“ shall deem proper to tax, provided that they do not exceed  
“ the sum of fifteen shillings for each day of necessary attend-  
“ ance. And the said fees shall be paid by the Receiver  
“ General upon the certificate of the Commissioner.”

#### CLAUSE J.

*Being the twenty-seventh Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XI. “ The said Commissioner, immediately after the making  
“ of the Schedule of a Seigniory, shall give eight days public  
“ notice in the manner prescribed by the seventh Section of  
“ this Act, that such Schedule will remain open for the in-  
“ spection of the Seignior and the *Censitaires* of the Seigniory  
“ during the thirty days following the said notice ; and during  
“ that time the Commissioner may correct any error and  
“ supply any omission which may be pointed out to him by  
“ any party interested, or which shall come to his knowledge in  
“ any other manner, but he shall not alter any value deter-  
“ mined by *expertise* without the consent of the majority  
“ of the *experts* or of the sole *expert* ;



“ 2. The proprietor or possessor of the Seigniorship may appear, either in person or by his agent, before the Commissioner, for the purpose of having any error corrected which may have crept into the said Schedule; and for the like purpose the *Censitaires* of the Seigniorship may appear before the said Commissioner by their agent, to be appointed by a majority of the *Censitaires* of the Seigniorship present at a meeting called for that purpose by any three or more of the *Censitaires* thereof, eight days, public notice thereof having been previously given in the manner prescribed in the seventh Section of this Act;

“ 3. But no Schedule shall be completed until the Judges shall have given Judgment upon the questions to be submitted to them as hereinafter mentioned.”

#### CLAUSE K.

XII. “ It shall be lawful for the Governor, by letter under the signature of the Provincial Secretary, to select from the Commissioners so to be appointed, four of their number, of whom any three shall form a Court for the revision of Schedules made under this Act, and in like manner from time to time to remove them and to appoint others in the place of any so removed, dying, resigning office, or being incapacitated to act;

“ 2. The decision of any two of the Commissioners so selected, whether the others be present or not, on any matter relating to the revision of any Schedule made under this Act shall be final;

“ 3. In making such revision the Commissioners shall proceed summarily, but they may order any evidence to be adduced which they may think requisite to enable them to pronounce a correct decision, and for that purpose shall have the same powers as in making a Schedule;

“ 4. No Commissioner so selected shall sit in revision of any Schedule made by him;

“ 5. And no revision of any Schedule shall be allowed unless application be made for the same within fifteen days from the expiration of the time allowed under the eleventh Section of this Act, for the correction thereof by the Commissioner by whom it was made; and every such application

“ shall be made by a Petition presented on behalf of the party  
 “ interested to the Governor, specifying the objections made  
 “ to such Schedule, and the amendments demanded, and  
 “ praying for the revision thereof;

“ 6. Upon the receipt of any such Petition, the Provincial  
 “ Secretary shall refer the same to the Commissioners form-  
 “ ing the Court of Revision aforesaid, whose duty it shall be,  
 “ after having given eight days' notice in the manner provided  
 “ by the seventh Section of this Act, to proceed to revise  
 “ the Schedule therein mentioned, and if they find any error  
 “ to correct the same, in so far as, but no farther than, it  
 “ shall have been so specially objected to; but they shall not  
 “ alter any value determined by *expertise* without the consent  
 “ of the majority of the *experts*, or of the sole *expert*;

“ 7. The said Court of Revision may award and tax costs  
 “ against any party who may in their opinion have demanded  
 “ or opposed the revision of the Schedule without reasonable  
 “ cause, and such costs may be recovered on the certificate  
 “ of any one of the said Commissioners as a debt due by the  
 “ party against whom they shall have been awarded, to the  
 “ party in whose favor they have been taxed.”

#### CLAUSE L.

*Being the twenty-eighth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XIII. “ As soon as the Schedule of a Seigniorship shall be  
 “ completed in the manner hereinbefore provided, the Com-  
 “ missioner who shall have made it shall transmit a triplicate  
 “ thereof to the Receiver General of this Province; he shall  
 “ deposit another triplicate in the office of the Superior Court  
 “ in the District in which the Seigniorship is situate, or if such  
 “ Seigniorship be situate in two Districts, then in the office of  
 “ the said Court in that District in which the greater part of  
 “ such Seigniorship is situate; and shall retain the other tripli-  
 “ cate in his hands until it shall be otherwise provided by  
 “ law; and he shall give public notice of his having so de-  
 “ posited the same, in the terms of the form A, annexed to  
 “ this Act, or in other terms of like import, in the English  
 “ and French languages in the *Canada Gazette*, or other  
 “ newspaper recognized as the “Official” Gazette of the Pro-  
 “ vince, and in at least one newspaper published in the Dis-  
 “ trict in which such Seigniorship or the greater part thereof is  
 “ situate, or if there be no newspaper published in such

" District, such notice shall be so published in the nearest  
 " District wherein one or more newspapers are published.  
 " And the Clerk of the Superior Court shall furnish copies  
 " of or extracts from such Schedule, duly certified in the usual  
 " form, to any person applying for the same, and may demand  
 " three pence currency for every hundred words or figures in  
 " any such copy or extract; and he shall also furnish one  
 " copy of every such Schedule on demand to the Seigneur of  
 " the Seignior to which it relates, and the costs thereof shall  
 " be paid out of the funds provided by this Act; and all such  
 " copies and extracts, whether in words or figures, shall be  
 " deemed authentic, and shall serve as *prima facie* proof of all  
 " matters therein set forth."

#### CLAUSE M.

##### ABOLITION OF FEUDAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

XIV. " Upon, from and after the date of the publication in  
 " the *Canada Gazette* or other Official Gazette as aforesaid,  
 " of a notice of the deposit of the Schedule of any Seignior  
 " as aforesaid, every *Censitaire* in such Seignior shall by  
 " virtue thereof, hold his land in *franc-aleu roturier*, free and  
 " clear of all *cens, lods et ventes, droit de banalité, droit de retrait,*  
 " and other Feudal and Seigniorial duties and charges what-  
 " ever, except the *rente constituée* which will be substituted  
 " for all Seigniorial duties and charges; and every Seigneur  
 " shall thereafter hold his domain, and the unconceded lands  
 " in his Seignior, and all Waters, Water Powers, and Real  
 " Estate now belonging to him as Seigneur, in *franc-aleu*  
 " *roturier*, by virtue of this Act, and the same, and the *rentes*  
 " *constituées* payable to him under this Act by his *Censitaires*,  
 " or by any Seigneur of whose Fief or Seignior he is the  
 " Seigneur *dominant*, shall be held and enjoyed by him free  
 " and clear of all *quint, relief* or other feudal dues or duties  
 " to the Crown, or to any Seigneur *dominant* of whom his  
 " Fief or Seignior is now held; subject always, both as re-  
 " gards Seigneur and *Censitaire*, to the provisions of this Act;  
 " nor shall the Seigneur as such after the said time be subject  
 " to any onerous obligation towards his *Censitaires*, or be en-  
 " titled to any honorary rights, nor shall any land be there-  
 " after granted by any Seigneur to be held by any other  
 " tenure than *franc-aleu roturier*, or subject to any mutation  
 " fines or other feudal dues."

## CLAUSE N.

XV. " But no right which any Seignior may have acquired  
 " by any legal stipulation entered into before the passing of  
 " this Act, to take any land for the purpose of using the Water  
 " Power adjoining the same and belonging so such Seignior,  
 " on paying for such land the full value thereof, and of all  
 " improvements thereon, shall cease by reason of the passing  
 " of this Act, but the same shall remain in full force: Pro-  
 " vided always, that the owner of any land adjoining any  
 " Water Power owned by the Seignior, and not then used  
 " by him, may at any time after the expiration of one year  
 " from the passing of this Act, demand the right to use such  
 " Water Power from the Seignior on paying him the full  
 " value of such right, which value if not agreed upon, shall  
 " be fixed by Arbitrators, one to be named by the owner of  
 " such land, another by the Seignior, and the third by the  
 " other two, or if they disagree, then by a Judge of the  
 " Superior Court or of the Circuit Court, and the award of  
 " any two of them shall be conclusive; and upon payment or  
 " tender to the Seignior of the value awarded, the owner of  
 " such land shall have the right to use such Water Power  
 " in the manner mentioned in the demand thereof, and in the  
 " said award."

## CLAUSE O.

*Being the sixty-fifth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

DETERMINATION OF THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF THE SEIGNIOR  
 AND CENSITAIRE.

XVI. " And in order to avoid, as far as may be possible,  
 " unnecessary expense, uncertainty, and delay in the valuation  
 " of the several rights aforesaid, and in the completion of the  
 " Schedules of the Seigniories respectively, and all errors as  
 " to matters of law on the part of the Commissioners under  
 " this Act, Her Majesty's Attorney General for *Lower Cana-*  
 " *da*, shall, as soon as may be practiceable after the passing  
 " of this Act, frame such Questions to be submitted for the  
 " decision of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench,  
 " and of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, as he shall  
 " deem best calculated to decide the points of law, which  
 " will, in his opinion, come under the consideration of the  
 " said Commissioners, in determining the value of the rights

“ of the Crown, of the Seigneur, and of the *Censitaires*, and  
“ he shall file a copy of such Questions in the office of the  
“ said Court of Queen’s Bench, and cause a copy thereof  
“ to be transmitted by Post to each of the Judges of the  
“ said Courts ;

“ 2. The said Questions shall then be published at least once  
“ a week, during six consecutive weeks, in the *Canada*  
“ *Gazette*, with a notice to all concerned, that they have  
“ been filed as aforesaid, and are submitted for the decision  
“ of the said Judges ;

“ 3. The said Judges shall take the said Questions into con-  
“ sideration, and shall hear the Attorney General, or Soli-  
“ citor General, and such Council as such Attorney General  
“ or Solicitor General, may deem it advisable to associate  
“ with them, at as early a time as may be practicable after  
“ the expiration of thirty days from the last publication of  
“ the said Questions in the *Canada Gazette* ; and it shall  
“ be the duty of the said Judges to give the consideration of  
“ the said Questions, and the hearing thereof, such precedence  
“ over other matters before them, and to adopt such other  
“ measures with regard to them, as will ensure a decision  
“ thereon at as early a period as may be conveniently prac-  
“ ticable ;

“ 4. Any Seigneur may, at any time before the end of the  
“ said period of thirty days after the last publication of the  
“ said Questions, or with leave of the said Judges, at any time  
“ before the hearing thereon, cause an appearance to be filed  
“ for him in the office of the Court of Queen’s Bench, in the  
“ matter of the said Questions, and having caused such ap-  
“ pearance to be so filed, shall be entitled to be heard by his  
“ Counsel upon such Questions, and may submit any supple-  
“ mentary or counter Questions, and may append to every  
“ such Question, a statement of the proposition or proposi-  
“ tions he intends to maintain with regard thereto ; but no  
“ more than five Counsel shall be heard on the part of all the  
“ Seigniors so appearing except by special permission of the  
“ Court, and if more claim to be heard, the Judges shall de-  
“ cide between them which shall be heard ;

“ 5. The *Censitaires* of any Seignior acting by their Agent,  
“ to be elected in the manner provided by the eleventh Section  
“ of this Act, may also in like manner and within a like delay

“ cause an appearance to be filed for them in the office of the  
“ said Court, and having so done shall be entitled to be heard  
“ by their Counsel upon the Questions filed by the Attorney  
“ General, as well as upon any Questions or propositions filed  
“ by any Seignior, and may submit supplementary or counter  
“ Questions or propositions to those of the Crown or of any  
“ Seignior; but no more than five Counsel shall be heard on  
“ the part of all the *Censitaires*, unless by the special permis-  
“ sion of the Court, and if more claim to be heard, the Court  
“ shall decide between them which shall be heard;

“ 6. No publication or service of any such supplementary or  
“ counter Questions or propositions shall be necessary, but the  
“ same shall be printed, and, when they are filed, at least  
“ fifty copies thereof shall be delivered to the Clerk of Ap-  
“ peals, who shall give copies to the Attorney General and  
“ to the Advocates appearing for Seigniors or *Censitaires*;

“ 7. From the expiration of the said thirty days after the  
“ last publication of the said Questions, the matter shall be  
“ dealt with by the said Judges, as if an appeal were pending  
“ and inscribed and ready for hearing, in which the said  
“ Questions had arisen for decision, but no case, or pleadings,  
“ or other proceeding than such as are herein prescribed,  
“ shall be required previously to such hearing; no technical  
“ objection or procedure shall be entertained, and if any  
“ question arise as to the proceedings in any matter not pro-  
“ vided for by this Act, the Judges sitting shall *instanter*  
“ make such order therein as shall seem most equitable and  
“ convenient;

“ 8: The decision and opinions of the said Judges shall be  
“ *motivées*, and delivered as in a judgment on a case in appeal  
“ in which all the Questions had arisen and were put in issue,  
“ but without any further sentence in favor of the Crown,  
“ the Seigniors, or the *Censitaires*, whether as to costs or  
“ otherwise;

“ 9. The decision so to be pronounced on each of the said  
“ Questions and propositions shall guide the Commissioners  
“ and the Attorney General, and shall in any actual case  
“ thereafter to arise, be held to have been a judgment in ap-  
“ peal *en dernier resort* on the point raised by such Question,  
“ in a like case, though between other parties; provided  
“ always, that it shall be competent to the said Judges to

“ render separate decisions upon any particular question or  
“ questions; and provided also, that if, as to any such deci-  
“ sion, there be any dissentient Judge, either party may  
“ within one month, by Summary Petition duly notified to  
“ the others, appeal from such decision to Her Majesty in  
“ Her Privy Council; but otherwise, there shall be no ap-  
“ peal from any such decision;

“ 10. The Governor may at any time, and from time to time,  
“ by Proclamation, direct a Special Session of the said  
“ Judges to be held at the City of *Quebec* or at the City of  
“ *Montreal*, and to commence on the day to be named for  
“ that purpose in such Proclamation, which shall be issued  
“ at least twenty clear days before the commencement of  
“ such Special Session; and to any such Special Session all  
“ the provisions of the Act constituting the said Court of  
“ Queen’s Bench, and of the law with regard to the ordinary  
“ terms of the said Court (*Appeal side*) shall apply; except  
“ that, at every such Special Session, nine of the said Judges  
“ shall be a Quorum; and the Questions to be proposed  
“ under this Act, and no other business, shall be taken up at  
“ such Session; and such Special Session shall continue  
“ until no further matter or proceeding relating to this Act  
“ shall be before the said Judges, who shall at such Session  
“ form a Special Court for the purposes of this Act; provided  
“ always, that if, for the purpose of holding any term, either  
“ of the Court of Queen’s Bench or Superior Court, it be-  
“ come necessary to suspend the sittings of such Special  
“ Session, the Judges shall adjourn such Special Session to the  
“ first convenient day after the close of such term, and the  
“ said Special Court may, after hearing all parties on the  
“ various matters submitted to them, adjourn for the purpose  
“ of rendering judgment only, to any day thereafter, on and  
“ after which day they may adjourn for the like purpose;  
“ and such adjournments, for rendering judgment, may be to  
“ any day during or between any terms of the said Court of  
“ Queen’s Bench or Superior Court; and provided also,  
“ that it shall be lawful for the Governor, by any Proclama-  
“ tion directing such Special Session, to suspend or postpone  
“ any term or terms of either of the said Courts, or to alter  
“ the duration thereof; and also to name any Circuit Judge  
“ or Judges, or Barrister or Barristers, of at least ten years’  
“ standing at the Bar of *Lower Canada*, to be and act as  
“ Assistant Judges of the said Courts, or of either of them,

“ during the pendency of any such Special Session, and of  
 “ all adjournments thereof, and for such term of time before  
 “ or after as he may deem necessary; and every person so  
 “ named shall, for the term of such appointment, have all the  
 “ powers of a Judge of the Court whereof he shall have been  
 “ named an Assistant Judge, except the powers given by  
 “ this Act. The presiding Judge at every such Special Ses-  
 “ sion shall be the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen’s  
 “ Bench, if present; if absent, the Chief Justice of the Su-  
 “ perior Court, and in the absence of both Chief Justices,  
 “ the Senior of the Puisné Judges of the Court of Queen’s  
 “ Bench then present.”

#### CLAUSE P.

*Being the sixty-sixth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

#### PROVINCIAL APPROPRIATION FOR RELIEF OF CENSITAIRES AND EXPENSES OF THIS ACT.

XVII. “ The emoluments and disbursements of the Commis-  
 “ sioners who shall be appointed under this Act, with the ex-  
 “ penses to be incurred under the same, shall be paid out of  
 “ the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, by  
 “ Warrant of the Governor; and a sum not exceeding in the  
 “ whole what shall remain of the amount hereinafter limited,  
 “ after deducting therefrom the said emoluments, disburse-  
 “ ments, and expenses may likewise be paid out of the said  
 “ Fund for the purposes of this Act; and it shall be lawful  
 “ for the Governor in Council to cause any sum or sums not  
 “ exceeding in the whole the sum required for defraying the  
 “ expenditure authorized by this Act, to be raised by Deben-  
 “ tures to be issued on the credit of the said Consolidated  
 “ Revenue Fund, in such form, bearing such rate of interest,  
 “ and the principal and interest whereof shall be payable  
 “ out of the said Fund, at such times and places as the Go-  
 “ vernor in Council shall think most advantageous for the  
 “ public interest; and the moneys so raised as aforesaid shall  
 “ make part of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund of this  
 “ Province: provided always, that the total amount of moneys  
 “ to be paid, whether in money or debentures, under this  
 “ Act, shall not exceed by more than one hundred and fifty  
 “ thousand pounds, the sum of which the average yearly  
 “ proceeds of the other sources of Revenue hereinafter men-  
 “ tioned (upon an average of the last five years) would be the



“ yearly interest at six per cent per annum added to the  
 “ value of the Crown’s Rights in the Seigniories affected by  
 “ this Act.”

CLAUSE Q.

*Being the sixty-seventh Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XVIII. “ The moneys arising from the following sources of  
 “ Revenue, shall be and are hereby specially appropriated to  
 “ make good to the said Consolidated Revenue Fund the  
 “ amount which may be taken out of the same for the pur-  
 “ pose of paying the sums charged upon it under the next  
 “ preceding section, that is to say:—

“ All moneys arising from the value of the Rights of the  
 “ Crown, from *droits de quint* and other dues, in or upon the  
 “ Seigniories of which the Crown is Seignior *dominant*, and  
 “ which are to be commuted by this Act, as such value shall  
 “ be fixed by the Schedules of the said Seigniories respec-  
 “ tively, and all arrears of such dues ;

“ All moneys arising from the Revenues of the Seigniority of  
 “ *Lauzon*, or from the sale of any part of the said Seigniority  
 “ which may hereafter be sold, and all arrears of such Re-  
 “ venues ;

“ All moneys arising from Auction Duties and Auctioneers’  
 “ Licenses in *Lower Canada* ;

“ All moneys arising in *Lower Canada* from Licenses to sell  
 “ Spirituous, Vinous, or Fermented Liquors by retail, in places  
 “ other than places of Public Entertainment, commonly  
 “ called Shop or Store Licenses ;

“ All moneys which shall arise from Tavern Licenses in  
 “ *Lower Canada*, after the present charges on that Fund shall  
 “ have been paid off, except however such portion of that  
 “ Fund as shall be levied in the Townships ;

“ And separate accounts shall be kept of all moneys arising  
 “ from the sources of Revenue aforesaid, and of the moneys  
 “ disbursed under this Act, allowing interest on both sides at  
 “ the then current rate on Provincial debentures, to the end  
 “ that if the sums payable out of the Consolidated Revenue  
 “ Fund under this Act, shall exceed in the whole the total  
 “ amount of the sums arising from the sources of Revenue so  
 “ specially appropriated, and any interest allowed thereon as

“ aforesaid, a sum equal to such excess may, and the same  
 “ shall be set apart, to be appropriated by Parliament for  
 “ some local purpose or purposes in *Upper Canada*.”

CLAUSE R.

XIX. “ The Special Fund constituted as aforesaid for the  
 “ purposes of this Act, shall, after deducting the expenses  
 “ incurred under this Act, be appropriated in aid of the  
 “ *Censitaires* in the several Seigniories, in the following man-  
 “ ner :—

“ 2. The sum to be established as the value of the rights of  
 “ the Crown in each Seigniorie as aforesaid, shall be appro-  
 “ priated in aid of the *Censitaires* of such Seigniorie in reduc-  
 “ tion of the *rentes constituées*, representing the *lods et ventes*  
 “ or other mutation fines therein, by an equal per centage of  
 “ reduction on each such *rente* ;

“ 3. The remainder of the said Special Fund shall be appor-  
 “ tioned by the Receiver General amongst the several Sei-  
 “ gniories to which this Act extends, giving to each an equal  
 “ per centage on the total amount of the constituted rents  
 “ established by the Schedule of each such Seigniorie, after  
 “ deducting the value of the Crown’s Rights therein ; and  
 “ the sum as apportioned to each Seigniorie shall be applied  
 “ by the Receiver General in the following order, which shall  
 “ be the order of charges thereon :—

“ 1st. To the redemption of so much of the said *rentes consti-*  
 “ *tuées* representing the *lods et ventes* or other mutation fines  
 “ in the Seigniorie, as may remain after the reduction made  
 “ by the application of the value of the Crown’s Rights as  
 “ aforesaid, by an equal per centage of reduction on such re-  
 “ maining *rentes* in each case ;

“ 2dly. To the redemption of the *rentes constituées* represent-  
 “ ing the banality in the Seigniorie, by an equal per centage  
 “ of reduction on each such *rente* ;

“ 3dly. To the redemption of the *rentes constituées*, represent-  
 “ ing the *cens et rentes* and other charges on lands held for  
 “ Agricultural purposes in the Seigniorie, by an equal per  
 “ centage of reduction on each such *rente constituée*, exceeding  
 “ the rate of one penny half-penny per annum, per *arpent* ;

“ 4. The reduction of such *rentes constituées* shall always be  
 “ in proportion to the capital sum applied to effect such re-  
 “ duction, the reduction being equal to the legal interest of  
 “ such capital ;

“ 5. The sums so apportioned for each Seigniorship shall be-  
 “ long to the Seignior thereof, subject always to the right of  
 “ the Seignior *dominant*, and shall be dealt with in every re-  
 “ spect, as moneys paid in redemption of the *rentes constituées*  
 “ mentioned in the Schedule of such Seigniorship, subject to  
 “ the special provisions hereinafter made.”

#### CLAUSE S.

*Being the forty-ninth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

APPLICATION OF MONEYS ARISING FROM THE REDEMPTION OF  
 SEIGNIORIAL RIGHTS, &c.

XX “ Every Proprietor of a Seigniorship who shall have  
 “ within his *mouvance* another or several Fiefs, (unless the  
 “ value of his rights has been entered in the Schedule thereof)  
 “ and every person having an hypothecary claim on any Sei-  
 “ gniorship, the Schedule relative to which shall be deposited  
 “ in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the Dis-  
 “ trict in which such Seigniorship or part thereof is situate,  
 “ must, for the preservation of his privileges, within six  
 “ month from the date of the notice in the *Canada Gazette*,  
 “ of the deposit of the Schedule of such Seigniorship, file an op-  
 “ position to the distribution of all moneys arising, or which  
 “ may arise from the redemption of the Seigniorial Rights  
 “ in such Seigniorship; every such opposition shall be filed in  
 “ the said office, and have effect for thirty years, unless sooner  
 “ withdrawn, or by judgment of the Court dismissed; and  
 “ if any such opposition be renewed within a less time than  
 “ thirty years, the opposant shall only be entitled to the costs  
 “ of one single opposition; and while such opposition shall  
 “ so remain in force, any *Censitaire* who shall pay the capital  
 “ or redemption money of the *rente constituée* to the Seignior,  
 “ shall do so at his peril, and on pain of being liable to any  
 “ such opposant for any loss he may thereby sustain.”

#### CLAUSE T.

*Being the fiftieth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXI. “ All minors, interdicted persons, and married women,  
 “ even in the case of dower not yet open, (*non encort auvert*),

“ and all who have entailed or contingent rights, by themselves, or their tutors, curators, husbands or others, who may act for them, shall be also required, for the preservation of their privileges, to file their opposition to the distribution of all such moneys in the manner provided in the next preceding section ; but tutors, curators, husbands or others, who shall have neglected to file such oppositions shall, nevertheless, continue to be responsible towards the persons under their charge or authority for any loss which may result from their negligence in the said behalf.”

#### CLAUSE U.

*Being the forty-eighth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXII. “ If, after the expiration of six months, from the date of the first publication in the *Canada Gazette*, of the notice by the Receiver General of the deposit of the Schedule of the Seigniorie in which such land is situate, the possessor of such Seigniorie produce to the Receiver General a certificate, granted by the Clerk of the Superior Court for the District in which the Schedule relative to such Seigniorie, or a triplicate thereof, is deposited, stating that there is no opposition to the payment of the redemption moneys in such Seigniorie, the said Receiver General shall pay to the said Seignior, on his giving a duplicate receipt therefor, the amount of any moneys coming to such Seignior out of the Special Fund hereinbefore mentioned, with interest thereon at six per cent. per annum, to be computed from the date of the said notice, and thereafter the Seignior shall have full right to receive the price of the *rentes constituées* in his Seigniorie directly from the *Censitaires*, and to deal with such *rentes* as he shall see fit.”

#### CLAUSE V.

*Being the fifty-ninth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXIII. “ Whenever the Receiver General shall have ascertained the amount of money coming to any Seignior out of the Special Fund hereby appropriated in aid of the *Censitaires*, and there shall be an opposition filed as aforesaid to the distribution of such money, the Receiver General shall deposit a certificate of the said amount in the hands of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the District wherein the Schedule relative to the said Seigniorie shall have been

“ deposited ; and the said Court shall make the distribution  
“ of the said moneys among the opposants, according to the  
“ order of their hypothecs, and the preference of their respec-  
“ tive privileges ; and the Receiver General shall pay the  
“ same to the Clerk of the Court to be distributed according  
“ to such order, but the interest on any sum coming to a  
“ Seignior, and in the Receiver General’s hands, shall always  
“ be payable to such Seignior.”

#### CLAUSE W.

*Being the fifty-third Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXIV. “ All persons holding in mortmain, corporations,  
“ tutors, curators, and administrators, possessing lands held *en*  
“ *roture*, or persons holding entailed lands the *rentes constituées*  
“ upon which may be redeemed with advantage to those  
“ whom they represent, may effect the redemption of any  
“ *rente constituée* under the provisions of this Act, by paying  
“ the price of redemption out of the moneys of those whom  
“ they represent ; provided that tutors, curators, and usufruc-  
“ tuary proprietors (*usufruitiers*) and holders of entailed lands  
“ observe the formalities required by law in the alienation of  
“ the property of the persons whose rights shall be represented  
“ by them ; but persons holding in mortmain, and corpora-  
“ tions, shall not be required to observe any other formality  
“ in or before the redemption of any such *rente constituée* than  
“ those prescribed by this Act.”

#### CLAUSE X.

*Being the fifty-fourth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

“ XXV. “ And it shall be lawful for the several religious  
“ or Ecclesiastical communities holding, in mortmain, Fiefs  
“ or Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, to invest, from time to  
“ time, as they shall see fit, in any lands or tenements in this  
“ Province, or in any public or private securities in this Pro-  
“ vince, which they shall deem the most advisable or advan-  
“ tageous to their respective communities, any sums of money  
“ that may accrue to them from the redemption of any *rente*  
“ *constituée* created under this Act or out of the Special Fund  
“ appropriated by this Act.”

## CLAUSE Y.

## DESTINATION AND LEGAL CHARACTER OF PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS HEREAFTER TO REPRESENT SEIGNORIES.

XXVI. " In respect of all rights acquired in, to, or upon,  
 " any Seignior, before the publication in the *Canada Gazette*  
 " of the notice of the Receiver General of the deposit of the  
 " Schedule of any Seignior in his hands, and for the pre-  
 " servation whereof an opposition shall have been fyled within  
 " six months from the date of the said publication, all lands  
 " and real rights which at and immediately before the passing  
 " of this Act, were held by the Seignior as part of his  
 " Seignior, all rights secured to him under the Schedule  
 " thereof, all *rentes* under this Act to be created, all moneys  
 " to arise from the redemption of any such *rentes*, or to be  
 " received by the Seignior out of the aid granted by this  
 " Act to the *Censitaires* towards the redemption of Seignio-  
 " rial Rights, Duties and Dues, and all properties and rights  
 " so by such Seignior acquired as to represent such moneys,  
 " shall be held and taken as though attached to the *domaine*  
 " of such Seignior, and as representing such Seignior; but  
 " but in respect of all rights thereafter to accrue, or for the  
 " preservation whereof no opposition shall have been fyled  
 " within the delay aforesaid, all such lands, rights, *rentes* and  
 " moneys, shall be held and taken to be, and shall be, to all  
 " intents separate and independent properties and rights; and  
 " it shall not be requisite that any person, in order to the  
 " holding, recovery, or enforcement of any thereof, should  
 " qualify himself as being, or as ever having been, a  
 " Seignior."

## CLAUSE Z.

XXVII. " All *rentes constituées* to be created under this  
 " Act, shall have the same privileges *ex causâ* as the right of  
 " the *baillieur de fonds*, and the like preference over all other  
 " hypothecary claims affecting the land, as any Seigniorial  
 " dues upon or arising out of such land would have had pre-  
 " vious to the redemption of the said dues, without any  
 " registration in any Registry Office to that end; but the  
 " creditor shall not have the right to recover more than five  
 " years' arrears of any such rent; and in default of move-  
 " ables out of which the amount of any judgment for such

“ arrears, though amounting to less than ten pounds currency,  
“ may be levied, execution may issue against such land after  
“ a delay of one year from the date of such judgment, and  
“ not sooner.”

## CLAUSE A.A.

XXVIII. “ Every *rente constituée* established by virtue of this  
“ Act, shall always be redeemable by consent of the owner of  
“ land and of the Seigneur, in cases where the Seigneur has  
“ the right to the capital thereof for his own use, and not  
“ otherwise; but if the Seignior be entailed (*substituée*) or  
“ held by a tutor, curator, or usufructuary proprietor  
“ (*usufruitier*), and an opposition to be fyled and then in  
“ force the *rente* and arrears only shall be received, subject  
“ always to the exception in the next following section, which  
“ shall apply to all cases of redemption of such *rentes*.”

## CLAUSE B.B.

XXIX. “ Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to  
“ redeem any such *rente constituée* except by the consent of  
“ the Seigneur having the right to the capital thereof for his  
“ own use, at any other time in any year than the day on  
“ which such *rente* is payable; but provided also, that at any  
“ time, and whether the Seigneur have or have not the right  
“ to the capital of the *rentes constituées* under this Act, for  
“ his own use, it shall be lawful for the *Censitaires* in any  
“ Seignior to redeem by one payment all the said *rentes*  
“ *constituées* then remaining in the Seignior, and in such case  
“ the redemption money shall be paid to the Seigneur, if  
“ there be then no opposition fyled as aforesaid, and in force;  
“ and if there be such opposition, than is shall be paid to the  
“ Receiver General, and shall be dealt with in all respects as  
“ money coming to the Seigneur out of the Special Fund ap-  
“ propriated in aid of the *Censitaires*; and the paying of such  
“ redemption money shall always be one of the purposes for  
“ which money may be raised on the credit of the Consoli-  
“ dated Municipal Loan Fund for *Lower Canada*, under any  
“ law in force for raising money on the credit of such Fund;  
“ and the redemption money under this section shall always  
“ be the capital sum of which the *rentes* redeemed shall be  
“ equal to the legal interest, unless another rate be agreed  
“ upon by the *Censitaires* and a Seigneur having the right to  
“ such redemption money, for his own use.”

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CLAUSE C.C.

*Being the twelfth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

XXX. " No sale under Writ of Execution (*par décret*) shall  
 " have the effect of liberating any immoveable property then  
 " or theretofore held *à titre de cens*, and so sold, from any  
 " arrears of the rights, charges, conditions, or reservations  
 " established in respect of such immoveable property in favor  
 " of the Seigneur, due before the completion of the Schedule  
 " of the Seigniority in which such property lies, or from any  
 " *rente constituée* payable thereon under such Schedule, but  
 " every such immoveable property shall be considered as hav-  
 " ing been sold, subject thereafter to all such rights, charges,  
 " conditions or reservations, without its being necessary for  
 " the Seigneur to make an opposition for the said purpose  
 " before the sale."

CLAUSE D.D.

*Being the thirteenth Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXXI. " If, notwithstanding the provisions of this Act, any  
 " opposition *afin de charge* be made hereafter for the preserva-  
 " tion of any of the rights, charges, conditions, or reservations  
 " mentioned in the next preceding section of this Act, such  
 " opposition shall not have the effect of staying the sale, and  
 " the opposant shall not be entitled to any costs thereon, but  
 " it shall be returned into Court by the Sheriff after the sale,  
 " to be dealt with as to law may appertain."

CLAUSE E.E.

*Being the forty-second Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXXII. " The Seigneur of whom any land, the tenure of  
 " which shall be commuted under this Act, was held, shall  
 " be maintained, in his privileges and hypothecs on the land,  
 " for the payment of all arrears of Seigniorial Rights lawfully  
 " due at the time of such commutation."

CLAUSE F.F.

*Being part of the forty-third Clause of the Bill, amended.*

CERTAIN LANDS DECLARED TO BE AND TO HAVE BEEN HOLDEN  
 IN " FRANC ALEU ROTURIER."

XXXIII. " All lands which any Seigneur has, by any Act  
 " (*Acte*) or Deed in writing, heretofore executed, released or



“ agreed to release from all Seigniorial Rights in consideration  
 “ of the payment of any sum of money or of any annual rent,  
 “ are hereby declared to be and to have been from the day  
 “ of the date of every such Act (*Acte*) or Deed, free from all  
 “ such Seigniorial Rights and holden in *franc aleu roturier* ;  
 “ but the Commissioners, for the purpose of making the Sche-  
 “ dules of Seigniories in which any such lands are situate,  
 “ shall deal with all such lands as if they were now held *en*  
 “ *roture*, and when the same are liable to an annual rent, shall  
 “ establish and specify in the Schedule the capital of every  
 “ such rent, in order that the same may be redeemed by the  
 “ person liable therefor, in the same manner as any *rente con-*  
 “ *stituée* established by this Act.”

CLAUSE G.G.

*Being part of the forty-third Clause of the Bill, amended.*

XXXIV. “ All lands upon which mortmain dues (*des droits*  
 “ *d’indemnité*) have been paid to any Seigneur, and which  
 “ have not been sold or conceded since such payment to  
 “ parties holding otherwise than in mortmain, are hereby  
 “ declared to be and to have been from the day of the date  
 “ of such payment or of any Act (*Acte*) or Deed in writing,  
 “ binding the owner to pay the same, released from all Sei-  
 “ gniorial dues and duties, and held *en franc aleu roturier*,  
 “ but subject to the payment of a *rente constituée* equal to the  
 “ *cens* and rent legally due thereon.”

Page 25, Line 16.—After “ Interpretation ” insert, “ and extent of this Act.”

Page 25, Line 18.—Leave out from “ Act ” to “ shall ” in line 20.

Page 25, Line 29.—Leave out from “ nor ” to “ to ” in line 30.

Page 25, Line 30.—Leave out from “ any ” to “ lands ” in line 31.

Page 25, Line 37.—Leave out from “ *Sherrington* ” to “ nothing ” in line 39, and  
 insert “ Provided always, that the Governor in Council may,  
 “ if he shall see fit, grant to the *Censitaires* of the Crown  
 “ Seigniories, the Revenues whereof belong to the Province,  
 “ (including the Seigniories of the late order of Jesuits),  
 “ upon commutation of their lands, equal advantages and  
 “ relief as are hereby granted to the *Censitaires* of Seigniories  
 “ not excepted from the operation of this Act.”

Page 25, Line 39.—Leave out from “ shall ” to “ arrears,” and insert “ affect  
 “ the right to or the recovery of any.”

Page 25, Line 40.—Leave out from “Seigniorial” to “before,” and insert “dues accrued,” and leave out from “Act” to “shall” in line 42, and insert “or.”

Page 25, Line 42.—Leave out “to.”

Page 25, Line 46.—Leave out from “right” to “Seignior” in line —, “ult,” and insert “of which he may deem that he has been illegally deprived by his.”

Page 26, Line 1.—Leave out from “passed” to “the” in line 17, and insert “Nor shall any thing in this Act be construed to weaken or to support any claim of any Seignior, or of any *Censitaires*, to any right claimed by or for them respectively, at the hearing on the Questions and propositions to be submitted under this Act to the Judges for their decision, but the same shall be decided by the law as it stood immediately before the passing of this Act.”

Page 26, line 30.—After “Seignior,” insert the words “Seignior and *Censitaire* shall apply to the owner of any *rente constituée* created under this Act, and the person charged therewith, respectively, as well as to the owner of and person charged with the rights and duties represented by such *rente*.”

Page 26, Line 35.—Leave out from “appurtenances” to “the” in line 39, and insert Clause H.H.

#### CLAUSE H.H.

“The Legislature reserves the right of making any provision, declaratory or otherwise, which may be found necessary for the purpose of fully carrying out the intent of this Act; which intent is declared to be,—to abolish as soon as practicable, all feudal or Seigniorial rights, duties, and dues, substituting therefor *rentes constituées* of equal value,—to grant to the Seignior a fair indemnity, and no more, for all the lucrative rights which the law gives him, and which this Act will abolish,—to preserve the rights of third parties, unless such rights be lost by their own neglect or *laches*;—and to aid the *Censitaire* out of the Provincial Funds in the redemption of those Seigniorial charges which interfere most injuriously with his independence, industry, and enterprise,—and every enactment and provision of this Act shall receive the most liberal construction possible, with a view to ensure the accomplishment of the intention of the Legislature as hereby declared.”

## IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE BILL.

Page 26, Line ult.—Leave out “prices at,” and insert “*rentes constituées* into “which,” and leave out “various.”

Page 27, Line 3.—Leave out “redeemable,” and insert “converted.”

Page 27, Line 9.—Leave out from “Commissioner” to the end of all the forms in the Schedule, and insert “under the Seigniorial Act of “1854.”

## IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE BILL.

Page 1, Line 1.—Leave out from “Whereas” to “be” in line 12, and insert “It “is expedient to abolish all Feudal Rights and Duties in “*Lower Canada*, whether bearing upon the *Censitaire* or upon “the Seignior, and to secure fair compensation to the latter “for every lucrative right which is now legally his, and which “he will lose by such abolition; and whereas in considera- “tion of the great advantages which must result to the Pro- “vince from the abolition of the said Feudal Rights and “Duties, and the substitution of a free tenure for that under “which the property subject thereto hath heretofore been “held, it is expedient to aid the *Censitaire* in the redemption “of the said charges, more especially as regards those which, “while they press most heavily on industry and enterprise, “cannot from their very nature be otherwise made immedi- “ately redeemable without grievous hardship and injustice in “many cases.”

## IN THE TITLE OF THE BILL.

Leave out from “Act” to “for.”

It was then moved,

That the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill, and the Report of the Select Committee on the same.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The House, according to Order, was then adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill and Report.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill and Report, and had directed him to submit the amendments proposed by the Select Committee, for the adoption of this House.

Whereupon it was moved,

That the said Report be adopted.

Which being objected to ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be now read for the third time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be not now read for the third time, but that it be read a third time this day six months.

Which being also objected to ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

It was then moved, in amendment to the original Motion,

That the said Bill be not now read for the third time, but that it be read a third time to-morrow.

Which being also objected to ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion,

It was also objected to ; and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

Whereupon the said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

Which being objected to ;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT :—

FIRST.—Because the Bill treats and disposes of the rights of the Seigniors, without consulting them in the matter, and because the Bill infringes upon the Rights and Properties of the Seigniors, as guaranteed to them by the treaties, in virtue of which *Canada* was ceded to the British Crown.

SECOND.—Because the Legislature of *Canada* is but a subordinate body possessing no power of Legislation beyond those conferred upon it by its Charter, the Union Act, and because it cannot assume the power to legislate on matters in respect of which the Imperial Parliament would not legislate without an infraction of the treaty whereby it obtained the dominion of the Province.

THIRD.—Because the Bill is unconstitutional, and deprives the Seigniors of their Rights and Property without adequate compensation, and because it is an exceptional law, and subversive of the common Rights of Her Majesty's subjects.

FOURTH.—Because the present Bill is totally different from that which was sent up to this Honorable Council by the House of Assembly, and because no time has

been given to the parties interested to consider its provisions, and the reception of the Report of the Select Committee of this Honorable House on the said Bill, as totally changed from the Bill passed by the Assembly, and also because the said amendments of this House were concurred in, and the Bill, as amended, read a third time and passed, without the usual delay given to measures of much less importance, and at a time when there was a very thin attendance of Members in the House, scarcely more than a quorum, on the eve of an adjournment, and when a call of the House would not be permitted, and also when many Honorable Members were absent, and under the impression that such a measure would not be forced through the House so hurriedly, but would be allowed to stand over until after the adjournment, in order to give parties interested time to examine a measure that is depriving a class of their legal Rights and Property.

FIFTH.—Because the Bill provides for a compulsory action on the part of the Seigniors to pay *quint* to the Crown, and is therefore novel and unprecedented, and acts seriously and unjustly against Seigniors who have exerted themselves in granting out to their *Censitaires* all their unconceded lands, with a view of having their Seigniories densely settled, and also in laying out large amounts in improving the same, and because those Seigniors who have constantly refused to grant their unconceded lands to their *Censitaires*, or to make any improvement thereon, will be benefitted by this Bill unjustly, as they will only have to pay the value of the *quint* that they would have had to pay in prospective if the Seigniorial Tenure had not been legislated upon, and only in case of Sales in those Seigniories where such unconceded lands were situated, so it reduces the amount that they will have to pay for the *quint* to a mere nothing, and thereby they will obtain the whole of such unconceded lands in *franc aleu roturier*.

SIXTH.—Because the Bill deprives parties interested of an appeal to Her Majesty in Her Privy Council, when they are aggrieved, unless under certain circumstances, whereas by the law of the land a party aggrieved is entitled to such appeal without any condition of the kind prescribed by this Bill.

SEVENTH.—Because under the law of the land, the Seigniors are entitled to the fifth of the real value of all lands in their Seigniorie, when required for public use, as an additional indemnity over and above their other compensation.

EIGHTH.—Because the Bill is restrictive of the Rights of Proprietors, and prevents them from disposing of such of their appurtenances as may be unproductive to them, but which might yield them large sums were they allowed the free exercise of their judgment in disposing of them to others.

NINTH.—Because the Bill is only a partial measure, and does not effect an entire commutation of all the Seigniories in this Province, and exempts and favors a large number of Seigniors possessing extensive Seigniories, to the prejudice and ruin of others who have equal if not a better right to the protection of the Crown.

TENTH.—Because by the terms of the capitulation of *Quebec* in 1759, that of *Montreal* in 1760, and the provision of the Treaty of 1763, by which *Canada* was ceded to the British Crown, the Seigniors of this Country were recognized and declared to be a distinct class from the body of the inhabitants, and their rights and property were specially enumerated as those which were to be guaranteed under the change of dynasty, and because, in consequence of the said Treaty, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, and that of this Province, could not interfere with those vested rights.

SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.

DISSIDENTIENT :—

Because that by Capitulations, Treaties, and Imperial Acts, Seigniorial Properties are rendered inviolate.

Because Seigniors being acknowledged a distinct order by the French and English Governments, the Legislature of this Province has not the right to interfere by Legislative enactment between the Seigniors and their *Censitaires*, except that all parties interested concur in soliciting the action of Parliament.

Because our constitution being a written and subordinate constitution, the Legislature cannot, without a violation of the same, take any action on the said Bill.

PIERRE BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE.

DISSIDENTIENT :—

Because if the Legislature of *Canada* have the power, and can constitutionally legislate between the Seigniors and *Censitaires*, without their mutual consent, the present Bill does not include all the Seigniories, nor provide for the entire abolition of the Feudal Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

SECOND.—Because the appropriation of £150,000, taken from the Consolidated Funds and the Local Revenues in *Lower Canada*, are taken also from the Inhabitants residing in the Townships who have no pecuniary interest in the matters, and who have purchased their lands in free and common soccage, and are by this measure unjustly made to contribute towards the payment of the debts due from the *Censitaires* to the Seigniors.

THIRD.—Because the same class of local Revenues that are taken in *Lower Canada*, from the Townships, and set apart by this Bill as a fund to indemnify the Seigniors are reserved to *Upper Canada*, and set apart for local purposes by the Municipalities, making a distinction between the same class of people who hold their lands precisely under the same tenure.

P. H. MOORE.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed the last mentioned Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

## Thursday, 14th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *James Shuter* and others, of the Parishes of *Montreal* and *Lachine*, praying that they may be compensated for certain damages done to their Farms and Property, by reason of the construction of a Canal to convey water to the City of *Montreal*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prévost* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital, in the City of *Montreal*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *St. Francis* College," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *St. Francis* College," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.



It was moved,

That that part of the proceedings of this House on yesterday's Journal, relating to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.

It was moved,

That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Warrant may be issued in favor of the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Four thousand pounds, to enable him to meet the Current Expenses of the Legislative Council, for which he will hereafter account.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

## Friday, 15th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Matheson* and *Leslie* enter.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

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 Honorable Council, a Statement shewing:—

1st.—The extent and total length of the Roads opened and made in *Lower Canada*, under the provisions of the Acts 16th *Vict.* caps. 155 and 156.

2nd.—What portions of these Roads are made in the Seigniories, and what portions in the Townships, and giving the names of such Seigniories and Townships.

3rd.—The total length of these Roads, given out by contract, what quantity remains to be finished, and the name of the Seigniority or Township in which any quantity remains to be finished, and what quantity in each locality.

4th.—The point of departure of each of the said Roads, and where they terminate respectively.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate “*St. Francis* College,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Messieurs *Boulton* and *Turgeon* enter.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Members of " the British American Friendly Society of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain expenses of the " Civil Government of the Province, for the year One thousand eight hundred and " fifty-four, and for certain purposes for which a Supply is required; and also, for " raising a loan on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved,

That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend " an Act intituled, 'An Act to extent the Elective Franchise, and better to de- " fine the qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions, by providing a

“ system for the registration of Voters,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Pouliot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act relative to Savings Banks in this Province,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Members of the British American Friendly Society of *Canada*,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *Leslie, Bourret,* and *Wilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Saturday, 16th December, 1854.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Members of the British American "Friendly Society of *Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Messieurs *Boulton* and *Turgeon* enter.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, "intituled, 'An Act to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the "qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions, by providing a system "for the registration of Voters,'" was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act relative to Savings Banks in this Province," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* of *Northumberland*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make legal the Assessments made in *Upper Canada* during the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and to extend the time for making Assessments and collecting Taxes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members:

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alley*n and others, with a Bill, intituled. "An Act to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a

“ Loan to consolidate their Debt,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret, Panet,* and *Belleau,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska,* with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the “ *Sorel, Drummondville,* and *Richmond* Railway Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret, Belleau,* and *Wilson,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Bourret,* and *Belleau,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Corporation of the Mayor “ and Councillors of the City of *Quebec,* to borrow an additional sum for the construction of the Water Works,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Harwich*, praying that in all future Charters granted for the construction of Railways, whose length shall exceed twenty-five miles, a provision shall be inserted to compel the Company to provide a double track for the said Roads.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr *Turgeon* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the County of *Ottawa*, Division No. 2, praying against certain proposed amendments to the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company's Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend " and amend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper* " *Canada*, by applying the same to *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be now put into a Committee of the whole on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole, on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of



“ Building Societies in *Lower Canada*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, to borrow an additional sum for the construction of “ Water Works,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and “ style of the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the Report be now received.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Report be not now received, but that the said Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee for the purpose of being amended.

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved*, in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, the same was also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their Third Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a Third Report:—

The Council of the Canadian Institute have made application to the Committee for some pecuniary assistance in the publication of their Journal, which is a Monthly Periodical, devoted to the diffusion of Scientific and Literary information, chiefly connected with the progress of Science and Art in this Province. It also serves as a medium for the publication of such papers of interest, on topics of Provincial concern, as may be read before the Institute, and is a Record of the proceedings of that steadily improving and useful Society. By a recent arrangement, the proceedings of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, are also given in this Journal. Viewing it as a vehicle for the dissemination of accurate and practical knowledge on topics of great and increasing importance in this Country, and as a means of collecting information regarding the Mineral resources and Manufacturing skill of *Canada*, which may tend to advance our interests abroad, the Committee have unanimously agreed to recommend, that Sixty Copies of the Journal be subscribed for, from its commencement, and for the future, until further orders. These copies, they suggest, should be circulated in the proportion of thirty-six in *Upper Canada*, and twenty-four in *Lower Canada*, among Mechanics' Institutes, Colleges, and Schools, and they are now in correspondence with the Editor, in order to ascertain in what localities the circulation of the Journal could be increased, so as best to forward the interests of the publication, and to meet the views of the Committee for the benefit of those to whom they would desire to have it sent.

Having ascertained these particulars, and obtained the sanction of the House to their recommendation, they will direct the copies subscribed for to be dispatched direct from the Office of the Journal to their respective destinations.

The Committee have further to state, that since their their last Report, Sir *Charles Stuart* has made known his willingness to agree to the proposition made to him by the Committee in reference to the purchase of a selection of Books from his Library, and he now offers to dispose of any works in his possession which may be considered desirable for the Library, without restriction to any particular amount of purchase.

The Committee have accordingly directed the Librarians to examine the collection after the adjournment of Parliament, and with the assistance of the Honorable the Speakers of the two Houses, to Select such Books as may appear suitable for the Library, and to report a list of the same to the Committee, on the re-assembling of the Legislature. The price to be paid for the Books will be settled by arbitration, but no actual purchase will be made until the Committee shall have approved of the selection, and of the terms which may be agreed upon in payment thereof.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

15th December, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was again referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name " and style of the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*," reported, that they had again gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

Page 1, Line 23.—Leave out the word "Count."

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *J. B. E. Dorion*, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate a Company to be called "The " *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Company*."

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act " to provide for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

IN THE SECOND AMENDMENT.

CLAUSE E.

Line 32.—Leave out the word "Extent," and insert the words "value with " regard to lands held as *emplacements* or building lots, or for " other than agricultural purposes, and proportionate to its " extent with regard to lands held for agricultural purposes."

CLAUSE J.

Line 22.—After the word "Judges," insert the words "of the Special Court," and

Line 24.—After the word "mentioned" at the end of the said Clause, add the words, "and in the event of any of the decisions pronounced " by the said Special Court being reversed or altered, upon " appeal to the Privy Council, the Commissioners forming " the Court of Revision of Schedules hereinafter mentioned, " shall alter and amend the Schedules accordingly."

CLAUSE M.

Line 11.—Leave out "waters," and line 12, leave out "as Seignior."

Line 24.—After the word "dues," at the end thereof, add the words, "Provided " always that no Seignior shall concede or alienate any part " of the unconceded lands in his Seignior, until after the " notice of the deposit of the Schedule thereof has been given " as aforesaid, and any such concession or alienation shall be " null and void."

CLAUSE N.

Line 2.—After the word "Act," insert the words "by any deed subsequent to " the deed of concession," and

Line 8.—Leave out the word "owned," and insert the words "so acquired."

## CLAUSE R.

Line 6.—Between the words “aforesaid” and “shall,” insert the following words,  
 “and the difference between the absolute value *en franc alev*  
*roturier* of all Unconceded Lands, Waters, and Water  
 “Powers in the Seigniories, and the value of the Seigniors’  
 “Rights therein.”

## CLAUSE C.C.

Line 3.—Leave out the word “arrears.”

It was moved,

That the said amendments be now taken into consideration by the House.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the same be not now taken into consideration, but that they be taken into consideration this day six months.

Which being debated,

It was moved in amendment to the amendment,

That the consideration of the said amendments be postponed until the first day of March next.

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the amendment to the Main Motion, the same was also

*Resolved* in the negative.

And the question being then put on the Original Motion, it was

*Resolved*, in the affirmative, and

The House accordingly proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments.

Which being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have concurred in the amendments made to the amendments of this House, to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act  
 “to Incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond* Railway Company,” be discharged.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
Saturday, 15th December, 1854.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council informing their Honors, that this House hath adopted a Vaedictory Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on his retirement from the Government of this Province, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

*Ordered*, That Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The said Address to His Excellency was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament Assembled, humbly beg leave to approach Your Excellency for the purpose of expressing our sincere regret at Your Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Colony, which you have for so many years administered with honor to yourself and advantage to the country, and to congratulate Your Lordship on the improvement of the happiness and prosperity of the Province, which has attended the able discharge of the high trusts reposed in Your Excellency by Our Gracious Sovereign, and in the dignities which have been conferred on Your Lordship, as marks of Her distinguished favor, and in appreciation of the services rendered by Your Excellency to Her Majesty's Crown. And further, to assure Your Excellency that we shall ever feel the highest esteem and respect for Your exalted character, and an anxious solicitude for Your future

welfare and happiness, and that we sincerely hope Your Excellency may long live to enjoy the favor of Your Sovereign and the approbation of Your Country.

L. V. SICOTTE,

*Speaker, L.A.*

It was moved,

To agree with the Legislative Assembly by filling up the blank with the words,  
“ Legislative Council and.”

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Tachó* reported, that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address of both Houses, and that His Excellency had appointed Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House in this City.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Monday next the 18th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive the Joint Address of both Houses on the subject of His Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Province, and that the Legislative Council will attend His Excellency at that time.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* and others, to return the Bill intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved*, in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 18th December, 1854.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
TURGEON,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

### PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to provide for the Freedom of Elections," to which they desire the concurrence of this House,

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

It was moved,

That the evidence taken by the Select Committee appointed on the twenty-first day of September last, for the purpose of inquiring into the accusations made



against the Members of the late Administration, be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sanborn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Casault* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to make better provision " for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of

*Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow :—

An Act to enable the Superior Courts of Law and Equity to issue process to compel the attendance of Witnesses out of their jurisdiction, and to give effect to the service of such process in any part of *Canada*.

An Act to Incorporate the College *Masson*, at *Terrebonne*.

An Act to authorize the sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust.

An Act for the removal of doubts, and to explain the Provincial Statute, 12th *Vict.* cap. 42, to abolish Imprisonment for Debt, and for other purposes.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof.

An Act to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*.

An Act to Incorporate "The *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company."

An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of Moneys arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes.

An Act for the abolition of Feudal Rights and Duties in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank.

An Act to amend the Charter, and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*.

An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases.

An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases.

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An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company.

An Act to amend the several Acts Incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock.

An Act to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions of the Act to establish a Standard Weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds, in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seignior of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seignior.

An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province.

An Act to Incorporate the *Huntingdon* Academy.

An Act further to amend the Act Incorporating the *Quebec* Friendly Society.

An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *North Shore* Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour, and to authorize them to borrow a further sum of money for the completion thereof.

An Act to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*.

An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company Act.

An Act to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Bedford*.

An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange a concession Road allowance for another portion of Land to be given in lieu thereof.

An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Mutual Assurance Associations of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Three Rivers*, and of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company.

An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain Lands held by him in trust.

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An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of Relations and Friends without being thereunto authorized by a Judge, in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries.

An Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials.

An Act to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize Limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," to *Lower Canada*.

An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

An Act for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated "The *German* Evangelical Church."

An Act to provide for the holding of the several County Courts in *Upper Canada*, in case of the illness or unavoidable absence of the County Judge.

An Act to enable the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*, to dispose advantageously of a lot of land appropriated for School purposes in that Town.

An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Copper Company.

An Act to change the name of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same.

An Act to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion* Church in *Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes.

An Act to Incorporate the "*Megantic* Mining Company."

An Act to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes, which may fall due on legal holidays.

An Act to Incorporate the "*Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Company."

An Act to Incorporate the "*Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company."

An Act to Incorporate "The *Toronto* Exchange."

An Act to Incorporate the International Mining and Manufacturing Company.

An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs.

An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary.

An Act to Incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works.

An Act to Incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works.

An Act to Incorporate *Saint Francis* College.

An Act to Incorporate the Members of the British American Friendly Society of *Canada*.

An Act to amend an Act intituled, "An Act to extend the Elective Franchise and better to define the qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions, " by providing a system for the registration of Voters."

An Act to amend the Act relative to Savings Banks in this Province.

An Act to make legal the Assessments made in *Upper Canada* during the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and to extend the time for making Assessments and collecting Taxes.

An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the "*St. Lawrence* Mining Company."

An Act to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt.

An Act to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, to borrow an additional sum for the construction of the Water Works.

An Act to extend and amend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, by applying the same to *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes.

An Act further to provide for the Freedom of Election.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada* Mining Company.

An Act to amend the Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :—

" In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth Assent to " this Bill."

Then the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislative Assembly have voted the Supplies required for the Public Service, and we now solicit Your Excellency's assent to the Bill, intituled, " An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government of the Province for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for certain purposes, for which a Supply is required ; and also, for raising a loan on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund."

To this Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say :—

" His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill, in Her Majesty's name."

The Legislative Assembly having withdrawn.

His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the Speaker reported, that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General, with the Joint Address of both Houses, on the subject of His Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Province, and that His Excellency was pleased to make the following most gracious Reply :—

HONORABLE GENTLEMEN  
AND GENTLEMEN,

The expression of your approbation and regard at such a moment, is in the highest degree grateful to me. I am conscious that I brought to the discharge of the functions of Governor General of *Canada*, few qualities except an earnest desire to do my duty to my Sovereign and the people of the Province, and a just appreciation of the magnitude and importance of the trust confided to me.

If any success has attended my endeavours, it is mainly due to the fact that I have been throughout enabled to co-operate cordially with the other branches of the Provincial Parliament, and with the Public men enjoying their confidence.

The testimony which you bear in this Address to the improvement which has taken place in the happiness and prosperity of the Province, is of the greatest value. I pray God that *Canada* may advance with accelerated speed in all the lines of progress, material and moral, during the years that are to come, and that this magnificent Province may continue to furnish an example of the noble purposes to

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which powers of self-government may be turned by an enlightened and high-minded people.

*Ordered*, That the Joint Address of both Houses to His Excellency, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, be forthwith printed and published, in both languages, for the use of Members.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Friday, the twenty-third day of February next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Friday, the twenty-third day of February next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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Friday, 23rd February, 1855.

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT :

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

McKAY,  
WALKER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

PANET,  
BELLEAU.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

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Saturday, 24th February, 1855.

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT :

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. WALKER.

The Honorable Mr. TACHÉ.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

## Monday, 26th February, 1855.

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT :

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
WALKER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

PANET,  
BELLEAU.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

## Tuesday, 27th February, 1855.

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT :

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
WALKER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

**Wednesday, 28th February, 1855.**

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT :

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

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**Thursday, 1st March, 1855.**

At half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, there were—

PRESENT :

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.

And there being then no Quorum, the Speaker declared the House continued until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy-first Standing Order.

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## Friday, 2nd March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON.

### PRAYERS.

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

When the Honorable *David Morrison Armstrong* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Taché* and *Wilson*.

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

EDMUND HEAD.

### PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To our trusty and well-beloved *David Morrison Armstrong*, of *Berthier*, Esquire,—

### GREETING :

KNOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence we have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in

Recorded, 13th February, 1855. all weighty and arduous affairs which may, the State  
Lib. 28rd of Commissions, and Defence of our Province of *Canada*, and the Church  
fol. 121. thereof, concern, We have thought fit to summon you

THOS. AMIOT,  
*Deputy Regr.* to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and

We do command you, the said *David Morrison Armstrong*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be

hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved, Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Quebec*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, and in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

E. H.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

*C. C. Chy.*

Then the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

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

When the Honorable *Benjamin Seymour* was introduced, between the Honorable Messieurs *Moore* and *Bourret*.

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

EDMUND HEAD.

## PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To our trusty and well-beloved *Benjamin Seymour*, of *Bath*, Esquire—

GREETING :

**K**NOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence we have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may, the State and defence of our Province of *Canada* and the Church thereof, concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and We do command you, the said *Benjamin Seymour*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament

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may be in Our said Province convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved, Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Quebec*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, and in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Eighteenth year of our Reign.

E. H.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
*C. C. Clk.*

Then the Honorable Mr. *Seymour* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has granted leave to the Honorable *Hamnett Pinhey*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec*, 26th February, 1855.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House, that he had another Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, instant, a copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

*Quebec*, 26th February, 1855.

No. 12.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 26th January, 1855.

Sir,—I have received from the Earl of Elgin, with a request that it might be laid before the Queen, the Joint Address to Her Majesty, of which His Lordship was the bearer, from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, offering to Her Majesty their cordial congratulations on the Victory gained by the Allied English and French Armies on the heights of Alma, expressing their sympathy and compassion for the sufferings and bereavement consequent on this Victory, and pledging themselves to place at the disposal of the Royal Commissioners appointed by Her Majesty, their contribution towards the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the Allied Armies and Navies of England and France, who may fall in the War. I have also received your Despatch, No. 6, of the fifth instant, transmitting to me two Drafts for Ten thousand pounds sterling, each, voted by the Provincial Parliament in pursuance of this Address.

I have had the greatest satisfaction in laying this Address before the Queen, who was pleased to receive it very graciously, and Her Majesty has commanded me to acquaint you, that it has been most gratifying to Her to receive these proofs of the deep interest felt by the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, in the achievements of Her Majesty's gallant Forces, and those of Her Allies, and of their generous compassion for the sufferers and the bereaved.

It is scarcely necessary that I should assure you that the sympathy expressed by the Legislature of *Canada* with Her Majesty's Loyal People in this Country, and the liberality of this contribution to the Patriotic Fund, will be warmly appreciated, by all classes throughout the United Kingdom. I have transmitted the two drafts to the Duke of *Newcastle*, to whose order they are made payable, and they will be appropriated by His Grace in the manner desired by the Council and Assembly. I have also requested the Earl of *Clarendon* to communicate to the French Government a Copy of the Address, and to inform that Government, that the sum of Ten thousand pounds is held at their disposal for the purpose for which it has been remitted.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed) G. GREY.

Governor Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.  
*Canada.*

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *M. D. Meunier Lapierre*, of *St. Hugues de Ramsay*, in the County of *Bagot*, Notary Public, praying to be indemnified for his losses during the troubles of 1837 and 1838;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *H. Routier* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Joseph of Point Levy*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Verchères DeBoucherville* of *Boucherville*, praying that he may be indemnified for certain losses sustained, and services rendered, by him during the war of 1812 ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean*, on the Island of *Orleans*, praying that a Wharf may be erected on the *St. Lawrence* there ;

Also, a Petition from *R. G. Guy* and others, Proprietors of Farms on the Lower *Lachine* Road, *Montreal*, praying that the Act 16 Vic. cap. 127, may be amended so as to allow a legal redress for all damages suffered by them in consequence of the construction of the City Acqueduct ;

Also a Petition from the Reverend *M. St. Germain*, of the Parish of *Saint Laurent*, Island of *Montreal*, President of *L'Académie Industrielle*, praying for a pecuniary grant in favor of that Institution ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, Freeholders of the Island of *Orleans*, praying for a pecuniary grant in favor of a Female Academy established in the Parish of *Ste. Famille* ;

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, praying that the usual grant awarded to that Institution may be increased, so as to enable them to complete the erection of certain Buildings ;

Also, a Petition from *O. E. Casgrain* and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid to open a Road from the Parish of *St. Cyrille* to the Province line ;

Also, a Petition from *W. H. Le Moine* and others, Freeholders of *St. Féréol* and neighbouring Parishes in the County of *Montmorency*, praying for a pecuniary grant for the improvement of certain hills and Roads in the Parish of *St. Féréol* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. St. Germain* of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, Island of *Montreal*, praying for a pecuniary grant in favor of the community of the Sisters of *Ste. Croix*, in the said Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Philip Ketcheson* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*, praying for a grant of money to repair certain Roads and Bridges ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. Whitworth* and others, of the Village of *Philipsburgh* and its vicinity, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to establish and maintain an Academy in the said Village ;

Also, a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*, President of the National School Society, praying for the usual Annual Grant in favor of that Institution ;



Also, a Petition from *David A. Steele* and others, of the Township of *Augusta, Canada West*;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Coates* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh, Canada West*;

And also, a Petition from *John G. Wood* and others, of the Township of *Augusta, Canada West*, severally praying for a law entirely prohibiting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

When the Honorable *Joseph Legaré* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Taché* and *Ferrier*.

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

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To Our trusty and well-beloved *Joseph Legaré*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire,—

GREETING :

**K**NOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence we have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may, the State and defence of Our Province of *Canada* and the Church thereof, concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and

We do command you, the said *Joseph Legaré*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden; and this you are in no wise to omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir *EDMUND WALKER HEAD*, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c.

&c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Quebec*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, and in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

E. H.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

*C. C. Chy.*

Then the Honorable Mr. *Legaré* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Donald McArthur* and others, of the Townships of *Grenville* and *Harrington, Canada East*, praying for pecuniary aid to enable them to make a Road through a certain portion of the said Townships;

Also, a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, Trustees of the Diocesan School at *St. Johns, Lower Canada*, praying for a pecuniary grant towards the erection of suitable Buildings for the use of the said School;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *T. Trudelle* and others, of the Village of *Somerset*, praying for aid in behalf of an Academy in the said Village;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. R. Burrage*, of *Montreal*, praying that he may be compensated for certain losses sustained by him in the cause of Education.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Alexander Brown* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Esquesing*, in the County of *Halton*, praying for the passing of a law prohibiting the traffic in Intoxicating Liquors;

Also, a Petition from *John McDonald*, Reeve and others, Councillors of the Village of *Caledonia*, praying that the Municipal Act may be so amended as to authorize the division of the said Village into wards;

And also, a Petition from the *Holland Landing Division*, No. 107, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at the *Holland Landing*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the President and Secretary of *L'Association de l'Écol St. Jacques à Montreal*, praying for a special grant in addition to their annual allowance.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *P. L. Giroux* and others, of the County of *Quebec*, praying that the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Bill, may not become law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *E. Short* and others, of *Sherbrooke*, praying for an Act to Incorporate the Literary Institute of *Sherbrooke*, and also that an annual grant may be made towards its support ;

Also, a Petition from *J. H. Pope* and others, of the Township of *Eaton*, praying for aid towards the establishment of a High School at *Cookshire*, in the said Township ;

Also, a Petition from *H. Hall* and others, of *Dudswell* and the adjoining Townships, in the County of *Wolfe*, praying that a new Circuit may be established in the District of *St. Francis*, under the name of the *Wolfe* Circuit ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Davis* and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*, praying for a grant to enable them to make a Road from the Town-line of the said Township to *Sherbrooke* ; also, a Bridge over the River *St. Francis* ; and also, that the Registry Office of the County of *Wolfe* may be established within the said Township of *Dudswell* ;

And also, a Petition from the *North Shore* Railway Company, praying that the Provincial Guarantee may be extended to the said Railway, or that its construction may be favored by the Legislature in some way or other.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend Mr. *Routier* and others, Church Wardens and School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Joseph* of *Point Levy*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the erection of a Seminary for Girls, which has been commenced at that place.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Saturday, 3rd March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,

The Honorable Messieurs

BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, praying that the Jury Laws may be amended; and also, that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manure and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *Daniel Capistran* and others, Proprietors and Residents on Lands situate within the Concessions of *du Chenal du Moine* and *St. Pierre de Sorel*, praying for the passing of an Act to exempt them from the performance of Statute Labor upon Roads situate beyond the Municipality in which they reside;

And also, a Petition from *Daniel Capistran* and others, of the County of *Riche-lieu*, praying for certain amendments to the Seigniorial Act of 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Reverend *C. Dufour* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Zotique*, praying for aid to erect a Wharf near the Church of the said Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from *Francis MacDonell* and others, of *Montreal*, praying that a pecuniary grant may be made towards the support of the *Montreal Eye and Ear Institution*;

And also, a Petition from *Ovide LeBlanc* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated by the name of *La Société Bienveillante de Notre Dame de Bonsecours à Montreal*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved to

*Resolve*, That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words:—

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, 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 Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to express to Your Excellency our sincere congratulations upon your appointment by Our most Gracious Sovereign as Her Majesty's Representative in this Province, and to renew the assurance of Our Loyalty and attachment to Her Majesty's person and Government.

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

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed, and that the same be signed by the Speaker of this House.

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

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address of this House, and that His Excellency had appointed this day, at twelve o'clock noon, at the Government House in this City.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed:

The Honorable the Speaker reported, that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General with their said Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious Reply:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the  
Legislative Council,

I thank you for the congratulations which you have just offered me, and I have great pleasure in accepting the renewed assurance of your attachment to Her Majesty's person and Government.

*Ordered*, That the said Address to His Excellency the Governor General, together with His Excellency's reply thereto, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Tuesday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Tuesday, 6th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,

The Honorable Messieurs

PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ.

### PRAYERS.

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

When the Honorable *Eusebe Cartier* was introduced, between the Honorable Messieurs *Taché* and *Wilson*.

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

EDMUND HEAD.

## PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved *Eusebe Cartier*, of *St. Hyacinthe*, Esquire.

GREETING:

**K**NOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may, the state and defence of Our Province of *Canada*, and the Church thereof concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and We do command you, the said *Eusebe Cartier*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever, laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province, convoked and holden, and this you are in nowise to omit.

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THOS. AMIOT,  
*Depy. Regr.*

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 thereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *QUEBEC*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the EIGHTH day of *FEBRUARY*, and in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

E. H.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,  
*C. C. Chy.*

Then the Honorable Mr. *Cartier* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the

elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Bishop of *Cydonia*, administering the Diocese of *Montreal*, praying for an increase in the annual grant to the *St. Patrick's Hospital*, at *Montreal*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. M. Archambault*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Hugues*, praying for an additional grant of £250 towards the erection of Buildings for a Girls' School in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. A. Marcoux* and others, praying for a grant of £900 to enable them to erect a Bridge over the North-east branch of the River *Nicolet*;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. Groulx*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Benoit*, praying for aid to the *Hospice Youville*, in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the Municipality of *Shefford*, made up to the 27th January, 1855;

Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the Municipality of *Nicolet*, made up to the 28th January, 1855;

Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the Municipality of *Bonaventure*, made up to the 26th January, 1855;

Also, General Statements made in conformity with the terms of the Act 16th *Vict.* cap. 163, intituled, "An Act to provide for the making of certain Annual "Returns to the Government," from the Municipal Councils of the following Cities and Counties, viz:—*Brant, Elgin, Hastings, Kingston, Lambton, Leeds and Grenville, Lanark and Renfrew, Norfolk, Prince Edward, Toronto, Wentworth and Halton, Wellington, and York and Peel*;

And also, the Bursars Statements and Accounts of the University and Colleges at *Toronto*, and of *Upper Canada College*, for the year 1854;

Also, Estimate of Income for 1855.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Board of Trustees of *St. Thomas Grammar School*, in the County of *Elgin*, praying that a certain parcel of Land in the Town of *St. Thomas* now in possession of the Crown, may be vested in the said Board of Trustees;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Thorold*, praying for the enlargement of the *Welland Canal*;



Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Pelham*, praying for a Branch Canal from *Thorold* Village to the Mouth of the *Niagara* River;

Also, a Petition from *Alfred Nash* and others, of the Townships of *Farnham*, *Granby*, *Shefford Stukely* and *Brome*, in the County of *Shefford*, praying for the repeal of the Laws authorizing County Councils to subscribe for Shares in Railroads;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Gemmil* and others, of *Augusta*;

Also, a Petition from *Aaron Reynolds* and others, of the Village of *Washington*;

Also, a Petition from *G. W. Turnbull* and others, of *Sparta*;

And also, a Petition from *John Shipley* and others, of the Township of *Malahide*, severally praying that the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *H. C. Grant* and others, of the Township of *Malborough*, in the County of *Carleton*, praying for pecuniary aid in consequence of the destruction of their Property caused by Fires in the Woods in August last;

And also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Asylum for aged and Infirm Women, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *J. Woolvorton* and others, of the Township of *Grimsby*;

And also, a Petition from *J. Young* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing*, in the County of *Halton*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *G. L. E. Duhault* and others, of the Township of *Wotton*, in the County of *Wolfe*, praying for a grant of £300, to enable them to open a certain Road in that Township;

And also, a Petition from *G. L. E. Duhault* and others, of the Townships of *Wotton*, *Weedon*, *Garthly*, *Stratford*, *Winslow* and *Ham*, praying for a grant of £5,000, for Roads and Bridges in those Townships.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum;

Also, a Petition from the *Sherbrooke* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute, severally praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *E. Wood*;

Also, a Petition from the Honorable *J. Ferrier* and others, representatives of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in *Canada*, severally praying for an additional grant in aid of *Victoria* College;

And also, a Petition from *J. Glennon* and others; Merchants and Traders of the City of *Montreal*, praying against the passing of the Bankrupt Bill, introduced into the Legislative Assembly, during the present Session.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *A. McCre*a and others, of the District of *Johnstown*;

Also, a Petition from *J. O'Donnell* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*;

Also, a Petition from *Frederick Belfoy* and others, of the Town of *Prescott*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

And also, a Petition from *J. Scott* and others, of the Township of *Dunham*, in the County of *Missisquoi*, praying that the "Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company," may be repealed.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Nuns of the Convent of the Congregation at *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *John F. Taylor*, Clerk of the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying to be placed upon the same footing with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, in respect of Salary.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of *Gaspé*, for the year 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—  
(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *R. Simpson* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that the *Lower Canada* Municipal Bill, and the Road Bill now before Parliament, may not be passed into Law in its present shape.

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of *Three Rivers*, for the year 1854; and also, a Return of the Jesuits' Estates, as required by the 5th section, 18th *Vic. cap.* 163.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—  
(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented three Petitions from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, praying that the *Upper Canada* Jury Acts may be amended in certain particulars;

Also, praying that the Statutes may be revised with as little delay as possible;

And also, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

Also, a Petition from *William Armstrong*, of the Town of *Sydenham*, praying for the passing of an Act granting Annual Salaries to the Clerks of the Peace, instead of Fees;

And also, a Petition from *James V. White* and others, praying against the passing of any Act conferring on the *Port Burwell* Harbour Company, the power of increasing the Tariff of Tolls now collected at the said Port, until a full inquiry shall have been made into the manner in which the said Company has fulfilled the duties for which it was incorporated.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

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## Wednesday, 7th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,

The Honorable Messieurs

PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *S. J. Leblanc*, of *La Baie du Fevre*, praying for a Pension on account of his long services in the cause of Education ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *David Dunherley* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying for a grant of £150, in aid of a High School in that Township.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Charles Walker* and others, of *Oxford*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

And also, two Petitions from the *Montreal Canadien Institute*, praying for the usual annual grant ; and also, praying for an increase to the said annual grant.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Common School of *St. André d'Argenteuil*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *P. Cowan* and others, of *Nelsonville* and *Churchville*, praying that an annual grant may be made towards the support of an educational institution to be called "the *Missisquoi High School*."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Calvin Cook*, and others, Shipowners, Forwarders and Merchants, praying that Double Locks may be at once constructed on the *Welland Canal* ;

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton*, praying that authority may be given to them to borrow a further sum of £50,000 for the purposes of the said City ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Flavey* and others, of the Parish of *St. Colomban*, in the District of *Montreal*, praying for aid to build a Bridge over the *Rivière du Nord*, in that Parish ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*, praying for such amendments to the School Laws as will have the effect of placing the Grammar Schools of the Counties under the control of the Municipal Councils.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. J. E. Chevigny* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri de Mascouche*, in the County of *L'Assomption*, praying for aid to the *College de St. Henri de Mascouche* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. C. Cloutier* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for the establishment of a place of Refuge for Shipwrecked Mariners on the west point of *Green Island*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*," be read a second time on Friday next the 9th instant.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

It was moved,

That the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie* and *Boulton* be relieved from further attending upon the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, and that the Honorable Messieurs *Armstrong* and *Seymour* be appointed Members of the said Committee in their room.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the powers of the Consumers Gas Company of Toronto."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

## Thursday, 8th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *William James* and others, of the Incorporated Village of *Thorold*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* of *Brockville*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Presbytery of the County of *Bathurst*, of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, in connection with the Church of *Scotland*;

Also, a Petition from the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Congregation of the Township of *Beckwith*, in the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, in connec-

tion with the Church of *Scotland*, severally praying that the proposed Marriage Bill may not be passed into a Law;

And also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Dispensary, praying for a pecuniary grant.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *Peter Charles Loedel* and others, of the Village of *Industry*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for aid towards the erection of a building for a Girls' School;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. J. Guyon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Elizabeth*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for a grant of £500 towards the enlargement and repair of a building in that Parish, used as an Asylum for Indigent Sick and Infirm Persons and Orphans, under the direction, control, and superintendance of the Reverend Sisters of Providence.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *E. B. Lindsay* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Foy*, praying for a grant of £250 to enable them to enlarge a School House at *Sillery*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Eliza Herbert*, of the Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, Teacher;

Also a Petition from *Josephete Ponsant*, wife of *Magloire Grenier*, and *Luce Ponsant*, widow of *Zéphirin Bergeron*, both of the said Parish of *St. Michel d'Yamaska*, Teachers, severally praying that *Michel Fourquin*, Esquire, late Secretary-Treasurer of the School Municipality of the aforesaid Parish, may be compelled to account for the sums he has received in that capacity, and pay over the balance in his hands, in order that the Petitioners may thereby be enabled to recover the arrears of Salary due to them;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. D. Deziel* and others, of the Parish of *Notre-Dame de la Victoire*, in the County of *Levis*, praying for aid to the *College de Notre-Dame de la Victoire*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Edward Lecœurs* and others, of the Parish of *St. Aimé*, in the County of *Richelieu*, praying for a grant of £400 towards the building of a Convent for the education of young girls' in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

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That the following be added to the Standing Orders of this House:—

## XCV.

“ That the Clerk do lay before this House on the next sitting day after the appointment of the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts, at the commencement of each Session, and as often thereafter as he may require an advance of Money during the sitting of the Parliament, to enable him to meet the contingent expenss of this House, a detailed Statement of his disbursements since the date of the then last audit of his accounts, with vouchers in support thereof.”

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *A. Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Lochaber*, in the County of *Ottawa* ;

And also, a Petition from *P. Hunt* and another, Members of the Prince Albert Division of the Sons of Temperance, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *N. Barber* and others, of the District of *Johnstown*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

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

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

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## Friday, 9th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,

The Honorable Messieurs

BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Tache* presented a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Caron* and others, of *Rivière du Loup, en bas*, praying for a grant of £250 to complete a Bridge and make Repairs on the old Road to Lake *Temiscouata*;

And also, a Petition from *Moses Schuyler* and others, *Oneida* Chiefs and Warriors in the Township of *Delaware*, praying that the Act 13th and 14th *Vict. cap. 74*, intituled, "An Act for the protection of the Indians in *Upper Canada*, from "imposition, and the property occupied or enjoyed by them from trespass and injury," may not be disturbed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. D. Price* and others, of the Parish of *St. Nobert d'Arthabaska*, praying that the *Pointe d'Arthabaska*, may not be annexed to the District of *Quebec*;

Also, a Petition from the Committee appointed by the Town of *Three Rivers* to regulate the Schools of the Education Society, praying for a grant towards the repair of a School House in that Town;

And also, a Petition from *Lucie Bouchette*, Widow of *Frederic Rolette*, praying for an increase of the Pension granted to her by the late Parliament of *Lower Canada*, on the 31st May, 1831.

*Ordered*, That thy same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Charles DeLéry* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying for aid to a Girls' School in the Parish of *Ste. Marie* in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented two Petitions from the Reverend *Edouard Crevier*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, praying for aid to an Asylum for the infirm poor, and a School near the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*; also, praying that five Ladies, to be chosen by him, may be incorporated by the name of *La Communauté des Dames de Providence*, for the management of an Asylum for the infirm poor, and a School near the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*;

And also, a Petition from the Corporation of *Masson College*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying for aid towards a new Building in the said County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* enters.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Chiefs and Sachems of the Six Nations of Indians, residing on the *Grand River*, praying that the Act 13th and 14th *Vict.* cap. 74, intituled, "An Act for the protection of the Indians " in *Upper Canada* from imposition, and the property occupied or enjoyed by " them from trespass and injury," may not be disturbed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *Margaret Doherty*, of *Quebec*, Baker, praying for certain relief in consequence of losses sustained by her in fulfilling her contract for the supply of Bread to the Goal and Marine Hospital.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* " to *Guelph*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the powers of the Consumers Gas Company of Toronto," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the " Act incorporating the *Brookville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Armstrong*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Monday, 12th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*, praying for the construction of a Railway to connect the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Nichol*, praying that the Township of *Garafraxa* may not be detached from the said Township of *Nichol*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *Prescott* Division, No. 15, of the Sons of Temperance, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, of the Island of *Orleans*, in the County of *Montmorency*, praying that a Wharf may be erected at *Point St. John*, on that Island;

Also, a Petition from the Committee of the *Canada Military Asylum*;

And also, a Petition from *St. Mary's* College at *Montreal*, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Patrick Daly* of *Quebec*, Trader, praying for relief in consequence of losses sustained by him as Contractor for the supply of the Common Gaol of the District of *Quebec*, with Potatoes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *L. A. Dessaulles* and others, of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for aid to the *Institut Canadien de St. Hyacinthe*;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *E. Durocher* and others, of the Parish of *Belœil*, praying for a grant of £500 towards the erection of an Academy or High School in that Parish.

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Charles Symmes* and others, of the County of *Ottawa*, praying that they may be incorporated for the purpose of establishing an Academy at the Village of *Alymer*;

Also, a Petition from *Elisha F. Loucks* and others, of the Township of *Russell*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from the *Niagara District Bank*, praying that a Charter may be granted to them.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "the Act authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Mills*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the "Powers of the Consumers Gas Company of *Toronto*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read, & follows:—

EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General transmits to the Honorable the Legislative Council, a No. 5, 15th Feby. Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the

Colonies, with accompanying Documents, which he has been instructed to communicate to the House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Quebec, 9th March, 1855.

(Copy.)

FOREIGN OFFICE, February 9th, 1855.

Sir,—With reference to your Letter of the 25th January last, I am directed by the Earl of *Clarendon* to transmit to you, for the information of Secretary Sir *George Grey*, the accompanying Copy of a Despatch from Lord *Cowley*, Her Majesty's Ambassador at *Paris*, enclosing a Copy of a note addressed to him by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, conveying the acknowledgment of the French Government for the Canadian Donation to the Widows and Orphans of the French Soldiers and Sailors who may be killed in the present War, and expressing their readiness to receive the money whenever it suits Her Majesty's Government to remit it to *Paris*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) E. HAMMOND.

H. MERRVILLE, Esquire,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 5.

DOWNING STREET, 15th February, 1855.

Sir,—With reference to Sir *George Grey's* Despatch No. 12, of the 26th January, I transmit the Copy of a Letter addressed to this Department by direction of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, enclosing Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at *Paris*, with a Copy of a Note addressed to him by the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, conveying the acknowledgment of his Government for the Canadian Donation to the Widows and Orphans of French Soldiers and Sailors who may fall in the present War; and I have to instruct you to communicate these papers to the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) SIDNEY HERBERT.

Governor Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

PARIS, 7th February, 1855.

My Lord,—I lost no time after the receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch No. 85, in informing the French Government, through *M. Drouyn de Lhuys*, of the Donation

made by the Canadian Legislature, to the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers and Sailors of *France*, engaged in the present War with *Russia*. I received yesterday from His Excellency a Note in reply, a Copy of which I have the honor to enclose, and in which the gratitude of the French Government for the Donation of the Canadian Legislature, is vividly expressed..

*M. Drouyn de Lhuys* states himself to be ready to receive the money voted, whenever it suits Her Majesty's Government to transmit it to *Paris*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) COWLEY.

The Earl of CLARENDON.

(*Translation.*)

My Lord,—I have received the Letter in which Your Excellency has done me the favor to transmit to me a Copy of the Address voted by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, for the purpose of presenting to Her Britannic Majesty their congratulations on the Victory gained on the *Alma* by the Allied Armies, and of intimating their intention to contribute to the Fund for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines belonging to the combined forces of *France* and *England*, engaged in the present War.

While anxious to hasten the expression of my thanks, my Lord, I cannot find words to describe to you how deeply the Government of the Emperor has been affected by this testimonial, so expressive of their sympathy, which the inhabitants of *Canada* have thought fit to offer to the Soldiers who are bravely supporting the honor of the Flags of *Great Britain* and *France*, in the *Crimea*. It is with the highest pleasure that we witness the spectacle of one sympathetic demonstration, embracing at once both Fleets, and both Armies, and that we hear the sentiments of mutual friendship and esteem, which already attach the latter so strongly here, re-echoed from beyond the *Atlantic*.

Accepting then, with deep gratitude, in the name of the Government of the Emperor, the portion of the money transmitted by *Canada* to the Allied Armies, I have the honor to inform your Excellency that I am prepared to receive, whenever you consider it expedient to remit to me, the £10,000 of which the offering intended for the French Fleet and Army consists. It shall be my care to forward it immediately to the Minister of War and the Minister of Marine, whose duty it will become to make a proportionate distribution thereof, between their two departments.

I avail myself, &c.,

DROUYN DE LHUYS.

His Excellency Lord COWLEY.

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

## Tuesday, 13th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,

The Honorable Messieurs

MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, *Canada West*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented four Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors on the Lord's Day ;

-Also, praying for the construction of a Southern Line of Railroad from the *Niagara* to the *Detroit Rivers*;

-Also, praying that the appointment of Coroners may be vested in the County Councils ;

And also, praying that the conduct of the Agent for Crown Lands may be inquired into before Commissioners to be appointed for that purpose, and that the issue of Patents may be stayed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying for the amendment of the Common School Act, and the repeal of the Sectarian Clauses thereof;

And also, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better management of the *Rondeau* Harbour.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Louis R. Gélinas* and others, of the County of *St. Maurice*, praying for a grant in aid of the opening and making of certain Roads and Bridges in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Macpherson* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*, in the County of *Perth*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *Robert Gillespie* and others, of the County of *Rouville*, praying that they may be incorporated as the Trustees of an Academy to be established in the said County; and also, that an annual pecuniary grant may be made towards the support of the same.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *John Harper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for aid to a Girls' School in that Parish;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *C. Marquis*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Célestin*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for aid to a School established by him in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*, praying that the Act 12th *Vict.* cap. 81, may be so far amended that the Parents or Guardians may be consulted as to the University in which their children may be publicly taught, and that Trinity College may, with the University of *Toronto*, be open for the admission of such Candidates;

Also, a Petition from *Allan MacDonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to construct a Railway from any part of the shores of *Lake Superior* to the *Pacific Ocean*, notwithstanding the prayer contained in any Petition subsequent to those already presented by them;

And also, a Petition from *Antoine Lachance* and others, Messengers to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying that such order may be made in regard to the payment of their Stipends as will enable them to receive monthly instead of Sessional payments.



*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to Examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the powers of the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 22.—Leave out "that."

Page 2, Line 13.—Leave out "on" and insert "and."

Page 2, Line 38.—After "Bonds" insert "and," and leave out from "Debentures" to "of."

Page 2, Line 46.—After "names" insert "Provided that no such Bond or Debenture be for a less sum than Twenty-five pounds Currency."

Page 3, Line 14.—Leave out "mortgages."

Page 3, Line 15.—Leave out "Securities" and insert "Debentures."

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Page 3, Line 16.—Leave out from “Company” to “the” in line 19.

*Ordered,* That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *DeWitt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to repeal so much of any Law in force in “*Lower Canada*, as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority of Justice on Sundays,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *DeWitt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Evangelical Society “established at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes “of Education and Religious Instruction,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* Telegraph Company.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *W. Anstruther Maingy* and others, Officers of the Legislative Council, praying that they may receive the same amount of Salary as the Officers of the Legislative Assembly who fill corresponding appointments.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered,* That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

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

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## Wednesday, 14th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,

The Honorable Messieurs

MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *S. Newcomb* and others, of the Village of *Vernon*;

And also, a Petition from *Robert Michael* and others, of the Township of *Yarmouth*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Goderich*, praying for such an amendment of the Municipal Act as will relieve Incorporated Towns from the liability of being assessed by the County Councils, and from the obligation of sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves, to the County Councils.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying that an appropriation may be made towards the improvement of the navigation of the River *Thames*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Peterborough*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Woodstock*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham*;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Perth*, severally praying for such an amendment of the Municipal Acts as will relieve Incorporated Towns, from the liability of being assessed by the County Councils, and from the obligation of sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves to the County Councils.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Louis Proulx* and others, of the Parish of *St. Marie*, in the County of *Beauce*, praying for a grant of £400 to complete and furnish a College in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to protect Creditors and Debtors in cases of Failure."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read for the second time, but that it be read a second time this day three months.

Which being objected to ;

After a long Debate, and

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed and read a third time on Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow, and that it do stand as the first item upon the Orders that Day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of any Law in *Lower Canada*, as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority of Justice on Sundays, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow, and that it do stand as the second item upon the Orders of that Day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Ligne*,

“ in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes of Education and Religious Instruction,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow, and that it do stand as the third item upon the Orders of that Day.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Fergusson* and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Tuesday, 13th March, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will be pleased to give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, and the Honorable *Joseph Legaré*, to appear and give evidence before the Select Committee of this House, to which is referred the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, *Charles Alleyn*, Esquire, and the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, to represent the City of *Quebec*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fergusson* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was moved,

That the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, and the Honorable *Joseph Legaré* have leave to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if they think fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, and the Honorable *Joseph Legaré*, to go to the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, to which is referred the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, Esquire, and others, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, *Charles Alleyn*, Esquire, and the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, to represent the City of *Quebec*, if they think fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* and others, as follows :—

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Tuesday, 13th March, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting them to permit the Honorable *Louis Panet*, a Member of their House, to give evidence before this House, in the matter of the accusation against *Jean Gagné*, in relation to the last Election but one, for the County of *Saguenay*.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable *Louis Panet* do have leave to go to the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *Louis Panet* to go to the Legislative Assembly, and give evidence before that House in the matter of the accusation against *Jean Gagné*, in relation to the last Election but one for the County of *Saguenay*, if he thinks fit.

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

## Thursday, 15th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,

The Honorable Messieurs

MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manuel, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

### EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has granted leave to the Honorable *William Morris*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 15th March, 1855.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had another Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manuel, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

### EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General transmits to the Honorable the Legislative Council, a March, 7, 1855. Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington*, accompanied by a Copy of an Act passed by the Congress of the *United States*, relative to the Reciprocity Treaty.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 15th March, 1855.

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Council of the 15th December, 1854, for certain information regarding the expenditure of the grant of £30,000 to *Lower Canada*, for Colonization purposes, under the 16th *Vic. caps.* 155 and 156.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Fereol Dorval* and others, praying for aid to the Convent at *L'Assomption*;

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, praying for pecuniary aid;

And also, a Petition from the Mayor and Municipal Councillors of the County of *Bellechasse*, praying against the passing of the Bill to alter the Municipal system of *Lower Canada*, or any Bill providing for taxation for the payment of Petty Jurors.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Antoine Manseau* and others, of the County of *Joliette*, praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in the Village of *Industry*, in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Louis Théophile Fortier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*, praying for aid towards the erection of buildings for a Girls' School in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Louis Théophile Fortier* and others, School Commissioners, of the Municipality of *Saint Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*, praying for aid to a separate Girls' School in that Municipality;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Harper* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Grégoire le Grand*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for aid to a Boys' School in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from Sister *Marie St. Maurice Borgel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, praying to be incorporated by the name of *Sœurs de la Presentation de Marie*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal Telegraph Company*, praying for the Amendment of their Charter.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the *Kingston Water Works' Company*, praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock;



And also, a Petition from *J. A. Cameron* and others, of the Municipal Division, No. 2, of the County of *Ottawa*, praying for a grant of money to enable them to complete the Building of an Academy in the said County; and also, that an annual allowance may be made towards its support.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Return, presented this day to an Address of the Legislative Council, of the 15th December, 1854, for certain information regarding the expenditure of the Grant of £30,000 to *Lower Canada*, for Colonization purposes, under the 16th *Vic. caps. 155* and *156*, be printed in both languages, for use of Members.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brookville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said Amendments being again read, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of any Law in force in *Lower Canada* as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority of Justice on Sundays, was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Belleau*, and *Wilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Evangelical Society at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal* for the purposes of Education and Religious Instruction," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Moore*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* Telegraph Company, it was  
*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House, for the present Session.

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

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Friday, 16th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
CARTIER.

**PRAYERS.**

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Thomas Williams* and others, Members of the First Colored Calvinistic Baptist Church of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to remove certain Trustees to Property held for their said Church, and appoint others in their stead.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Canborough*, praying that Government Aid may be given towards completing the *Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich* Railroad.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the University of *Victoria* College, *Cobourg*, praying that a pecuniary grant may be made towards defraying the expense of repairing and enlarging the Buildings connected with the said University.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *G. H. Hall* and others, of the Township of *Leeds*, praying that aid may be given them towards erecting an Academy in the said Township, and that an annual grant may be made towards its support ;

Also, a Petition from the University Lying-in Hospital, praying for pecuniary aid ;

And also, a Petition from *John Meikle* and another, of *Lachute*, praying that a certain sum may be granted to enable them to erect a suitable building for the *Lachute* Academy, and that an annual grant may be made towards its support.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Masson, Thibaudeau* and Company, and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying for certain alterations in the provisions of the Bankrupt Bills now before Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* enters.

It was moved,

That the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville*, and "*Richmond* Railway Company," be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore, Ferrier, Wilson*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *James Mountain* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, praying that an Act may be passed to provide for the redemption of Ground Rents due to Indians on Lands in that Township, so as to quiet titles to the same.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act "to extend the Provisions of the Act to facilitate Actions against Persons Associated for Commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Companies."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An act to amend so much of any Law in force in *Lower Canada*, as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority of Justice on "Sundays," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 11.—Leave out from "same" to "that" in line 12.

Page 1, Line 12.—Leave out from "that" to "the" where it occurs the second time, and insert "so much of."

Page 1, Line 16.—Leave out from "Sundays" to "that" in line 17, and insert "as provides."

Page 1, Line 17.—Leave out "present," and insert "said."

Page 1, Line 21.—Leave out from "interdicted" to "shall" in line 23

Page 1, Line 23.—Leave out from “the” to “is,” and insert “same.”

Page 1, Line 24.—Leave out from “repealed” to “and” in line 25.

Page 1, Line 29.—Leave out from “effect” to the end of the Bill.

*Ordered*, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Evangelical Society established at “*La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes of Education and “Religious Instruction,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from the Select Committee appointed to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament, presented their Second Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 16th March, 1855.

The Select Committee appointed to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament, have, in obedience to the Order of reference of the twenty-fourth of October last, examined the Petition of *Joseph Eugène Doucet*, additional French Translator of your Honorable House, praying to be appointed additional Clerk Assistant of your Honorable House, in the room and place of *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, promoted, and have agreed to Report thereon, as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the said Petition be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,  
*Chairman.*

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws.”

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to;

After a long Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* Telegraph Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable *J. Hillyard Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Edward Shortis*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, the Road or Concession Allowance between Lots "Numbers fifteen and sixteen in the Sixth Concession of the Township of *Thora*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Thomas Brock* and others, of the Township of *London*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Monday, 19th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
HAMILTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the College School, or Preparatory Department of Queen's College, *Kingston*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, two Petitions from the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College, *Kingston*, praying for an increase of the Annual Grant made by the Legislature to the said College ;

And also, praying for a grant to enable them to liquidate the Debt occasioned by the purchase and erection of suitable Buildings for College purposes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *George Stanton* and others, inhabitants of *St. George*, in the Township of *Dumfries*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *J. G. Beard* and others, Merchants and Traders of *Toronto*, praying against the passing of the proposed Bankruptcy Act.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Provisional Proprietors of the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of *Toronto*, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *William Bull* and others, of the Township of *Logan*;

And also, a Petition from *William Levy* and others, of the Township of *Fullarton*, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Ignace du Côteau-du-Lac*, in the County of *Soulanges*, praying for a Grant of £550 for the completion of a College in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, in the County of *Quebec*, praying for the re-establishment of Parochial Municipalities.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from *Michel Bibaud*, of *Montreal*, praying for aid to Publish the Second Volume of his History of *Canada*, under British domination.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *C. A. Loranger* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Julienne de Rawdon*, in the County of *Montcalm*;

And also, a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Etu* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Calixte de Kilkenny*, in the said County of *Montcalm*, severally praying that the said Parish of *Sainte Julienne de Rawdon* may be made the *chef lieu* of the said County of *Montcalm*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. Mignault* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Angelique*, in the County of *Ottawa*, praying for a Grant to the Roman Catholic School Commissioners of that Parish, to enable them to establish a Superior School at *Papineauville*;

And also, a Petition from *Asa Cook* and others, of the Municipal Council Division, No. 2, of the County of *Ottawa*, praying for a grant of money to repair certain Roads and Bridges which connect the Village of *Grenville* with the Township of *Hull*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. A. Provencal* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, in the County of *Rouville*, praying for a grant of money for the erection of a Girls' School in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* Telegraph " Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to protect Creditors and Debtors in cases of Failure," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Thursday next, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate Actions against Persons " Associated for Commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Companies," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Thursday next, and that it do then stand as the second item upon the Orders of that Day.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, " An Act to repeal " so much of any Law in force in *Lower Canada*, as authorizes the Sale of any " Property by the authority of Justice on Sundays."

Which said Amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, " An Act to vest in " *Edward Shortis*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, the Road or Concession Allowance between " Lots numbers fifteen and sixteen, in the Sixth Concession, in the Township of " *Thorah*," was read a second time

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

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Tuesday, 20th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ',  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *T. L. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of the Conversion of *St. Paul*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for a grant of £600 towards the completion of two School Houses in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council, No. 1, of the County of *Dorchester*, praying for a Loan of £10,000 to enable them to macadamize part of the *Kennebec* Road.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Edward Shortis*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, the "Road or Concession Allowance between Lots numbers fifteen and sixteen, in the "Sixth Concession of the Township of *Thorah*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act incorporating the *Montreal* Telegraph Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for completing the *Louth* Harbour," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Thursday next at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Thursday, 22nd March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *A. C. Hyatt* and others, of the Township of *Ascot*, praying that the Municipal Bill now before Parliament may not become law;

Also, a Petition from the Township Council of *Oxford*, in the County of *Grenville*;

Also, a Petition from the Township Council of *Wolford*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the rear of *Young* and *Escott*;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Kitley*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill having for its object the separation, for the purposes of Taxation, of Corporate Towns from the Counties, or a union of Counties, in which they are situated.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, a Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th December last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Petitions, Letters, Memorials, and other Documents which have been addressed to His Excellency, to the Executive Council, or to the Post Master General of this Province, on the subject of the site to be selected for the erection of a Post Office in the City of *Hamilton*, together with a Copy of the Title Deeds of the Land on which the Post Office of the said City was actually built.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented an attested Account and Statement of the *Saint Lawrence* and *Industry* Village Railroad Company, for the year ending 31st December, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. W. Dostie* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Edouard de Gentilly*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for a Grant of £150, towards founding an Academy there;

Also, a Petition from the Literary Society of the Village of *Laprairie*, praying for pecuniary aid;

And also, a Petition from *F. Marchand* and others, of the Town and Parish of *Saint Johns*, praying for aid to a Girls' School kept in that Town, by the Nuns of the *Congregation de Notre-Dame de Montréal*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Peter Oster* and *Elizabeth Jane Oster*, of the Township of *Vaughan*, praying that the Original Allowance for a Road through Lot Number Six, in the Third Concession of the said Township may be vested in them, in consideration of their having given another, and a more eligible portion of their said Lot for the use of the Public as a Highway.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Sisters of Charity in charge of the General Hospital established at *Montreal*, on the 3rd day of June, 1753, praying for pecuniary aid ;

And also, a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, praying for the repeal of so much of the Seigniorial Act of 1854 as deprives the said City of the duties arising within it from Tavern Licenses ; such duties having been bestowed upon it by 14th and 15th *Vict.* cap. 100, section 31, subject to the deduction of a portion for the support of its Common Schools, under 12 *Vict.* cap. 113.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *William Wilkinson* and others, of the Township of *Lobo*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited ;

And also, a Petition from *David Dunkerley* and others, of *Durham*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying for the adoption of such measures, in carrying out the Bill for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, as that the discretionary power of commutation may not be exercised.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from the Bishop, Clergy, and Laity of the united Church of *England* and *Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Quebec*, praying that the Legislature may adopt measures to enable the Petitioners to meet in Synod, and frame Rules and Canons for the good order and discipline of their own body.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Alexis Painchaud* and others, interested in the Fisheries of the *Gulph* of *St. Lawrence*, praying for certain improvements in the Administration of Justice at the *Magdalen Islands*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Joint Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes, at *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to constitute the offence penal, for any person not duly qualified by Law to assume the title, or exercise the functions, of Inspector of Pot and Pearl Ashes ;

And also, a Petition from *Henry Bennie* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Beauharnois*, praying for the passing of an Act to make valid certain Acts done in his Ministerial capacity by the late *Alexander McWattie*, who, since his demise, has been discovered not to have been a duly Ordained Minister of the Church of *Scotland*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *R. O. Bru-  
neau*, President of the College of *Verchères*, praying for aid to the said College ;

And also, a Petition from *C. J. Forbes* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying against any alteration in the limits of the said County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *Alf. Toupin* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Hermans* and *St. Placide*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that those Parishes may be united to the County of *Two Mountains* for all Electoral and Municipal purposes;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend Sister *Ste. André*, and the Reverend Sister *Ste. Narcisse*, of the Congregation of *Notre-Dame de Montréal*, praying for a Grant of £310, for the Convent of *St. Eustache*;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Hodgson* and others, of *Lacolle*, praying for a Grant towards the support of an Academy in the said Parish;

Also, a Petition from *Louis Leduc* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Vincent de Paul*, in the County of *Laval*, praying for aid to *La Société des Artisans de St. Vincent de Paul*, in that Parish;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *Nobert Lavallée*, of the said Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*, in the County of *Laval*, praying for aid to *Laval College*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act providing for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal so much of any Law in force in *Lower Canada* as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority of Justice on Sundays," was, as amended, read a third time.

The Question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to protect Creditors and Debtors in cases of Failure," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until this day fortnight, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate Actions against Persons Associated for Commercial purposes, and against Un-incorporated Companies," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for completing the *Louth Harbour*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Mills*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act making certain provisions rendered necessary by the separation of the Counties of *Halton* and *Wentworth*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Poulin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *College de Monnoir*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

## Friday, 23rd March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ.  
CARTIER.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Francis P. Porlier* and others, of the Parish of *La Pointe aux Trembles*, in the County of *Montreal*, praying for aid towards the erection of an Academy in that Parish ;

Also, a Petition from *P. A. De Gaspé* and others, of the County of *L'Islet*, praying that that County may be separated from the County of *Montmagny* for Municipal purposes and purposes of Registration, and that the Parish of *St. Jean Port Joli* may be the *chef lieu* thereof ;

Also, a Petition from *Edward Martial Leprohon*, of the City of *Montreal*, praying for a Legislative interpretation of that part of the 6th section of 10th and 11th *Vict.*, cap. 99, which exempts from Tolls on his Bridge over the River *Jésus*, Persons, Horses and, Carriages employed in conveying Mails or Letters under the authority of Her Majesty's Post Office ;

Also, a Petition from the Literary Association of the Village of *Buckingham*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Begin*, of *Rivière Ouelle*, praying to be paid two years' arrears of Salary as a School Master in charge of an Independent School within the limits of the School Municipality of *Rivière Ouelle* ;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Begin* and others, praying to be paid for work done, and materials and provisions furnished, to the Contractors for the Wharf at *Rivière du Loup* ;

Also, a Petition from *F. de Guise* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*, praying for a grant towards the erection of a Wharf on the *St. Lawrence*, in the Parish ;

And also, a Petition from *O. E. Casgrain* and others, of the County of *L'Islet*, praying for a grant to the Agricultural Society of that County of £145, to replace a like sum in Bank Bills, which were destroyed by fire in the House of their Secretary-Treasurer.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *John Macara* and others, praying to be incorporated as the *Canada Powder Company*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *L. W. Decker* and others, of the Townships of *Roston* and *Ely*, in the County of *Shefford* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. Moore* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, severally praying against the passing of the *Lower Canada Municipal Bill*, now under the consideration of the Legislature ;

And also, a Petition from *Christopher G. Wurtele* and others, of the Township of *Windsor*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*, praying that the present Municipal Act may remain in force in the Eastern Townships.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Edwin Pridham* and others, of *Grenville*, *Chatham*, and *Argenteuil*, praying that the Canals between *Carillon* and *Grenville*, may be improved and enlarged ;

And also, a Petition from the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the County of *Two Mountains*, praying for certain amendments to the Act under which they are associated.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. O. Prince* and others, of the Township of *Arthabaska*, praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in the Parish of *St. Nobert d'Arthabaska*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Timothée*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for aid to two Academies in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

And also, a Petition from *A. McNabb* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Saugeen*, in the County of *Bruce*, praying to be incorporated as the *Saugeen Harbour Company*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table. \*

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 42.—Leave out from "contained" to "the" in page 2, line 1.

Page 7, Line 6.—After "Companies" insert "Provided always, that no agreement for any such union shall have any force or effect, unless and until the same shall have been sanctioned by the votes of a majority of the private Shareholders of the said Company present, in person or by proxy, at a Special



“ General Meeting of the said Company duly called for that  
 “ express purpose, in such manner and with such notice as  
 “ shall be required by the By-laws of the said Company.”

*Ordered*, That the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to extent the provisions of the Act to facilitate Actions “ against Persons Associated for Commercial purposes, and against Un-incorporated “ Companies,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the Amendment, be printed, and read a third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sidney Smith* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 22nd March, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, one of their Members; to appear before the Special Committee of this House, appointed to inquire into charges against the late Administration.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

G. B. FARIBAULT,

*Clerk Assistant, Legislative Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed, that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché* do have leave to go to the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to

the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, to go to the Special Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to inquire into the charges against the late Administration, if he thinks fit.

It was moved,

That the Return to an Address of this House, praying for Copies of all Petitions, Letters, Memorials, and other Documents addressed to His Excellency, to the Executive Council, or to the Post Master General of this Province, on the subject of the Site to be selected for the erection of a Post Office in the City of *Hamilton*, together with the Title Deeds of the Land on which the Post Office of the said City was actually built, be referred to the Select Committee appointed by this House to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 26th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Brantford*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Paris* ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Townships of *Moulton* and *Sherbrooke*, in the County of *Haldimand*, severally praying that Government aid may be granted to the *Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich* Railway.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, praying for pecuniary assistance to enable him to publish a Work, to be called "The Canadian Atlas."

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last-mentioned Petition be printed, in both, languages for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for completing the *Louth* Harbour," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, line 5.—Leave out "Twelve" and insert "Twenty."

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence being put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate Actions against Persons Associated for Commercial purposes and against Un-incorporated Companies," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act providing for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Boulton*, and *Mills*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act making certain provisions rendered necessary by the separation of the Counties of *Halton* and *Wentworth*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Taché*, and *Mills*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *College de Monnoir*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Moore*, and *Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville*, and *Richmond* Railway Company."

Which said Amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

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

## Tuesday, 27th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General informs the Honorable the Legislative Council, that he has granted leave to the Honorable *D. B. Viger* to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 23rd March, 1855.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Borough of *William Henry*, praying against the passing of the Bill to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal Acts in regard to Road Works;

And also, a Petition from *George Atkinson* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, praying for a new Survey of the said Township.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the *Stanstead* Seminary, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act making certain provisions rendered necessary by the separation of the Counties of *Halton* and *Wentworth*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

At the end of the Bill, add the following Clause.

“ And be it enacted, for the purpose of preventing injustice to parties, that in any  
 “ case where a person shall have been heretofore, or shall  
 “ hereafter be admitted to the limits of any Union of Counties  
 “ in the manner prescribed by Law, and when such  
 “ Union shall have been heretofore, or shall hereafter be dissolved,  
 “ or where any one or more Counties shall have been  
 “ heretofore, or shall hereafter be separated from such Union,  
 “ after such admission, then, and in every such case, the said  
 “ person shall be held to retain the right to travel and reside  
 “ in any portion of the said Counties, as if no dissolution or  
 “ separation had taken place, and the said person shall not be  
 “ held by reason of such travel or residence, to have broken  
 “ any bond or condition thereof, or to have forfeited any  
 “ security given for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of

“ such limits : Provided always, that in any case where pro-  
 “ ceedings in Law have been instituted before the passing of  
 “ this Act against any person, or his or her Sureties, by  
 “ reason of such person having travelled from one County into  
 “ another County of the said Union, or by reason of his or  
 “ her having continued to reside in one County of the said  
 “ Union after any such dissolution or separation, such legal  
 “ proceedings may be continued and prosecuted until the pay-  
 “ ment by the Defendant or Defendants of the Plaintiffs costs  
 “ of suit as between Attorney and Client, and on such pay-  
 “ payment the said proceedings shall be discontinued.”

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act providing for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be printed, and read for the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to extend the time for completing the *Louth* Harbour,” was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond* Railway Company,” was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Beniot Marcoux* of *Quebec*, praying for relief.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Wednesday, 28th March, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

MACAULAY,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHE,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Norwich*, praying for a division of the said Township.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Wainfleet*, praying that pecuniary aid may be granted to the *Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich* Railway.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from Messieurs *Babineau* and *Gaudry*, Merchants and others, interested in the Trade and Navigation of the River *St. Lawrence*, carried on in Vessels of limited size, between the Ports of

*Quebec* and *Montreal*, and the Lower Ports, and *West Indies*, praying that a Charter may be granted to them to carry on the business of Marine Insurance, under the name and style of "the *St. Lawrence* Assurance Company ;"

Also, a Petition from the Directresses of the Asylum of these "Good Shepherd," of the City of *Quebec*, praying for an Act of Incorporation ;

And also, a Petition from *Edward Jones* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that no change may be made in the limits of the said County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Wardens of the House of Industry, of the City of *Montreal*, and of the Corporation of the said City, praying that the privileges conferred on the said Wardens may be vested in the Corporation of the said City, and that the said House of Industry may be placed under its direction and control.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Sherbrooke*, praying that certain Moneys, and the Interest thereon, paid by purchasers of Crown Lands sold through mistake by the Council, owing to the inaccuracies of the lists furnished by the Crown Lands Department, may be refunded to the said purchasers, or that authority be given to the said Council to grant to the purchasers good and valid Titles to the said lands ;

And also, three Petitions from *C. M. Hyndman*, praying for an Increase of Salary, as Keeper of the Court House at *Sherbrooke* ; also, praying that the benefit of certain Acts may be extended to him in his capacity as Crier of Her Majesty's Court, in the District of *St. Francis* ; and also, praying that a Salary may be granted to him in lieu of Fees as Crier of the Quarter Sessions of the said District of *St. Francis*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable *Walker* from the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council, for the present Session, presented their Sixth Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 23rd March, 1855.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, beg leave to present their Sixth Report on the said Accounts :—

The Balance in the hands of the Clerk of this House on the thirty-first day of August last, the date to which the last audit of his Accounts extended, was Three hundred and fifty-four pounds, two shillings and nine-pence. He has accounted to



the satisfaction of your Committee, and by sufficient vouchers, for the expenditure of the said Balance as well as of all sums received by him, from that day to the thirteenth instant, with the exception of Thirteen hundred and ninety pounds five shillings and seven-pence, which remained as a balance in his hands to the credit of Your Honorable House, at the last mentioned date.

Your Committee deem it right to state that the Contingent Accounts of Your Honorable House have been increased by the payment of sums not strictly chargeable to your contingent fund. The payments made by Your Clerk, under directions from the Board of Works, between the 3rd May, 1854, and the first of February, 1855, for fitting and furnishing apartments for the accommodation of Your Honorable House, since the destruction by fire of the Parliament Buildings, on the 1st February, 1854, amount to £2,278 9s. 1d., which your Honorable House ought not to have been called upon to pay, inasmuch as the sums recovered by insurance on the furniture and effects of Your Honorable House, and of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, and on the Library of Parliament, amounting in all to £11,919 18s. 7d., were paid into the hands of the Receiver General, as appears by the Statement presented to Your Honorable House, on the 22nd November last.

WILLIAM WALKER,  
Chairman.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *College de Monnoir*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Stratford*, in the County of *Perth*, praying that Government aid may be granted to the *Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich* Railway Company.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Thursday, 29th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *George Dionne* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kahouna*, praying for aid to a Girls' School in that Parish;

And also, a Petition from *Romuld Michaud* and others, School Commissioners of *St. Alexandre*, in the District and County of *Kamouraska*, praying for a grant of money to erect a School House therein.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *James S. Wetenhall* and others, of *Hamilton*, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate "The General Drainage and Land Improvement Company of *Upper Canada*."

Also, a Petition from *William P. McLaren* and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation under the style of the *Upper Canada Loan Company*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Onondaga*, in the County of *Brant*, praying for an amendment to the Municipal Act, to enable the Municipalities to contribute to the Patriotic Fund;

And also, a Petition from *Alexander Rose* and others, of *Peterborough*, praying that the discretionary power of commutation, conferred by the Clergy Reserve Act, may not be exercised.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Sim Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, praying for a grant of £500 to repair a School House in the said Parish;

And also, a Petition from *J. Schagel* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying against any alteration in the limits of the said County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *James Gibb* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be Incorporated as the *Victoria Hospital*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize Investigation in case of Accidents by Fire."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Galt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Eastern Townships' Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

## Friday, 30th March, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, as follows:—

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 29th March, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors, that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Canada*, and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest.)

WM. B. LINDSAY, Jur.

*Acting Clerk Assistant.*

The Address to Her Majesty just communicated by Message from the Legislative Assembly, was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

## 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 Assembly, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing, That the Legislature of this Province, during the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, has passed an Act by which it is declared that there shall be an entire separation between Church and State in *Canada*, and that the Clergy Reserve Funds and Lands shall be appropriated to secular purposes, after providing for the Salaries of existing Incumbents.

That the Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in this Province, are under disadvantages that are felt by no other denomination in the Province, inasmuch as they are unable to meet with their Bishops and Clergy in Synod in their several Dioceses, to frame Rules and Canons for their own guidance and governance, as large numbers of them conscientiously believe that they are under restrictions from the existence of Imperial Statutes against the holding of such Synods, and inasmuch as they are hereafter required to provide for the maintenance of the Bishops of their Church, while they are not allowed to have any voice in their selection or appointment, and we therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be introduced into the Imperial Parliament during its present Session, to remove all obstructions that may exist or be supposed to exist, under any Statute now in force in *Great Britain*, to prevent the meeting of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in their several Dioceses in this Province, in Synod, to frame Rules and Canons for their own guidance and governance, and to enable them to proceed hereafter to the election of their own Bishops; provided that such Rules and Canons are not repugnant to the Laws of this Province, nor to any Act or Acts that the Legislature of *Canada* may hereafter pass in reference thereto.

It was moved to agree with the Legislative Assembly, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and"

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Address, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and."

*Ordered*, That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words:—

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of *Canada*, in 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 United Church of *England and Ireland in Canada*, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the last mentioned Address on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Address, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time for completing the *Louth Harbour*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act making certain provisions rendered necessary by the separation of the Counties of *Halton and Wentworth*," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Kingston*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm and make valid certain subscriptions to the Stock of the *Kingston, Pittsburgh, and Gananoque Joint Stock Road Company*, and that Debentures may be authorized to issue therefor.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Siméon Larochelle* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anselme*, in the County of *Dorchester*, praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in the said Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *William F. Witcher*, of *Quebec*, praying that inquiry may be made into the conduct of *John Maguire*, Esquire, Inspector and Superintendent of Police for the City of *Quebec*, for certain alleged misconduct and dereliction of duty.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the *Belleville Gas Company*, praying for an increase to their Capital Stock.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *M. Raymond* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Joseph*, *Rivière des Prairies*, *Pointe aux Trembles*, and *Longue Pointe*, praying for a grant to enable them to macadamize a certain Road.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Order made on Thursday, the twenty-second instant, for the second reading, on Thursday the fifth day of April next, of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to protect Creditors and Debtors in cases of failure," be discharged.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

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 Honorable Council, Copies of all Despatches and Correspondence since the re-union of the Provinces between the Governor General of *Canada* and the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, on the subject of the selection of a Site for the Seat of Government for this Province.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Eastern Townships' Bank," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore, Walker, Ferrier, and Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 30th March, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors, that this House hath agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Canada*, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

G. B. FARIBAULT,

*Clerk Assistant, Legislative Assembly.*

*Ordered*, That the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also, the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Canada*, be presented, on the part of this House, by the Honorable the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché*.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the Joint Addresses.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, that they had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His

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Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the Joint Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Canada*, and that His Excellency had named to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, noon, for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock, noon, to be attended with the Joint Addresses of both Houses to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and His Excellency, and that this House have Ordered that the Honorable the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* be in attendance at that time, on the part of the Legislative Council.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

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

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Monday, 2nd April, 1855.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported to the House, that, pursuant to Order, the Honorable the Speaker and himself had waited on His Excellency the Governor General at the Government House, where they found certain Members from the Legislative Assembly, and that they presented the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, agreed upon by both Houses, on the subject of the United Church of *England and Ireland in Canada*, and that His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would have much pleasure in transmitting the Joint Address to the Queen, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House, that he had received a communication, announcing the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to come down to the House to-morrow, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of assenting, in Her Majesty's name, to certain Bills which have been passed by the two Houses of the Legislature.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *James Morton* and others, Brewers and Distillers of *Kingston*, praying that the Bill now under consideration for the suppression of the Manufacture of Beer and Spirituous Liquors may not be passed into a Law, or that compensation may be granted to the Manufacturers thereof, for the loss which such an enactment may entail upon them.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable the speaker presented to the House a Return of Marriages, Baptisms, and Burials in the District of *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, praying against the passing of any Law exempting incorporated Cities and Towns in *Upper Canada* from the proportion of County Rates imposed on them by the existing Assessment Laws for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in their respective Counties.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitated Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, certain Resolutions against the system of holding alternate Parliaments at *Quebec* and *Toronto*, and for fixing the Seat of Government at some place to be selected by His Excellency the Governor General, it was

*Ordered*, The same be discharged until next Thursday week, and that they do then stand as the first item upon the Orders for that Day.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize Investigations in cases of Accident by Fire in *Quebec* and "*Montreal*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until next Friday week.

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

## Tuesday, 3rd April 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
MILLS,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,

PRAYERS.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, 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., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in " this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow:—

An Act to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*.

An Act to vest in *Edward Shortis*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, the Road or Concession Allowance between Lots numbers fifteen and sixteen in the Sixth Concession of the Township of *Thorah*.

An Act to Incorporate the Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Linge*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purpose of Education and Religious Instruction.

An Act to Incorporate the *College de Monnoir*.

An Act to explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts imposing " Duties of Customs."

An Act making certain provisions rendered necessary by the separation of the Counties of *Halton* and *Wentworth*.

An Act to extend the time for completing the *Louth* Harbour.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General, doth assent to " this Bill."

The Legislative Assembly having withdrawn, His Excellency was pleased to retire.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House, that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Council, a Copy of a Letter from the Earl of *Elgin*, enclosing one from the Emperor of the French, on the

subject of the grant of Money made by the Canadian Legislature in aid of the Fund for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Allied Forces of *England* and *France*, serving in the East.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Quebec, 2nd April, 1855.

Broomhall, Dunfermline,

8th March, 1855.

Sir,—At an interview with which the Emperor of the French honored me a few days ago, I ventured to place in His Majesty's hand a Copy of the Joint Address to the Queen, passed by the two Houses of the Canadian Parliament, in November last, in reference to the Victory of the *Alma*, and to a grant in favor of the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers and Sailors of the Allied Armies of *England* and *France*, His Majesty has been graciously pleased to acknowledge the receipt of this Document, in a letter to me, of which I herewith enclose a Copy, with the request that Your Excellency will have the goodness to communicate it to the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

His Excellency, Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,

&c., &c., &c.

(Translation.)

PALACE OF THE TUILLERIES,

27th February, 1855.

My Lord,—I thank you for your communication to me of the Address of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, to the Queen of *England*.

It would be difficult to express in a more patriotic and more touching manner, sympathy with the successes of our Armies in the East, and with the calamities inseparable from this great contest. Affected as I am myself by the eloquent expression of this strong sympathy, our Country will not behold without gratitude, that in token of their remembrance of their French descent, the population of *Canada* were unwilling to separate, in their congratulations and offerings, those now so nobly united by a community of dangers.

Deign to be the interpreter of my sentiments to the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, as I believe myself to be of the sentiments of *France*.

Receive, my Lord, the assurance of my high esteem.

(Signed,) NAPOLEON.

To Lord ELGIN.

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The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *Matilda* Division, No. 22, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from the Ladies conducting *L'Academie des Demoiselles de Beauharnois*, praying for aid towards the said Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Joseph A. Bockus* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited;

And also, a Petition from *J. L. Wilson* and others, of *Toronto*, praying to be incorporated as "The *Canada Ore Dressing Company*."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *George Munro* and others, of the Township of *Finch*;

And also, a Petition from *John Currie* and others, of the said Township of *Finch*, severally praying for pecuniary aid towards the construction of a Bridge over the *Nation River*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies, for supplying Cities, Towns, and Villages with Gas and Water," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until next Wednesday week, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Speaker then declared this House continued until next Wednesday week, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Wednesday, 11th April, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU.  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John Morey* and others, of the Township of *Augusta* ;

Also, a Petition from *Moses Reid* and others, of *Augusta*, aforesaid ;

Also, a Petition from *John Simpson*, Warden, of the united Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from the *Institut Canadien* of *Iberville*, praying for a pecuniary grant ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Léonard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Clement*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for a grant in favor of an Academy established in the said Parish ;

Also, two Petitions from *John Simpson*, Warden, of the united Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying for the appointment of Crown Prosecutors in the several Counties in *Upper Canada* ; also, praying, that the 12th *Vict. cap. 35*, and 13th and 14th *Vict. cap. 64*, be so amended as to compel applicants for surveys of Concession Lines to give public notice thereof ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Duggan*, M.D. and others, Medical Practitioners of *Canada West*, praying for certain amendments to the Act regulating the Practice of Medicine ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Barrie*, in the County of *Simcoe*, praying that certain amendments may be made to the Charter of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron Railroad Union Company* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reeve and Councillors of the Township of *Bertie*, in the County of *Welland*, praying for aid to the *Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich* Railway Company.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *D. E. Boulton*, Esquire, Mayor, and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying for pecuniary aid in behalf of *Victoria* College.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Board of School Trustees of the *Perth* Public School, in the united Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, praying for pecuniary aid in behalf of said School.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. J. Marcoux* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Cecile de Bic*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for aid towards the erection of an Academy ;

Also, a Petition from the *Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly* Railroad Company, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. Bélanger* and others, of the Township of *Viger*, and the Parish of *St. Arsène*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for a grant of money to construct a Road in the said Township ;

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, School Commissioners of the Village, or First School Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel de Bellechasse*, praying for a grant of £150 for the enlargement of a Building for a Girls' School, and £75 towards the current expenses thereof ; also, praying for certain grants in aid of the College of *St. Michel*, in the said Parish, that is to say, £300 for the purchase of Mathematical and other Instruments, and the payment of the Salaries of Professors for 1855, £150 for the enlargement of the Building, and £100 for the purchase of land adjoining ;

And also, a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Laverdière* and others, of the School Municipality of *St. Jean*, in the County of *Montmorency*, praying for a grant of money towards paying the Salaries of the Teachers of an Academy established by them.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House a Supplementary Return to an Address of this House, of the 15th December, 1854, praying for certain information concerning the expenditure of the grant of £30,000, made in virtue of the Acts 16 *Vict.* caps. 155 and 156.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

*Ordered*, That the said Return be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Charles H. Lassieraye*, Master of the English and French School at *Three Rivers*, praying that a certain sum due to him in the capacity of Master of the above School for the year 1837, may be paid

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *William Ashton* and others, of the Township of *Waterloo*, in the County of *Waterloo*, praying that the Bill authorizing *Jacob Hespelar* to erect a Dam on the *Grand River*, near the Village of *Preston*, may not be passed into a law ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*, praying against the repeal of the 8th section of the Act, intituled, "An Act to make certain alterations in the Territorial Divisions of *Upper Canada*," and that the obligations incurred by the County of *Waterloo*, to the aforesaid County of *Wellington*, may be and remain valid and effectual, as intended by the said Act.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from *N. Beliveau*, of the Parish of *St. Gregoire*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying to be indemnified for the destruction of his property by a mob in February, 1850 ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. H. Dostie* and others, of the County of *Nicolet* and elsewhere, praying for aid towards erecting a Wharf at the mouth of the River *Gentilly*, or that the said River may be dredged at the expense of the Province ;

And also, a Petition from *A. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre les Becquets*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for certain amendments to the Seigniorial Act of 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Pierre Beaupré* and others, of the Parish of *l'Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Quebec*, praying that a certain Road therein mentioned, may be Macadamized, and placed under the control of the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads* ;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Legendre* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*, praying for certain amendments to the Seigniorial Act of 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* enters.



The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *C. Troyer* and others, of the Township of *Vaughan*, praying that the allowance for a Road through Lot No. Six, in the third Concession of said Township, may not be vested in certain parties who have Petitioned therefor.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, the accompanying Copies of a Despatch and enclosures from the Secretary of State.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Quebec, 9th April, 1855.

(No. 9.)

DOWNING STREET,

17th March, 1855.

Sir,—With reference to my Despatches of the 26th January and 15th February, I transmit for your information a Copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at *Paris*, forwarding a note from Monsieur *Drouyn de Lhuys*, acknowledging the receipt of the Draft for £10,000, and again renewing the thanks of the French Government for this generous Donation of the Canadian Legislature.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) G. GREY.

Governor, Sir EDMUND HEAD,

&c., &c., &c.

Paris, March 7th, 1855.

My Lord,—With reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 227, of the 2nd instant, enclosing to me, for transmission to the French Government, a Bill of Exchange on Messrs *Glyn. Mills & Co.* for the sum of £10,000, the amount of the Donation made by the Canadian Legislature to the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers and Sailors of *France* who fell at the Battle of *Alma*, I have the honor to forward herewith a Copy of a Note which has been addressed to me by Monsieur *Drouyn de Lhuys*, acknowledging the receipt of the Bill in question, and begging me

to convey to Her Majesty's Government the renewed expression of the gratitude of the French Government for this generous Donation.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) COWLEY.

The Earl of CLARENDON,  
&c., &c., &c.

(Translation.)

Paris, 6th March, 1855.

My Lord,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Excellency of a draft for Ten thousand pounds sterling, transmitted to me by your Excellency yesterday morning, representing one half of the sum of Twenty thousand pounds sterling, voted by the Legislature of *Canada*, in favor of the Widows and Orphans of the Soldiers of the Allied Armies who fell at the Battle of *Alma*. I take this opportunity to beg of your Excellency again to make known to Her Britannic Majesty's Government, the feelings of gratitude entertained by my Government for this generous offering, and to renew the assurance of the distinguished consideration, &c.

(Signed,) DROUYN DE L'HUYS.

To His Excellency  
Lord COWLEY, G.C.B.,  
&c., &c., &c.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of "Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns, and Villages with Gas and Water," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be now received, and  
The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an increase in the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Gas Company*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their "Creditors," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

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

## Thursday, 12th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from *Lewis Clement* of the Village of *Thorold*, praying for the adoption of such measures as will enable him to receive certain arrears of pension due to him, from the year 1821 to the year 1851.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Foye*, praying that the Trustees of *Quebec Turnpike Roads* may be authorized to issue Debentures for the purpose of macadamizing the road in continuation of the *Route de l'Eglise*, towards the Coves in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sidney Smith* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Wednesday, 11th April, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, for permission to the Honorable *Charles Wilson*, one of their Members, to appear and

give evidence before the Special Committee of this House, appointed to inquire into charges against the late Administration.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Sidney Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable Mr *Wilson* do have leave to go to the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable Mr. *Wilson*, to go to the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, to which are referred the charges against the late Administration, if he thinks fit.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *William Eadon* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be Incorporated as the "*Quebec Masonic Hall.*"

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mackenzie* and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 12th April, 1855.

*Resolved,* That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting permission for the Honorable *Etienne P. Taché*, one of their Members, to appear and give evidence before the Standing Committee to which are referred the Public Accounts.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Mackenzie* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable Mr. *Taché* do have leave to go to the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable Mr. *Taché* to go to the Special Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly, to which are referred the Public Accounts, if he thinks fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Return to an Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 30th March, instant, praying for Copies of all Despatches and Correspondence since the re-union of the Provinces between the Governor General of *Canada*, and the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, on the subject of the selection of a Site for the Seat of Government for this Province.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Appendix No. 3.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *A. C. Cholet* and others, of the Parish of *Rigaud* in the County of *Vaudrieul*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the construction of a Bridge over the River of the said Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne*, presented a Petition from *Antoine Garceau* and others, of the Parish of *la Pointe du Lac*, in the County of *St. Maurice*, praying for certain amendments to the Seigniorial Act of 1854 ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. M. Carrier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie du Fevre*, praying for aid to a Superior School in that Parish ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Maurault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas de Pierville*, in the County of *Yamaska*, praying for a grant of £150, to enable them to build School Houses.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Edwin Fridham* and others, of *Chatham, Grenville*, the augmentation of *Grenville, Harrington, and Carillon*, praying that the County Town may be established at the Village of *Carillon*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Canadian Institute of *Bytown*, praying for an annual grant in favor of that Institution.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* Masonic Hall Association."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels, passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, certain Resolutions relative to the Seat of Government.

It was moved,

That the same be discharged until Monday next, and that the said motion do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

In amendment, it was moved, to leave out "Monday next," and insert in lieu thereof, "Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, instant, and that a Call of the House do take place on that day, prior to the consideration of such motion."

Which being debated,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Documents submitted this day relative to the Seat of Government, be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments reported from the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns, and Villages with Gas and Water."

Which said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed, and read a third time on Monday next.

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

Friday, 13th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Léon Roy* and others, of the School Municipality of *Trois Pistoles*, in the County of *Timiscouata*, praying for aid towards the erection of a new School House;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Barret* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ligouri*, in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for aid towards the erection of a School House.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Montreal*, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation;

And also, a Petition from *Benjamin Brewster* and others, being the Committee of the American Presbyterian Free School of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *F. Barbeau* and others, freeholders of the Parish of *St. Raphael, Isle Bizard*, praying that the said Parish may be attached to the County of *Montreal*, for Electoral and Municipal purposes.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the High School at *Eaton*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Edward Borroughs* and others, of *Quebec*, praying for the enactment of a law declaring that for the future no person shall be deemed to be incompetent as a witness in any Court, on account

of opinions on matters of Religious belief; and also, that non-religionists be allowed to Register Marriages, Births, and Deaths, as in *England, France,* and the American Union.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *M. Willett* and others, Members, of the Mechanics' Institute of *Chambly*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. D. Marcoux* and others, of the Parish of *Champlain*, praying that steps may be taken for fixing permanently the Place of Meeting of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *R. Lobb* and others, of the Township of *Marysburgh*, in the County of *Prince Edward*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Quebec Gas Light Company*, praying for an increase to their Capital Stock.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Samuel Pope*, the younger, and others, of the Township of *Eaton, Bury,* and *Tingwick*, in the District of *St. Francis*, praying for the opening of the *Otter Road*, and the opening of a Bridge across the *Salmon River*.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize investigations in cases of Accident by Fire in *Quebec* and *Montreal*."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, J. Morris, Ferrier, Matheson,* and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an increase of the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Gas Light Company*," it was

*Ordered,* That the same be discharged until Monday next.



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Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, Ferrier, Belleau, Panet*, and *Wilson*, with power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records, and to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Management and Improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between the said Harbour and the Port of *Quebec*, and to repeal the Act now in force for the said purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. M. Limoges* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry*, praying for grants to the *Sœurs de la Providence de Sorel* of £250, for the completion of their School Building, and £100 for current expenses;

And also, a Petition from *John Frazer* and others, of the Parish of *St. Marc*, in the County of *Verchères*, complaining of injury done to their Properties by a Dam across the River *Richelieu*, at the Village of *St. Ours*, and praying for relief.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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**Monday, 16th April, 1855.**

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

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

When the Honorable *Ebenezer Perry* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton* and *Seymour*.

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

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come.

GREETING :

KNOW Ye, that amongst the Rolls and Records in the Registrar's Office of the Province of *Canada*, in Lib. D.S., Folio 45, it is thus contained, To wit :—

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved *Ebenezer Perry*, of *Cobourg*, Esquire.

GREETING :

**K**NOW YE, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in  
 Recorded 18th February, 1855, all weighty and arduous affairs which may, the state  
 THO. AMIOT, and defence of Our Province of *Canada*, and the Church  
 Dept. Regr. thereof concern, We have thought fit to summon you  
 to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and We do command you, the  
 the said *Ebezener Perry*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever, laying aside,  
 you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our  
 said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament  
 may be in Our said Province convoked and holden, and this you are in nowise to  
 omit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our Letters to be made  
 Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be  
 thereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well Beloved Sir  
 EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British  
 North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and  
 over Our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and  
 the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.,  
 &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of QUEBEC, in  
 Our said Province of *Canada*, the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY,  
 in the year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and fifty-five,  
 and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

E. H.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

*C. C. Chy.*

All which We have commanded to be exemplified.

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 America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over  
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 Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c.,  
 &c. At QUEBEC, this SIXTEENTH day of APRIL, in the  
 year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in  
 the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

E. A. MEREDITH,

*Assistant Secretary.*

[Recorded 16th April, 1855, in Lib. E.F., Fol. 80.]

THOS. AMIOT,

*Depy. Registrar.*

Then the Honorable Mr. *Perry* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fenning's Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from Messieurs *Molson* and Company, of *Montreal*, praying to be Incorporated as the "*Molsons Bank*;"

And also, a Petition from *Charles DeWitt* and others, of the Counties of *Beauharnois*, *Chateauguay*, and *Huntingdon*, praying for a pecuniary grant to enable them to construct a Road from the *Chateauguay* River, to Lake *St. Francis*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *l'Association de Bibliothèque et Institut des Artisans de Sorel*, praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from *Louis Boivin* and others, Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Borough of *William Henry*, praying for aid to a Boys' School and a Girls' there;

And also, a Petition from *William Shepherd* and others, of the Townships of *Grantham*, *Windover*, and *Simpson*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying that a new Circuit, to include the said Townships may be established, to be called "The Circuit of *Drummond*," and that the Courts may be held at the Village of "*Drummondville*."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*, praying for the amendment of their Charter.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Nault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, in the Island of *Orleans*, and County of *Montmorency*, praying for aid towards the erection of a School Building.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *Joseph Dugury* and others, of the Parish of *St Antoine de la Baie*, praying that measures may be adopted for the establishment of one permanent place for the holding of the Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Fisheries in *Lower Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *William R. Doak* and others, of the Township of *Compton*, in the County of *Compton*, praying that the said Township may, for Municipal and Registration purposes, be annexed to the Electoral Town of *Sherbrooke*;

And also, a Petition from *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Townships of *Eaton*, *Newport*, and *Clifton*, praying for the construction of a Road from *Eaton Corner* to some point on *Lake Megantic*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns, and Villages with Gas and Water," it was *Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

Whereupon the said Bill was then read for the second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this Honorable House, Copies of the following Documents:—

FIRST.—Copies of all the Reports that must have been made by Messieurs *Sirois* and *Burroughs*, Commissioners appointed by the Board of Public Works to receive and settle the claims of Parties who have suffered damage from the inundations of the water on both sides of the *Lake St. Francis*, above and below the *Beauharnois* Canal, in consequence of the construction of a Dam by the said Board of Public Works at the entry of the said Canal, the said Reports made from January, 1853, down to this period.

SECONDLY.—A Statement of the divers sums paid to the Commissioners to cover the amount of indemnity granted by them, shewing the date from which they took office, the names of the parties so indemnified, the amount of each claim, with the amount awarded to each of the said claimants respectively, with the dates of such payments, and also the names of the localities where such damages have occurred, and establishing the extent of the damages sustained by the parties so paid, and an approximated extent of the Lands so damaged, and for which an indemnity has been paid.

Whereupon an Address for such purpose was accordingly moved.

After debate,

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* Masonic Hall Association," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels, passed in the the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an increase of the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Gas Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between the said Harbour and the Port of *Quebec*, and to repeal the Act now in force for the said purpose," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *St. Michael's* College, in the Diocese of *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday the 26th instant.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved*, in the affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *C. D. Archibald*, Secretary and Agent General of the Transatlantic and Sub-Marine Telegraph Company, praying for the passing of an Act to Incorporate the said Company."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* then presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the "Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Company."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *H. F. Charlebois*, Registrar for the County of *Vaudrieul*, praying that that County may not be sub-divided for the purpose of Registration.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

## Tuesday, 17th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.  
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada*, held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Societies.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Road, Bridge, Pier or Wharf Joint Stock Companies Act of 1853.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from a Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for an increase of the Capital Stock of the

“ *Quebec Gas Company*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec Masonic Hall Association*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed, and read a third time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the “ Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, “ Towns, and Villages with Gas and Water,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Militia of “ this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* reported, from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Tuesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between “ the said Harbour, and the Port of *Quebec*, and to repeal the Act now in force “ for the said purposes,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Thursday next, and that the same do stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was



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*Resolved*, in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the manner in which the Division or side Lines of the Lots in the Township of *Wolfe* Island, shall be drawn," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the course of the Division or Side Lines of the Lots in certain Concessions in the Township of *Smith*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the *Toronto* Athenæum," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Young* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the "*Montreal* Locomotive, Marine, and Steam Forge Works Manufacturing Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Speaker declared this House continued until Thursday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Thursday, 19th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Patrick Doud* and others, interested in the Orphan Asylum attached to *St. Patrick's Church, Montreal*, praying to be Incorporated as the *St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, Montreal*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *J. G. Gregg* and others, of the District of *Gaspé*, praying for aid to open a Road from *Fox River* to and beyond *l'Ance aux Griffons*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Owen Phillips* and others, of *East Guillimbury*; and also, a Petition from *Mary Jaheway* and others, of the same place, severally praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from *A. J. Duchesnay* and others, of the Counties of *Portneuf* and *Quebec*, praying that two miles of the Concession Road leading from *Gauvins Farm*, in the Parish of *l'Ancienne Lorette*, towards the *St. Ange* Concession may be macadamized, and placed under the control of the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. Patry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pascal* and *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, praying for aid towards the further opening of a certain Road into the Township of *Woodbridge*;

And also, a Petition from *Ignace Morrison*, of the Township of *Rawdon*, in the County of *Montcalm*, complaining that he has been troubled in his possession of a Lot of Land in that Township, and praying for relief.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an increase in the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Gas Company*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Messieurs *DeBoucherville*, *Belleau*, and *Dionne* enter.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between the said Harbour and the Port of *Quebec*, and to repeal the Act now in force for the said purposes."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be received to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Edwin Larwell* and others, of *Quebec*, praying to be Incorporated for the purpose of constructing a Railway between the River *St. Clair* and the *Rondeau* Harbour on Lake *Erie*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Fisheries in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Taché*, *Knowlton*, and *Panet*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels, passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore, Walker, J. Morris, and Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal Locomotive, Marine, and Steam Forge Works Manufacturing Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, J. Morris, and Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Directresses of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd, *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of the Estates of persons who have died or may die Insolvent."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Report of the Council of University College, *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

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

## Friday, 20th April, 1855.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
PERRY,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Duncan McGillivry* and others, of the Townships of *Lochiel* and *Kenyon*, in the County of *Glengarry*, praying that the discretionary power of commutation conferred by the Clergy Reserve Act, may not be exercised.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Thomas Lloyd* and others, Proprietors of Breweries in the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Bill to Prohibit the Traffic in Alcoholic and Intoxicating Liquors may not become law, without provision being made, either for the compensation of Brewers for the losses to which they will be subjected, or that they may be specially excluded from the operation of the proposed Act.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *Dunham Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengarry*, praying that measures may be adopted to connect the waters of the *St. Lawrence* with those of the Rivers *Nation* and *Aux Raisin*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from the *Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company*, praying for such an amendment to their Charter as will authorize the construction by them of a Branch Railway or Tram Road, to the *Marmora Iron Works*, in the Township of *Marmora*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *Hugh Fraser* and others, interested in the trade of the *Ottawa*, praying that before any further appropriation is made towards the construction of a good Road from *Pembroke* to the *Mattawan*, an inquiry may be instituted into the manner in which the former grants therefor have been expended.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *R. U. Harwood* and others, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil*, praying that measures may be adopted for the establishment of a fixed place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the House of Industry in *Kingston*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second, time and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Fisheries in *Lower Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed, and read a third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Eastern Townships Bank," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Locomotive, Marine and "Steam Forge Works Manufacturing Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* Masonic Hall Association."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to ;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada*, held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Bodies," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Ferrier, Matheson, Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Road, Bridge, Pier, or Wharf Joint Stock Companies Act of 1853," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the manner in which the Division or Side Lines of the Lots in the Township of *Wolfe* Island shall be drawn," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between the said Harbour and the Port of *Quebec*, and to repeal the Acts now in force for the said purposes."

It was moved,

That the said Report be now received.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The amendment made by the said Committee was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 4, Line 12.—After “therein” insert “except Arms, Ammunition and Military Accoutrements, and other Munitions of War for the use of the Government of this Province or for its Defence, and also, vessels wholly laden therewith.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville*, and *Richmond* Railway Company,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said amendment of the Assembly was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

In the second amendment, Line 8.—Leave out “Private.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendment made to the amendments of this House to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.



## Monday, 23rd April, 1855.

The Members convened were —

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Nazaire Caron* and others, Officers and Members of *L'Association des Instituteurs du Comté l'Islet*, praying for aid to that Association ;

Also, a Petition from *Patrick Kerrigan* and others, of the Parish of *Berthier*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament ;

Also, a Petition from *J. Bte. Fortier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Claire de Jolliet*, in the County or *Dorchester*, praying for aid towards the erection of a Building for a School in that Parish ;

Also, two Petitions from *Simon Fraser* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Jean Port Joli*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid to build a Wharf near the Church of that Parish ; also, praying for aid to complete a Road in that Parish, called *Route d'Elgin* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *G. Nedeau* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Lessard*, in the Parish of *Sainte Luce*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for aid towards the erection of seven School Houses in that Municipality.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Paradis* and others, of the County of *Yamaska*, praying for aid for the erection of a Bridge over the River *St. Francis*, between the Parishes of *St. François du Lac* and *St. Thomas de Pierreville*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *J. W. Shackleton* and others, praying for the construction of a Railway from the River *St Clair* and the *Rondeau* Harbour on Lake *Erie*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. J. Bedard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raymond de Bourg Louis*, praying for a grant of £200 for the erection of School Houses;

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *Siméon Belleau* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*, praying that the Parish of *Sainte Croix* may be established as the place of sitting of the Circuit Court in that County; also praying for certain amendments to the Seigniorial Act of 1854; Also, a Petition from the Reverend *D. H. Têtu* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Roch des Aulnets*;

And also, a Petition from *Narcisse Thibaudeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Croix*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. A. Mayrand* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ursule*, praying that the Electoral County of *Maskinongé* may be divided from the rest of the County of *Saint Maurice* for all purposes, and erected into a separate County with its *chef lieu* and a Registry Office in the said Parish of *St. Ursule*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. Misael Archambault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hugues*;

And also, a Petition from *P. A. Sylvester* and others, of the Parish of *St. Dominique*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying for the passing of an Act to restrict the duty of Inspecting Pot and Pearl Ashes, to duly authorized Inspectors only.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Road, Bridge, Pier, or "Wharf Joint Stock Companies Act of 1853," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada*, held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Bodies," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time on Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Company," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Fisheries in *Lower Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the course of the Division or Side Lines of the Lots in certain Concessions in the Township of *Smith*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the *Toronto Athenæum*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels, passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved to

*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 Honorable

House, a Statement of the Debentures and other Securities deposited in the hands of the Honorable the Receiver General, or of any other person under and in virtue of the provisions of the Act 13 and 14 *Vict.* cap. 31, commonly called the "Free Banking Act," and of any other Acts since their coming into operation, on which Debentures, Bank Notes, have been issued, the said Statement shewing—

FIRST.—The names of the Persons or Incorporated Banks that have deposited the said Debentures or Securities.

SECOND.—The amount deposited by each Person or Incorporated Bank, what kinds of Debentures, and to what amount of each kind.

THIRD.—What amount of Notes the Government has issued in return to each Person, and to each Incorporated Bank.

FOURTH.—Whether the said Debentures or Securities have been received at par by the said Receiver General, or whether in all cases the issues of Notes by the Government have exactly corresponded with the amount of each Debenture or Security, whether any kind of the said Debentures or Securities have been received below par, and if so, to what amount, and from what Person or Incorporated Bank.

FIFTH.—Whether any Debentures or Securities have been withdrawn, and of what kind, to what amount and by whom, in return for Notes brought back to an amount equal to that of the said Debentures or Securities.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That such Members of this House as are Members of the Executive Council, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of the Estates of persons who have died or may die Insolvent," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the House of Industry in *Kingston*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the manner in which the Division or Side Lines of the Lots in the Township of *Wolfe* Island shall be drawn," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Grand and Subordinate

“ Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the “ *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn Manufacturing Company*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 52.—Leave out the words “above described, as being.”

Page 1, Line 53.—Leave out from “including” to “or” in page 2, line 7, and insert “all hereditaments belonging thereto.”

Page 2, Line 11.—Leave out “or” and insert “and to purchase and temporarily “ to hold until they can conveniently dispose thereof.”

Page 2, Line 26.—Leave out from “Paper” to the end of the Clause.

Page 2, Line 42.—Leave out from “each” to the end of the Clause.

Page 2, Line 45.—Leave out from “said” to “may” in line 46, and insert “Company.”

Page 3, Line 19.—Leave out from “said” to “to” in line 20, and insert “Company.”

Page 4, Line 21.—After “Brockville” insert Clauses A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I.

#### CLAUSE A.

“ The Stock of the said Corporation shall be deemed Personal Estate, and shall be transferable in such manner as shall “ be prescribed by the By-Laws of the Corporation; but no “ Share shall be transferable until all previous calls thereon “ have been fully paid and satisfied, or the said Share shall “ have been declared forfeited for non-payment of the calls “ thereon; and the consent in writing of the majority of the “ Directors shall be in all cases necessary to render valid the

“ transfer of any Share or Shares made before such Shares  
“ shall have been paid up in full ; and it shall not be lawful  
“ for the Corporation to use any of its funds in the purchase  
“ of any Stock of any other Corporation.”

CLAUSE B.

“ The Corporation shall not lend any of its money to any of  
“ its Stockholders, and if any such loan of money shall be  
“ made to a Stockholder, the Directors who shall make or  
“ assent to such loan, shall be jointly and severally liable to  
“ the extent of the said loan, and interest thereon, to any  
“ Creditor of the said Corporation, for any debt contracted  
“ before the re-payment of the money so loaned.”

CLAUSE C.

“ The Directors of the Corporation shall be jointly and  
“ severally liable for all debts contracted by them during  
“ their term of Office as such Directors, due and owing to  
“ their laborers, servants, and apprentices, for services per-  
“ formed by them for the Corporation: Provided that no  
“ Director shall be liable for any such debt not payable  
“ within one year from the date of contracting it, or for the  
“ recovery whereof no action shall have been brought within  
“ one year from such date.”

CLAUSE D.

“ Each Stockholder of the said Corporation shall be severally  
“ and individually liable to the Creditors thereof, to an  
“ amount equal to the amount of the Stock held by him, for  
“ all debts and contracts made by such Corporation, until the  
“ whole amount of the Stock held by such Stockholders  
“ shall have been paid in.”

CLAUSE E.

“ A majority of the President and Directors shall on or be-  
“ fore the twentieth day of January in each year, prepare  
“ and attest before a Judge of any Court in this Province, a  
“ certificate stating the amount of the Capital actually paid  
“ in, the amount of the existing debts, and the amount of the  
“ assets of the Corporation, which certificate shall be inserted  
“ in the Newspaper published nearest to the place of the busi-  
“ ness of the Company.”

CLAUSE F.

“ If the President and Directors shall declare or pay any  
“ dividend when the Corporation is insolvent, or which would

“ if paid, render it insolvent, or which would diminish the  
 “ the amount of its Capital Stock, they shall be jointly and  
 “ severally, individually liable for all debts of the Company  
 “ then existing, or which may be contracted while they re-  
 “ main in office: Provided that any Director shall be exempt  
 “ from such liability by filing with the Secretary of the Com-  
 “ pany a written Statement protesting against declaring or  
 “ paying such dividend, and if present when any such divi-  
 “ dend shall be declared, by voting against the same, provided  
 “ such protest be published within two weeks in some News-  
 “ paper published in the County of *Leeds*.”

#### CLAUSE G.

“ If the indebtedness of the Corporation shall at any time ex-  
 “ ceed the amount of its Capital Stock, the Directors shall  
 “ be jointly and severally, individually liable to any Creditor  
 “ of the Corporation, for any debts thereof to the amount of  
 “ such excess of indebtedness.”

#### CLAUSE H.

“ If any certificate or affidavit made by the President and  
 “ Directors of the Corporation under the provisions of this  
 “ Act be false in any material representation, the said Presi-  
 “ dent and Directors making the same, knowing it to be false,  
 “ shall be jointly and severally liable for all the debts of the  
 “ Corporation contracted while they are Directors thereof.”

#### CLAUSE I.

“ The Company may establish Agencies in Great Britain the  
 “ or United States, provided the majority of its Directors are  
 “ British Subjects.”

#### IN THE PREAMBLE.

Line 2.—Leave out from “younger” to “and” in 21st line, and insert “have by  
 “ their Petition prayed that a Company be formed for the  
 “ purpose of carrying on the Manufacture of Leather, Saw-  
 “ ing Lumber, and Milling.”

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to extend the powers  
 “ of the Consumers Gas Company of *Toronto*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the  
 concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

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Page 1, Line 47.—Leave out from “Estate” to “and” in page 2, line 2, and insert “for the purposes of their incorporation.”

Page 2, Line 5.—Leave out from “purposes” to the end of the Clause, and insert “aforesaid.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. Brunet* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Rose, Isle Jésus*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from the Reverend *E. Payment* and others, of the Parish of *Charlesbourg*, in the County of *Québec*, praying that the Trustees of the *Québec* Turnpike Roads may be authorized to borrow the requisite sum for the completion of the Road called *Route du Bourg Royal ou Chemin de la Commune*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

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

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## Tuesday, 24th April, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Grant Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, praying that authority may be given them to change the location of their line through the City of *Toronto*, and to traverse such portions of the Streets of the said City as may be necessary for such purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *St. François*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the sitting of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John McDougal* and others, of *Three Rivers*, praying that a suitable place may be permanently fixed on for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying that the Bill before the Legislative Council to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors may be passed into a Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *P. E. Leclerc* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying that the Petition of *L. A. Dessaulles* and others, for the annexation of their properties to the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*, may not be granted ;

Also, a Petition from *Basile Piché* and others, of the Parish of the *Sault au Récollet* ;

And also, a Petition from *F. X. Perrault* and others, of the Parish of *La Pointe aux Trembles*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the Meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Home and School of Industry, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a General Statement of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of *Montreal*, for the year 1854 ;

Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the City and District Savings' Bank of *Montreal*, made up to the first January, 1855 ;

And also, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Canada West* Farmers Mutual and Stock Assurance Company, made up to the 17th November, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of *Kingston*, praying for certain amendments to the Act Incorporating the *Kingston* General Hospital ;

Also, a Petition from the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Gananoqui* Division, No. 6, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Gananoqui, Canada West* ;

And also, a Petition from the *Wilton* Division, No. 50, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Wilton, Canada West*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Company," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force that for purpose."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* reported from the said Committee, that they had again taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to the said Committee to sit again on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of the Estates of Persons who have died or may die Insolvent," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Belleau*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the House of Industry in *Kingston*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved,

That the Order made this day for a third reading to-morrow of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Company," be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between the said Harbour and the Port of *Quebec*; and to repeal the Act now in force for the said purposes," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Hospice Ste. Joseph de la Maternite de Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain an Act," intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Law relative to the remedy by Replevin in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chisholm* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Powder Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Clarke* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Jacob Hespeler*, his heirs or assigns to erect a Dam or Breakwater on the *Grand River* at or near the Village of *Preston*, in the County of *Waterloo*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ferrie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to legalize certain grants from the Municipalities of this Province towards the Patriotic Fund," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to renew the Charter of the *Humber Harbour Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Whitney* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare the Act confirming a Survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh* to extend to the Township of *Hillier*, which at the time of the said Survey formed part of *Ameliasburgh*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connection with the *Manchester Unity*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Wednesday, 25th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from *Les Dames Administratrices de l'Hôpital ou Hotel Dieu de St. Hyacinthe*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Beauregard* and others, of the Parish of *La Presentation* ;

And also, a Petition from *A. Kierzkouski* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *Les Religieuses des Saints Noms de Jésus et Marie*, of *Longueuil*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *E. Priché* and others, of the Parish of *Lanoraie*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from *Les Sœurs de Miséricorde de l'Azile Sainte Pélagie*, in the City of *Montreal*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Joseph M. Reilly* and others, of the Township of *Williams*, in the County of *Middlesex*, praying that the said Township may be divided into two separate and distinct Townships.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *L. A. Dessaulles* and others, of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for certain amendments to the Act 16 Vict. cap. 236, incorporating Towns.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* to change the location of their line in and near the City of *Toronto*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in *Lower Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time,

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of the Estates of persons who have died or may die Insolvent," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, presented their Report, with minutes of evidence and other documents, including copy of a certain Letter from the Honorable *Francis Hincks*.

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

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

(*Vide Appendix No. 2.*)

*Ordered*, That the said Report, evidence, and documents be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Marmora*, praying for the construction of a Rail or Tram Road from some point on the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway to the *Marmora* Iron Works ;

And also, a Petition from the *Marmora* Foundry Company, praying that the Bill to enable the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company to construct a Rail or Tram Road to *Marmora* may be passed into a law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Upper Canada" Road, Bridge, Pier, or Wharf Joint Stock Companies Act of "1853," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada*, held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Bodies," it was *Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the 12th instant, the House was called :—

The Honorable

JOHN ROSS, Speaker .....	Present.
PETER BOYLE DEBALQUIERE.....	{ Absent with leave of the Governor General.
PETER MCGILL .....	
RENÉ E. CARON.....	Absent.
WILLIAM MORRIS .....	{ Absent with leave of the Governor General.
JAMES CROOKS.....	
ADAM FERGUSSON .....	{ Absent with leave of the Governor General.
JOHN MACAULAY .....	
JOHN HAMILTON.....	Absent.
ADAM FERRIE.....	{ Absent with leave of the Governor General.
PAUL H. KNOWLTON.....	
THOMAS MCKAY.....	Absent.
PHILIP H. MOORE .....	Present.
JOSEPH DIONNE .....	Present.
GEORGE J. GOODHUE.....	Absent.
WILLIAM WALKER.....	Present.
CHRISTOPHER WIDMER .....	{ Absent with leave of the Governor General.
J. ÆMILIUS IRVING .....	
P. BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE .....	Present.
JAMES MORRIS .....	Present.
JAMES GORDON .....	{ Absent with leave of the Governor General.
HAMNETT PINHEY .....	
JAMES FERRIER .....	Present.
RODERICK MATHESON.....	Present.



The Honorable

GEORGE S. BOULTON.....	Present.
DENIS B. VIGER.....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ .....	
JAMES LESLIE.....	Absent.
FREDERICK A. QUESNEL.....	Present.
JOSEPH BOURRET.....	Present.
GEORGE SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.....	Present.
LOUIS MÉTHOT .....	Absent.
JOSEPH O TURGEON .....	Absent.
SAMUEL CRANE .....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS .....	Absent.
LOUIS PANET .....	Present.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU .....	Present.
CHARLES WILSON .....	Present.
BENJAMIN SEYMOUR .....	Present.
DAVID M. ARMSTRONG .....	Present.
JOSEPH LEGARÉ .....	Present.
EUSEBE CARTIER .....	Present.
EBENEZER PERRY .....	Present.
WALTER H. DICKSON .....	Absent.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, a series of Resolutions relative to the Seat of Government.

Certain Resolutions were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, the system of holding alternate Parliaments at *Quebec* and *Toronto*, is objectionable and detrimental to the Public Service, on account of its manifest and extreme inconvenience; that it involves a large expenditure of the Public Funds, and that by the frequent transportation from place to place of the several Departments connected with the Government, the security and safe keeping of the Libraries, Records, and Archives of the Country are seriously endangered.

*Resolved*, That this House will cheerfully concur in an appropriation of Public Money, for the erection of suitable Buildings for the accommodation of the Three Branches of the Legislature, at the place fixed upon by His Excellency the Governor General.

*Resolved*, That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to exercise the Royal Prerogative, and fix permanently upon some convenient place, for the annual assembling of Parliament.

It was then moved,

That the said Resolutions be now considered by the House.

After a long debate,

It was moved, in amendment, that the said Resolutions be taken into consideration to-morrow, and that they do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

Which being objected to ;

After a further long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The first Resolution being read a second time,

It was moved, to adopt the same.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* enters.

After a long Debate,

It was moved, in amendment, that all the words after "that" in the first Resolution be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "in the opinion of this House the meeting of the Legislature during the next four years should take place in *Toronto*, in pursuance of the Act of the Legislature of 1853."

After a long debate,

The said amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

After a further long debate, on the original motion, and the same having been objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The second Resolution being read a second time,

It was moved, to adopt the same.

Which being objected to ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The third Resolution being read a second time,

It was moved to adopt the same.

Which being objected to ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Moore*, *DeBoucherville*, and *Armstrong*, be appointed a Committee to draft an Address founded on the foregoing Resolutions.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the said Committee, Reported an Address prepared by them, as follows:—

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave respectfully to represent to Your Excellency, that in our opinion, the time has arrived when the Royal Prerogative should be exercised in determining upon a permanent Seat of Government in this Province; that the system of holding alternate Parliaments at *Quebec* and *Toronto* is objectionable, and detrimental to the Public Service, on account of its manifest and extreme inconvenience; that it involves a large expenditure of the Public Funds, and that by the frequent transportation from place to place of the several Departments connected with the Government, the security and safe keeping of the Libraries, Records, and Archives of the Country are seriously endangered.

We therefore pray, that your Excellency will be pleased, in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative, to fix permanently upon some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament; and we beg to assure your Excellency of our cheerful concurrence in any proposition you may think fit to make for the appropriation of Public Money for the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the Three Branches of the Legislature at the place which may be so fixed upon by your Excellency.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Address be adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed and signed by the Speaker on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable the Legislative Assembly be requested to concur in the foregoing Addresses.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Address, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Congregation of the " Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English Language," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Ordered*, That the remaining Orders of this Day be postponed until to-morrow, and that they do then stand as the first items upon the Orders of that Day.

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

## Thursday, 26th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
CRANE,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crane* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. H. Sirois* and others, of the County of *St. Maurice*, praying for a grant of £400 for the completion of a certain Road in that County.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Ladies Directresses of *L'Hospice de la Maternité* at *Quebec*, praying for aid to that Institution;

And also, a Petition from *M. Crépeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the future sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Thomas McNeely* and others, of the Township of *Osgood*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Francis McNally* and others, of the Parish of *Drummondville*, praying that the Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* may be united to *Sherbrooke* and *Wolfe*, and not to the Counties of *Nicolet* and *Yamaska* for representation in the Legislative Council ;

And also, a Petition from *Amable Enodit Deschamps* and others, of the Parish of *Repentigny*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Floa* and others, residing on the *St. Louis* Road, near *Quebec*, praying that the *Cove Beach* Road passing to the Church of *St. Richard*, may be improved and Turnpiked ;

Also, a Petition from *A. Guky* and others, of *Quebec*, praying that measures may be adopted to enable interested parties to bring to speedy adjudication and settlement, all claims against the Corporation of *Quebec*, in consequence of any damage which may accrue to property from the extensive public public undertakings in which the Mayor and Councillors of the said City are now engaged ;

And also, a Petition from *Richard Freeman* of *Quebec*, praying that a tribunal more competent than the Quarter Sessions may be nominated for the adjudication of questions arising from damage done to property from the extensive public undertakings in which the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec* are engaged.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Thomas Jarvis*, of the Parish of *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, complaining of loss in the execution of a Mail Contract, and praying for indemnity.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *J. H. Pope* and others, of *Eaton*, *Newport*, *Westbury*, and the adjoining Townships in the County of *Compton*, praying that a new Circuit to include the said Townships may be established under the name of the *Eaton* Circuit ;

And also, a Petition from the Mayor of *Montreal*, and others, inhabitants of *Montreal*, praying that a suitable place may be permanently fixed upon for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be now read

The same was then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the *Toronto Athenæum*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the settlement of the Estates of persons who have died or may die Insolvent," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada*, held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Bodies," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels, passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crane, Belleau, Seymour, Armstrong*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the House of Industry in *Kingston*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain an Act," intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Law relative to the remedy by Replevin in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connection with the *Manchester Unity*."

It was moved,

That the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not read a second time on Monday next but that it be read a second time this day six months.

Which being debated,

The said motion, in amendment, was, by leave of the House, withdrawn, and

The question of concurrence being then put on the Main Motion, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *St. Michaels College* in the Diocese, of *Toronto*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Boulton*, and *Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for again putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Tuesday next, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *L'Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternité de Quebec*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *DeBeaujeu*, *Belleau*, and *Legaré*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Powder Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *J. Morris*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Jacob Hespeler*, his heirs or assigns, to erect a Dam or Breakwater on the *Grand River* at or near the Village of *Preston*, in the County of *Waterloo*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to legalize certain grants from the Municipalities of this Province towards the Patriotic Fund," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to renew the Charter of the *Humber* Harbour Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *DeBeaujeu*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare the Act confirming a Survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh* to extend to the Township of *Hillier*, which at the time of the said Survey formed part of *Ameliasburgh*," was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Grant Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, to change the location of their Line in and near the City of *Toronto*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Taché*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to ratify certain things done under the Act to confirm the Reciprocity Treaty, and for other purposes;"

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure the more efficient auditing of the Public Accounts;"

And also, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the negotiation of Municipal Debentures," to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada Bible Society*;"



Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Bartholomew Galvin* to practise as an Attorney."

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *John Jermy Macaulay*, to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively," to which Bills they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

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

## Friday, 27th April, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Village of *Paris*, praying that the said Village may be erected into a Town by the name of the Town of *Paris*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the *Montreal General Hospital*, praying for a continuance of the usual annual grant.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *Dougald Fraser* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jerome de Matane*, in the District of *Kamourasha*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the future sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie, on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *St. Michael's* College, in the Diocese of "*Toronto*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *l'Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternité de* "*Quebec*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Grand Trunk Railway Company of "*Canada* to change the location of their Line in and near the City of *Toronto*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed and read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Walther* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying that the proposed Bill, intituled, "An Act in relation to Foreign Insurance Companies and Insurance Agents," may not be passed into a Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain An Act, intituled, an Act to amend and extend the Law relative to the remedy by Replevin in *Upper Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to declare the Act confirming a Survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh* to extend to the Township of *Hillier*, which at the time of the said Survey formed part of *Ameliasburgh*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English Language," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *DeBeaujeu*, and *Legaré*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to ratify certain things done under the Act to confirm the Reciprocity Treaty, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure the more efficient auditing of the Public Accounts," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the negotiation of Municipal Debentures," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada Bible Society*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and Courts of Queens Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Bartholomew Galvin* to practise as an Attorney," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Goodhue*, *Boulton*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queens Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *John Jermy Macaulay* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the last mentioned Select Committee with power to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Jacob Hespeler*, his heirs or assigns, to erect a Dam or Break-water on the *Grand River*, at or near the Village of *Pres-ton*, in the County of *Waterloo*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the appointment of Reporters to the several

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“ Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Spence* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to abolish Postage on Newspapers published within the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes connected with the Post Office Department of this Province,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Parliamentary Representation Act of 1853,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Monday, 30th April, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
MORRIS, J.  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
CRANE,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Library Association of the Teachers of the District of *Quebec*, praying for aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *M. Beaubien* and others, of the Parish of *Nicolet*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the future sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Perth*, praying that Provincial aid may be granted towards the completion of the *Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich* Railway Company;

Also, a Petition from *F. A. Portras* and others, of the Parish of *St. Timothy*;

And also, a Petition from *P. Doherty* and others, of *Frampton*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the future sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from *Caleb Mallery* and two others, owners of the south half of Lot No. 4, in the broken Concession A, and Lot No. 4, in the broken Concession B, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the Instrument purporting to be a Patent from the Crown to one *Joseph Purdy*, the Patentee of the said Lots.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Hypolite Dubord*, Esquire, of *Quebec*, praying, as the assignee of *George W. Livermore*, a citizen of the United States, that an Act may be passed to authorize the issue of a Patent for a machine to facilitate the construction of Barrels and other Casks ;

And also, a Petition from *Elzéar Duchesnay* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie Nouvelle Beauce*, praying for the construction, at the expense of the Province, of a Wharf on the River *Chaudière*, in that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Peter B. Clement* and others, of *Queenston* and *St. Catharines*, praying to be Incorporated as the *Queenston Suspension Bridge and St. Catharines Railway Company*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Drapeau* and others, of the Parish of *La Longue Pointe*, in the County of *Montreal*, praying for aid to enable them to erect a Building for an Academy.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Euphemia* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Green* and others, of the said Township, severally praying that the said Township of *Euphemia*, may be annexed to the County *Kent* ;

Also, a Petition from *William D. Erberts* and others, of the Town of *Chatham*, praying for a grant of money to remove certain obstructions in the River *St. Clair* ;

And also, a Petition from *A. Archambault* and others, of the Parish of *L'Assomption*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the future sittings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Fennings Taylor*, Additional Clerk Assistant and Chief Office Clerk, praying that the title of "Clerk Assistant" may be conferred upon him.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada Bible Society*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and Courts " of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Bartholomew Galvin* to practise as an Attorney ;"

And also, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's " Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *John Jermy Macaulay* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively," reported, that they had gone through the said Bills, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be read a third time presently.

The said Bills were then severally read a third time accordingly.

The question was severally put, whether these Bills shall pass?

And the same being resolved in the affirmative, it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the course of the Division or Side Lines " of the Lots in certain Concessions in the Township of *Smith*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to renew the Charter of the *Humber Harbour Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.



*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to determine the manner in which the Division or Side Lines of the Lots in the Township of *Wolfe* Island shall be drawn," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* Tha the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the House of Industry in *Kingston*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed, and read a third to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels passed in the eight year of Her Majesty's Reign," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now receive, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered,* That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *Hypolite Dubord* to obtain, as assignee of *George W. Livermore*, a

“ Patent for certain new and useful Improvements in Machinery for making  
“ Barrels and other Casks.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to legalize cer-  
“ tain grants from the Municipalities of this Province towards the Patriotic Fund,”  
was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to ratify cer-  
“ tain things done under the Act to confirm the Reciprocity Treaty, and for other  
“ purposes,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the  
“ negociation of Municipal Debentures,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative  
Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these  
Bills, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled,  
“ An Act to Incorporate the Canadian Order of Odd Fellows in connection with  
“ the *Manchester Unity*.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read a second time, but that it be read a second  
time this day six months.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, the same was  
also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a  
Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to secure the more efficient  
“ auditing of the Public Accounts.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 1, Line 27.—After “General” insert “or in his temporary absence through  
“ illness or otherwise, of such person as the Governor in  
“ Council may appoint.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the appointment of Reporters to the several Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to abolish Postage on Newspapers published within the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes connected with the Post Office Department of this Province,” was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee upon the said Bill to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Parliamentary Representation Act of 1853,” was read the second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society,” was read the second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *DeWitt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to confirm certain Marriages solemnized

“ by the late Reverend *Alexander McWattie*, and to provide for the proof thereof  
 “ and of other acts performed by him as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church,”  
 to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and  
 others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Paris* and to  
 “ define the limits thereof,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Tuesday, 1st May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
 MOORE,  
 DIONNE,  
 GOODHUE,  
 WALKER,  
 DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
 MORRIS, J.  
 FERRIER,  
 MATHESON,  
 TACHÉ,  
 QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
 DEBEAUJEU,  
 CRANE,  
 PANET,  
 BELLEAU,  
 WILSON.  
 SEYMOUR,  
 ARMSTRONG,  
 CARTIER,  
 PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Josh. McCourchy* and others, of the County of *Megantic*, praying that the discretionary power of Commutation conferred by the Clergy Reserves Act may not be exercised.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Joseph Smith Lee*, of the City of *Ottawa*, praying for compensation for certain losses which have been sustained by him in consequence of Government having taken possession of the Hall in which the Legislative Assembly holds its sittings at a period when he was the Lessee of the said Building.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Guelph*, praying that the Bill to provide for the separation of certain Towns from the County Municipalities in which they are situated, may be favorably entertained, and that the Town of *Guelph* may be included therein.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their seventh Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 1st May, 1855.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, upon the reference made to them yesterday of the Petition from *Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Additional Clerk's Assistant, and also the Chief Office Clerk of this House, praying that the title of "Clerk Assistant" may be conferred upon him, beg leave to Report, that they are unanimously of opinion, that the prayer of the said Petition should be granted.

Your Committee wish it to be distinctly understood, however, that in making this recommendation they do not contemplate, nor does it seem to be desired by Mr. *Taylor* himself, that any change in the nature or amount of the duties to be performed by him is to take place in consequence of his promotion.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,  
Chairman.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract " and Book Society," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate " the Trustees of the House of Industry in *Kingston*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure the " more efficient auditing of the Public Accounts," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the " Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Crane* reported from the said Committee, that they had again taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the " Act relating to British Plantation Vessels passed in the Eighth year of Her " Majesty's Reign."

Whereupon the said amendments were again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence being put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

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*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *Hypolite Dubord* to obtain, as assignee of *George W. Livermore*, a Patent for certain "new and useful improvements in Machinery for making Barrels and other Casks," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish Postage on Newspapers published "within the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes connected with the Post "Office Department of this Province," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm certain "Marriages solemnized by the late Reverend *Alexander McWattie*, and to provide "for the proof thereof, and of other Acts performed by him as a Minister of the "Presbyterian Church," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate "the Town of *Paris* and to define the limits thereof," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crane, Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

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## Wednesday, 2nd May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
BOURRET,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
CRANE,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *William Pozer* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying that the *chef lieu* of the said County may be established in the Parish of *Saint François d'Assise*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *William Shelton* and others, of *Kinloss*, praying that an appropriation may be made towards the construction of a Road from the said Township to the Town of *Goderich*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Messieurs *DeBoucherville*, *Moore*, and *Quesnel*, enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm certain Marriages solemnized by the late Reverend *Alexander McWattie*, and to provide for the proof thereof, and of other acts performed by him as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Powder Company*,"



reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Paris* and to define the "limits thereof," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *Hypolite Dubord* to obtain, as assignee of "George W. *Livermore*, a Patent for certain new and useful improvements in Machinery for making Barrels and other Casks," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, with the amendment, be printed and read a third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate "private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors."

Which said amendments being then again read, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to

“ secure the more efficient auditing of the Public Accounts,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to extend and continue the Act “ intituled, an Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of Superior “ Jurisdiction in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Thursday, 3rd May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
CRANE,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. Townsend* and others, of the District of *Montreal*, praying that some place may be permanently established for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *C. Blanchet* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying for a grant of £850 to enable them to rebuild a Bridge over the River *Chaudière*.

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*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. Beaudry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, praying for a grant of £200 towards the completion of a School Building;

Also, a Petition from *Louis Vincent*, a *Huron* Indian, praying for a pension for his services in the corps of *Voltigeurs Canadiens* during the late War with the United States;

Also, a Petition from *R. Bedard* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, in the County of *Saguenay*, praying for aid to enable them to buy a House for a School in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Saguenay*, praying for aid to erect a Bridge over the River *du Gouffre*, in that County;

And also, a Petition from *Hypolite Trembly* and others, of the Parish of *La Malbaie*, in the County of *Saguenay*, praying that a Breakwater may be erected for the protection of Vessels lying at the Pier lately built there.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Clarence*, praying that a permanent Seat of Government for the Province may be established;

Also, a Petition from *W. Anstruther Mwingy*, second Office Clerk of the Legislative Council, praying to be raised to the Office of Additional Clerk Assistant, vacant by the promotion of *Fennings Taylor* as an Assistant Clerk;

And also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Dundas*, praying that a Railway may be constructed from the *Detroit* River to the Terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway at or near the City of *Toronto*, to be called the Great Southern Railway.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec*, speaking the English Language," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the appointment of Reporters to the several Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, Line 16.—Leave out from "*Canada*" to "as" in line 17.

Page 2, Line 28.—Leave out from "belong" to "signified."

Page 4, Line 26.—After "provided" insert "Provided always, nevertheless, that  
 " no such certificate shall be so issued or delivered to any such  
 " Attorney or Solicitor, being at the time a Member of the  
 " said Law Society of *Upper Canada*, of what standing or  
 " degree soever, who shall at the time of such payment of the  
 " said certificate fee as hereinafter provided, be indebted to  
 " the said Society for any term fee, or other fee, or due, payable to the said Society, until all such last mentioned fees  
 " and dues shall have been fully paid and satisfied, to the  
 " Treasurer of the said Society, as well as the said sum of  
 " money so appointed to be paid in respect of such certificate  
 " as aforesaid."

Page 6, Line 10.—After "*Canada*" insert "as well."

Page 6, Line 11.—After "aforesaid" insert "together with any fees or dues  
 " that he, if a Member of the said Society, shall be indebted  
 " to them as aforesaid."

Page 6, Line 31.—After "Admission" insert "Clause A."

#### CLAUSE A.

" The Clerks of the Crown and Pleas of the said Courts of  
 " Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, and the Registrar of  
 " the said Court of Chancery shall, and also, the Deputies of  
 " such Officer in the Country, shall, at the commencement  
 " of each calender year, make out a list of the names of all  
 " such Attorneys and Solicitors, as by the papers or proceedings filed, taken, or had in their respective offices during the preceding year, ending with the thirty-first day of  
 " December of the same, shall appear to have practised as  
 " such Attorney or Solicitor at any time during the same

“ which lists certified under their respective hands, such  
 “ Clerks and Registrar, and their respective Deputies, shall on  
 “ or before the first day of Hilary Term, in the year next to  
 “ that for which they shall be made up, deliver or hand to  
 “ the Secretary of the Law Society of *Upper Canada*, at  
 “ *Osgoode Hall*.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable *Hypolite Dubord* to obtain, as assignee of *George W. Livermore*, a Patent for certain “ new and useful Improvements in Machinery for making Barrels and other Casks,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their “ Creditors,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* enters.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Parliamentary “ Representation Act of 1853.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 2, Line 19.—Leave out “*des Eboulements*,” and insert “*Charlevoix*.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

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That the Returns to an Address from this House to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 27th May, 1853, asking for information respecting Crown Seigniories and Lands held *en franc aleu noble*, presented to this House on the 1st, 4th, and 13th day of December, 1854, and referred to in the Journals of the proceedings of this House on those days, as forming part of the Appendix No. 1 thereof, be not printed in, nor form part of such Appendix, and that the Order made on the said first day of December last, for the printing, in both languages, for the use of Members, of the Return in part to the said Address presented on that day be rescinded.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend and continue the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of Superior Jurisdiction in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes," was read a third time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act granting certain privileges to the *New York, Newfoundland, and London* Telegraph Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Spence* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing the Town of *Dundas* to become security to a certain amount, for the *Desjardins* Canal Company to the Great Western Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act confirming a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Monaghan*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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 Friday, 4th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
GOODHUE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
CRANE,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain proceedings done by the said Council;

And also, a Petition from *John Zoeger* and others, of the Township of *Wellesley*, in the County of *Waterloo*, praying that some suitable place may be permanently fixed on for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *John Pearson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the future Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *N. S. Quackenbush*, and others, of *Fredericksburgh*, praying that some suitable place may be permanently fixed on for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. Boucher* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Saint David*, in the County of *Yamaska*, praying that an Act may be passed to legalize a School Rate fixed and laid by them after the expiration of the period allowed by law for that purpose.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. L. Lahaye* and others, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de Beaumont*, in the County of *Bellechasse*, praying that no Tavern Licenses may be granted for that Parish.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to British Plantation Vessels passed in the Eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors."

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee to which it was formerly referred.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved*, in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the appointment of Reporters to the several Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Parliamentary Representation Act of 1853," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for again putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.



Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled, "An Act granting certain privileges to the *New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Boulton, and Taché* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing the Town of *Dundas* to become security to a certain amount for the *Desjardins Canal Company* to the *Great Western Railway Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Taché, and Crane*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act confirming a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Monaghan*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton, Taché, and Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 7th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House, that although the Order for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," was discharged from the Orders of the Day at the sitting of this House on Friday last, and the said Bill was referred back to the same Select Committee to which it was formerly referred, the said Bill had by mistake been carried to the Legislative Assembly.

Whereupon it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that a Bill with the following title, "An Act to facilitate private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," had been carried to that House by mistake, and request that the said Bill may be returned to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Robert Magee* and others, of *South Gower*, praying that a suitable place may be permanently established for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. C. Osborn* and others, of the Township of *Ops*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

And also, a Petition from *J. Crawford* and others, of the County of *Haldimand*, praying that, except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes, the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Aeneas McLean* and others, of the Township of *Newton*, in the County of *Soulanges*, praying that the Bills relating to the Parliamentary Representation Law, and the Act to establish a separate Registry Office for the County of *Soulanges*, may not be passed in their present shape.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House the Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Canada East*, for the year 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing the Town of *Dundas* to become security to a certain amount for the *Desjardins* Canal Company to the "Great Western Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

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*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act confirming a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Monaghan*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act granting certain privileges to the *New York, Newfoundland, and London* Telegraph Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament presented their Fourth Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, for the Regulation and Management of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a Fourth Report:—

The Committee in referring to the present state of the Library, since the lamentable destruction of so large a portion thereof, by the Fire of the first February,

1854, perceive that it is altogether defective and incomplete. They have accordingly directed their attention to the best mode of restoring the Collection to its former extent and value. A Parliamentary Library, the Committee have considered, has a special object; to facilitate legislation and the conduct of public business, by affording the means of studying and readily referring to any subject which is likely to engage the attention of the Legislature or the different branches of the Executive Government.

To effect this and to secure the selection of the best works on the various branches of study, the Committee have carefully reviewed the different departments of literature hitherto embraced in the Library, and have adopted a scheme of selection for the future, which they trust will enable the parties whom they may entrust with the choice of the works to be hereafter obtained to procure such as may be found of practical utility.

In order to carry out efficiently their plans on behalf of the Library, the Committee have determined upon sending to *Europe*, as speedily as possible, a special Agent, in whose judgment they have confidence, and who though mainly regulated in his purchases of Books by the general rules laid down by the Committee, must necessarily have large discretionary powers. This Agent will proceed to the great Book Marts of *London* and *Paris*, and make choice of the best Works in the various departments of Law, Politics, Literature, and Science, agreeably to the instructions he may receive. The Committee have agreed to entrust this duty to Mr. *Todd*, the Assistant Librarian of the Legislative Assembly.

In the selections and purchases to be made, the Committee are of opinion, that the peculiar position of the Province requires that both the English and French languages should be equally represented.

The Committee have also made arrangements for supplying Mr. *Todd* with more minute instructions in reference to those departments of knowledge in which he might not otherwise be able to make a judicious selection, and to afford him a safe guide in the execution of his duty. Mr. *Taché*, a Member of the Committee, is at present in *Paris*, and the Committee doubt not will readily afford the benefit of his assistance in the choice of the French Works. The length of time during which it will be necessary for Mr. *Todd* to be absent being uncertain, the Committee have considered that the best way of defraying his expenses would be by an allowance of five dollars a day for this purpose, from the time of his leaving *Quebec* until his return, with the addition of £150, to cover the additional cost of the Voyage, and of arrangements consequent upon his absence from home.

The Committee are aware of the importance in re-constructing the Library upon an extended and useful scale, of providing a collection of the Laws and public documents of the *United States* and the several States adjoining. This service cannot be

performed by Mr. *Todd* if he proceeds to *Europe*, they have accordingly requested the Chairman of the Committee to undertake it, and they are confident that by his exertions in *Washington* and elsewhere, the necessary arrangements can be made for procuring all such Books, and for organizing a system of exchange with the principal Legislatures of the neighbouring States, by which the utility of our Library hereafter will be considerably increased.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,  
5th May, 1855.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and  
The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 37.—Leave out from "that" to "they" in line 39.

Page 1, Line 45.—After "therein" insert "and shall thereupon be duly licensed to practise Physic, or Surgery, or Midwifery in *Lower Canada*."

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

It was moved,

That the Petition presented to this House on Thursday last, the third instant, from *W. Anstruther Maingy*, Second Office Clerk, praying to be raised to the Office of Additional Clerk Assistant, vacant by the promotion of *Fennings Taylor*, as one of the Clerks Assistant of the House, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House, for the present Session.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several

amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 2, Line 28.—Leave out from “and” to “The” in line 30, where it occurs the first time, and insert in lieu thereof, “all Teachers in “ Religious Orders.”

Page 3, Line 3.—After “Schools” insert “actually engaged in teaching.”

Page 16, Line 40.—After “of” insert “not more than.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the “ City of *Hamilton* to negociate a Loan of £50,000,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to prohibit Interments in certain “ Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 36.—Leave out “not be lawful to enter,” and insert “be lawful “ for the Corporation of the City of *Quebec* to prohibit the “ Interment of.”

Page 1, Line 46.—Add to the third Clause, “Provided always, that before the “ said Interments shall cease within the Wesleyan Cemetery “ in *D'Artigny* Street,” and the English Burying Ground in “ *St. John* Street aforesaid, the Corporation of the City of “ *Quebec* shall be bound to indemnify the Owners, Trustees, “ or other representatives of the ground so prohibited, in a “ reasonable sum to compensate for their loss of property, the “ same to be ascertained by experts to be chosen, one by “ each party, the said experts having the right to appoint an “ umpire, and in case the said experts do not agree in the

“ appointment of such umpire, the same shall be named by  
“ one of the Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*.”

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Friday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to confirm the present boundaries “ of certain Lots in the Township of *Winchester*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *DeWitt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal so much of any Law in “ force in *Lower Canada*, as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority “ of Justice on Sundays,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Daly* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate certain Persons under the name and “ style of the *Stratford and Huron Railway Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Casault* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to prevent the taking of Trout with nets “ in the Lakes of the County of *Saguenay*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Provident “ Life Assurance and Investment Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the “ *Montreal Telegraph Company*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the said Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

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The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Add to the third Clause, “ Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall  
“ authorize the said Company to purchase any parallel line  
“ of Telegraph, or to exempt the said Company from any re-  
“ strictions imposed upon Telegraph Lines, under any gene-  
“ ral Law of this Province.”

*Ordered,* That the said amendment be take into consideration by the House to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Joint Stock Company Rivers “ Improvement Act, and to extend it to *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next,

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to in- “ crease the Capital Stock of the City of *Kingston* Water Works Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Tuesday, 8th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House, that pursuant to their Order of yesterday, *John Fenning Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery, had been down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquainted that House, that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," had been sent down to them by mistake, and requested that the same might be returned to this House, and that he had brought back the said Bill accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *James Smith* and others, of the County of *Kent*;

Also, a Petition from *Stephen Kimry* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, severally praying for certain alterations in the present Bounderies of the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*;

Also, a Petition from *L. H. Johnson* and others, of the Village of *Wallaceburgh*, in the Township of *Sombra*, praying that the portion of the Township of *Sombra* south of the line between the seventh and eighth Concessions, may be attached to the County of *Kent*;

And also, a Petition from *Robert Blackburn* and others, of the Townships of *Dawn* and the Gore of *Camden*, praying that that portion of the Township of *Dawn* south of the line between Lots Nos. 15 and 16 in that Township, may be united to the County of *Kent*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred back the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," reported, that they had again gone through

the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with certain additional amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said additional amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken in consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*. That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negociate a Loan of £50,000," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the said Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the present Boundaries of certain Lots in the Township of *Winchester*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent the taking of Trout with nets in the Lakes of the County of *Saguenay*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *Ferrier*, *Belleau*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendment made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *Montreal* Telegraph Company," and

The said amendment being then again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendment made to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Simcoe*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the power of the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Lake Huron* Railroad Union Company, to construct a Branch Line into the Town of *Barrie*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Felton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Literary Institute of *Sherbrooke*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mackenzie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Toronto* General Burying Ground, to close the same, to sell a portion thereof, and to acquire other ground for the purposes of the Trust," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cassault* and others, with a Bill, intituled, An Act to authorize *William Fraser* and *Edouard Fraser*, to sell, in Lots, part of the Domain of the Seigniority of *Rivière du Loup*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Clarke* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of the present Session, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands described as Lots Nos. " five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of " the proceeds for the objects of the Trust," by substituting other Trustees in lieu " of the Trustees nominated by the said Act," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to " Land Surveyors," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* of *Northumberland*, and others, with a Bill, intituled. "An Act to remedy defects in the " Patent Deed for Lot No. four, in the broken Concession A, of the Township of " *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Wednesday, 9th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *James Cotton*, of *Toronto*, praying against the passing of the *Toronto* and *Hamilton* Railway Bill.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Aimé Massue* and others, of the Parish of *Varenes*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the Sessions of the Provincial Parliament; and

Also, a Petition from *Maximilien Bibaud*, praying that the right of *St. Mary's* College to confer the Degrees of Bachelor, Master, and Doctor of Laws, may be expressly mentioned and recognized in the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the study of the Law in *Lower Canada*."

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Senate of the University of *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize investigation in case of Accidents by Fire," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and  
The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent the taking of Trout with Nets in the Lakes of the county of *Saguenay*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negociate a "Loan of Fifty Thousand Pounds," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the present boundaries of certain Lots in "the Township of *Winchester*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and

"Investment Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Stratford and Huron Railway Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Matheson, and Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Joint Stock Company Rivers Improvement Act, and to extend it to *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier, DeBeaujeu, Belleau, and Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the City of *Kingston Water Works Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Boulton, and Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the House proceeded to the consideration of certain additional amendments proposed by the Select Committee to whom was referred back the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors."

Which said additional amendments being then again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the power of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Railroad Union Company* to construct a Branch Line into the Town of *Barrie*," was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Literary Institute of *Sherbrooke*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier, DeBeaujeu, Belleau*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Toronto* General Burying Ground to close the same, to sell a portion thereof, and to acquire other Ground for the purposes of the Trust," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *William Fraser* and *Edouard Fraser* to sell, in Lots, part of the Domain of the Seignior of *Rivière du Loup*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of the present Session, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands described as Lots Nos. five and six, in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust," by substituting other Trustees in lieu of the Trustees nominated by the said Act." was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Land Surveyors," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.



Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot No. four, in the broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot No. four, in the broken Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Laberge* and others, of the County of *Quebec*, praying against the passing of the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Bill.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Casault* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Molsons* Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Parliamentary Representation Act of 1853," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society under certain Restrictions, Rules, and Regulations therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alley*n and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association, to enable the said As-

“society to construct Branch Lines, and to subscribe for Stock in other Electric Telegraph Companies,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act granting additional aid, by Loan, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Thursday, 10th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *P. A. Wilkes* and others, of *Brantford*, praying to be incorporated under the name of the “Bank of *Brantford*.”

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House, a Return to an Address of the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 23rd ultimo, on the subject of Debentures and other Securities deposited in the Receiver General's Department, under and in virtue of the provisions of the Act 13 & 14 *Vict. cap. 21*, commonly called the Free Banking Act.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—  
(*Vide Appendix No. 4.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *G. B. Browne* and others, of *Quebec*;

And also, a Petition from *James Binet* and others, of *St. Johns*, and its vicinity severally praying that some suitable place may be permanently established for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *John Mitchell* and others, of the Township of *Seymour*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying that the said Township may be detached from the said County and annexed to the County of *Hastings*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Hamilton* and "*Toronto* Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Toronto* General Burying Ground to close the same, to sell a portion thereof, and to acquire other "Ground for the purposes of the Trust," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 31.—After "the" insert "expiration of three months from."

Page 2, Line 39.—After "aforesaid" insert "Provided always, that the said  
" Trustees shall not be capable of acquiring or holding, and  
" they are hereby authorized to acquire or hold, any such  
" piece of Ground for the purposes aforesaid, nor shall the  
" same be vested in them until after the Municipal Council  
" of the Municipality within the limits of which the same  
" may be situate shall have passed a By-Law consenting to

“ and authorizing in express terms the establishment of a  
 “ Cemetery on such piece of Ground. And provided also,  
 “ that it shall not be lawful for the said Trustees, at any time  
 “ after such piece of ground shall become vested in them for  
 “ the purposes aforesaid, to make or suffer to be made any  
 “ other use of the same than for the purposes of such Ceme-  
 “ tery.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the City of *Kingston* “ Water Works Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act of the present Session, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands described as Lots numbers five and “ six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the pro- “ ceeds for the objects of the Trust,” by substituting other Trustees in lieu of the “ Trustees nominated by the said Act,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Literary Institute of *Sherbrooke*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorzie *William Fraser* and *Edouard Fraser* to "sell in lots, part of the Domain of the Seigniorie of *Rivière du Loup*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and request that, that House will furnish the Legislative Council with the evidences, proofs, and documents, upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot number four, in the "Broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot number four in the Broken "Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*."

*Ordered*, That the Return to an Address of the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, presented this day to the House, on the subject of Debentures and other Securities deposited in the Receiver General's Department under and in virtue of the provisions of the Act 13 & 14 *Vict.* cap 21, be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize "Investigations in cases of Accident by Fire in *Quebec* and *Montreal*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate "private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the power of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron* Railroad Union Company to construct a Branch Line into the Town of *Barrie*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Fourth Report of the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly for the Regulation and Management of the Library of Parliament, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for considering the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*."

The House proceeded to the consideration of the same accordingly, and

Upon the said amendments being again read by the Clerk,

It was moved,

That the said amendments be now concurred in by the House.

After a long Debate ;

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Land Surveyors."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Panet, Belleau, and Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Molsons* Bank," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend an Act intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society, under certain Restrictions, Rules, and Regulations therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Panet*, *Belleau*, and *Legaré*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association, to enable the Association to construct Branch Lines, and to subscribe for Stock in other Electric Telegraph Companies," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Panet*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for granting additional aid, by Loan, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*,"

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Resolved in the affirmative, and the

The said Bill was read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, "to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* to change the location of their Line in and near the City of *Toronto*," and to acquaint this House, that they passed the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, Line 16.—After "shall" insert "within two years."

Page 2, Line 29.—After "Act" insert "and provided also, that if the Corporation of the said City, and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* cannot agree upon the location of the

“ said Line of Railway, as authorized by this Act, through  
 “ any Street or Streets of the said City, or the compensation  
 “ therefor, if any, then the Board of Railway Commissioners  
 “ shall, upon receipt of written notice thereof, from either the  
 “ said Company or the said City, have full power and  
 “ authority to decide upon the said location, and to determine  
 “ the amount of remuneration, if any, to be paid to the said  
 “ Corporation by the said Company, and such decision shall  
 “ be final and binding upon both parties.”

Page 2.—Before the last Clause insert Clause A.

#### CLAUSE A.

“ And be it enacted, that it shall and may be lawful for the  
 “ said Company to make any contract or contracts with the said  
 “ City of *Toronto* for the construction of the said Esplanade,  
 “ according to such plan, and upon such terms as may be  
 “ agreed upon between them, any thing in any former statute  
 “ to the contrary, notwithstanding, and the said City shall  
 “ have full power and authority on such contract being made, to  
 “ pass any By-law or By-laws for raising any money, of  
 “ issuing any debentures that may be necessary for the con-  
 “ struction of the said Esplanade under any such contract,  
 “ and for the payment of any moneys for any arrangement or  
 “ arbitration with any Water Lot Owner or Lessee, and said  
 “ Company shall also have power and authority to make such  
 “ arrangement or proceed to such arbitration, if they shall  
 “ deem it advisable to do so, and any such arbitration as  
 “ herein mentioned shall be in accordance with the provisions  
 “ made for arbitrations, under the provisions of the Acts re-  
 “ lating to the said Company.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal*, of the Colonial Church and School Society.”

And also, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to transfer to the City of *Montreal*, all the property, rights, and privileges heretofore enjoyed by the Wardens of the “ House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.



The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be severally read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Daoust*, of *Beauharnois*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of last Session, relative to the enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Zimmerman* Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Ore Dressing Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That when this House shall adjourn to-morrow, it do then stand adjourned until Saturday next at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered*, accordingly.

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

## Friday, 11th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* came to the table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from *H. Carter*, Mayor of the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying for some modification to the proposed Electoral Divisions for the Legislative Council.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *T. Edmund Campbell*, Esquire, C.B., and others, Proprietors of Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, praying that no Bill to alter the Seigniorial Act of 1854, which may be prejudicial to their interests or adverse to their rights may receive the sanction of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

It was moved,

That the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company," be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company," reported, that they had gone

through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Molsons* Bank," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Joint Stock Company Rivers Improvement Act, and to extend it to *Lower Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with certain amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 22.—Leave out from "to" to "obtain" in line 23.

Page 1, Line 23.—Leave out "such" and insert "any Municipal."

Page 1, Line 24.—Leave out from "but" to "notwithstanding" in line 27 and insert "they shall not be commenced until after the expiration of thirty days from the laying of the Report or Reports therein mentioned, before the Municipal Council or Councils, even although the approval of the Commissioner of Public Works may have been signified in writing before the expiration of that period."

*Ordered,* That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the

“ encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named, and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec* Benevolent Society, “ under certain Restrictions, Rules, and Regulations therein mentioned,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act for the Encouragement of Building “ Societies in *Lower Canada*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act further to amend the Act of Incorporation of the “ *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association to enable the said Association to construct Branch Lines and to subscribe for Stock in other Electric “ Telegraph Companies,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that pursuant to their Order of yesterday, *John Fenning's Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery, had been down to the Legislative Assembly, to request that House to furnish the evidence, proofs, and documents on which is founded the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to “ remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot number four, in the Broken Concession “ B, and the front part of Lot number four, in the Broken Concession A, of the “ Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*,” and that he was in-

formed by the Speaker of that House, that an answer would be sent by messengers of their own.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Toronto* General Burying Ground, to close the same, to sell a portion thereof, and to acquire other Ground for the purposes of the Trust," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts relating to Land Surveyors," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*," and

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee, on the Bill, intituled, "An Act for granting additional aid, by Loan, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to transfer to the City of *Montreal*, all the Property, Rights, and Privileges heretofore enjoyed by the Wardens of the House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of last Session relative to the enregistrement of the articles of Clerkship of Law Students, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Panet*, *Belleau*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Zimmerman Bank*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Ore Dressing Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Walker*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Fergusson* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 11th May, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting their Honors to grant permission to the Honorable *Etienne Pascal Taché*, the Honorable *Narcisse F. Belleau*, and the Honorable *Joseph Legaré*, to appear and give evidence before the Commissioner appointed for the examination of Witnesses by the Select Committee to whom is referred the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, and others, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, *Charles Alleyn*, Esquire, and the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, as Members to represent the City of *Quebec*.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved,

That the Honorable Messieurs *Taché, Belleau, and Legaré*, do have leave to go before the Commissioner appointed for the examination of Witnesses by the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if they think fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Pascal Taché*, the Honorable *Narcisse F. Belleau*, and the Honorable *Joseph Legaré*, to appear and give evidence before the Commissioner appointed for the examination of Witnesses by the Select Committee to whom is referred the Petition of *George O'Kill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, and others, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire *Charles Alleyn*, Esquire, and the Honorable *Jean Chabot*, as Members to represent the City of *Quebec*, if they think fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *James Smith* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 11th May, 1855.

*Resolved*, That the Evidence, Proofs, and Documents, on which is founded the Bill, intituled, “An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot No. four in the broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot No. four, in the broken Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*,” be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *James Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the said evidence, proofs, and documents be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Bill mentioned in the foregoing Message.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Patrick* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Fire, Marine, and Life Insurance Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada* held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Bodies," and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at half-past ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing by their Order of yesterday.

## Saturday, 12th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Ore Dressing Company*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.



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*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Zimmerman* Bank," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to transfer to the City of *Montreal* all the property, "rights, and privileges, heretofore enjoyed by the Wardens of the House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*, and for other purposes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed

him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 2, Line 8.—Leave out from “the” to “River.”

Page 2, Line 21.—Leave out from “or” to “deepening” in line 22.

Page 2, Line 28.—Leave out from “necessary” to “Stations.”

Page 2, Line 44.—Leave out from “bank” to “works.”

Page 3, Line 5.—Leave out from “convicted” to “it” in line 21.

Page 3, Line, 26.—Leave out from “Railway” to “and” where it occurs the second time.

Page 3, Line 32.—Leave out from “Railway” to “shall” in line 33.

Page 3, Line 38.—Leave out from “Railway” to “subject” in line 39.

Page 3, Line 47.—Leave our from “thereof” to “the” where it occurs the first time in page 4, line 3.

Page 9, Line 2.—Leave out from “thereon” to “and” in line 3.

#### IN THE SCHEDULE TO THE BILL.

Page 9, Line 34.—Leave out from “Steamboats” to “Piers,” in line 35.

#### IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE BILL.

Page 1, Line 2.—Leave out from “Steamboats” to “by” in line 6.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken in consideration by the House presently,

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act further to amend the Act for preventing obstructions to Rivers and Rivulets in “*Upper Canada.*”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, ‘An Act to amend the Laws relating to Public “Works.’”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of last Session, relative to the enregis-  
"tration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, and for other purposes  
"therein mentioned," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had  
directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative  
Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this  
Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of  
the amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An  
"Act to Incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company."

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of con-  
currence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative  
Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to  
their amendments made to this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled "An Act for granting ad-  
"ditional aid, by Loan, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*," was  
read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative  
Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this  
Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of  
the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An  
"Act to amend the Joint Stock Company Rivers Improvement Act, and to ex-  
"tend it to *Lower Canada*,"

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of  
concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended,  
read a third time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate  
"the Imperial Fire, Marine and Life Insurance Company," was read a second  
time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Acts "Incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Joint Stock Company Rivers Improvement Act, and to extend it to *Lower Canada*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to Order the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed this day by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to "Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company."

Which amendments being then again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* Masonic Hall "Association," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the same, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, to Return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for an increase in the Capital "Stock of the *Quebec* Gas Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the said Bill, with certain amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 2, Line 2.—Leave out "of" and insert "not exceeding."

Page 2, Line 3.—Leave out from "Currency" to "to" in line 5.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

It was moved,

That the last mentioned Order be discharged, and that the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House presently.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

Whereupon the House proceeded to the consideration of the said amendments.

Which amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councilors of the City of *Quebec*, praying against the passing of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act transferring the possession and control of the *Cul-de-Sac* Harbour at *Quebec* to the Corporation of the said City, and to make other provision in respect of the said Harbour."

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *Christina Cameron* and others, of *Port Sarnia* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Osgoode* Division, No. 33, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Knapp* and others, of *Chatham* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Sarnia* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Lambton* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Dawn* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Warwick* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Moore* ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Machenzie* and others, of *Port Sarnia* ;

Also, four Petitions from the Canadian Liquor Law League, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

And also, a Petition from *James Smith* and others, of the County of *Kent*, praying that the discretionary power of Commutation conferred by the Clergy Reserve Act may not be exercised by the Government.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Terrill* and "others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *St. Francis Bank*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 14th May, 1855.

The members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,  
BOURET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* enters.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House, and

The same was then read as follows :—

EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Council, the Copy of a Despatch No 16, 13th April, 1855. patch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the Ordnance Lands in Canada.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Quebec, 12th May, 1855.

(For Despatch vide Sessional Papers.)

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a petition from *J. P. Prouz* and others of the County of *Beauce*, praying that the Trustees of the *Quebec Turnpike Roads* may be authorized by law to improve the Road between the Churches of the Parishes of *St. Henri* and *Ste. Marie*, in that County, and to raise funds for the purpose by issuing debentures to the necessary amount.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Fire, Marine and Life Insurance Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the nineteenth Rule of this House be dispensed with, and that a Call of this House be made on Monday next, the 21st instant, on the subject of the Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering the same Elective."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Fourth Report of the Joint Committee of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the Regulation and Management of the Library of Parliament.

It was moved,

That the Report be now concurred in.

In amendment, it was moved,

That this House do not concur in the said Report until a suitable Building be erected for the reception and safe keeping of the Library.

Which being objected to ;

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act further to amend " the Acts for preventing obstructions to Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend the Act," intituled, " An Act to amend the Laws relating to " Public Works."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Ferrier*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend the Laws relating to Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, for the appointment of a Committee to search the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, respect-



ing an Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of a permanent Seat of Government, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *St. Francis* Bank," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Moore*, *Ferrier*, *Taché*, and *Quesnel*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mackenzie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to exempt the Tools or Implements of any Debtors Trade or Calling, and the Wearing Apparel, the Bedding, and other Furniture, necessary for the use of his family, from seizure and sale under execution for Debt," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mackenzie* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Toronto* General "Burying Ground, to close the same, to sell a portion thereof, and to acquire other Ground for the purposes of the Trust," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Bank of "Toronto," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force, for that purpose," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Director and Trustees of the "Montreal *St. Patrick's* Orphan Asylum," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the City of *Toronto* in the pos-

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“ session of the Peninsula and Marsh, now held by it under License,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Registry Laws “ of *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ *Lower Canada* Municipal and “ Road Act of 1855,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the “ *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to alter the Constitution of “ the Legislative Council, by rendering the same Elective,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next, and that it then stand as the second item upon the Orders of that Day.

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

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Tuesday, 15th May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *Anna Maria MacKay*, Widow of the late *Alexander Robertson MacKay*, praying that the Bill to confirm certain Patents for Lots of Land in the Township of *Hamilton*, may not be passed until a full investigation of the matter shall have been had.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot number 4, in the Broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot number four, in the Broken Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*."

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Whitby*, praying that the present arrangement of holding alternate Parliaments in *Upper and Lower Canada* may not be disturbed.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Montreal*, praying that the Bill to give additional aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the rights of the said City as holding a prior preferential claim, mortgage, and lien, on the said Road may be protected.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *William Snowdon* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Scholastique* ;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Martin*, severally praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent establishment of a place for the Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered,* That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Acts for preventing obstructions to Rivers and Rivulets in *Upper Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, 'An Act to amend the Laws relating to Public Works.'" "

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Director and Trustees of the *Montreal St. Patrick's* Orphan Asylum," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Quesnel*, and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the City of *Toronto* in the possession of the Peninsula and Marsh now held by it under License," was read a second time.

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

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*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Boulton,* and *Taché* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members  
*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Boulton,* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "*Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered,* That the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill on Friday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Roblin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act to establish Mutual "Insurance Companies in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Niagara* "District Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, for the Diocese of *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide means for the Sale "of Lands held for the purposes of Public Educational Institutions in *Upper*

“ *Canada*, when such Lands cannot be conveniently used for such purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to confirm and establish a certain portion of the Original Survey of the Township of *Niagara*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Fraser* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland* to raise means to Liquidate certain Debts and claims against the said County, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Victoria* Hospital,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

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## Wednesday, 16th May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from the Reverend M. *Charron* and others, of the Parish of *St. Esprit*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent establishment of a place for the Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *J. Bouthillier* and others, of the Township of *Acton*, praying that the Municipal Council of the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, may be authorized to levy an Assessment for the purpose of re-imbursing to *Louis Dion* the cost of a public Bridge erected by him in that Township.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the City of *Toronto* in the possession of "the Peninsula and Marsh, now held by it under License," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Director and Trustees of the " *Montreal St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with certain amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and  
The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 2, Line 11.—Leave out from “ Currency ” to “ No. ” in line 14.

Page 2, Line 34.—After “ Institution, ” insert, “ and being Orphans, or if not,  
“ with the consent of their Parents or Guardians.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal the Act, intituled, ‘ An Act to amend the Laws relating to “ Public Works.’ ”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to exempt the Tools or Implements of any Debtors Trade or Calling, “ and the Wearing Apparel, the Bedding, and other Furniture necessary for the use “ of his family, from seizure and sale under execution for Debt.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read a second time, but that the same be discharged from the Orders of the Day ;

Which being objected to.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate “ the Bank of *Toronto*,” was read a second time.



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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill on Friday next.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of all Correspondence between the Mayor of the City of *Quebec*, or any of the Members or Officers of the Corporation of the said City, and the Executive Government of this Province, or the Department of Public Works, relating to improvements to be made by the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, in the Harbour of the *Cul-de-Sac* in that City, and of any Documents containing objections, if any were made, to the said improvements, together with a final decision in the matter, and its date.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice,

That the Journals of this Honorable Council of the sixth day of September last, containing the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, on opening Parliament; and also, the Journals of the fourteenth of September, containing the Address of this House in answer to the Speech, be read, in order that a series of Resolutions founded upon the fourth paragraph of the said Address may be submitted for the consideration of this Honorable Council, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *James Chalmers* and others, of the Townships of *Dover*, East and West, praying that the line between the seventh and eighth Concession of the Township of *Sombra*, and the line between Lots numbers fifteen and sixteen in the Township of *Dawn*, and the Northern limits of what was formerly the Township of *Zone*, be the boundary line between the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act to establish Mutual Insurance Companies in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Matheson*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Niagara* District Bank," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Sisters of *St. Joseph* for the Diocese of *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Quesnel*, and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide means for the Sale of Lands held for the purposes of Public Educational Institutions in *Upper Canada*, when such Lands cannot be conveniently used for such purposes," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm and establish a certain portion of the Original Survey of the Township of *Niagara*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Matheson*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*, to raise means to Liquidate certain Debts and Claims against the said County, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Knowlton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Victoria* Hospital," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Leslie*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Asylum of the *Good Shepherd* of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the

“ *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Joint Stock Company “ *Rivers improvement Act*, and to extend it to *Lower Canada*,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the keeping of separate Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Parish Churches of “ *Notre Dame of Montreal*, of *Notre Dame of Quebec*, and *St. Roch of Quebec*, and “ in other Churches thereof, (*succursales d'ecilles*,)” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Rankin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Amherstburgh and St. Thomas Railway Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sanborn* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of “ *Medicine and Surgery in Lower Canada*,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Rhodes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to prevent Furious Driving on certain High- “ *ways in Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Benevolent “ *Society of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, at Montreal*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Friday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

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

## Friday, 18th May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *George Moore* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying for a grant to improve the *Kennebec* Road, from the North west limit of the Parish of *St. George*, to the boundary line between the said County of *Beauce* and the neighbouring State of *Maine*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *François Ferdinand Zephirin Hamel*, Esquire, Registrar of the County of *Rouville*, praying that the Bill, intitled, "An Act to establish a Registry Office in and for each Electoral County " in *Lower Canada*," may not become law without provision being made for indemnity to the present Registrars, for the losses they will sustain in consequence of its enactment.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *J. F. Pringle* and others, of *Cornwall*, praying that some suitable place may be permanently fixed on for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *P. McMartin* and others, of North *Plantagnet*, praying that some suitable place may be permanently fixed on for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Belleville* College."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm and establish a certain portion of the "Original Survey of the Township of *Niagara*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act to establish Mutual Insurance Companies in *Upper Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*, to raise means to Liquidate certain Debts and Claims against the said County, "and for other purposes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Bank of *Toronto*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Niagara* District Bank," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot No. "four, in the broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot No. four, in the "broken Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumber-*  
"land," presented their Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 17th May, 1855.

The Select Committee to whom were referred the Bill from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot No. "four, in the broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot No. four, in the broken "Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*," and the Petition of *Caleb Mallory*, *John Lodge Wilcocks*, and *Thomas Grimshaw*, in favor thereof, and likewise the Petition of Mrs. *Anna Maria MacKay*, Widow of the late *Alexander Robertson MacKay*, Esquire, against the said Bill, together with the Evidence and Documents transmitted to this House by the Legislative Assem-

bly, beg leave respectively to Report, that in their opinion the said Bill ought not to pass, in consequence of the Rules of this House not having been complied with, and also, in consequence of the Statements in the said Petition being widely different from each other, and involving matter of very great pecuniary importance to all the parties, and requiring the examination of a number of Witnesses residing in a distant part of the Province, whose attendance could not be procured before the close of this Session.

Your Committee, moreover, cannot forbear remarking, that they consider the Bill one of a very extraordinary nature, which, while it appears to seek the intervention of Parliament merely to correct an alleged error, may deprive a Widow and helpless family of the opportunity of claiming and obtaining a title to the said land.

Your Committee are aware, that there are Tribunals constituted in *Upper Canada* for the investigation of claims to land of the description mentioned in the said Bill, and your Committee are surprised to find, that resort should not have been had to such Tribunals where testimony could be taken on Oath, and would be more satisfactory than the manner in which testimony is taken before a Committee of either House of Parliament.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. BOULTON,  
Chairman.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be printed, in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, for the Diocese of *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Victoria Hospital*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *St. Francis Bank*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read for the third time, but that it be referred back to the same Select Committee to which it was formerly referred, with an instruction that the Bill be so amended, as that the Capital Stock of the said Bank may be increased from £100,000 to £250,000.

Which being objected to ;

After a long Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House, that he had received a communication announcing the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to come down to the House to-morrow, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of assenting, in Her Majesty's name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Spence* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend " the Laws concerning Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.



The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Spence* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Oakville* and *Arthur* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cook* of *South Oxford*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Norwich* into two separate Municipalities," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Poulin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Abbotsford* Academy," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Poulin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Sœurs de la Présentation*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Patrick* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the name of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, and to amend the Act Incorporating the same," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the now last Session, relative to certain Duties of Excise in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crysler* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to Line Fences and Water Courses in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company, in the City of *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the Incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith* of *Northumburland*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of a Branch thereof to *Marmora*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Great Western Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to the Town of *Brantford*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec* Fire Assurance Company, and to facilitate the management of the business of the said Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cooke* of *Ottawa*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Aylmer* Academy," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Young* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act

“incorporating the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to Legalize a certain Assessment and School Rate in the School Municipality of *St. David*, in the County of *Yamaska*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Langton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough* and *Chemong* Railway Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to confirm the City of *Toronto* in the possession of the Peninsula and Marsh, now held by it under License,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the Director and Trustees of the *Montreal St. Patrick's* Orphan Asylum,” was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*. That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide means for the Sale of Lands held for the purposes of Public Educational Institutions in *Upper Canada*, when such Lands cannot be conveniently used for such purposes,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being again read for moving, pursuant to notice, that a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Assembly in relation to the present state of any proceedings in that House, on the subject of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, sent down by the Legislative Council on the 25th April last, for the concurrence of the Legislative Asssmbly, praying His Excellency to exercise the Royal Prerogative, and fix permanently on some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “ *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855.*”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* reported, from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Terrill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Stantead, Shefford, and Chambly* Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion of Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to alter the limits of the “ *Arthabaska* Circuit, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances concerning “ the Civil erection of Parishes, and the Building and Repairing of Churches, “ *Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* presented a Petition from *J. Chagnon* and others, of the Seigniori of *Verchères*, praying that *Louis Archambault*, Esquire, may not be allowed to act as Commissioner for making the Schedule of the said Seigniori, until he has cleared himself of the charges brought against him as Returning Officer and Post Master.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with certain amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be taken in consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Asylum of the *Good Shepherd* of *Quebec*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *DeBeaujeu*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the keeping of Separate Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Parish Churches of *Notre Dame* of *Montreal*, of *Notre Dame* of *Quebec*, and *St. Roch* of *Quebec*, and in the other Churches depending thereof (*succursales d'icelles*)," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *Bourret*, and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Amherstburgh* and *St. Thomas* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent Furious Driving on certain Highways in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Taché*, *Quesnel*, and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate the Benevolent Society of *Notre Dame de Bonsecours* at *Montreal*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *Bourret*, and *DeBeaujeu*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon, the House so decreeing.

## Saturday, 19th May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,  
BELLEAU,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act to enable the Great Western Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to the Town of *Brantford*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, " An Act to authorize the keeping of separate Registers of

“ Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Parish Churches of *Notre Dame of Montreal*, of *Notre Dame of Quebec*, and *St. Roch of Quebec*, and in the other Churches depending thereof, (*succursales d'icelles*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Benevolent Society of *Notre Dame de Bonsecours*, at *Montreal*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Amherstburgh* and *St. Thomas* “ Railway Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable the Great Western Railway Company to “ construct a Branch Railway to the Town of *Brantford*, and for other purposes “ therein mentioned,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the last mentioned Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and Lake *Erie* Railway and Harbor Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Belleville* College," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Laws concerning Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.



*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Farmers of *Lower Canada* more easily to obtain Seed for the present year," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Oakville* and *Arthur* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Matheson*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Norwich* into two separate Municipalities," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Abbotsford* Academy," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Armstrong*, and *Cartier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Sœurs de la Présentation*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Armstrong*, and *Cartier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the name of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, and to amend the Act "Incorporating the same," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act passed in the now last Session, relative to certain duties of Excise in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act relating to Line Fences and Water Courses in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act Incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company in the City of "Toronto," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act for the Incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, Boulton,* and *Seymour,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts Incorporating the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of a Branch thereof to *Marmora,*" was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Boulton,* and *Seymour,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *Quebec* Fire Assurance Company, and to facilitate the management of the business of the said Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, Bourret,* and *Belleau,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Aylmer* Academy," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Ferrier,* and *Boulton,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act Incorporating the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore,* and *Armstrong,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Legalize certain Assessment and School Rate in the School Municipality of *St. David,* in the County of *Yamaska,*" was read the second time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough* and *Chemong* Lake Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being again read for moving, pursuant to notice, That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Assembly in relation to the present state of any proceedings in that House, on the subject of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, sent down by the Legislative Council on the 25th of April last, for the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly, praying His Excellency to exercise the Royal Prerogative, and fix permanently on some convenient place for the annual meeting of Parliament, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Asylum of the *Good Shepherd* of "*Quebec*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act Incorporating the *Stanstead*, *Shefford*, and *Chambly* Railroad Company, and "for other purposes," was read a second time,

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Moore*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the "limits of the *Arthabaska* Circuit, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *Bourret*, and *Cartier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Narcisse Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Eusèbe de Standfold*, in the County of *Arthabaska*, praying for a grant of Two hundred pounds to enable them to sow their Lands, and for a grant of One hundred pounds to the Inhabitants of the Township of *Blandford*, in the same County, for the same purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the table.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, 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., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately "in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow:—

An Act to Incorporate the Eastern Townships Bank.

An Act to Incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville*, and *Richmond* Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* Locomotive Marine and Steam Forge Works Manufacturing Company.

An Act to extend the powers of the Consumers Gas Company of *Toronto*.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company.

An Act to provide for the management and improvement of the Harbour of *Montreal*, and the deepening of the Ship Channel between the said Harbour and the Port of *Quebec*, and to repeal the Act now in force for the said purposes.

An Act to Incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend an Act to Incorporate the *Toronto* Athenæum.

An Act to authorize *Jacob Hespeler*, his heirs or assigns, to erect a Dam or Break-water on the *Grand River*, at or near the Village of *Preston*, in the County of *Waterloo*.

An Act to explain an Act, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the law "relative to the remedy by Replevin in *Upper Canada*."

An Act to declare the Act confirming a survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh*, to extend to the Township of *Hillier*, which at the time of the said Survey, formed part of *Ameliasburgh*.

An Act to Incorporate *Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternité de Quebec*.

An Act to Incorporate *St. Michel's* College in the Diocese of *Toronto*.

An Act to facilitate the negociation of Municipal Debentures.

An Act to ratify certain things done under the Act to confirm the Reciprocity Treaty, and for other purposes.

An Act to the authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *John Jermy Macaulay* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively.

An Act to determine the manner in which the division or side lines of the Lots in the Township of *Wolfe* Island, shall be drawn.

An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

An Act to renew the Charter of the *Humber* Harbour Company.

An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Bartholomew Galvin* to practise as an Attorney.

An Act to determine the course of the division or side lines of the Lots in certain Concessions in the Township of *Smith*.

An Act to legalize certain Grants from the Municipalities of this Province, towards the Patriotic Fund.

An Act to Incorporate the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*.

An Act to abolish Postage on Newspapers published within the Province of *Canada*, and for other purposes connected with the Post Office Department of this Province.

An Act to confirm certain Marriages solemnized by the late Reverend *Alexander McWattie*, and to provide for the proof thereof, and of other Acts performed by him as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church.

An Act to Incorporate the Town of *Paris*, and to define the limits thereof.

An Act to Incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec*, speaking the English Language.

An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Powder Company*.

An Act to secure the more efficient auditing of the Public Accounts.

An Act to extend and continue the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of Superior Jurisdiction in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes."

An Act to repeal the Act confirming a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Monaghan*.

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An Act granting certain privileges to the *New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*.

An Act to amend the Act authorizing the Town of *Dundas* to become security to a certain amount for the *Desjardins Canal Company* to the Great Western Railway Company.

An Act to repeal so much of any law in Force in *Lower Canada* as authorizes the Sale of any Property by the authority of Justice on Sundays.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal Telegraph Company*.

An Act to amend the Parliamentary Representation Act of 1853.

An Act to Incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company.

An Act to confirm the present Boundaries of certain Lots in the Township of *Winchester*.

An Act to Authorize the City of *Hamilton* to negotiate a loan of Fifty thousand pounds.

An Act to prevent the taking of Trout with nets in the Lakes of the County of *Saguenay*.

An Act to authorize the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* to change the location of their Line in and near the City of *Toronto*.

An Act to Incorporate the Literary Institute of *Sherbrooke*.

An Act to remove doubts as to the power of the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Railway Union Company* to construct a Branch Line into the Town of *Barrie*.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the City of *Kingston Water Works Company*.

An Act to amend the Act of the present Session, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the re-investment of the proceeds for the objects of the Trust, by substituting other Trustees in lieu of the Trustees nominated by the said Act."

An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company*.

An Act to authorize *William Fraser and Edouard Fraser* to sell, in Lots, part of the Domain of the Seigniori of *Rivière du Loup*.

An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*.

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An Act further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the encouragement and relief of certain persons therein named and others, and authorizing them to associate themselves by the name of the *Quebec Benevolent Society*, under certain Restrictions, Rules, and Regulations therein mentioned."

An Act to authorize the Sale or Lease of Lands in *Upper Canada*, held in Trust for the use of Congregations or Religious Bodies.

An Act to Incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Stratford and Huron Railway Company*.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to Land Surveyors.

An Act to amend the Act for the encouragement of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*.

- An Act further to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*, to enable the said Association to construct Branch Lines, and to subscribe for Stock in other Electric Telegraph Companies.

An Act to Incorporate the *Molsons Bank*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Lyn Manufacturing Company*.

An Act for granting additional aid, by loan, to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act of last Session relative to the Enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to Incorporate the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society.

An Act to transfer to the City of *Montreal*, all the property, rights, and privileges heretofore enjoyed by the Wardens of the House of Industry in the City of *Montreal*, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide for an increase of the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Gas Company*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec Masonic Hall Association*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Ore Dressing Company*.

An Act to Incorporate *Zimmerman Bank*.

An Act to Incorporate the Imperial Fire, Marine, and Life Insurance Company.

An Act to Regulate the Militia of this Province, and to repeal the Acts now in force for that purpose.

An Act to Incorporate the Bank of *Toronto*.



An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Toronto* General Burying Ground to close the same, to sell a portion thereof, and to acquire other Ground for the purposes of the Trust.

An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the County of *Welland* to raise means to Liquidate certain Debts and Claims against the said County, and for other purposes.

An Act to Incorporate the *Niagara* District Bank.

An Act further to amend the Act to establish Mutual Insurance Companies in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to Incorporate the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, for the Diocese of *Toronto*, in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to confirm the City of *Toronto* in the possession of the Peninsula and Marsh, now held by it under License.

An Act to provide means for the sale of lands held for the purposes of Educational Institutions in *Upper Canada*, when such lands cannot be conveniently used for such purpose.

An Act to confirm and establish a certain portion of the original Survey of the Township of *Niagara*.

An Act to enable the Great Western Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to the Town of *Brantford*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to Incorporate the *St. Francis* Bank.

An Act to Incorporate the *Victoria* Hospital.

An Act to amend the charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *Amherstburgh* and *St. Thomas* Railway Company.

An Act to enable the Farmers of *Lower Canada* more easily to obtain Seed for the present year.

An Act for the relief of certain Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company.

An Act to amend the Joint Stock Company Rivers Improvement Act, and to extend it to *Lower Canada*.

To these Bills the Royal assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following:—

“ In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General, doth Assent to this Bill.”

The Legislative Assembly having withdrawn.  
His Excellency was pleased to retire.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances concerning the Civil erection of Parishes, and the Building and Repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Belleau*, and *Legaré*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments agreed to in Committee of the whole to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Laws relating to separate Schools in *Upper Canada*.”

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the second and third Clauses of the said Bill be now reconsidered, and

The same being again read by the Clerk,  
Certain amendments to the said Clauses were then moved,  
Which being twice read by the Clerk,  
After a long Debate,

The question of concurrence was put on each, and they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill, with the amendments, be printed and read a third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Director and Trustees of the *Montreal St. Patricks Orphan Asylum*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Law relating to the custody of Infants,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prévost* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order for Enregistration, and to facilitate Enregistrations and Searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Port *Perry* and *Whit-church* Junction Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for again putting the House into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "*Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act " of 1855," it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

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

## Monday, 21st May, 1855.

The members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,  
KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

## PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Vital Baillargeon* and others, of the County of *Chateauguay*, praying that Public Granaries may be established for the Sale of Grain for Seed, at cost price, on Credit.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *L. Landry* and others, of the Parish of *Bécancour*, praying that measures may be adopted for the permanent settlement of a place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts Incorporating the *Cobourg* and "*Peterborough* Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of a Branch "thereof to *Marmora*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough* and *Chemong* Lake "Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Aylmer* Academy," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act Incorporating the *Mont-real* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *Belleville* College," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be printed, and read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the name of the *Bytown* and *Prescott* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Oakville* and *Arthur* Railway Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, in the following words:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Saturday, 19th May, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with 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 Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company.”

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dufresne* do go to the Legislative Council, and desire the said Conference.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

*Resolved*, That this House do concur in the Conference desired.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Armstrong*, do manage the Conference on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired upon the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company,” and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Armstrong*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly, required by Parliamentary usage to-morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Conference Chamber of this House. \*

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan “Gas and Water Company in the City of *Toronto*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 33.—Leave out from "of" to "three" in line 35.

Page 2, Line 4.—After "any" insert "lawful."

Page 2, Line 22.—Leave out from "endangered" to "no" in line 24.

Page 2, Line 25.—Leave out from "valid" to "it" in line 26, and insert  
"unless all instalments due thereon shall have been first paid  
"up."

Page 3, Line 17.—After "Secretary" insert "thereof for the time being, and  
"attested by them before a Justice of the Peace or other  
"Public Officer authorized to administer Oaths."

Page 3, Line 26.—After "meeting" insert "Clause A."

#### CLAUSE A.

"The provisions of the sixth Section of the Act passed in  
"the sixteenth Year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled,  
"An Act to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Pro-  
"vincial, Mutual, and General Insurance Company of the  
"City of *Toronto*, shall be, and they are hereby extended to  
"all parties having or claiming to have any right of action  
"against the said Company for any cause or on any account  
"whatever, and to any writ, process, or proceeding at the  
"suit of any such person or persons against the said Com-  
"pany."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the limits of the *Arthabaska* Circuit, and for "other purposes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House without, any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to prevent Furious Driving on certain Highways in "Lower Canada," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had "directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec* Fire Assurance Company, and to facilitate the management of the business of the said "Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances concerning the Civil "erection of Parishes, and the Building and Repairing of Churches, Parsonage "Houses, and Church Yards," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—



Page 2, Line 39.—Leave out from “thereof” to “any” in line 41.

Page 2, Line 46.—Leave out from “law” to “shall,” and insert “rendered before  
“ the ‘passing of’ this Act according to the Canonical Laws,  
“ Forms, and usages followed in the Roman Catholic Dio-  
“ ceses in *Lower Canada*, may, and every such decree ren-  
“ dered here after.”

Page 2, Line 48.—After “Churches” insert “or Chapels.”

Page 2, Line 50.—After “demarcation” insert “or, in default of such Parish  
“ Church or Chapel, from the Pulpit of the Church or Chapel  
“ of the Parish whence the inhabitants of the Parish or Mis-  
“ sion in question are ministered to.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Stanstead, Shep-  
“ ford and Chambly Railroad Company*, and for other purposes,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Page 2, Line 39.—After “of” insert “all.”

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *Abbottsford Academy*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Sœurs de la Présentation*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 21.—Leave out "*Marie*," where it occurs the third time and insert "*Marc*."

Page 1, Line 22.—Leave out "Proman," and insert "Roman,"

Page 1, Line 27.—Leave out from "*présentation*" to "and" in line 28.

#### IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE BILL.

Page 1, Line 5.—Leave out from "of" where it occurs the first time to "and" and insert "persons of the Female Sex, and the exercise of Works of Christian benevolence."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

#### DISSIDENT :—

Because the settled policy of every Government is to provide that all its Subjects live in amity and good fellowship one with another, and that whatever differ-

ence may exist among them, as to forms of Religion, or any other matter, it is deemed good policy that the youth, as far as possible, be brought together at Public Schools for Education at an early period of Life, leaving to their Parents or other Guardians the duty of instructing them in the forms of the Religion they profess, and the principles of the Christian Religion.

That following out these judicious principles the Imperial Government has erected and endowed a number of Colleges in Ireland, some professors of Religion, not Protestant, are there successfully employed, and heretofore with perfect success : whereas by passing the present Bill, the asperity of feeling one towards another, engendered by different forms of Religion is perpetuated, and the policy of the Imperial Government set at naught.

JAMES CROOKS.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the House was called:—

The Honorable

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker .....	Present.
PETER BOYLE DEBALQUIERE .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
PETER MCGILL .....	
RENE E. CARON.....	Absent.
WILLIAM MORRIS .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
JAMES CROOKS.....	
ADAM FERGUSSON .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
JOHN MACAULAY.....	
JOHN HAMILTON.....	Absent.
ADAM FERRIE .....	Absent.
PAUL H. KNOWLTON.....	Present.
THOMAS MCKAY.....	Absent.
PHILIP H. MOORE.....	Present.
JOSEPH DIONNE.....	Present.
GEORGE J. GOODHUE.....	Absent.
WILLIAM WALKER.....	Present.
CHRISTOPHER WIDMER .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.

## The Honorable

J. ÆMILIUS IRVING.....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
P. BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE.....	
JAMES MORRIS.....	Absent.
JAMES GORDON .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
HAMNET PINHEY.....	
JAMES FERRIER .....	Present.
RODERICK MATHESON.....	Present.
GEORGE S. BOULTON .....	Present.
DENIS B. VIGER .....	} Absent with leave of the Governor General.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ.....	
JAMES LESLIE.....	Present.
FREDERICK A. QUESNEL.....	Present.
JOSEPH BOURRET.....	Present.
GEORGE S. DEBEAUJEU.....	Present.
LOUIS MÉTHOT .....	Absent.
JOSEPH O. TURGEON .....	Absent.
SAMUEL CRANE.....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS.....	Absent.
LOUIS PANET .....	Present.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU .....	Present.
CHARLES WILSON .....	Present.
BENJAMIN SEYMOUR .....	Present.
DAVID M. ARMSTRONG .....	Present.
EBENEZER PERRY .....	Present.
JOSEPH LEGARÉ .....	Present.
EUSEBE CARTIER.....	Present.
WALTER H. DICKSON .....	Absent.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled,  
 “ An Act to alter the constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering the  
 “ same Elective.”

It was moved,

That this Bill be now read a second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That this Bill be not read a second time during the continuance of the present  
 Session.

Which being debated,

The House, and also the debate, were adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The debate upon the proposed amendment was also resumed and objected to,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, it was also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

**DISSENTIENT :—**

Because public opinion has long and repeatedly been expressed on the necessity of rendering this Branch of the Legislature Elective.

Because the almost unanimous vote of the Legislative Assembly, irrespective of party, has in the most unequivocal manner, ratified the opinion of the people as hereinbefore expressed.

Because the opposition of this House to the universal desire of the inhabitants of *Canada*, unsustained either by a party in the other branch of the Legislature or out of it, is unprecedented, and of a nature to cause the most serious apprehensions.

JNO. ROSS,  
E. P. TACHÉ,  
LOUIS PANET,  
N. F. BELLEAU,  
D. M. ARMSTRONG,  
EBENEZER PERRY,  
JOS. LEGARÉ,  
EUS. CARTIER.

The Order of the Day being again read for moving, pursuant to notice, that the Journals of this Honorable Council of the sixth day of September last, containing the Speech of his Excellency the Governor General, on opening Parliament; and also, the Journals of the fourteenth of September, containing the Address of this House, in answer to the Speech, be read, in order that a series of Resolutions founded upon the fourth paragraph of the said Address may be submitted for the consideration of this Honorable Council.

It was moved,

That the same be discharged from the Orders of the Day.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Cameron and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Criminal Law of this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act of last Session, cap. 189, " and to regulate Travelling on Highways in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ross* of *North-umberland*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Ontario* and Bay of *Quinté* Canal Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act 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," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Sir *Allan Napier MacNab* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a College in the " City of *Hamilton*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Southwick* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Otter Creek* Navigation " Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Ordered,* that all the remaining items standing upon the Orders of this Day, be discharged until to-morrow.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

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

## Tuesday, 22nd May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
DEBOUCHERVILLE,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *J. P. Rhéaume* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Bill, intituled, “ An Act 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,” may not be allowed to pass without amendment.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Patrick Low*, House-keeper and Guardian of the Court House, *Quebec*, praying that in consequence of the occupancy of a part of the said Building by the Legislative Council, and from other causes which have added to the responsibility of his duties, and the expenses of his Office, some addition may be made to the amount of his annual stipend.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to Examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of Toronto," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House was informed that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly were ready in the Conference Chamber for the Conference on the subject of the amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the "L'Assomption River and Railway Company."

The names of the Managers for this House were then called over.

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Conference.

Which being ended, the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* reported, that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference, which on their part was managed by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, who delivered to their Honors the Bill, with the amendments, and also a paper containing, as follows, viz:—

REASONS to be offered to the Honorable the Legislative Council, at a Conference for disagreeing to the amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company."

FIRST.—Because the said River cannot be rendered navigable by means of dredging alone, inasmuch as the volume of water which flows through it in summer will not be sufficient for the purposes of Navigation unless one or more Locks be constructed to retain the water and to prevent its too rapid passage.

SECOND.—Because the Banks of the said River from its mouth to its junction with the Lake *Ouaro* River, the place at which it is proposed to make it navigable, being elevated on both sides, the proposed Locks cannot cause any damage to the proprietors in their vicinity.

THIRD.—Because the construction of the said Locks is the plan proposed for rendering the River navigable by *F. B. Rubridge*, Civil Engineer, in his Report to the Honorable the Commissioner of Public Works, bearing date the 30th November, 1848, after examination of the obstructions which presented themselves to the navigation of the said River.

FOURTH.—Because the said amendments destroy the Bill, and because as now amended, the object proposed by the said Bill cannot be obtained.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk, Assembly.



*Ordered*, That the foregoing Reasons be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances concerning the Civil erection of Parishes and the Building and Repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards," as amended.

It was moved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be now read a third time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the same Select Committee to which it was formerly referred with an instruction further to amend the Bill by leaving out the third Clause thereof.

Which being objected to;

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, it was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Criminal Law of this Province," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Ontario and Bay of Quinté Canal Company," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, *Seymour*, *Armstrong*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act of last Session, cap. 189, and to regulate Travelling on Public Highways in Upper Canada," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act 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,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Belleau*, and *Panet*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to establish a College in the City of *Hamilton*,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Boulton*, and *Moore*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Otter Creek* Navigation Company,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Seymour*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot No. 4, in the broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot No. 4, in the broken Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*.”

And the same being again read by the Clerk.

It was moved,

That the said Report be adopted.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Report be not adopted, but that the Bill be now read for the third time.

Upon which Debates ensued,

It was then moved,

That the debate on the amendment be adjourned until to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

DISSIDENTIENT :—*Pierre Boucherville*.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to

“ amend an Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Terrill* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the “ *Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly* Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alcyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *St. Lawrence* Assurance “ *Company,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Terrill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable Creditors to attach the Effects of “ *Debtors before Judgment, in cases under Ten pounds,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Sir. *Allan Napier MacNab* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate “ *the Hamilton and South Western Railway Company,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Mont- “ real and Bytown* Railway Company, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Mont- real,* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the provisions of the “ *several Acts for the incorporation of the City of Montreal,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec,*

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“ *Chaudiere, Maine, and Portland Railway Company,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hartman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act to provide for the payment of Jurors in *Upper Canada,* by providing that a City included, within a County for Judicial purposes, shall pay a fair proportion of the sum required for the payment of Jurors in such County,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Poulin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Sœurs de la Présentation,*” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for increasing the Capital Stock of Companies incorporated or to be incorporated under the provisions of two certain Acts therein mentioned.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

*Ordered,* That all the remaining items standing upon the Orders of this Day be discharged until to-morrow.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon, the House so decreeing.

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## Wednesday, 23rd May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE.  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
BOULTON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
SEYMOUR,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
PERRY.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *A. L. De Bellefeuille* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Eustache*, praying that measures may be adopted for the establishment of a permanent Seat of Government in this Province.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Post Master General *Spence* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to revive, continue, and amend certain provisions of the Act for establishing the boundary of Lots in the West Gore of the Township of *Beverley*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act granting a Civil List to Her Majesty by increasing the Salaries of certain Judicial Functionaries and other Officers therein mentioned, and to fix those of certain other Public Officers," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Pouliot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and extend the limits of the *Quebec* Circuit," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Otter Creek* Navigation Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a College in the City of *Hamilton*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Ontario* and Bay of *Quinté* Canal "Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act of last Session, cap. 189, and to "regulate Travelling on Public Highways in *Upper Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, proceeded upon the adjourned Debate of yesterday, on the Motion in amendment of the Main Motion, viz:—That the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill, intituled, “An Act to remedy defects in the Patent Deed for Lot number four, in the Broken Concession B, and the front part of Lot number four, in the Broken Concession A, of the Township of *Hamilton* in the County of *Northumberland*,” be not adopted, but that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to ;

After further Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion for adopting the Report of the Select Committee, it was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, to restore to the Orders of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to exempt the Tools or Implements of any Debtors Trade or Calling, and the Wearing Apparel, the Bedding and other Furniture, necessary for the use of his family, from seizure and sale under Execution for Debt.”

The intended motion having been ruled by the Speaker to be out of Order, it was accordingly not permitted to be made.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the reasons of the Assembly given at the Conference yesterday, for disagreeing to the amendments of this House to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company.”

Which said reasons being then again read by the Clerk,

It was moved,

That this House do insist on their amendments made to the said Bill.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That a Committee be appointed to prepare reasons to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at another Conference for this House insisting on the amendments made to the last mentioned Bill.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier, DeBeaujeu, Belleau, and Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Criminal Law of this Province."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* enters.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

That a Committee be appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Assembly in relation to the present state of any proceedings in that House, on the subject of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, sent down by the Legislative Council on the 25th April last, for the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly, praying His Excellency to exercise the Royal Prerogative, and fix permanently on some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the said Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore, and Leslie*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relating to the custody of Infants," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The Honorable Mr. *BeBoucherville* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration, and to facilitate enregistrations and searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After Debate,

It was moved, in amendment,

To leave out "now," and after time to insert "this day three months."



Which being objected to ;

After a further Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, it was also  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate  
" the *Port Perry and Whitchurch Junction Railway Company*," was read a second  
time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Matheson*,  
and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *McDonald* of  
of *Cornwall*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to remove doubts as to the  
" true application of the Act to provide for the recovery of certain Rates and Taxes  
" intended to be imposed by certain By Laws of the late District Councils or  
" County Councils, in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this  
House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far  
as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others,  
to return the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances concern-  
" ing the Civil erection of Parishes, and the Building and Repairing of Churches,  
" Parsonage Houses, and Church Yards," and to acquaint this House, that they  
have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill,  
without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of  
*Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to alter  
" the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*," to which they  
desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far  
as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend an  
" Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes," was read a second  
time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate  
" the *St. Lawrence Assurance Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker, DeBeaujeu,* and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Creditors to attach the effects of Debtors before Judgment in cases under Ten pounds," was read a second time.

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

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "*Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported, from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Hamilton and South Western Railway Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Belleau,* and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Leslie,* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five Members.

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Leslie, Quesnel, Bourret,* and *Wilson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec, Chaudière, Maine, and Portland Railway Company*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Panet, Belleau,* and *Legaré*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the payment of Jurors in *Upper Canada*, by providing that a

“ City included within a County for judicial purposes shall pay a fair proportion of the sum required for the payment of Jurors in such County,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Matheson*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for increasing the Capital Stock of Companies incorporated or to be incorporated under the provisions of two certain Acts therein mentioned,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House resumed.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Law relating to the Custody of Infants,” was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to revive, continue, and amend certain provisions of the Act for establishing the boundary of Lots in the West Gore of the Township of *Beverly*,” was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Taché*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for increasing the Capital Stock of Companies incorporated or to be incorporated under the provisions of two certain Acts therein mentioned,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the last mentioned Bill, and the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend the Act amending the Act granting a Civil List to Her Majesty, by including the Salaries of certain Judicial functionaries and other Officers therein mentioned, and to fix those of certain other Public Officers," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, " An Act to alter and extend the limits of the *Quebec Circuit*," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, " An Act to remove doubts as to the true application of the Act to provide for the recovery of certain Rates and Taxes intended to be imposed by certain ByLaws of the late District Councils or County Councils in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Matheson,* and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, " An Act to alter the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore,* and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854," it was

*Ordered,* That the same be discharged until Friday next, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of that Day.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee appointed to prepare Reasons to be offered to the Legislative Assembly, at another Conference, for insisting on the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill sent up from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption River and Railway Company*," presented their Report.

*Ordered,* That it be received, and

The said Reasons were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

REASONS to be offered to the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, at a Conference, for insisting on the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill sent up from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate the " *L'Assomption River and Railway Company*.

FIRST.—Because it is apparent from the preamble and provisions of the Bill itself that, in the opinion of the parties seeking for its enactment, there are two ways of making the River in question navigable for Steam-Boats.

SECOND.—Because by the adoption of the method secondly mentioned in the preamble, the rights and interests of all parties entitled to the use of the said River will be preserved.

THIRD.—Because by the adoption of the method firstly mentioned in the preamble and the consequent diversion of the waters of the said River from their natural channel to feed a Canal or Canals, the passage of Boats and other small craft, and of rafts of lumber and firewood up or down the said River, might be impeded or wholly prevented.

FOURTH.—Because persons now entitled to, and enjoying the free use of the said River for such purposes, would thereby be compelled to pay toll for the passage of their Boats and other small craft, and rafts of lumber and firewood up or down the same.

FIFTH.—Because this House is still of opinion that in so amending the said Bill as to withhold from the proposed Company, the option of adopting the method first mentioned in the preamble for rendering the said River navigable for Steamboats they best consulted the interests of the public at large with reference to the use of the said River.

*Ordered,* That the said Reasons be adopted.

*Ordered,* That that the said Reasons be communicated to the Legislative Assembly at a further Conference.

*Ordered,* That a further Conference be desired with the Legislative Assembly on the subject matter of the last mentioned Conference,

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and desire a further Conference with that House on the subject matter of the amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company,” to which the Legislative Assembly have disagreed; and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier, and Armstrong*, who are to meet the Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly required by Parliamentary usage on Friday next the twenty-fifth instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Conference Chamber of the Legislative Council.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to confirm a Survey of the “line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate the General “Drainage and Land Company of *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Registration of certain Deeds deposited in the Registry Office, number one, of the County of *Huntingdon*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Friday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Friday next, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Friday, 25th May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
MATHESON,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

*John Fenning Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery sent down to the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday last, the 23rd instant, to desire a further Conference with that House, on the subject of the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate *L'Assomp-*

“*tion River and Railway Company*,” acquainted this House, that the Legislative Assembly return for answer, that they will send an answer by Messengers of their own.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *George Perry* and others, of the Township of *Blenheim*, praying that a suitable place may be selected for the annual assembling of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Report of the Select Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the Accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* from the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, presented their Eighth Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 25th May, 1855.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, have again examined the said Accounts, and now beg leave to Report thereon, as follows :—

The Clerk has accounted to Your Committee, by satisfactory Vouchers numbered from 62 to 144 inclusive, for the expenditure on account of Your Honorable House, from the thirteenth of March last to the twelfth instant inclusive, of the sum of Fifteen hundred and eleven pounds four shillings, being in excess of the sum £1390 5s. 7d. remaining in his hands on the former day, according to the last audit of his accounts, by One hundred and twenty pounds eighteen shillings and five-pence, which sum was accordingly due to him on the latter day, as no moneys were received by him on account of the House in the interval.

And on the several Petitions referred to them on the sixth and thirteenth days of March last, and the third and twenty-second days of May instant, Your Committee beg leave to Report, as follows :—

Your Committee recommend that in consideration of the long and faithful services of *John Fenning's Taylor*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, as a Clerk of the Legislative Council of *Upper Canada* before, and of *Canada*, since the Union, the prayer of his Petition to be placed upon the same footing as the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly as to Salary be granted, and that his Salary be accordingly increas-

ed to Seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum, with the understanding however that his successor shall not receive a higher Salary than Six hundred pounds per annum.

Your Committee further recommend that the Petition of *William Anstruther Maingy*, Second Office Clerk in the service of Your Honorable House, praying to be raised to the Office of Additional Clerk Assistant, vacant by the promotion of *Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, be granted, and that in answer to the prayer of the Petition from Mr. *Maingy* and others of the Officers and Clerks of Your Honorable House on the subject of their Salaries, the following additions be made to the annual Salaries of Your undermentioned Officers, Clerks, and Servants, respectively that is to say,—to Messrs *LeMoine*, *Fennings Taylor*, the Reverend Dr. *Adamson*, and to Messrs *Montizambert*, *Doucet*, *Maingy*, *Adamson*, and *Couillard*, Fifty pounds each, to Messrs *Kimber*, and *Vallerand*, Fifty pounds each, to *Michael Keating* Twenty-five, and to *Edward Botterell* Twenty pounds.

The increase in each of the foregoing cases to take effect from the first day of January last.

Your Committee recommend also, that an addition of Ten pounds be made to the Sessional wages of each of the Messengers, and that in consideration of the extreme length of this Session the Clerk be authorised to pay a gratuity of Ten pounds additional to each of them at its close; but it does not seem to Your Committee to be advisable that the Messengers should in future be paid by the year or month, instead of by the Session as prayed for in their Petition.

The case of Mr. *Patrik Low*, House-keeper and Guardian of the *Quebec* Court House, as truly set forth in his Petition, appears to Your Committee to call for some consideration on the part of Your Honorable House, and Your Committee accordingly recommend that Thirty pounds be paid to him by way of compensation for the inconvenience he has suffered from the loss during the past year of the apartments in the Court House allotted to his use, and the additional attendance and labor required of him by reason of the occupation of a portion of the building by Your Honorable House, and of the consequent necessity for keeping the whole of it open until a late hour every night.

Your Committee are of opinion that it would be advisable to have some books of reference procured before another Session, and placed in such a situation as to be more readily and constantly accessible to the Members of Your Honorable House than those in the Parliamentary Library; and they accordingly recommend, that the Librarian be authorized to purchase such books as may be selected for that purpose by the Speaker of Your Honorable House and the Chairman of Your Committee from a list to be submitted to them by that Officer.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WM. WALKER,  
Chairman.



*Ordered*, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

It was moved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Warrant be issued in favor of the Clerk of this House for the sum of Ten thousand pounds, that is to say, Six thousand one hundred and fifty pounds to enable him to meet the Contingent Expenses of this House for the current year and ; Three thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds on account of Indemnity to the Members of this House for their attendance and travelling expenses, for which he will hereafter account.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, " An Act to remove doubts as to the true application of the Act " to provide for the recovery of certain Rates and Taxes intended to be imposed " by certain By Laws of the late District Councils or County Councils in *Upper* " *Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, " An Act to Incorporate the *Hamilton* and South Western Railway " Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend the Act to provide for the payment of " Jurors in *Upper Canada*, by providing that a City included within a County for " Judicial purposes, shall pay a fair proportion of the sum required for the payment

“ of Jurors in such County,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the Port *Perry* and *Whitchurch* Junction “ Railway Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec, Chaudière, Maine, and Port-land* Railway Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act 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,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 3, Line 21.—Leave out “ St.”

Page 3, Line 29.—After “ elected” insert “ from time to time.”

- Page 4, Line 10.—Leave out “a.”
- Page 7, Line 47.—Leave out “that” and insert “and.”
- Page 9, Line 4.—After “one” insert “or more.”
- Page 9, Line 5.—After “person” insert “or persons.”
- Page 9, Line 6.—Leave out “place” and insert “places,” and after “then” insert “be about to.”
- Page 9, Line 10.—Leave out from “wards” to “fit” in line 11.
- Page 9, Line 11.—Leave out from “persons” to “to.”
- Page 9, Line 12.—After “then” insert “be about to,” and leave out from “office” to “Provided” in line 14.
- Page 9, Line 15.—Leave out “Election” and insert “nomination.”
- Page 9, Line 16.—Leave out “Election” and insert “nomination.”
- Page 10, Line 12.—After “offence” insert “or, in default of such payment, shall be committed to prison for three months.”
- Page 13, Line 1.—Leave out “persons” and insert “person.”
- Page 13, Line 38.—After “when” insert “it.”
- Page 13, Line 39.—After “just” insert “to reduce and modify the same.”
- Page 15, Line 23.—Leave out from “Province” to “nor” in line 24.
- Page 15, Line 25.—Leave out from “Militia,” to “nor,” and leave out “Deputy.”
- Page 15, Line 26.—Leave out “General.”
- Page 24, Line 29.—Leave out from “perform” to “To” in line 38.
- Page 25, Line 47.—After “prevent” insert “or.”
- Page 28, Line 40.—After “assessed” insert “annual.”
- Page 31, Line 30.—After “ward” insert “or wards.”
- Page 31, Line 31.—After “situate” insert “or which may be interested in or benefitted by the acquisition of such Land, Ground, or Real Property for such purpose.”
- Page 32, Line 6.—Leave out from “thereof” to “shall” where it occurs the third time.

Page 32, Line 8.—After “thereof” insert “or such persons shall be absent, or  
“shall not be known.”

Page 33, Line 47.—After “meet” insert “or, in default of such payment, shall  
“be committed to prison for one month.”

Page 34, Line 33.—Leave out from “assessed” to “all” in page 35, line 1.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and that the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, was then, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee appointed to inspect the Journals of the Legislative Assembly in relation to the present state of any proceedings in that House, on the subject of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, sent down by the Legislative Council on the 25th April last, for the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly, praying His Excellency to exercise the Royal Prerogative, and fix permanently on some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament, presented their Report.

*Ordered*, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

The Committee appointed to search the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly for the purpose of ascertaining if any and what proceedings have taken place in that Honorable House in respect of the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, sent down from this House for their concurrence on the subject of a permanent Seat of Government, have in obedience to the Order of Your Honorable House, searched the Journals of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, and now have the honor to Report the following Extract taken therefrom, dated the 26th ultimo.

“ On motion of Mr. *Loranger*, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*.”

“ *Ordered*, That the Message from the Legislative Council, received yesterday, acquainting this House that their Honors have agreed to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased, in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative, to fix permanently upon some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, and the said Address be now read.”

“ And the same were read accordingly.”

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. MOORE,  
Chairman.

Quebec, 25th May, 1855.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and "*Bytown* Railway Company, and for other purposes," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Creditors to attach the effects of Debtors before Judgment, in cases under Ten pounds," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and extend the limits of the *Quebec* Circuit," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act amending the Act granting a Civil List to Her Majesty, by increasing the Salaries of certain Judicial Functionaries and other Officers therein mentioned, and to fix those of certain other Public Officers," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854."

It was moved, that this Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out "now," and insert in lieu thereof "not," and after "time," to insert "during the present Session."

Which being objected to;

After a long Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

DISSENTIENT:—

FIRST.—Because by the terms of the capitulation of *Quebec*, in 1759; that of *Montreal*, in 1760, and the Provisions of the Treaty of 1763, by which *Canada* was ceded to the British Crown, the Seigniors of this Country were recognized and declared to be a distinct class from the body of the inhabitants, and their rights and properties were specially enumerated as those which were to be guaranteed under the change of dynasty. These grants ratified and confirmed to the persons in possession of them, and were protected and confirmed against all Acts of Legislatures, Laws, and Limitations; and thus, the descendants or representatives of those Seigniors are protected in their vested rights by the Laws of Nations and Treaties which are paramount to all Imperial or Colonial Laws.

SECONDLY.—Because the rights and property of the Seigniors were secured to them by the said Treaty, by which the Crown of *Great Britain* bound itself to respect and maintain those rights and property inviolate, and because under the same, the Seigniors have always held and exercised these rights and properties which the present Bill takes from them. They were also solemnly guaranteed to them by Royal Proclamations, several *aveux et dénombremens*, and Faith and Homage divers (*Foi et hommage*,) and also by several Letters Patent, issued by the Representatives of the Crown in this Country, for making and completing an exact Land Roll or *papier terrier*.

THIRDLY.—Because in consequence of that Treaty, the Parliament of the United Kingdom, could not interfere with the rights or property of the Seigniors, and as the Parliament of this Province is but an immense Municipal Institution, owing its existance to, and exercising its powers under, the authority of an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom, it follows that the Canadian Legislature cannot interfere, and is not competent to pass any Law, to impair or incumber such title to those rights or properties. The latter body is not supreme or independent of the authority which created the same, it can only exercise the powers delegated to it, and cannot assume the exercise of a power which was not in the power of the Imperial Legislature to grant.

FOURTHLY.—Because not only therefore does this Bill exceed the constitutional powers given to the Canadian Legislature, but it is also opposed to the enactments

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of the Imperial Statute passed in the 6th *George IV.*, and more familiarly known as the Tenure Act, and cannot therefore receive effect, and because neither the Treaties nor the decisions of *Great Britain*, which are considered the safest and soundest expositions of international Law upon subjects of individual rights, such as the doctrine of alienage and allegiance, are carried to a greater extent by their peculiar code and constitution than in any other Country. There is not an instance, however on record, in which *Great Britain*, by any Act of Parliament or Order in Council, has attempted to deprive the inhabitants of a conquered or ceded territory of their rights of property. The two cases of this Country, (up to the commencement of this present Session of this Legislature, when the Seigniorial Act of 1854 was passed, and assented to on the eighteenth of December last,) and *Trinidad*, are exemplifications of this fact, to which may be added that of the *Floridas*.

FIFTHLY.—Because the Legislature has no right to interfere with contracts or agreements voluntarily entered into between two parties, in good faith, under the sanction of their respective titles, and confirmed by the Courts of jurisprudence of the Province, and because this Bill sets aside and annuls these contracts and agreements without consulting the parties who made them. It is unjust that the Seigniors should be ousted of their property without any Petition on their part to the Legislature for a Commutation Act, having been to the present time considered and declared by the Government, a distinct class from the body of the inhabitants of this Country.

SIXTHLY.—Because a Bill of such an extraordinary nature, and on such an important subject, was passed in this present Session on the eve of the adjournment, and the present Bill to amend the said Seigniorial Act of 1854, containing several new Clauses and new principles, has received its second reading at a time when there was a very thin attendance of Members in the House, scarcely little more than a Quorum, also on the eve of a long expected Prorogation, and that parties interested have not hardly had time to receive Copies of this Bill, as lately amended, by the Legislative Assembly, (the French version of the said Bill not being yet printed, for those interested, not speaking nor reading the English language,) and of examining a measure that is depriving them of their legal rights of property, and also particularly at a time when several large Proprietors of Seigniories are expecting that their Petition to Her Gracious Majesty, praying Her to disallow and to refuse Her Royal sanction to the Seigniorial Act of 1854, will be acceded to.

SEVENTHLY.—Because the Bill is restrictive of the rights of proprietors, and prevents them of disposing from such of their appurtenances as may be unproductive to them, but which might yield them large sums were they allowed the free exercise of their judgment in disposing of them to others.

EIGHTHLY.—Because the Bill deprives parties interested of an appeal to Her Majesty in Her Privy Council, when they are aggrieved; whereas, by the Law of the Land, a party aggrieved is entitled to such appeal.

NINTHLY.—Because the Bill is unconstitutional, unjust, and arbitrary, dangerous in principle, and subversive of the rights of Her Majesty's subjects.

SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.

It was then moved,  
That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.  
In amendment, it was moved,  
To leave out "to-morrow," and to insert in lieu thereof "Monday next."  
Which being objected to;  
The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the negative.  
The question being then put on the Main Motion, the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and  
*Ordered* accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,  
Friday, 25th May, 1855.

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree to a further Conference with the Legislative Council on the subject matter of the amendments made by their Honors to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway "Company."

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last Conference, do manage this Conference.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolution and Order be communicated to the Legislative Council, by Message.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dufresne* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,  
*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The House being informed that the Managers of the Conference for the Legislative Assembly were ready in the Conference Chamber.

The names of the Managers for this House were called over, and

The House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Conference.

Which being ended, the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* reported, that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference, which, on their part, was managed by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, and had delivered to them their



Honors Reasons for insisting on their amendments to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," and had left the Bill and amendments with them.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "*Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported, from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill again into consideration, had made some further progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *St. Lawrence* Assurance Company," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a Survey of the line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the General Drainage and Land Improvement Company of *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Ferrier*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the registration of certain Deeds deposited in Registry Office, Number One, of the County of *Huntingdon*," was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sanborn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Repeal certain Acts, and to consolidate

“ the Laws relating to Lessors and Lessees,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sanborn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to improve the Law relating to Betterments,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

In amendment, it was moved, to leave out “ to-morrow,” and insert in lieu thereof “ this day three months.”

After a short Debate,

The motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn, and it was

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Felton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to increase the number of sittings of the Courts of Justice within the District of *St. Francis*, and to make a more convenient arrangement thereof,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Terrill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Provincial Statute, fourteenth and fifteenth *Vict.* cap. ninety-six to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act in relation to Foreign Insurance Companies, and Insurance Agents,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Lyon* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Lyon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to facilitate the issue of Commissions, and for securing the attendance of Witnesses in Suits pending, or to be brought in the

“several Courts of Record in *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to regulate the Proceedings on Forced Licitations, and to give them the effect of Sheriff’s Sales, (*decrét*,”) to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this Day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at two o’clock in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at two o’clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

## Saturday, 26th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,  
BOURRET,

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
WILSON,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER,  
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *N. Godbout* and others, of the Townships of *Lambton, Price, Aylmer, Gayhurst, and Forsyth*,

in the County of *Beauce*, praying for a grant of £690 to enable them to repair the *Lambton Road*.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *George Wright* and others, of the Township of *Medonte* ;

Also, a Petition from *D. McPherson* and others, of the Township of *Oro* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Frontenac* Division, No. 2, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Kingston, Canada West* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Gray*, of the Township of *Orillia* ;

Also, a Petition from *A. McLaughlin* and others, of the Township of *Mariposa* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Victoria* Division, No. 59, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Thurlow*, in the County of *Hastings* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Bowmanville* Division, No. 39, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, located at *Bowmanville*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Walker* and others, of the Township of *Brant* ;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel H. Rance* and others, of the Townships of *Hullett* and *Morris*, severally praying that some suitable place may be permanently fixed on for the annual assembling of Parliament.

Also, a Petition from *John Prince* and others, of the Township of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Essex*, praying that a further grant may be made by the Legislature towards the Patriotic Fund, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of those of the Allied Armies who have fallen or may fall during the present War with *Russia* ;

And also, a Petition from *R. H. Thornhill* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, in the County of *Welland*, praying for the renewal of the Charter of the *Fort Erie* Canal Company.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the *Quebec* Library Association, made up to January, 1854 ;

Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company, made up to 30th April, 1853 ;

And also, a Statement of the Affairs of the last mentioned Company, made up to the 30th April, 1854.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a Survey of the Line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the General Drainage and Land Improvement Company of *Upper Canada*," reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the House proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the Accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

Which said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be adopted.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Eighth Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and Report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Which said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was

*Ordered*, That the same be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to the Ordnance Lands and Naval and Military Reserves in this Province, and for other purposes."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* reported, from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to sit again presently.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading, of the Bill, intituled,  
 “ An Act to facilitate the issue of Commissions and for securing the attendance of  
 “ Witnesses in Suits pending or to be brought in the several Courts of Record in  
 “ *Upper Canada*.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out “ now,” and after time to insert “ this day three months.”

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, it was also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled “ An Act to repeal certain  
 “ Acts, and to consolidate the Laws relating to Lessors and Lessees,” was read a  
 second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *Panet*, and  
*Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to increase the  
 “ number of sittings of the Courts of Justice within the District of *St. Francis*,  
 “ and to make a more convenient arrangement thereof,” was read a second time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled,  
 “ An Act to amend the Provincial Statute fourteenth and fifteenth *Vict. cap.*  
 “ nine-six, to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the  
 “ Peace.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be discharged from the Orders of the Day.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled,  
 “ An Act in relation to Foreign Insurance Companies and Insurance Agents.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out "now," and after time to insert "this day three months."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, it was also

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, in the following words:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Saturday, 26th May, 1855.

*Resolved*, That a Conference be desired with the Honorable the Legislative Council on the subject matter of their Message of the twenty-fifth ultimo, relative to a fixed Seat of Government.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs Attorney General *McDonald*, and *Spence*, do go to the Legislative Council and desire the said Conference.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk, Assembly.*

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the mode of drawing up the Provincial Statutes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Larwill* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Felton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to suspend parts of the Acts regulating the Notarial profession in *Lower Canada*, in so far as they relate to the District of *St. Francis*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to restrict, in certain cases, the recusation of Judges in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish the right of *Retrait Lignager*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish the publication in Courts of "Justice in *Lower Canada*, of Acts containing substitutions, and to provide for "their Registration in the Registry Offices," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Judicature Laws with respect to the qualification and appointment of Bailiffs in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of "the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act 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,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act “to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for “supplying Cities, Towns, and Villages with Gas and Water,” and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize investigations in cases of Accident by Fire in *Quebec* and *Montreal*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act for “granting to Her Majesty certain sums of Money required for defraying certain “expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1855, and certain other Expenses “connected with the Public Service,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to establish a Registry Office in and for each Electoral County in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to repeal “two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to extend the Elective Franchise of “this Province,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the Proceedings on Forced Licitations, and to give them the effect of Sheriff's Sales, *decrets*," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *Bourret*, and *Leslie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved,

That this House do concur in the Conference desired by the Legislative Assembly this day, on the subject matter of the Message of this House, of the 25th ultimo, relative to a fixed Seat of Government.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council agrees to the Conference desired upon the subject matter of the Message of this House of the 25th ultimo, relative to a fixed Seat of Government, and that the Managers on the part of this House are to be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *Taché*, and *Leslie*, who are to meet the number of Managers on the part of the Legislative Assembly required by Parliamentary usage, on Monday next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Conference Chamber of this House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate Savings Banks, and to repeal the Act now in force for that purpose," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Legaré* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 11.—After “ follows ” leave out to “ notwithstanding, ” in line 18.

Page 1, Line 41.—After “ made, ” insert “ provided always that it shall be law-  
 “ ful for the said Court on Petition of such Curator, Tutor,  
 “ or other person holding in trust for others, at any  
 “ time before the expiration of the substitution or tenancy in  
 “ trust, to order that such capital, or any portion thereof, shall  
 “ be by such Curator, Tutor, or other person laid out and  
 “ invested in real or immoveable property, to be designated  
 “ in the order, and thereupon it shall be lawful for the Re-  
 “ ceiver General to pay the sum mentioned in such order to  
 “ the person or party therein designated as the vendor of such  
 “ real or immoveable property or as otherwise entitled to re-  
 “ ceive the price thereof, and thereafter such real or immov-  
 “ eable property shall be subject to all such and the same trusts  
 “ (*fidei commis.*) or entails (*substitutions*) as the Seignior, in  
 “ respect to which the same was so ordered to be acquired as  
 “ aforesaid. ”

Page 2, Line 5.—Leave out “ and. ”

Page 2, Line 21.—After “ *terrier*, ” insert “ in or for any Seignior to which  
 “ the said Seigniorial Act of 1854, as amended, by this Act  
 “ extends. ”

Page 2, Line 25.—After “ Province, ” insert “ in so far as regards every such  
 “ Seignior. ”

Page 2, Line 43.—After “ 1854, ” insert “ as amended by this Act. ”

Page 5, Line 8.—Leave out from “ thereof ” to “ any, ” in Line 15 where it oc-  
 “ curs the first time, and insert “ as *Censitaires*. ”

Page 5, Line 31.—After “ record, ” insert “ for want of such form. ”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal certain Acts and to consolidate the Laws “ relating to Lessors and Lessees, ” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amend- ment.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "*Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855.*"

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 2, Line 46.—After "passed" insert "in the Session held."

Page 4, Line 10.—Leave out "Ordinances" and insert "the said Ordinance."

Page 4, Line 21.—Leave out "Ordinances" and insert "Ordinance."

Page 4, Line 34.—Leave out from "thereof" to "and" in line 49.

Page 7, Line 23.—Leave out from "a" to "the" where it occurs the first time, and insert "parish."

Page 8, Line 12.—Leave out "Clerk" and insert "Secretary-Treasurer."

Page 8 Line 13.—Leave out "Clerk" and insert "Secretary-Treasurer."

Page 8, Line 30.—After "Corporation" insert "or body politic under the name of the Corporation."

Page 9, Line 18.—Leave out "five" and insert "seven."

Page 10, Line 19.—After "day" insert "but no such adjournment shall be made until after the expiration of one hour from the failure of the quorum."

Page 10, Line 20.—Leave out "but" and insert "and."

Page 11, Lines 46 & 47.—After "municipality" insert "whenever thereunto authorized by the Council,"

Page 12, Line 9.—Leave out from "to" to "the" when it occurs the first time "in line 10."

Page 12, Line 12.—Leave out "Chief Officer" and insert "Council."

Page 13, Line 13.—Leave out “ County. ”

Page 14, Line 45.—After “ incorporated ” insert “ railway, ” and after “ whose ” insert “ railway. ”

Page 18, Line 12.—After “ *comté* ” insert “ provided always that if the first  
 “ session of such Council shall have been held at a place  
 “ which at the time of the passing of this Act was the place  
 “ of holding the meeting of the Municipal Council, of a County  
 “ or division of a County, the concurrence of two-thirds of  
 “ the Members for the time being, or such Council, shall be  
 “ necessary for the making of a By-Law appointing any other  
 “ place for the holding the subsequent sessions of such  
 “ Council. ”

Page 20, Line 35.—Leave out “ he ” and insert “ the County Superintendent. ’

Page 24, Line 36.—After “ them ” insert “ and for confiscating bread of insuffi-  
 “ cient weight or unwholesome quality. ”

Page 27, Line 3.—After “ destroyed ” insert “ or to any person sustaining any  
 “ damage or injury from any such Acts. ”

Page 28, Line 8.—After “ *Montreal* ” insert “ as amended by an Act passed in  
 “ the seventh year of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An  
 “ Act to alter and amend certain provisions of the Ordinance  
 “ of the Governor and Council of *Lower Canada* of the se-  
 “ cond year of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An ordinance  
 “ for establishing an efficient system of police in the Cities of  
 “ *Quebec* and *Montreal*,” and by an Act passed in the ninth  
 “ year of Her Majesty’s Reign, intituled, “ An Act to  
 “ amend the Act amending certain provisions of the ordinance  
 “ for establishing an efficient system of Police in the Cities of  
 “ *Quebec* and *Montreal*. ”

Page 28, Line 12.—After “ Ordinance ” insert “ so as aforesaid amended. ”

Page 28, Line 18.—After “ days ” insert “ either in the Common Gaol of the  
 “ District or.”

Page 28, Line 32.—Leave out from “ Lessee ” to “ in.”

Page 29, Line 21.—Leave out “ *Lower Canada* ” and insert “ the Municipality.”

Page 30, Line 13.—Leave out “ five ” and insert “ seven.”

Page 30, Line 16.—Leave out “ five ” and insert “ seven.”

- Page 30, Line 23.—After “not” insert “and whenever the Election is not opposed by more than three persons qualified to vote thereat, the person presiding shall declare the candidates duly elected.”
- Page 30, Line 39.—After “elected” insert “provided that no person shall have been within the last hour prevented from approaching the Poll by violence, of which notice shall have been given to the person presiding.”
- Page 30, Line 47.—After “am” insert “twenty-one years of age, that I am.”
- Page 30, Line 48.—Leave out “and” and after “have” insert “paid all local rates or taxes due by me, and that I have,”
- Page 31, Line 33.—Leave out “five” and insert “seven.”
- Page 32, Line 1.—Leave out “five” and insert “seven.”
- Page 32, Line 9.—Leave out “three” and insert “four.”
- Page 32, Line 14.—Leave out from “Parish” to “or.”
- Page 33, Line 12.—After “of” insert “certain.”
- Page 33, Line 19.—After “valuators” insert “each of whom shall be possessed of a property qualification equal to that required of Municipal Councillors by this Act. The appointment of any person not so qualified shall be null and void; and each valuator shall immediately after his appointment take an Oath well and faithfully to fulfil the duties of his Office.”
- Page 34, Line 43.—Leave out “resolution” and insert “revocation.”
- Page 35, Line 15.—Leave out “five” and insert “seven.”
- Page 35, Line 44.—Leave out “twenty-five” and insert “forty.”
- Page 36, Line 6.—Leave out “forty” and insert “sixty.”
- Page 37, Line 34.—Leave out “five” and insert “seven.”
- Page 39, Line 24.—After “Mayor” insert “or Warden.”
- Page 39, Line 26.—Leave out from “elected” to “if” in line 27, and insert “him,”
- Page 39, Line 27.—After “Mayor” insert “or of a Warden.”
- Page 39, Line 29.—Leave out “Local.”
- Page 39, Line 30.—After “Mayor” insert “or Warden.”

Page 40, Line 1.—Leave out “ Clerk ” and insert “ Secretary-Treasurer. ”

Page 41, Line 28.—After “ contracted ” insert “ or work or works done. ”

Page 41, Line 30.—After “ contracted ” insert “ or such work or works. ”

Page 41, Line 31.—After “ County ” insert “ and every such rate may be levied  
“ for the satisfaction of any equitable claim whether such  
“ debts were contracted, or such works performed according  
“ to formalities required by Law or not. ”

Page 41, Line 37.—After “ Municipal ” insert “ or road ” and leave out from  
“ system ” to “ and. ”

Page 42, Line 7.—After “ Court ” insert “ by. ”

Page 42, Line 12.—Leave out “ party ” and insert “ person. ”

Page 44, Line 3.—After “ Road ” insert “ left open to, and. ”

Page 44, Line 4.—Leave out from “ right ” to “ during. ”

Page 44, Line 23.—After “ stone ” insert “ or mile post. ”

Page 45, Line 12.—After “ bottom ” insert “ kept. ”

Page 45, Line 13.—After “ and ” insert “ such fords. ”

Page 45, Line 15.—Leave out “ fifteenth ” and insert “ first, ” and leave out  
“ November ” and insert “ December. ”

Page 45, Line 16.—Leave out “ fifteenth ” and insert “ first. ”

Page 45, Line 36.—Leave out “ parties ” and insert “ persons. ”

Page 46, Line 25.—After “ *St Lawrence* ” insert “ having roads. ”

Page 50, Line 34.—Leave out “ thirty ” and insert “ twenty. ”

Page 53, Line 37.—After “ such ” insert “ owner or. ”

Page 55, Line 4.—After “ land ” insert “ from the Crown. ”

Page 56, Line 47.—Leave out “ timber. ”

Page 58, Line 44.—Leave out from “ Inspector ” to “ during. ”

Page 58, Line 45.—Leave out “ and. ”

Page 59, Line 28.—After “ of ” insert “ not more than. ”

Page 61, Line 43.—Leave out “ twenty ” and insert five, ” and after “ curren-  
“ cy ” insert “ and if he neglect to make or repair such  
“ road for a period of twenty-four hours after having been

“ notified to make or repair the same, he shall incur a penalty  
 “ of not more than twenty, nor less than five shillings cur-  
 “ rency.”

Page 62, Line 3.—Leave out from “ costs ” to “ every ” in line 22 where it occurs the first time.

Page 64, Line 26.—After “ plough ” insert “ roller.”

Page 66, Line 33.—After “ thereat ” insert “ Provided that when any Lot occu-  
 “ pied by a Tenant or Lessee shall be situated partly within  
 “ the limits of any City Corporation, and partly within any  
 “ Village or Parish Municipality, the capital of the Rent  
 “ received by virtue of the said Lease shall be deemed to be  
 “ the value of the said lot during the existence of the said  
 “ lease, and the amount of the Assessment shall be paid to  
 “ such City Corporation, and Village or Parish Municipality  
 “ in proportion to the extent of Ground lying in their respec-  
 “ tive limits, notwithstanding any of the provisions of this  
 “ Act to the contrary.”

Page 69, Line 20.—Leave out “ two ” and insert “ five.”

IN THE SCHEDULES OF THE BILL.

Page 90, Line 2.—Leave out “ forty ” and insert “ sixty.”

Page 90, Line 9.—Leave out “ twenty-five ” and insert “ forty.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Improve the Law relating to Betterments,” it was

*Ordered*, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to alter the mode of Drawing the Provincial Statutes,” was read a second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be amended, as follows:—

Page 1, Line 6.—Leave out from “ passed ” to “ Be ” in line seven, and insert “ may be made shorter.”

*Ordered*, That that the said amendment be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau* Railway Company,” was read a second time.



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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Ferrier,* and *Panet,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to suspend parts of the Acts regulating the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada* in so far as they relate to the District of *St. Francis,*" was read a second time.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to restrict, in certain cases, the Recusation of Judges in *Lower Canada,*" was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish the Right of *Retrait Lignager,*" was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish the publication in Courts of Justice in *Lower Canada* of Acts containing Substitutions, and to provide for their Registration in the Registry Office," was read the second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Judicature Laws with respect to the qualification and appointment of Bailiffs in *Lower Canada,*" was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada,*" was read the second time.

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

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a Registry Office in and for each Electoral County in *Lower Canada,*" was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill, on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to extend the Elective Franchise of this Province," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered,* That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill, on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate Savings Banks, and to repeal the Act now in force for that purpose," was read a second time.

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

*Ordered*, That the House be put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill, on Monday next.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Monday, 28th May, 1855.

The members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *l'Institut Canadien des Artisans et de Bibliothèque du Village du Bassin de Chambly*, praying for pecuniary aid.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to Incorporate the *St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau* “ Railway Company,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the number of sittings of the Courts of Justice within the District of *St. Francis* and to make a more convenient arrangement thereof;" was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854," as amended,

It was moved,

That the said Bill, as amended, be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to ;

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "*Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the mode of drawing up the Provincial Statutes," as amended, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be further amended, as follows :—

Page 1, Line 28.—After "Majesty" insert "by and," and after "the" where it occurs the first time insert "advice and."

*Ordered*, That the said further amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to suspend parts of the Acts regulating the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada* in so far as they relate to the District of *St. Francis*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to restrict, in certain cases, the Recusation of Judges in *Lower Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish the right of *Retrait Lignager*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish the publication in Courts of Justice in *Lower Canada* of Acts containing Substitutions, and to provide for their Registration in the Registry Offices," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Judicature Laws with respect to the qualification and appointment of Bailiffs in *Lower Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Master in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, without any amendment.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to the Ordnance Lands and Naval and Military Reserves in this Province, and for other purposes,"

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Improve the Law relating to Betterments."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out "now," and after time to insert "this day three months."

Which being objected to ;

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was  
*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the Main Motion, as amended, the same was also  
*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

*Ordered* accordingly.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a Registry Office in and for each Electoral County in *Lower Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain

“ Acts therein mentioned, and to extend the Elective Franchise of this Province.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House Returns from the Clerks of the County Councils in *Upper Canada*, made up in pursuance of the Act 16 *Vict.* cap. 163, intituled, “ An Act to provide for the making of certain annual returns “ to the Government.”

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to make “ further provision for the Grammar and Common Schools of *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for a first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to continue for a limited time “ the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the *Roman Catholic Institute of St. Rochs, Quebec,*" to which they desire they concurrence of House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption River and Railway Company,*" and to acquaint this House that they do not insist on their disagreement to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to require that all By-Laws of "City, Town, Village, or Township Councils in *Upper Canada,* for raising money "upon the Credit of such City, Town, Village, or Township Corporations, shall "shall be approved by a majority of the Municipal Electors before they come into "force," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House was informed, that the Managers for the Legislative Assembly were ready in the Conference Chamber, for the Conference on the subject of the Message sent down by this House on the twenty-fifth ultimo, relative to a fixed Seat of Government,

The names of the Managers for this House were then called over.

And the House was adjourned during pleasure, and their Honors went to the Conference.

Which being ended, the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* reported, that the Managers for their Honors had met the Managers for the Legislative Assembly at the Conference which, on their part, was managed by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, who delivered to their Honors the Address of this House; and also, a paper containing as follows, viz.:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 28th May, 1855.

*Ordered*, That it be an instruction to the Managers on the part of this House, that they acquaint the Honorable the Legislative Council, at the Conference to be held this day on the subject of their Message of the twenty-fifth ultimo, relative to a fixed Seat of Government, that this House, before they were possessed of their Honors Address, had come to a Resolution of their own upon the subject, and to deliver back to their Honors their said Address.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

*Clerk, Assembly.*

It was then moved,

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Address.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General to know what time His Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the said Address of this House, and that His Excellency had named to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House in this city for that purpose.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chapais* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for the organization



“ of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

*Ordered,* That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret, Panet,* and *Belleau,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate the Proceedings on Forced Licitations, and to give them the effect of Sheriff’s Sales, (*decrêts*),” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to alter the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of “ *Durham,*” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 40.—Leave out “ ten ” and insert “ twelve. ”

Page 1, Line 43.—After “ representatives ” insert “ and provided also, that if any  
 “ dispute shall arise in regard to the said lands between the said  
 “ Indians and the parties who have purchased or leased, or  
 “ may hereafter purchase or lease the same, such dispute  
 “ shall be referred to the Superintendent General of Indian  
 “ affairs, and his decision thereon shall be final and conclu-  
 “ sive.”

Page 2, Line 7.—Leave out “ Chief, ” and after “ Superintendent ” insert  
 “ General. ”

Page 2, Line 17.—Leave out “ Chief, ” and after “ Superintendent ” insert  
 “ General. ”

Page 2, Line 22.—Leave out from “ which ” to “ shall, ” and insert “ one or  
“ more of the aforesaid Indians. ”

Page 2, Line 24.—Leave out from “ have ” to “ purchased ” in line 25, and in-  
sert “ *bonâ fide*, and for a valuable consideration. ”

Page 2, Line 26.—After “ paid ” insert “ to such Indian or Indians. ”

Page 2, Line 27.—Leave out “ and ” and insert “ or. ”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill was, as amended, then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*, ” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to alter the mode of drawing up the “ Provincial Statutes, ” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the “ incorporation of the City of *Montreal*, ” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 30.—After “householders” “insert “or owners.”

Page 1, Line 39.—After “who” insert “if not owners.”

Page 1, Line 41.—Leave out “who.”

Page 1, Line 44.—Leave out “who.”

Page 1, Line 47.—Leave out “in” and insert “on.”

Page 2, Line 16.—After “have” insert “owned or.”

Page 2, Line 21.—After “if” insert “owned or.”

Page 2, Line 31.—After “same” insert “provided he be otherwise rated, charged,  
“or assessed in respect of the Laws and By Laws in force.”

Page 2, Line 32.—After “householder” insert “or owner.”

Page 2, Line 46.—After “election” insert Clauses A and B.

#### CLAUSE A.

“Every Voter shall vote in the Ward in which he is assessed,  
“unless he be qualified to vote in more than one Ward, then  
“in the Ward in which he shall reside; and each Voter  
“qualified to vote in one Ward only, shall vote in such  
“Ward, and each Voter qualified to vote in more Wards  
“than one, and resident without the limits of the City shall  
“declare at least one month before the Election in which  
“ward he wishes to vote, and in default of so doing,  
“he shall not be permitted to vote at such Election; and no  
“person shall be permitted to give more than one vote at  
“any Election.”

#### CLAUSE B.

“If any person who shall have, or claim to have any right  
“to vote at any Election of a Mayor or of a Councillor in  
“the said City shall, after the passing of this Act, ask or  
“take any money or other reward, by way of gift, loan, or  
“other device, or agree or contract for any money, gift,  
“office, employment, or other reward whatsoever, to give or  
“forbear to give his vote in any such Election, or if any  
“person by himself, or by any person employed by him,  
“shall, by any gift or reward, or by any promise, agreement,  
“or security for any gift or reward, corrupt or procure, or

“ offer to corrupt or procure any person to give or forbear to  
 “ give his vote in any such Election, such person so offending  
 “ in any of the cases aforesaid, shall for every such offence,  
 “ forfeit the sum of Ten pounds currency, to be recovered,  
 “ with full costs of suit, by any one who shall sue for the  
 “ same in the Circuit Court of the *Montreal* Circuit; and  
 “ any person offending in any of the cases aforesaid, being  
 “ lawfully convicted thereof, shall for ever be disabled to vote  
 “ in any Election in the said City.”

Page 3, Line 33.—Leave out from “thereof” to “proclaim” in page 4, line 5, and insert “and such Alderman or City Councillor as shall  
 “ at the last previous meeting of the City Council have been  
 “ named and appointed for that purpose, shall preside at each  
 “ of the nominations of Candidates for the offices of Mayor  
 “ and of Councillors respectively, which shall be held in the  
 “ open air, that for the office of Mayor, at the *Bonsecours*  
 “ Market, and those for Councillors, at such places in the  
 “ several Wards to be fixed by the said Council, as that all the  
 “ Electors may have free access thereto; and at ten o’clock  
 “ in the forenoon of the said day, the Alderman or Councillor  
 “ appointed to preside at each such nomination, shall proceed  
 “ to the place where the same is to be held as aforesaid, and  
 “ shall then and there require the Electors there present  
 “ to name the person or persons whom they wish to choose  
 “ as Mayor, or as Councillor or Councillors, as the case may  
 “ be, and any two duly qualified Electors of the said City  
 “ may openly and publicly address to the Alderman or Coun-  
 “ cillor presiding at the nomination for the office of Mayor,  
 “ a demand or requisition that the person by them named be  
 “ elected Mayor of the said City for the next ensuing term  
 “ of the said office of Mayor, and in the event of there being  
 “ only one such demand or requisition made as aforesaid, or  
 “ that all the demands or requisitions so made shall be for  
 “ one and the same person, then the Alderman or Councillor  
 “ presiding, shall proclaim the said person duly elected Mayor  
 “ of the said City for the next ensuing term of the said  
 “ office; and any two qualified Electors in any Ward of the  
 “ said City may, on the day aforesaid, openly and publicly  
 “ address to the Alderman or Councillor presiding at the  
 “ nomination for the office of Councillor, in such Ward, a  
 “ demand or requisition that the person or persons named by  
 “ them be elected Councillor or Councillors for the said  
 “ Ward, in which the said requisitionists are Electors as  
 “ aforesaid; and if there be only one demand or-requisition

“ made for the election of a Councillor or Councillors in any  
 “ Ward of the said City, or if all the requisitions made in  
 “ any such Ward be for the election of the same person or  
 “ persons as Councillor or Councillors for the said Ward,  
 “ then the said Alderman or Councillor presiding shall.”

Page 4, Line 12.—Leave out from “said” where it occurs the second time, to  
 “ shall,” and insert “presiding Aldermen and Councillors  
 “ respectively.”

Page 4, Line 14.—Leave out from “being” to “or” in line 15, and insert  
 “ made by two.”

Page 4, Line 18.—Leave out from “said” to “and” in line 19, and insert  
 “ presiding Aldermen and Councillors respectively.”

Page 4, Line 25.—Leave out from “been” to “on” in line 26, and insert  
 “ made as aforesaid.”

Page 4, Line 26.—Leave out from “aforesaid” to “It” in line 36.

Page 4, Line 42.—Leave out from “City” to “to” in line 43.

Page 5, Line 19.—Leave out from “them” to “and” in line 20.

Page 6, Line 32.—Leave out from “same” to “To” in line 41, and insert “and  
 “ to impose a fine not exceeding Twenty shillings, currency,  
 “ or an imprisonment not exceeding ten days, or both, or  
 “ any person hiring, engaging, or employing Carters in the  
 “ said City, and neglecting or refusing to pay such Carters  
 “ for their services according to the rates established by such  
 “ tariff.”

Page 7, Line 1.—Leave out from “City” to “and” where it occurs the first  
 in line 11.

Page 7, Line 48.—Leave out from “same” to “the” in page 8, line 12, and in-  
 sert “unless herein otherwise expressly provided.”

Page 8, Line 20.—Leave out from “same” to “any” where it occurs the first  
 time in page 9, line 6, and insert Clauses C, D, and E.

#### CLAUSE C.

“ For and notwithstanding anything to the contrary con-  
 “ tained in the said Act Fourteenth and Fifteenth *Victoria*,  
 “ cap. one hundred and twenty-eight, the Salary of the Re-  
 “ corder of the said City shall not be less than Four hundred  
 “ pounds Currency, per annum, payable monthly out of the

“ funds of the said City ; and so much of the said Act as  
“ provides that the Recorder of the said City shall be assist-  
“ ed in holding the Recorder’s Court by one or more of the  
“ Aldermen or Councillors of the said City, or that in the  
“ absence of the Recorder, from sickness or other causes, the  
“ Mayor or one of the Aldermen or Councillors of the said  
“ City shall preside in the said Court ; shall be, and the  
“ same is hereby repealed ; and it shall be lawful for the said  
“ Recorder, from time to time, by an instrument in writing  
“ under his hand and seal, to be deposited, filed, and register-  
“ ed in the Office of the Clerk of the said Recorder’s Court,  
“ to nominate and appoint some fit and proper person, being  
“ an Advocate of not less than five years’ standing at the Bar  
“ of *Lower Canada*, to be and act as his Deputy in the event  
“ of his illness or necessary absence from the said City ; and  
“ and any such nomination and appointment from, time to  
“ time, to revoke, and again to make as circumstances may  
“ seem to him to require ; and each and every person so  
“ nominated and appointed shall, for and during the period  
“ of time limited in the instrument containing his appoint-  
“ ment, or if no period of time be therein limited, then from  
“ the date of the registration thereof as aforesaid until the  
“ revocation thereof, have, hold, use, occupy, possess and en-  
“ joy, and be vested with all and every the jurisdiction, rights,  
“ powers, privileges and authority, and be bound to discharge  
“ all the duties of the Recorder for the said City, to the ex-  
“ clusion, for the time being, of the person so nominating  
“ and appointing him as aforesaid. Provided nevertheless,  
“ that the said Recorder’s Court shall not at any time be  
“ deemed to have been illegally held, nor shall the Acts of  
“ any Deputy Recorder of the said City be deemed invalid,  
“ by reason of the absence of the Recorder not being deemed  
“ to be necessary within the meaning of this Act.

#### CLAUSE D.

“ Notwithstanding any thing in the said Act, or in any other  
“ Act or Law to the contrary, the said Recorder’s Court  
“ shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases of complaint  
“ against, or objection to the Assessment Returns to be made  
“ in the said City ; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer  
“ of the said City, as soon as the Assessors thereof have de-  
“ posited the Assessment Books for any Ward of the said  
“ City, in any year, in his office, to cause a notice to that ef-  
“ fect to be published in one French and in one English

“ Newspaper in the said City, and in every issue thereof for  
 “ three weeks ; and all persons who may think themselves  
 “ aggrieved by any thing in the said Assessment Books con-  
 “ tained, may at any time within three weeks from the day  
 “ of the date of the first publication of such Notice prepare,  
 “ or cause to be prepared, a complaint thereof in writing, ad-  
 “ dressed to the said Recorder’s Court, and file the same in  
 “ the Office of the Clerk of the said Court, who shall from  
 “ time to time give due and sufficient notice, by publication  
 “ in one English and in one French Newspaper in the said  
 “ City, of the days and hours when the said Recorder’s Court  
 “ will proceed to hear and determine the merits of such com-  
 “ plaints generally, or of any class or number thereof respec-  
 “ tively ; and any party aggrieved by any decision of the  
 “ said Recorder’s Court, with respect to any such complaint,  
 “ may appeal therefrom by summary petition to any one of  
 “ the Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, sit-  
 “ ting at *Montreal*, presented either in term or in vacation  
 “ within a delay of eight days from and after the rendering  
 “ of such decision ; and thereupon it shall be lawful for such  
 “ Judge to order that certified copies of the entry or entries  
 “ in the Assessment Book complained of by the Petitioner,  
 “ and of the decision of the said Recorder’s Court or his com-  
 “ plaint thereof, together with such complaint itself be trans-  
 “ mitted to him, and upon receipt thereof he shall, after hav-  
 “ ing heard the Petitioner, either in person or by Attorney,  
 “ make such order in the premises as to Law and Justice  
 “ may appertain.”

CLAUSE E.

“ From any judgment to be rendered by the said Recorder’s  
 “ Court after the passing of this Act in any cause, matter, or  
 “ proceeding in which the legality of any Bye-Law of the  
 “ Council of the said City of *Montreal* shall have been di-  
 “ rectly in issue, an appeal shall lie to the Superior Court for  
 “ *Lower Canada*, sitting at *Montreal*, and so far as circum-  
 “ stances and the nature of the case will permit, all and every  
 “ the provisions of Law and Rules of Practice regulating  
 “ Appeals from the Circuit Court to the said Superior Court  
 “ shall apply to such Appeals from the said Recorder’s Court  
 “ to the said Superior Court.”

Page 9, Line 16.—After “ them ” insert “ and in the suit to be instituted, it  
 “ shall be sufficient to mention the name of one of the owners,  
 “ occupiers, or agents, with the addition of the words “ and  
 “ others. ”

Page 9, Line 17.—Leave out from “agency to “shall” in line 19.

Page 9, Line 42.—Leave out from “City” to “to” where it occurs the second  
“time in line 44.

Page 10, Line 34.—After “days” insert Clause F.

#### CLAUSE F.

“And whereas it often happens that Lessees of property in  
“the said City sub-let the same for higher rents than they  
“pay for the same, and doubts may arise as to whether the  
“assessment on such property should be determined upon  
“the rent for which the same may be let, or that for which  
“it may be sub-let; be it enacted that in all such cases the  
“Assessors shall determine the assessment to be made by them  
“on such property upon the actual *bonâ fide* rent thereof as  
“agreed upon between the Lessee and his sub-tenants, but  
“the rate or tax so assessed shall, as respects the owner of  
“such property, in the event of his being compelled to pay  
“the same, be reducible and be reduced to the sum it would  
“have amounted to if it had been assessed on the actual and  
“*bonâ fide* rent of such property for the year in respect of  
“which it was assessed, as agreed upon between him and  
“his immediate tenant.—Provided always, that in all such  
“cases the full amount, or the sum or balance necessary to  
“complete the full amount, as the case may be, of the rate  
“or tax so assessed shall always be recoverable by the Cor-  
“poration from the tenant or sub-tenant.”

Page 11, Line 13.—After “the” where it occurs the first time insert, “whole of  
“the real estate in such Street, Square, or Section, shall be  
“held to have been equally benefitted by such improvement,  
“and that so much of the said section as empowers the said  
“Council to regulate and apply such rate, tax, or assessment  
“to and upon any such real estate to be so rated, taxed, or  
“assessed, and according and in proportion to the amount of  
“benefit which will be conferred thereon by the said improve-  
“ment, shall be, and the same is hereby repealed; and the  
“assessed value of all real estate, in any such Street, Square,  
“or Section, for the year in which any Bye-Law is made  
“under the said Section, shall be held to be the assessed  
“value thereof for the purposes of the said Section.”

Page 15, Line 12.—Leave out “every” and insert “each” and after “year”  
insert “for two years.”



Page 16, Line 2.—After “into” insert “or may hereafter take or purchase and enter into,” and leave out from “use” to “of” where it occurs the first time in line 3.

Page 16 Line 13.—After “been” insert “or may be” and leave out from “the” where it occurs the first time to “all” in line 27, and insert “right of the said Council to take more land than they absolutely require for the purposes of the said Water Works, or as to any other pretensions of the said Council, and the appraisers appointed to fix and determine the price or compensation to be paid therefor have no power or authority to decide such questions; Be it therefore enacted, that it shall be lawful for either party in any such case to present a Petition to any Judge of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, sitting at *Montreal*, either in term or in vacation, setting forth his pretensions in the premises; and thereupon it shall be the duty of such Judge, on proof of service of copies of such notice on the opposite party and on the appraisers, at least three days before the presentation thereof, to fix a delay, not exceeding eight days, for the said party to file his answer in writing to the said Petition, in the Office of the Prothonotary of the said Court at *Montreal*, and to serve a copy thereof on the Petitioner; and on proof of service on the party opposed to such Petitioner of the order fixing such delay, the said Judge shall name a further day and time for hearing the parties summarily on the question raised by such Petition and answer, or Petition only, as the case may be; and notice of the Order fixing such day for hearing shall be given by the Petitioner to the opposite party on the day on which it is made; and after hearing the parties as aforesaid, or one party only if the other shall fail to appear, after due notice as aforesaid, the said Judge shall make such order in the premises as to law and justice may appertain; and the appraisers shall be bound by the decision of such Judge in the premises (from which no appeal shall lie) and shall govern themselves accordingly, and it shall be the duty of the appraisers upon, from, and after the service upon them as aforesaid, of a copy of such petition as aforesaid to suspend all further proceedings in the case until they are served with a copy of the final order or decision of such Judge on the question submitted to him.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill was, as amended, then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the Port *Burwell* Harbour Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered,* That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Registration of certain Deeds deposited in the Registry Office, Number one, of the County of *Huntingdon*," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered,* That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate Savings Banks, and to repeal the Act now in force for that purpose."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* reported, from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered,* That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

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Page 13, Line 44.—After “year” insert “or such longer period as the Governor  
“ in Council shall, by Order in Council, allow.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill was, as amended, then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

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## Tuesday, 29th May, 1855.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
DIONNE,  
WALKER,  
FERRIER,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
PANET,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
PERRY,  
LEGARÉ,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to revive, continue, and amend certain Provisions of the

“ Act for establishing the Boundary of Lots in the West Gore of the Township of *Beverley*,” reported, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to Report the same to the House, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* enters.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to regulate proceedings in Appeals from the decisions of Justices of the Peace in Summary Convictions,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be amended, as follows:—

Page 1, Line 45.—After “ notwithstanding ” insert Clause, A.

#### CLAUSE A.

“ This Act shall apply to *Lower Canada* only.”

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and that the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the appointment of Reporters to the several Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to

the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Upper Canada Road, Bridge, Pier, or Wharf Joint Stock Companies Act of 1853*," and to acquaint this House, that the Legislative Assembly have passed the said Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Page 1, Line 38.—After "deemed" insert "as."

Page 1, Line 40.—After "whatsoever" insert "as if the first Section of this Act had formed part of the Act therein mentioned."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Salaries of Superintendents of Pilots and of the Bailiffs of the Trinity House of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Seigniorial Act of 1854*," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the Tenure of the *Durham Indian Lands, in the Township of Durham*," and to acquaint this House, that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the

amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate Savings Banks, and to repeal the Act now in force for that purpose," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Fisheries in *Lower Canada*," and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBeaujeu* presented a Petition from *H. Cartier* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Michel de Vaudreuil*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying that so much of the Parliamentary Representation Bill as provides for a new division of the Counties of *Vaudreuil* and *Soulanges* may not become Law.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make further provision for defraying the cost of the new Court House at *Montreal*, and of that at *Aylmer*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable the Speaker reported, that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General with their Address, praying His Excellency to exercise the Royal Prerogative and fix permanently on some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following most Gracious Answer.

Honorable Gentlemen,

I shall not fail to give to the Address which you have just presented to me, my best consideration.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide temporarily for the payment of Petty Jurors in *Lower Canada* and to make better provision for the payment of certain Judicial Officers in that part of the Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate proceedings in appeals from the decisions of Justices of the Peace in Summary Convictions," and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to the Ordnance Lands and Naval and Military Reserves in this Province, and for other purposes," and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 37.—After "thereof" insert "by Order in Council."

Page 1, Line 49.—After "Governor" insert "in Council."

Page 2, Line 3.—After "Governor" insert "in Council."

Page 2, Line 14.—After "Council" Strike out the remainder of the Clause.

#### IN THE PREAMBLE.

Page 1, Line 14.—Strike out from "the" to "of" in line 15, and insert "maintenance of peace and order within the limits."

Page 1, Line 19.—Strike out from "the" to "the" in line 20, and insert "maintenance of peace and order within."

Page 1, Line 20.—Strike out from "Country" to "Be" in line 21.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

Pursuant to order the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide temporarily for the payment of Petty Jurors in *Lower Canada*, and to make better provision for the payment of certain Judicial Officers in that part of the Province," was read the second time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws relating to Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*," and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, Line 18.—After "repealed" insert "so far only as they severally relate to the Roman Catholics of *Upper Canada*."

Page 1, Line 22.—After "town" insert "and being Roman Catholics."

Page 1, Line 23.—Strike out "in any School Section in *Upper Canada*," and insert "for Roman Catholics in such School Section or Ward."

Page 1, Line 26.—After "present" insert "not less than ten in number."

Page 1, Line 27.—After "Householders" insert "and being Roman Catholics."

Page 1, Line 29.—After "person" insert "being a British subject."

Page 1, Line 36.—After "householders" insert "and being Roman Catholics."

Page 2, Line 3.—Strike out "Protestant."

Page 2, Line 4.—Strike out "Jewish, colored, as the case may be."

Page 2.—Strike out Clauses 7 and 8 and insert Clause A.

#### CLAUSE A.

"If a Separate School or Separate Schools shall have been established in more than one Ward of any City or Town, the Trustees of such separate Schools may, if they think fit, form an union of such separate Schools, and from the day of the date of the notice in any public newspaper published in such City or



“ Town, announcing such union, the Trustees of the several  
 “ Wards shall together form a body corporate under the title  
 “ of The Board of Trustees of the Roman Catholic United  
 “ separate Schools for the City or Town of  
 “ in the County of ”

Page 2, Line 34.—After “ Schools ” insert “ and Teachers of separate Schools  
 “ shall be liable to all penalties provided against Teachers of  
 “ Common Schools. ”

Page 2 Line 47.—After “ children ” insert “ provided such children or their pa-  
 “ rents or guardians are Roman Catholics ; and no children  
 “ attending such School shall be included in the return here-  
 “ after provided to be made to the Chief Superintendent of  
 “ Schools unless they shall be Roman Catholics. ”

Page 3, Line 10.—After, “ a ” insert “ Roman Catholic and a. ”

Page 3, Line 12.—After “ imposed ” insert “ within such Ward or School Sec-  
 “ tion. ”

Page 3, Line 22.—After “ interested ” insert “ provided always that nothing  
 “ herein contained shall exempt any such person from paying  
 “ any rate for the support of Common Schools or Common  
 “ School Libraries or for the erection of a School House or  
 “ School Houses which shall have been imposed before such  
 “ separate School was established. ”

Page 3, Line 25.—Before “ Schools ” insert “ Common. ”

Page 3, Line 25.—Strike out from “ Schools ” to “ according ” in line 27.

Page 3, Line 41.—After “ Township ” insert “ or the County, or union of Coun-  
 “ ties within which such Town, Village, or Township is situ-  
 “ ate provided also, that if any Separate School shall not  
 “ been in operation for a whole year at the time of the appoint-  
 “ ment, it shall not receive the sum to which it would have  
 “ been entitled for a whole year, but only an amount propor-  
 “ tional to the time during which it has been kept open. ”

Page 3, Line 49.—After “ thereof ” insert “ and the number of months it shall  
 “ have been so kept open. ”

Page 4, Line 1.—Strike out from “ grant ” to “ and. ”

Page 4, Line 3.—Strike out “ the Judge of ” and insert “ any Justice of the  
 “ Peace for. ”

Page 4.—Strike out the eighteenth Clause.

## IN THE PREAMBLE.

Page 1, Line 4.—After “*Canada*” insert “so far as they effect the Roman Catholic Inhabitants thereof.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House, and it was

*Ordered*, That one of the masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have agreed to their amendments made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dorion* of *Montreal*, and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*,” and to acquaint this House, that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Abbott* of *Montreal*, praying that certain arrears of Salary may be paid to him.

*Ordered*, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stevenson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to remove doubts respecting certain Marriages in *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* of *Niagara*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Law as to Dormant Equities,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly Mr. *Papin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House, that he had received an Official communication acquainting him that it is His Excellency's intention, should the state of the Public Business permit, to prorogue the present Session of the Legislature at one o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for better "securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to connect the Office of "Supervisor of Cullors with the Crown Land Department," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the " Act establishing the Court of Error and Appeal in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Tolls leviable " on the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of the City of *Quebec*, and for other " purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read a first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

DISSENTIENT :—*N. F. Belleau*.

*Ordered*, That the last mentioned Bill be amended, as follows :—

Page 1, Line 24.—After "prescribed" insert Clause A.

#### CLAUSE A.

" It shall be lawful for the said Trustees to construct a Bridge  
 " over the River *Chaudière*, in such manner, within such  
 " period of time, and at such place as it shall be found con-  
 " venient, notwithstanding the restriction mentioned in the  
 " ninth Clause of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of  
 " Her Majesty's Reign, cap. 235.

*Ordered*, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT:—*N. F. Belleau.*

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

It was moved,

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

## Wednesday, 30th May, 1855.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

KNOWLTON,  
MOORE,  
WALKER,  
TACHÉ,  
LESLIE,  
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,  
DEBEAUJEU,  
BELLEAU,  
ARMSTRONG,  
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Yielding* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to regulate the duties "between Master and Servant in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a second time presently.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* enters.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of Friday last, the 25th instant, requesting that His Excellency would be pleased to direct that a warrant be issued in favor of the Clerk of this House for the sum of Ten thousand pounds, that is to say, Six thousand one hundred and fifty pounds to enable him to meet the Contingent Expenses of this House for the current year, and Three thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds on account of Indemnity to the Members of this House for their attendance and travelling expenses, and that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously and to say, that he would comply with the wishes of this House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the sale of immoveables charged with hypothecs in cases in which the proprietor thereof is unknown or uncertain," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill.

It was then moved that the said Bill be read a second time presently.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was

*Resolved* in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Tolls

“leviable on the Turnpike Roads in the neighborhood of the City of *Quebec*, and for other purposes,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, 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., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, “It is His Excellency’s pleasure they attend him immediately “in this House.”

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow:—

An Act to amend the Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*.

An Act to Incorporate the Asylum of the *Good Shepherd* of *Quebec*.

An Act further to amend the laws concerning Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to Incorporate the Benevolent Society of *Notre-Dame de Bonsecours*, at *Montreal*.

An Act to authorize the keeping of separate Registers of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the Parish Churches of *Notre-Dame of Montreal*, of *Notre-Dame of Quebec*, and *St. Roch* of *Quebec*, and in the other Churches depending thereof, (*succursales d’icelles*.)

An Act to legalize a certain Assessment and School Rate in the School Municipality of *St. David*, in the County of *Yamaska*.

An Act to amend the Act passed in the now last Session, relative to certain Duties of Excise in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to divide the Township of *Norwich* into two separate Municipalities.

An Act to amend the Act relating to Line Fences and Water Courses in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to amend the Acts incorporating the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway Company, and to authorize the construction of a Branch thereof to *Marmora*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Peterborough* and *Chemong Lake* Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *Aylmer* Academy.

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An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Vermont Junction Railway Company*.

An Act to change the name of the *Bytown and Prescott Railway Company*, and to amend the Act incorporating the same.

An Act to Incorporate the *Oakville and Arthur Railway Company*.

An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company, in the City of *Toronto*.

An Act to alter the limits of the *Arthabaska Circuit*, and for other purposes.

An Act to prevent Furious Driving on certain Highways in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec Fire Assurance Company*, and to facilitate the management of the business of the said Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *Abbotsford Academy*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Sœurs de la Présentation*.

An Act to make further provision for the Grammar and Common Schools of *Upper Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly Railroad Company*, and for other purposes.

An Act to Incorporate the Director and Trustees of the *Montreal St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum*.

An Act to repeal the Act of last Session, chapter 189, and to regulate travelling on Public Highways in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinance concerning the Civil erection of Parishes, and the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses, and Churchyards.

An Act to amend the Criminal Law of this Province.

An Act to Incorporate the *Otter Creek Navigation Company*.

An Act to establish a College in the City of *Hamilton*.

An Act to amend the Law relating to the custody of Infants.

An Act to Incorporate the *Ontario and Bay of Quinté Canal Company*.

An Act to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*.



An Act to remove doubts as to the true application of the Act to provide for the recovery of certain Rates and Taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-laws of the late District Councils or County Councils in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to Incorporate the *Port Ferry* and *Whitchurch Junction* Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *Hamilton* and South Western Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec, Chaudière, Maine, and Portland* Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *St. Lawrence* Assurance Company.

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the payment of Jurors in *Upper Canada*, by providing that a City included within a County for judicial purposes, shall pay a fair proportion of the sum required for the payment of Jurors in such County.

An Act to amend "An Act to regulate the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes."

An Act to enable Creditors to attach the effects of Debtors before Judgment, in cases under Ten pounds.

An Act to alter and extend the limits of the *Quebec* Circuit.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, and for other purposes.

An Act 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.

An Act to repeal certain Acts and to consolidate the laws relating to Lessors and Lessees.

An Act to confirm a Survey of the line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*.

An Act to Incorporate the General Drainage and Land Improvement Company of *Upper Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for supplying Cities, Towns, and Villages, with Gas and Water.

An Act to authorize Investigations in cases of Accident by Fire in *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

An Act to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*.

An Act to suspend parts of the Acts regulating the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*, in so far as they relate to the District of *St. Francis*.

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An Act to amend the Judicature Laws with respect to the qualification and appointment of Bailiffs in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to abolish the publication in Courts of Justice in *Lower Canada* of Acts containing substitutions, and to provide for their Registration in the Registry Offices.

An Act to abolish the right of *Retrait Lignager*.

An Act to restrict, in certain cases, the recusation of Judges in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to increase the number of sittings of the Courts of Justice within the District of *St. Francis*, and to make a more convenient arrangement thereof.

An Act to establish a Registry Office in and for each Electoral County in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned, and to extend the Elective Franchise of this Province.

An Act to Incorporate the *St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau* Railway Company.

An Act to Incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company.

An Act to alter the mode of drawing up the Provincial Statutes.

An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the Roman Catholic Institute of *St. Roch, Quebec*.

An Act to require that all By-Laws of City, Town, Village, or Township Councils in *Upper Canada*, for raising money upon the credit of such City, Town, Village, or Township Corporations, shall be approved by a majority of the Municipal Electors before they come into force.

An Act to amend the Act for the organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the *Port Burwell* Harbour Company.

An Act to remedy defects in the Registration of certain Deeds deposited in Registry Office Number One, of the County of *Huntingdon*.

An Act to regulate the Proceedings on Forced Licitations, and to give them the effect of Sheriff's Sales, (*decrêts*.)

An Act to revive, continue, and amend certain provisions of the Act for establishing the boundary of Lots in the West Gore of the Township of *Beverly*.

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An Act to regulate Savings Banks, and to repeal the Act now in force for that purpose.

An Act to amend the Seigniorial Act of 1854.

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the appointment of Reporters to the several Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*, and to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned.

*Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

An Act for the protection of Fisheries in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Road, Bridge, Pier, or Wharf Joint Stock Companies Act of 1853.

An Act to increase the Salaries of Superintendents of Pilots and of the Bailiffs of the Trinity House of *Quebec*.

An Act to make further provision for defraying the cost of the new Court House at *Montreal*, and of that at *Aylmer*.

An Act to alter the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*.

An Act to provide temporarily for the payment of Petty Jurors in *Lower Canada*, and to make better provision for the payment of certain Judicial Officers in that part of the Province.

An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*.

An Act to regulate proceedings in Appeals from the decisions of Justices of the Peace in Summary Convictions.

An Act to amend the Laws relating to separate Schools in *Upper Canada*.

An Act relating to the Ordnance Lands and Naval and Military Reserves in this Province, and for other purposes.

An Act to remove doubts respecting certain Marriages in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to amend the Law as to Dormant Equities.

An Act to amend the Act for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

An Act to explain and amend the Act establishing the Court of Error and Appeal in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to connect the Office of the Supervisor of Cullers with the Crown Land Department.

An Act to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to increase the Tolls leviable on the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of the City of *Quebec*, and for other purposes.

An Act to facilitate the Sale of immoveables charged with hypothecs, in cases in which the proprietor thereof is unknown or uncertain.

To these Bills the Royal assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :—

“ In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to “ this Bill.”

Then the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislature have during this Session given its assent to a great number of Laws, some of which affect the gravest interests of Society.

The Seigniorial Tenure and the Clergy Reserves, by their tendencies and results, deeply affected the political, Civil, and Religious interests of the Country.

The settlement of these two questions is an event of the highest importance, considering the great public interest which has been manifested in relation to them, and the prospective, material, and social progress which must result from the liberation of the soil. The reform in the right of property for the benefit of the masses, even if in some respects defective, must produce beneficial effects.

The result of these two Laws will be more or less favorable, according to the manner in which they are carried into effect. The Commons have a right to hope that the impartiality and energy of the Government in its action, with respect to these Laws, will secure the advantages anticipated by the Country from the abolition of a tenure affected with a burthen of feudal charges, and from the separation of the Church from the State.

For many years past public opinion had outstript the Laws on these two points, and the past ceasing to make resistance to this opinion, a political dogma, has been constrained to submit to these innovations.

The Commons have devoted considerable time to the investigations of the charges of prevarication brought against certain Returning Officers ; with a view of preventing a recurrence of attacks upon the freedom of Elections, and in the interest

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of the political rights which, under constitutional Government, consist in the free and unrestrained exercise of the right of suffrage, the Commons have punished with just severity several of these Officers.

The Municipal system of *Lower Canada* has been thoroughly remodelled. More comprehensive and practical enactments, granting greater freedom of action will facilitate Municipal organization throughout the Country. It is much to be desired that the people, accustoming themselves to depend upon their own efforts, should employ their local influence in the development of their local resources and interests. The Legislature, by the enactment of an order of things tending to engraft upon the customs and usages of the people the necessity of the administration and Government of the Municipality by the people themselves, has placed in their hands the most active and powerful means of material and political advancement.

The Commons have hastened to give their sanction to the Acts necessary for the establishment of commercial reciprocity between the *United States* and *Canada*.

This Legislation and the numerous Laws which have been passed to facilitate the means of communication and of commerce in general, lead to the hope that the prosperity which *Canada* has enjoyed for several years past, will not suffer any diminution.

The struggle which *England* and *France* are sustaining against *Russia* in the cause of civilization has aroused the deepest sympathies of our population, and the Commons have thought proper to manifest their sympathy by coming forward in a liberal spirit to the assistance of the victims of the War.

The Commons desirous of rendering the second branch of the Legislature more in harmony with public opinion, and with our social system have declared that that branch ought to be rendered elective, but we regret that the two deliberative bodies of the State were unable to arrive at the same conclusion on these points.

To enable your Government to defray the expenses of the public service, the Commons in their liberality have voted the Supplies required.

The Bills which I have had the honor to present to Your Excellency on this subject, are intituled, "An Act to amend the Act granting a Civil List to Her Majesty by increasing the salaries of certain Judicial Functionaries and other Officers therein mentioned, and to fix those of certain other Public Officers," and "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1855, and certain other expenses connected with the Public Service," and I pray that these Bills may receive the Royal sanction.

To each of these Bills the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say:—

“ His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill, in Her Majesty’s name.”

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council ;  
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly ;*

The Session which is on the point of closing will have been marked by the adoption of measures of the highest importance.

An Act assented to by my predecessor has finally settled the long pending dispute with regard to the Clergy Reserves ; and it has done so in such a manner as to vindicate liberal principles, whilst it treats the rights of individuals with just and considerate regard.

The same may I trust be said of another most important Law. The Act for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure. Great changes cannot be made without some hardship, but *Canada* will appear in history as the only country in the world in which the feudal system has expired without violence and revolution.

The Treaty between *Great Britain* and our neighbors in the *United States*, negotiated by the Earl of *Elgin*, has been brought into operation, and the Country already feels the benefit of reciprocal trade.

You have provided for the defence of the Province by an improved organization of Militia and Volunteers.

The Public Accounts will be submitted to a new and more efficient audit.

I may congratulate you on the reforms in the Post Office Department. The free transmission of Newspapers shows your zeal for the diffusion of intelligence.

The judicious alterations in the Tariff have lessened taxation and promoted trade. You will thus with a proper caution have husbanded the resources of the Country, so as to enable it hereafter to meet its engagements, and carry out its material improvements, notwithstanding a commercial crisis or financial disturbance, whether originating in war or other causes.

The Municipal Institutions of *Western Canada*, have stood the test of actual experience ; and you cannot doubt their success if fairly carried out in the lower section of this Province. Nor have other legal reforms of great importance and value escaped the attention of the Legislature during the present Session.

Our system of Railways has required your special consideration, and however much we may regret the necessity for a further advance of Provincial funds, we

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cannot overlook the immensè value of the great line which binds the whole Country together, and guarantees its future progress.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly ;*

In the Queen's name I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. You may rely on my doing my utmost to secure the due and economical application of the Funds placed at my disposal.

Your liberality towards the Patriotic Fund has been hailed in *Europe* as proof of patriotism and humane sympathy with the two great Countries now bound together in the prosecution of a just and necessary war.

*Honorable Gentlemen,  
And Gentlemen ;*

It is no doubt to be regretted that our material prosperity suffers in some degree from the disturbed state of *Europe*. The Lumber Trade is depressed, and peculiar circumstances have occasioned temporary want, in portions of *Lower Canada*. In spite of all this, I relieve you from your duties with a confident belief that the Country is in the main prosperous ; and with an earnest prayer that our progress may be such as to shew that Providence blesses the efforts of our People.

Then the Speaker of this House said,

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

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be Prorogued until Saturday, the seventh day of July next, to be here held, and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly Prorogued until Saturday the seventh day of July next.

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APPENDIX No. 1.

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RETURN

To three Addresses from the Honorable the Legislative Council, dated respectively, the 19th May, 1853, 4th June, 1853, and 9th instant, in relation to certain Seigniorial Documents.

By Command.

PIERRE J. O. CHAUVEAU,  
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 30th November, 1854.

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CROWN LANDS OFFICE.

Quebec, 27th November, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of an Extract of an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council, of the 9th instant, requiring certain documents already asked for in a Memorandum received here from your Department, on the 20th of this month, and beg to enclose a Copy, which has been procured from the Clerk of the Executive Council, of the Order in Council, passed in the Commutation Case of Mr. Larochelle, to which allusion is made, and which embodies the opinion in law upon which the decision was founded.

The forwarding of this document was delayed till now, awaiting the receipt from Mr. Primrose of a Copy of Mr. Larochelle's Petition, which he has been called upon to supply, but has not yet furnished.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

FELIX FORTIER,  
For the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Honorable P. J. O. CHAUVEAU,  
Provincial Secretary,  
&c., &c., &c.,  
Quebec.

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COPY OF A REPORT OF A COMMITTEE OF THE HONORABLE THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,  
dated the 4th of October, 1848, approved by His Excellency the Governor  
General, on the 7th of October, 1848.

On the application of Siméon Larochelle, praying for commutation of the tenure of three Lots of Land, situate at St. Anselme, in the Seigniori of Lauzon.

The Honorable Mr. Primrose, Commissioner for Commutation of Tenure, and Agent for the Seigniori of Lauzon, has made a Report on the above application, dated the 14th of June last, which raises some questions applicable not only to the present case, but to many others, and to which your Committee thinks it right to call the attention of Your Excellency.

The Lot No. 2, valued by itself with the Buildings on it; at the sum of £35, presents no difficulty. It is as to the valuation of Lots Nos. 1 and 3, estimated together with their Buildings, at £488, that the questions indicated in the said Report arise.

These two Lots, as appear by the Title Deeds, are bounded at one end by the River Etchemin. On this River there is, opposite to the first Lot, a Water Power, which has served for many years to drive the machinery of a small Woollen Factory, which the Proprietor of that Lot erected upon it, by permission from Sir John Caldwell, while he was Seignior of Lauzon, as appears by Deed of 17th September, 1830, by which Mr. Larochelle is permitted to use the water of said River

for the sole purpose of moving the machinery of the said Woollen Factory as long as it exists; but with an express prohibition of the construction on the said Lots of Land, and of the driving by means of the said River, of any Grist or Saw Mills; it being covenanted that the Dam to be built for the purpose of conveying water to the said Woollen Factory, should be built in such a way as not to impede the passage of saw logs down the said River; and this privilege being granted in consideration of an annual rent of Two pounds currency, payable to the Seignior.

Afterwards, in 1848, Mr. Larochelle was permitted by Deed of the third of October, made in his favor by the Agent of the same Sir John Caldwell, who at that time was still Seignior of Lauzon, to make use of the same Water Power for the Grist and Saw Mills which he, Larochelle, had erected at the same place as his Carding Mill; but this permission was only during pleasure, and was revocable, and was to be considered as cancelled at the first intimation to that effect on behalf of the Seignior, who was to receive in consideration of this permission, as long as it should last, one-third of the grain earned by the said Mill.

This permission has not been revoked, and when Mr. Larochelle made the present application for a change of the tenure of his two lots, things were in the state which has just been explained, except that the Crown had succeeded Mr. Caldwell as Seignior of Lauzon, and that since that change the Government had released Mr. Larochelle from the annual rent of two pounds which he had bound himself to pay by the Deed of 17th September, 1830.

In his application, Mr. Larochelle makes no mention either of the privilege which he has of using in perpetuity the water of the River for his Woollen Factory, or of the temporary and revocable right in virtue of which he uses it for his Grist and Saw Mills; he merely asks for a change of the tenure of his said lots of land, which he describes as bounded by the River, and on the first of which it is said that there are a Carding Mill, a Grist and Saw Mill, a Foundry, and a Stable.

In his valuation of lots Nos. 1 and 3, on which the said buildings are erected, at the sum of £488, Mr. Primrose has not included either of the said privileges, the said sum of £488 being composed of, £170 10s. for the value of the land, £150 for that of the machinery of the Grist Mill, £125 for that of the Carding Mill, £20 for the Saw Mill, and £22 10s. for some other parts of the said machines; but the correctness or incorrectness of this valuation, Mr. Primrose tells us, depends upon the way in which the following questions are decided:—

1st. Should any account be taken, and should any addition be made to the valuation of lot No. 1, by reason of the privilege attached to that lot in perpetuity of conducting to it the waters of the said River for the use of the Woollen Factory which is erected on it?

2nd. Should the value of the temporary and revocable privilege attached to the Grist and Saw Mills which are erected on the same lot, be included in its valuation?

3rd. If this question is decided in the negative, will it be fair in that case to include in the valuation of the said lot the price of the machinery of the said two Mills, which, without the Water Power, would be of no value?

The solution of these questions depends upon another which it is necessary to decide in the first instance, and this consists in knowing to whom belongs the property of the River Etchemin; does it belong to the Crown or to the riparian proprietors? If it belongs to the riparian *censitaires*, Mr. Larochelle must not be made to pay for what belongs to him already. If it belongs to the Crown, in that case how are the above three questions to be decided?

Whether that River be considered as navigable or floatable, or as neither navigable nor floatable, its waters as well as its bed belong to the Crown. In France, according to the ancient jurisprudence, which is now ours, the water and the bed of navigable and floatable Rivers were the property of the Sovereign, while those which were neither navigable or floatable belonged, both as to their water and as to their bed, to the Feudal Seigniors having the right of superior jurisdiction. The riparian proprietors whose properties abutted on non-navigable rivers put forth on several occasions a pretention that these rivers belonged to them, but these pretentions were so often declared by the Courts to be without foundation, that, at the time of the abolition of the Feudal System in France, this question no longer presented any difficulty, and the rights of the Seigniors in this respect were so well recognized that, after the extinction of the feudal tenure, these rivers did not pass to the riparian proprietors, but were merged in the public domain, to which they belong at present, to the exclusion of the riparian proprietors.

Therefore, in the present case, the River Etchemin belongs to the Crown, If that river is navigable or floatable, it belongs to Her Majesty as Sovereign of the State; if it is neither navigable nor floatable it belongs to Her also as representing the Seignior of Lauzon in virtue of the acquisition made of the said Seigniori.

Moreover, it would ill become Mr. Larochelle to pretend to be proprietor of the waters of the said River, after the various Deeds he has entered into with his Seignior in order to obtain permission from him to make use of them.

If this doctrine is correct, it remains to be applied to the above questions.

From the fact that this privilege of making use of the water of the River for the Woollen Factory was not enjoyed by law, and that it had to be acquired from the Seignior, by means of the Deed of September, 1830, it follows that this acquisition, which in fact created a servitude in favor of that property, gave to it a value which it had not before, and which would cause it to bring a much higher price in case of sale, thereby giving rise to a greater mutation fine; and that, consequently, it is but fair to include this augmentation in the estimate of what ought to be paid by way of indemnity for the commutation of tenure.

Mr. Primrose proposes to establish this additional value on the basis of the annual rent of Two pounds paid for the said privilege, which rent represents a capital of £33 6s. 8d.

Your Committee are disposed to accept this mode of valuation, having decided the first question, accordingly recommends, that this sum of £33 6s. 8d. be added to that of £488, contained in Mr. Primrose's Report, as the value of the Lots Nos. 1 and 3, the commutation of which is prayed for.

On the second question, your Committee are of opinion, that the temporary privilege attached to the said lot, ought not to be made an element in its valuation. This recommendation is founded upon the uncertain and revocable tenure of this right, and above all upon the opinion entertained by your Committee, that a commutation of tenure, if granted to Mr. Larochelle as prayed for by him, will not give him more right to the waters of the said river than he has at present. Mr. Larochelle probably thinks the contrary, he seems to think that as soon as his tenure is changed, he will become master and proprietor of the river opposite to his property. If he were right in that idea, the value of the privilege he would thus acquire ought to be included in the estimate, but your Committee think him in error. His property is bounded by the river, it is of this property, so bounded, that he prays for a commutation of the tenure; by his prayer being acceded to, the river, which is a distinct property from his land, cannot become his; in order to obtain this it would have been necessary to have asked for it, which he has not done, probably because he thought to obtain it, as a matter of course, on obtaining his commutation.

On this point, your Committee have no doubt; nevertheless, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, they recommend that in the Deed of Commutation which will be granted, an express reservation be made in favor of the Crown, of the Water Power in question.

Your Committee are prepared to say, however, that if this privilege, or any other similar ones, should be asked for, they ought to be granted; but it would be a different thing from a commutation of tenure, it would be an actual sale or cession of a right distinct from the other Seigniorial Rights which a commutation extinguishes. The right of the Seignior over rivers being, as has been said above, an actual right of property, for which a distinct price should be fixed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, your Committee are of opinion, that the value of the machinery of the said two Mills ought to be included in the estimate of the lots. The reason is, that this machinery forms an integral part of the said Mills, and that it will continue to be of the same value as at present, whether the temporary privilege of using the water be continued, or Mr. Larochelle acquire the said privilege in perpetuity.

In conclusion, your Committee respectfully recommend, that Mr. Larochelle's prayer be granted, that the valuation made by Mr. Primrose be approved, with the addition to that of lots No. 1 and 3, of the sum of £33 6s. 8d., but that in the Deed to be drawn up, express mention and reserve be made in favor of the Crown of the Water Power above mentioned.

(Certified.)

WM. H. LEE,  
Clerk, Executive Council.

## PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 24th November, 1854

Sir,—In consequence of two Addresses of the Honorable the Legislative Council, one dated the 19th of May, 1853, and the other dated the 4th of June, in the same year, which have been transmitted to me for the purpose of having Copies made of the Documents asked for in the said Addresses. I have the honor to Report, that Copies of the Documents which have been found in this Office have been already transmitted to the Honorable the Receiver General; that is to say, copies of those marked 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, and 49. The Documents marked 20, 35, 38, 39, 40, and 44, have not been found in this office. The one marked 50, has not been transmitted to the Receiver General, inasmuch as on the 4th of June, 1853, it was to be found in print on page 152, of a pamphlet on the Seigniorial Tenure, printed by order of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly. The Documents marked 53 and 54, cannot be found in this office; and as to those marked 51 and 52, since found in this office, I have the honor to transmit them to you, with the two Addresses above mentioned.

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Sir,

With consideration and respect,

Your very humble and obedient Servant,

THOS. AMIOT.

Deputy Registrar.

ET. PARENT, Esquire,  
Assistant Secretary,  
Quebec.

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Quebec, } **T**HIS INDENTURE made the twentieth day of March, in the  
to wit: } fifth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the  
[Registered in said Office, on Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1765, at six o'clock, afternoon, in the English Register, Letter A, Page 110.] Third, by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty-five, between His Excellency the Honorable James Murray, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Quebec, and the territories thereon depending in America, and Vice-Admiral of the same, of the one part, and Isaac Werden of the City of Quebec, in the Province aforesaid, Gentleman, of the other part:

Witnesseth, That the said James Murray, for and in consideration of the sum of Two thousand pounds of lawful money of Great Britain, to him in hand, well and truly paid by the said Isaac Werden, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof the said James Murray doth hereby confess and acknowledge, and thereof and of and from every part thereof, doth acquit and discharge the said Isaac Werden, his executors, administrators, and assigns, by these presents, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, and confirm to the said Isaac Werden, in his actual possession, now being by virtue of a bargain and sale thereof to him made by the said James Murray, by Indenture, bearing date the day next before the day of the date of these presents, for the term of one year, commencing from the day next before the day of the date of the said Indenture, and by force of the Statute for transferring uses into possession, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all that Seigniorly of the River de Loupe or Wolf River, on the South side of the River St. Lawrence, in the Province aforesaid, joining on the North-east side thereof, on lands late of John Baptiste Costé or his successors, formerly proprietors of Green Island on the said River Saint Lawrence, and on the South-west side thereof on lands late of the Widow Soulange, formerly proprietor of the Islands, called the "little carrying place," on the said River Saint Lawrence, the said Seigniorly of Wolf River, fronting the said River Saint Lawrence seven leagues and one-half, be the same more or less by different depths, as by the Grants thereof, together with the Plot thereof hereunto annexed, it doth and may now fully appear with the Islands opposite thereto, on the said River Saint Lawrence, together with the Rivers, Breakers, Mines, Minerals, Piscaries, right and free liberty of Fishing, Fowling, Hunting and Trading with the Savages, within the extent thereof, Timber, Trees, and Wood thereon, growing and being, with the Domain House, Messuages, Houses, Out-houses, Edifices, and Buildings thereon, standing and being, Orchards, Gardens, Lands, Meadows, Ways, Waters, Water-courses, Emoluments, and Hereditaments whatsoever, Seigniorial Rents, and Arrearages of Rents now or hereafter to become due and payable out of the

same, and all other Seigniorial lawful privileges and advantages whatsoever, to the said Seigniority of Wolf River belonging or in anywise appertaining, or which to and with the same now are, or at any time heretofore have been held, used, occupied, accepted, reputed, taken or known as part, parcel, or member thereof, or of any part thereof, with all and every the Neat Cattle, Horses, Mares, Live Stock, Household Furniture, and Implements of Husbandry, on the said premises, being, according to an Inventory thereof hereunto annexed. And also, all that Fief of Madawaska, on Madawaska River, in the said Province, situate in the rear or back part of the said Seigniority of Wolf River, with the Lake Cecismiskouta, thereunto belonging, with all Houses, Out-houses, Edifices and Buildings, thereon being, Rivers, Waters, Water-courses, Piscaries, right and free liberty of Fishing, Fowling, Hunting, and Trading with the Savages, within the extent thereof, Feudal Rents and averages of Rents and other Feudal Rights and privileges whatsoever, according to the original grant thereof, all which said premises were lately purchased by the said James Murray of Nicholas Dan, Donno Dansville, and Mary Ann Duperes, his wife, and widow of Peter Claverie, and as guardian to Mary Julia Claverie, her daughter, by the consent of Mary Anne Mony, widow of John Batise Deperé, grandmother of and joint guardian to the said Mary Julia Claverie, and James Perrault her guardian, by substitution, by deed bearing date the twenty-eighth day of July, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, and duly executed and acknowledged before——Notary Public, according to the forms before and at that time used and practised amongst the French inhabitants of the Province aforesaid. And the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits of all and singular the said premises and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances; and also, all the Estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever, in Law or Equity of him the said James Murray, of, in, and to all and singular the said premises above mentioned, and of, in, and to every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances; and also, all original Grants, Brevets, Concessions, Deeds, Evidences and Writings, touching or concerning the said premises only, or only any part thereof, together with true Copies of all other Deeds, Evidences and writings which do concern the said premises or any part thereof, jointly with any other Lands or Tenements now in the custody or possession of him the said James Murray, or which he can or may get or come by without suit in Law or Equity, to have and to hold the said Seigniority of Wolf River, and the said Fief of Madawaska, with all and every the messuages, houses, lands, hereditaments, rights, privileges, and advantages above, in and by these presents released and confirmed, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns forever, and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever, saving and reserving, nevertheless, to His Majesty, his heirs and successors, to do and perform fealty and homage, and such suits and services, and in like manner to pay such alienation fines, *lods et ventes*, and other customary dues at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the said City of Quebec, as are incidental to the said Seigniority of Wolf River

and the Fief of Madawaska, or either of them, according to the conditions of the original grant or grants thereof, and the said James Murray, for himself, his heirs, executors and administrators doth covenant, grant, promise, and agree, to and with the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns, that he, the said James Murray, according to the form, force and effect of the said in part recited deed, now is the true, lawful and rightful owner of the said Seigniority of Wolf River and the said Fief of Madawaska, with the messuage, hereditaments and premises above mentioned with the appurtenances. And also, that he, the said James Murray, according to the form, force and effect of the said deed, hath good right, full power, and sufficient authority to grant, release, convey and confirm, the said Seigniority and Fief and premises above granted and released with the appurtenances unto the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns forever, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents. And also, that he, the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns shall and may at all times forever hereafter peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, posses and enjoy the said Seigniority of Wolf River, and the said Fief of Madawaska, with the several hereditaments, rights, privileges and premises aforesaid, with the appurtenances, without the let, suit, molestation, interruption, eviction or disturbance of him the said James Murray, his heirs or assigns, or of any person or persons lawfully claiming or to claim by, from or under him, them or any of them. And lastly, that he, the said James Murray, and his heirs and all and every other person and persons and his and their heirs, having or lawfully claiming any estate, right, title, or interest of, in, or to the said premises, above in and by these presents, released and confirmed or any part thereof, by, from or under him or them, or any of them, shall and will, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, upon the reasonable request and at the proper cost and charges in the law of the said Isaac Werden, his heirs or assigns, make, do, seal and execute all and every such further and other lawful and reasonable act and acts, thing and things, device and devices, conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever, for the further better and more perfect granting and conveying, releasing, confirming, and assuring all and singular the premises aforesaid, with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof unto the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns, to the only use and behoof of the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns forever, with such savings and reservations as are hereinbefore mentioned, as by the said Isaac Werden, his heirs or assigns, or his or their Council learned in the law, shall reasonably be devised, advised or required. In Witness whereof, the said parties to these presents have to these presents interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

(Signed,)

JA. MURRAY, (L.S.)

An Inventory of Sundrys belong to the Delupe Seigniority, which His Excellency Governor Murray now sells to Isaac Werden, with said Seigniority.

3 Horses.

2 Oxen, 4 young Bulls, 7 Milk Cows, 5 young Heifers, and 4 Calves.

9 Large Sheep, and four Lambs.

## FARMING UTENSILS.

- 1 Pair Cart Wheels, iron bound.
- 1 Plough complete, 1 Harrow.
- 1 Axe, 1 pair Chains for Wood-train, 1 Chisel, 1 Half-bushel Measure.
- 10 Bags, 2 Corn Fanns, 1 Auger.
- 3 Spades, 2 Sets Harness, complete.
- 2 Carts, 1 Horse Collar, 1 old Crosscut Saw, 2 old Scythes.
- 2 Sheering Hooks.
- 2 Pair Thongs for yoking the Oxen, 6 old Hoes, 2 Iron Forks, 3 Picks.
- 1 Drawing Knife.

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

- 1 Bed and Furniture, 2 Paliasses, 1 Matrass, 1 large and 1 small Iron Pot.
- 3 Earthern Milk Vessels.
- 9 Wooden Milk Vessels,
- 7 Chairs covered with stuff.
- 4 Stools, 6 Water Buckets.
- 2 Common Bedsteads, 1 Frying Pan, 1 Stove Door of Iron, and Plates for Brick Stove, and Iron Pipe.
- 2 Tables, 1 Shovel and a Pair of Tongs, 1 Wooden Butter Churn, 1 old Lamp.
- 1 Brass Candlestick, 1 Iron Spit, 1 Wooden Trough for holding Flour.
- 6 Knives and Forks.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

(Signed,)

JOHN LEES,  
THOS. AYLWIN.

Received on the day of the date of the within written Deed, of and from the within named Isaac Werden, the within mentioned sum of Two thousand pounds of lawful money of Great Britain, being the consideration money within mentioned, to be paid to me.

I say, received as aforesaid.

(Signed)

JA. MURRAY.

Witness, JOHN LEES.

Quebec, } **B**E it remembered, that personally appeared before me, Thomas  
 Ss. } Aylwin, a subscribing witness to the within written instrument, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he, this deponant, is a subscribing witness to, and did see the within named Honorable James Murray, Sign, Seal, and as his respective Act and Deed, deliver the

within written instrument in writing, purporting to be a conveyance of the Seigniorship of Wolf River, and the Fief Madawaska therein mentioned, to Isaac Werden therein also mentioned, and that the several names of him, this deponent, and John Lees, set and subscribed as witnesses thereto, are of the respective hand writings of him, this deponent, and John Lees.

Sworn, this twenty-seventh day of March, 1765, before me.

(Signed,)

J. GOLDFRAP,

Deputy Registrar.

The foregoing is a True Copy of the Original, Registered and examined by me.

J. GOLDFRAP,

Deputy Registrar.

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 24th November, 1854.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a True and Faithful Copy of the Record.

THOS. AMIOT,

Deputy Registrar of the Province.

Quebec, } **T**HIS INDENTURE, made the nineteenth day of March, in the  
to wit: } Fifth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord, George the

Received into the Registrar's Office, in Quebec, on Wednesday, the 27th day of March, 1765, at Ten o'clock, forenoon.

Registered in said Office, on Wednesday, 27th day of March, 1765, at half an hour after Six o'clock, afternoon, in the English Register, letter A, page 107.

Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith, and so forth; and in the year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-five.

Between His Excellency the Honorable James Murray, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Quebec, and the Territories thereon depending in America, and Vice-Admiral of the same, of the one part; and Isaac Werden, of the City of Quebec, in the Province aforesaid, Gentleman, of the other part:

Witnesseth, that the said James Murray, for and in consideration of the sum of Five Shillings, of current money of the said Province, to him in hand paid, by the said Isaac Werden, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the

receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged—hath granted, bargained, sold and demised; and by these presents, doth grant, bargain, sell and demise unto the said Isaac Werden, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, all that Seigniority of the River de Lupe, or Wolf River, on the south side of the River St. Lawrence, in the Province aforesaid, joining on the North-east side thereof on lands late of Jean Baptiste Costé, or his successors, formerly proprietors of Green Island, on the said River St. Lawrence; and on the South-west side thereof, on lands late of the widow Soulange, formerly proprietor of the Island called the Little Carrying Place, on the said River St. Lawrence, the said Seigniority of Wolf River, fronting the said River St. Lawrence, seven leagues and a half, be the same more or less, by different depths, as by the grants thereof, together with the Plot thereof, hereunto annexed, it doth and may more fully appear, with the Islands opposite thereto, on the said River St. Lawrence, together with the Rivers, Breakers, Mines, Minerals, Piscaries, right and free liberty of Fishing, Fowling, Hunting, and Trading with the Savages, within the extent thereof, Timber, Trees and Wood thereon growing and being, with the Domain House, Messuages, Houses, Out-houses, Edifices and Buildings thereon standing and being, Orchards, Gardens, Lands, Meadows, Ways, Water-courses, Emoluments and Hereditaments, and Emoluments whatsoever, Seigniorial Rents and Averages of Rents now or hereafter to become due and payable out of the same, and all other Seigniorial lawful privileges and advantages whatsoever, to the said Seigniority of Wolf River belonging, or in anywise appertaining, or which, to, and with the same, now, or at any time heretofore have been held, used, occupied, accepted, reputed, taken or known as part, parcel, or member thereof, or of any part thereof; and also, all that Fief of Madawaska or Madawaska River, in the said Province, situate in the rear or back part of the said Seigniority of Wolf River, with the Lake Cecimiskauta thereunto belonging, with all the houses, out-houses, edifices and buildings thereon being, Rivers, Waters, Water-courses, Piscaries, right and free liberty of Fishing, Fowling, Hunting and Trading with the Savages, within the extent thereof, Feudal Rents, and Averages of Rents, and other Feudal Rights and privileges whatsoever, according to the original grant thereof; and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits of all and singular the said premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances; and also, all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand, whatsoever, in law or equity of him, the said James Murray, of, in, and to all and singular the said premises above mentioned, and of, in, and to every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances—to have and to hold the said Seigniority of Wolf River, and the said Fief of Madawaska, with all and every the messuages, houses, lands, hereditaments, rights, privileges and advantages above, in, and by these presents granted and demised unto the said Isaac Werden, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from the day before the day of the date thereof, for, during, and unto the full end and term of one whole year from thence next ensuing, and fully to be complete, and ended, yeilding and paying therefor one Pepper Corn, on the feast day of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist if the same shall be lawfully demanded, to the intent and purpose that by virtue of these presents,

and by force of the statute made for transferring of uses into possession, the said Isaac Warden may be in possession of all and singular the said premises above granted and demised with the appurtenances, and be thereby enable to take and accept of a grant and release of the reversion and inheritance thereof to him the said Isaac Werden, his heirs and assigns, as in and by Indenture intended to be made between the said James Murray, of the one part, and the said Isaac Werden, of the other part, and to bear date the day next after the day of the date of these presents, to such uses as shall be mentioned in the said Indenture. In Witness whereof, the said parties to these presents have to these presents interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

(Signed,) J.A. MURRAY, (L.S.)

Sealed and delivered, in the presence of us,

(Signed,) JOHN LEES,  
 “ THOS. AYLWIN.

Quebec, } **B**E it remembered, that personally appeared before me,  
 Ss. } Thomas Aylwin, a subscribing Witness to the within written instrument, and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he, this deponent, is a subscribing Witness to, and did see, the within named Honorable James Murray sign, seal, and as his respective act and deed, deliver the within written Instrument in writing, purporting to be a lease for one year to ground a release of the lands therein mentioned to Isaac Werden, therein also mentioned, and that the several names of him, this deponent, and John Lees, set and subscribed as witnesses thereto, are of the respective hand-writings of him, this deponent, and John Lees.

Sworn this twenty-seventh day of March, 1765, before me,

(Signed,) J. GOLDFRAP,  
 D. Regr.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original, registered and examined by me.

J. GOLDFRAP,  
 D. Regr.

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 24th November, 1854.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and faithful Copy of the Record.

THOS. AMIOT,  
 Deputy Registrar of the Province.

**T**HIS INDENTURE made the seventh day of November, in the eight year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, between Charlotte Aubert, otherwise called Charlotte Dalbergatti, of the City and Province of Quebec, daughter and sole heiress at law of Thérèse de la Lande Guyon, her grand-mother, the widow of Francis Aubert, late of the City of Quebec, Esquire, deceased; and also the wife of the Marquis Dalbergatti Izzo Veza, now residing in France, as well in her own right as by virtue of a Letter of Attorney from her said husband, bearing date the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and sixty, of the one part; and John Grant, Esquire, one of the Barons of His Majesty's Court of Exchequer, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, of the other part:

Witnesseth that the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds of lawful money of the said Province, to her in hand well and truly paid by the said John Grant, at or before the sealing and delivery hereof, the receipt whereof the said Charlotte Dalbergatti doth hereby confess and acknowledge and herself therewith full satisfied, contented and paid, and thereof and from every part thereof doth hereby acquit and discharge the said John Grant, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and every of them, by these presents hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, ratified and confirmed, and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, ratify and confirm unto the said John Grant, (in his actual possession now being,) by virtue of a bargain and sale to him therein made by the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, by Indenture bearing date the day next before the day of the date of these presents, for the term of one year, commencing from the day next before the date of the said Indenture, and by force of the statute made for transferring uses into possession, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all that Fief and Seigniory of Echemin, containing two leagues in front by two leagues in depth, situated, lying and being on the South-west side of the River of "Sault de la Chaudière," in the Province aforesaid, beginning at the upper end of a tract of land of three leagues there situated, granted to Monsieur de la Gorgendier; and also, all those several islands, both large and small, lying and being South-west of the middle of the said River of "Sault de la Chaudière," as by the original grant and brevet of confirmation thereof to the said Thérèse de la Lande Gayon, widow of the said Francis Aubert, relation being thereunto had, doth and may more fully appear, together with the river, breakers, piscaries, right and free liberty of fishing, fowling, hunting and trading with the Savages within the extent thereof; timber trees and other wood thereon growing and being, except all the oak trees fit for building



King's ships, with the domain house, messuages, houses, out-houses, edifices and buildings thereon standing and being; orchards, gardens, lands, meadows, ays, waters, water-courses, emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever; feudal and seigniorial rents, and arrearages of rents, now or hereafter to become due and payable out of the same, and all other feudal and seigniorial lawful privileges and advantages whatsoever to the said Fief and Seigniority of Elches, belonging or in any ways appertaining or which to and with the same now are or at any time heretofore have been held used, occupied, accepted, reputed, deemed and taken, or known as part, parcel or member thereof, or of any part thereof, according to the original grant or brevet of confirmation thereof, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits of all and singular the said premises, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances; and also, the estate, right, title, property, claim and demand whatsoever in law or equity of her the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, of, in, or to all and singular the said premises above mentioned, and of, in, and to every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances; and also, all original grants, brevets, concessions, deeds, evidences and writings, touching and concerning the said premises only, or only any part thereof now in the custody, possession or power of the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, or which she can or may yet come by without Suit in Law or Equity. To have and to hold the said Fief and Seigniority of Elches, with all and every the messuages, houses, lands, hereditaments, rights, privileges, and advantages whatsoever, above, in, and by these presents released and confirmed, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances unto the said John Grant, his Heirs and Assigns, to the only and absolute use and behoof of the said John Grant, his Heirs and Assigns forever, and to and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever, saving and reserving, nevertheless, to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, to do and perform fealty and homage, and other suits and services, and in like manner to pay such alienation fine, *lots et vents*, and other customary dues at the Castle of St. Lewis, in the City of Quebec, as are incidental to the said Fief and Seigniority of Elches, according to the conditions of the original grant and brevet of confirmation thereof, and the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, for herself, her heirs, executors, and administrators, and for every of them doth hereby covenant, grant, promise, and agree to and with the said John Grant, his heirs, assigns, and every of them by these presents, in manner and form following, (that is to say,) that for and notwithstanding any act, matter or thing by her, the said Charlotte, Dalbergatti, and the said Marquis Dalbergatti Izzo Veza, her husband, or either of them, done or committed to the contrary, she the said Charlotte Dalbergatti on the day of the date thereof, and at the time of insealing and delivery of these presents is, and standeth lawfully seized in her Domesne of an absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple to the use of herself and her heirs of, and in the said Fief and Seigniority of Elches, with all and every the messuages, houses, land, hereditaments, and premises whatsoever hereinbefore mentioned, or intended to be hereby granted and released, and every part and parcel thereof, without any manner of condition, use, trust, power, or limitation, except as herein-before reserved, to alter, charge, make void, or determine the same; and that she the said Charlotte Dalbergatti,

for and notwithstanding any such act, matter, or thing, by her and her said husband, or either of them, done or committed to the contrary, as aforesaid, now hath in herself full power, good right, true title, and lawful and absolute authority, to grant, release, and convey the said fief, and Seignior of Elches, with all and every the messuages, houses, hereditaments, and premises herein-before mentioned, or intended to be hereby granted, released, or conveyed, with their and every of their rights and appurtenances, unto the said John Grant, his heirs and assigns, in manner as aforesaid; and that the said John Grant, his heirs and assigns, shall and may from time to time and at all times forever, hereafter, peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess, and enjoy the same Fief and Seignior of Elches, with the messuages, lands, hereditaments, and premises, with the appurtenances, and every part thereof, and receive and take the rents, issues, and profits of the same, to his and their own proper use and behoof, without any lawful let, suit, trouble, denial, ejection, claim, demand, or interruption, either in law or equity, of or by the said Charlotte Dalbergatti or the said Marquis Dalbergatti Veza, her said husband, or either of them, or of or by any other person or persons, whatsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim, by, from, or under her, him, them, or either of them, or by or through his or her act, means, title, estate, consent, or procurement in anywise howsoever, and that free and clear, and freely and clearly acquitted and discharged, or otherwise, by the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, her heirs, executors, and administrators, or some of them, from time to time and at all times hereafter, keep harmless, and indemnified of and from all and all manner of former and other bargains, sales, leases, grants, annuities, rents, arrearages of rents, dowers, and title of dower, and of and from all other estate, title, troubles, charges, and incumbrance whatsoever, heretofore committed or suffered to be done by the said Charlotte Dalbergatti and the said Marquis Dalbergatti Veza, her husband, or either of them, or by any other person, lawfully claiming by, from, or under him or her and also, that she the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, and her heirs, and all and every other person or persons whatsoever, having or lawfully claiming any estate, right, title or interest of, in, or to the said Fief and Seignior of Elches, with the messuages, houses, lands, hereditaments and premises or any part thereof, from, by or under the said Charlotte Dalbergatti, and the said Marquis Dalbergatti Izzo Veza, her husband, or either of them, shall and will from time to time, and at all times hereafter, at the request and at the costs and charges of the said John Grant, his heirs or assigns, make, do and execute or cause, or procure to be made, done and executed, all and every such further and other acts, matters, conveyances and assurances in the law whatsoever, for the further better and more effectual conveying and assuring all and singular the premises hereinbefore mentioned or intended to be hereby granted, released and conveyed, with their and every of their rights, members and appurtenances, to the only proper use and behoof of the said John Grant, his heirs or assigns, or his or their Counsel learned in the Law, shall be reasonable, advised or devised or required. In Witness whereof, the said parties to these presents have to these presents interchangeably set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

(Signed,) CHARLOTTE DALBERGATTI. (L.S.)

Sealed and delivered, (an erasure having been first made on the third line,) in the presence of us.

(Signed,) KENNETH McCULLOCH,  
“ GEO. SUCKLING.

Received on the day of the date of the within written deed, the within mentioned sum of One hundred pounds, lawful money of the Province of Quebec, of and from the within named John Grant, being the consideration money within mentioned to be paid to me on executing this conveyance. I say, received as aforesaid.

(Signed,) CHARLOTTE DALBERGATTI.

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Witness, KENNETH McCULLOCH.

Quebec, } **B**E it remembered, that personally appeared before me George  
Ss. } Suckling, Esquire, a subscribing witness to the within written  
Instrument, and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he,  
this deponent, is a subscribing witness to, and did see the within named Charlotte  
Aubert Dalbergatti, sign, seal, and, as her act and deed, deliver the within  
written instrument in writing, purporting to be a release of the premises therein  
mentioned, to John Grant, therein also mentioned; and that the several names of  
him, this deponent, and Kenneth McCulloch, set and subscribed as witnesses thereto,  
are of the respective hand-writings of him, this deponent, and Kenneth McCulloch.

(Signed,) GEO. SUCKLING.

Sworn, this 21st day of November, 1767, before me,

(Signed,) J. GOLDFRAP,  
D. Regr.

The foregoing release and Affidavit is a true copy of the original, registered and examined by

J. GOLDFRAP,  
D. Regr.

PROVINCIAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 24th November, 1854.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and faithful Copy of the Record.

THOS. AMIOT,  
Deputy Registrar of the Province.

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REPORT

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ON THE

ACCUSATIONS MADE AGAINST THE MEMBERS OF  
THE LATE ADMINISTRATION,

TOGETHER WITH THE

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE,

APPENDIX AND CORRESPONDENCE.

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Ordered by the Legislative Council to be Printed, 25th April, 1855.

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Thursday, 21st September, 1854.

*Ordered*,—That a Select Committee of five members be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the charges made against the Members of the late Administration, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report as soon as possible.

*Ordered*,—That the said Committee be composed of the Honorable Messrs. McKay, Moore, Ferrier, Turgéon, and Belleau.

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Tuesday, 31st October, 1854.

*Ordered*,—That the Honorable Mr. Macaulay be added to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

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Wednesday, 8th November, 1854.

*Ordered*,—That the Honorable Mr. Macaulay be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

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Friday, 23rd March, 1855.

*Ordered*,—That the Return to an Address of this House, praying for copies of all Petitions, Letters, Memorials and other Documents addressed to His Excellency, to the Executive Council, or to the Postmaster General of this Province, on the subject of the site to be selected for the erection of a Post Office

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in the City of Hamilton, together with the Title Deeds of the land on which the Post Office of the said City was actually built, be referred to the Select Committee appointed by this House to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

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Wednesday, 25th April, 1855.

The Honorable Mr. Belleau, from the Select Committee appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration presented their Report, with minutes of evidence and other documents, including copy of a certain letter from the Honorable Francis Hincks.

*Ordered,*—That the said Report, Evidence and Documents be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

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# REPORT.

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## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

COMMITTEE ROOM, 25th April, 1855.

The Select Committee appointed on the 21st day of September last for the purpose of inquiring into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, with power to send for persons, papers and records, and to report, as soon as possible, have the honor to submit the following Report:

Your Committee, immediately after their appointment, hastened to organize themselves, and at once proceeded to take into consideration the subjects referred to in the order of reference of your Honorable House. In their anxious desire to do justice, enlighten the public and satisfy the repeated demands of the press, your Committee not being in possession of specific charges sufficiently defined had to confine themselves to heads of accusations, stated or communicated, under some form or other, but sensible of the grave responsibility they assumed in noticing a portion only of the charges preferred against some of the Members of the late Administration, thought they could not do better than to seek for them in the columns of the newspapers published in this Province. From that source, your Committee have discovered many uncertainties, nay, many vague insinuations.

The investigations of your Committee were first directed to the purchase of the Domain Farm of the Seigniori of Lauzon, in which the Honorable Francis Hincks and James Morris, two of the Members of the late Administration, have participated and were interested. That transaction is denominated "The Point Levy Job." From the Evidence adduced before your Committee, it appears that for a number of years the Government of this Province had been in possession of the land or domain farm of the Seigniori of Lauzon. That farm was but little productive, and of late years it only yielded the small rent of £15 per annum; and though paying such a low price, the Lessee allowed it to go to ruin, while depredations were being made on the said property.

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In the mean time, C. Fremont, Esquire, Physician, of Quebec, addressed a letter to the Government, expressing his wish to acquire the said property if it were possible to agree upon a reasonable price. His application was the first cause of a report from F. Fortier, Esquire, the Agent for the estate, to the Honorable the Commissioner of Crown Lands, which was approved by him and submitted to the Executive Council. On the 19th of January, 1853, the Executive Council ordered the said land to be put up to public competition and sold with others situated in the same locality and elsewhere. After a most minute investigation, your Committee have satisfied themselves that the greatest possible publicity was given to the said order, and that all the information that could be wished for on the subject, was published from that period to the day of the sale. Not the slightest doubt can exist but the public have had every opportunity and facility of knowing the period of the sale, the place and conditions thereof, and generally all things relating to the same. Were it necessary to corroborate that opinion, your Committee might merely mention, that the said property first appraised and valued by the Commissioner of Crown Lands at the sum of £600, currency, was adjudged to Mr. Matthie, for the sum of £1825, currency, after not less than 69 biddings from different persons. Mr. Matthie bought it as well for himself as for the Honorable S. Mills of the Legislative Council and the Honorable F. Hincks and James Morris, late of the Executive Council, as the fact has been ascertained by the Evidence adduced before your Committee. In justice to the parties accused, your Committee feel bound specially to mention that these Gentlemen could have purchased the farm, and that it was offered to them, at private sale, for a much smaller sum, and that the officer in charge of the said estate had offered to prepare a report recommending the case to the Executive Council, but that the said offer was peremptorily refused. Therefore considering most attentively the facts and circumstances connected with that transaction, your Committee are fully satisfied that it has been an advantageous one to the Public, and that no suspicion of having been engaged in speculations against the public interests, can be entertained against these gentlemen with respect to the said purchase.

A grave charge brought by the Press against the purchasers of the domain farm, in connection with that sale, has engaged the attention of your Committee, namely, whether one of the

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bidders for the farm had been paid £200 currency for ceasing to bid, at the time of the sale. Your Committee are persuaded the accusation is false. Edward Quinn, Esquire, the person mentioned as having received the above sum, in his examination before your Committee, has declared that he has not received a farthing, nor been offered any thing by any one, for ceasing to bid on the domain farm in question, although he admits having received £200 from Mr. Cochran, an Agent, either of Mr. Reekie's or of the Contractors of the Quebec and Richmond Railway for ceasing to bid on the Grist Mill situated near the domain farm, which Mill the Government had sold immediately previous to the domain farm to the parties above named.

In front of the said farm and adjoining the said property is a beach lot, subsequently acquired by the purchasers of the domain farm. Messrs. Hincks and Morris, as Executive Councillors, have been blamed on account of the said purchase, at private sale.

It is proved by the Evidence, that since many years, the Government have always allowed the Riparian proprietor a right of preference over every other person, not being Riparian proprietor, for the purchase of beach lots.

The rules and usages which have long since prevailed and are still acknowledged and followed, require that a valuation of a beach lot be made by competent and trustworthy persons. The valuation is next submitted with a plan to the Executive Council, to be adopted or rejected, according to circumstances. The said rules and usages have been followed with respect to the sale of the beach lot in question, and the same precautions have been taken as in all other sales.

The second accusation which has engaged the attention of your Committee relates to the £50,000 of shares in the stock of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in the name of the Honorable F. Hincks, in the books of the said Company.

A relation of the facts such as they have been proved before your Committee with regard to that accusation will be found sufficient to explain satisfactorily the reasons why that sum was entered in the name of the Honorable F. Hincks, in the books of that Company, and will shew what share he has had in the

business and what degree of responsibility rests upon him. In fact the whole was done without the knowledge of the Honorable F. Hincks.

It appears from the Evidence that towards the end of April, 1853, the shares or stock of the Grand Trunk Railway Company were at a premium in the British market. The said premium fluctuated from one to two pounds sterling per share. At that time the Board of Directors of the said Company, in London, were engaged in the allotment of the shares or distribution of the stock of the Company. Some influential and highly respectable Canadian Gentlemen happened to be in London at the time, and noticing a rise in the Stock of the said Company, they considered that a large amount of the same ought to be set aside for subsequent allotment and distribution in Canada for the benefit of parties desirous of investing their money in that undertaking. One of them, Captain Rhodes, M. P. P. wrote a letter to shew the propriety of setting apart shares of the said Company for this Province, J. B. Forsyth, Esquire, Merchant, of Quebec, also remonstrated and exerted himself in that behalf.

In consequence of their remonstrances, and two days after Captain Rhodes had sent his letter, namely on the 5th of April, 1853, 1008 shares were allotted to and subscribed in the name of the Honorable F. Hincks, in the Capital stock of the Grand Trunk, Railway Company, and a similar amount, in the name of Alexander Mackenzie Ross, Esquire, Chief Engineer of the Company.

This transaction took place without the cognizance of either Mr. Hincks or Mr. Ross, and without any communication with them on the subject. At the period when the said shares were subscribed in the name of the Honorable F. Hincks, that Gentleman was in Canada, and from the time the application was made, until the allotment was registered in the name of the Honorable F. Hincks, on the 25th April, 1853, not more than two, or at farthest six days, elapsed.

These shares were distinctly and positively registered in the names of Messrs Hincks and Ross, in trust, for allotment in Canada, to parties who might be desirous to take an interest in the Company. No benefit or advantage whatever was to be, or has been derived by the Honorable F. Hincks from the said

allotment. The distribution did not take place in this Province, for the reason that after the 25th April, 1853; the shares in the Grand Trunk Railway Company had fallen to a discount, and that the stock has not improved since. The facts adduced in evidence clearly establish that Mr. Hincks has no interest whatever in the stock in question.

Another complaint or accusation brought against the Honorable F. Hincks has also occupied the attention of your Committee; it is to the effect that having obtained as a Minister, secret information of the amalgamation of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company with the Grand Trunk, and of the rise in the said Stock, the Honorable F. Hincks had taken advantage of that information to purchase, to the prejudice of the vendors, shares in the said St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway.

The explanations given in Evidence before your Committee shew that on the 28th or 29th of April, 1853, L. H. Holton, Esquire, now M. P. P., received from A. T. Galt, Esquire, so did the President or Secretary of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company residing at Portland, the President or Secretary of the same Company residing in Montreal, the President of the Toronto and Guelph Railway residing in Toronto, Mr. Gzowski, in Toronto, L. H. Holton, Esquire, M. P. P. and the Honorable F. Hincks, a Telegraphic Despatch in the following words: "London, 16th April, 1853, "Amalgamation completed, prospectus published, complete success, shares at large premium; A. T. Galt."

Immediately after the receipt of the above telegraph, the Honorable F. Hincks communicated it to the said George Brown, Esquire, M.P.P. It does not appear to your Committee that the Honorable F. Hincks was in possession of a secret, or that he took advantage of that circumstance to purchase, at a depreciated value, stock in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company. Your Committee will merely remark, that when the said purchases were effected by the Honorable F. Hincks, *after* the receipt of the telegraph above alluded to, they do not appear to have been made at a depreciated value, but, on the contrary, it has been proved that he had purchased at par, and even as high as ten per cent. premium. It is likewise shewn by the evidence, that these purchases were made *several weeks after* the receipt of the telegraph, when all the parties

from whom he had purchased were fully aware of the amalgamation. But whether the Honorable F. Hincks purchased at a discount, at par, or at a premium, is a matter of little moment, in the opinion of your Committee, if, at the time of these transactions, the parties interested were as fully aware of the value of their stock, and had the same information to guide them, as Mr. Hincks himself possessed.

Your Committee examined evidence as to the value of these shares before and at the date of the receipt of the telegraph, as well as during the six or ten weeks following, and ascertained that on the 12th December, 1852, St. Lawrence and Atlantic shares were at forty per cent. discount. Afterwards, in view of an amalgamation, they rose gradually until, in April, 1853, they were at ten per cent. discount.

On 30th April, 1853,	they rose to	7½ per cent. discount,			
On 2nd May,	“ “ “	to 2½ “ “ “			
On 3rd May, 1853,	they rose to	par,			
From 10th to	} “ “	from 3 to 5 per cent. premium.			
21st May, .					
On 28th May,	“ “ “	to 12½ “ “ “			
On 1st June,	“ “ “	to 22 “ “ “			
And subsequently	they averaged	15 “ “ “			

The conduct of the Honorable F. Hincks is likewise found fault with for his opposition in Parliament to the Bill for the incorporation of a Company for constructing a Canal at Sault Ste. Marie. He is accused of having had an interest in the Company formed for the construction of a Canal on the American side, and of having, owing to that corrupt motive, opposed the Act of incorporation prayed for.

Two witnesses have given evidence before your Committee on the subject, George Brown, Esquire, M. P. P., and Angus Macdonell, Esquire, of Toronto. Mr. Brown states that the Honorable F. Hincks, in his capacity of Prime Minister, opposed, on two different occasions, the application for an Act of incorporation by the Canadian Company; that his conduct had caused much astonishment; and that, by means of his ministerial influence, he had prevented the construction of that Canal on the Canadian side. Your Committee perceive that, according to Mr. Brown's quotations in his evidence, the Honorable F. Hincks could see no immediate and actual advantage in the construction of that work, which he thought would prove use-

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less from the fact that American capitalists had taken the lead in a similar undertaking, on their side of the Sault, so that the construction of another Canal on the Canadian side appears to have been considered by Mr. Hincks as an expenditure of public money that would bring no return.

Your Committee examined the evidence of Mr. Angus Macdonell, and found that he neither alleged nor proved any particular fact, but solely based his opinions, as to the Honble. Mr. Hincks' interested motives and corrupt conduct, on the parliamentary votes of that gentleman, and on his opposition to the incorporation of a Canadian Company for the construction of that Canal on the Canada side.

From the way these two witnesses expressed their opinion, your Committee were induced to inquire more particularly into the subject. An Honorable Member of your Committee having suggested the names of two of the principal partners in the American Company to which Mr. Hincks was said to have extended his protection, and in which he was supposed to have an interest, your Committee communicated with these Gentlemen and obtained from them Evidence of the most positive character. One of them, Erastus Corning, Esquire, the actual President of the Company for the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal and who has held that office since the formation of that Company, informs your Committee that no person in Canada has at any time been concerned in the said contract, or in any benefit to be derived therefrom by the said Company, either directly or indirectly, and that no person in Canada, now or at any other time, has ever had any interest in any share of the Company, either directly or indirectly. And all charges or accusations such as those referred to against any Member of the late Administration of Canada, was declared by that Gentleman, to be wholly and entirely without foundation.

This conclusive Evidence is corroborated by the testimony of Erastus Fairbanks, Esquire, one of the Directors of the said Company, who declares that he has occasionally examined the list of Stockholders, but has never discovered the name of any Citizen of Canada. Your Committee also beg leave to cite the following paragraph from the Evidence of W. L. MacKenzie, Esquire, M. P. P. on the subject—He says: "At the third reading of a Bill to give some speculating persons the control of the Canadian side of the river at Sault Ste. Marie in 1851,

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I opposed strongly the parting with the line of a canal to private persons; Mr. Hincks then stopped the Bill, and I verily believe that reports about Members of Executive being improperly connected with any measure near the Sault Ste. Marie, are unfounded.”

Another accusation brought against the Honorable F. Hincks and J. Morris, and to which your Committee have extended their inquiries, relates to the supposed interest possessed by these Gentlemen, as coproprietors, in certain building lots situated in the city of Hamilton, and the value whereof was to be enhanced by causing, through their influence, the New Post Office to be built in the neighborhood of the said lots.

G. Brown, Esquire, M. P. P. has stated in his Evidence that he had been informed that the Honorable Messrs. Hincks and Morris had purchased, in partnership with the Honorable S. Mills building lots in the city of Hamilton; that the Honorable S. Mills had got up petitions to the Executive, praying or suggesting that a New Post Office might be erected in the very locality where the lots in question were situated, and that the failure of that project was owing to the fact becoming known in Hamilton that the said property had been purchased by the Honorable Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills. Mr. Brown gives the names of his Informants.

Your Committee deem it their duty at once to inform your Honorable House, that the site where the New Post Office is now being erected in the city of Hamilton adjoins the Old Post Office in James street, and was selected by the late Post Master General the Honorable James Morris; after a personal examination, out of three or four lots or sites pointed out by the citizens of Hamilton for the site of the New Post Office; and that of all the lots proposed, it is one of the most distant from those purchased by Messrs. Hincks, Mills and Morris. Neither does it appear from the Evidence, to have ever been contemplated to place the New Post Office of Hamilton in the neighborhood of Messrs. Mills, Hincks and Morris' lots, nor that any request or suggestion has ever been made to the Executive on the subject.

Mr. Brown having communicated to your Committee the names of the parties who had given him the information contained in the above charge, and amongst others, those of Messrs. W. F. Meudell, of Toronto, and Robert Smiley, of Hamilton.



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The latter gentleman being absent in England, your Committee communicated with Mr. Meudell, whose answers do not corroborate the information conveyed to your Committee by Mr. Brown.

The following accusation is indeed of a very grave character, and is brought against the Honorable Mr. Hincks alone, namely, that he proposed as a Minister of the Crown, and used his influence to obtain grants of money for improvements on the River Ottawa, with a view of increasing the value of his property in that locality. The facts connected with it are few in number.

On the 8th June, 1853, it was proposed in the Legislative Assembly to appropriate the sum of £50,000 to the improvement of the navigation of the River Ottawa, between lakes Chaudière and Chats. On the 14th of the same month, the appropriation was allowed by the Royal Assent being given on that day to the Bill. The 15th day of August following, the Honorable F. Hincks acquired from George Beswick, Esquire, of Quebec, Merchant, several lots of Land, slides, houses, &c., on the River *Bonne-Chère*, one of the tributaries of the Ottawa, in the County of Renfrew. The distance of the said lots from the locality where the improvements are to take place on the River Ottawa, is 20 miles.

The investigation made by your Committee shews conclusively that the property in question was purchased two months after the grant was made for the improvement of the Ottawa, and that no negotiation for the purchase had taken place previous to or at the period of the grant.

The transaction of the Toronto Debentures is known in its most minute details, so are the accusations issuing from the same. The inquiries of your Committee rest on the Evidence taken before the Court of Chancery, as well as on the Evidence taken before this Committee.

One is to the effect that Mr. Hincks used his Parliamentary influence to obtain the passage of the Act to consolidate the debt of the City of Toronto in virtue of which the Debentures in question were issued.

Your Committee cannot refrain from noticing with what despatch, quickness and celerity, in the parliamentary practice, measures like the one made a subject of reproach to the Honorable F. Hincks, are passed, concurred in and carried through, on the eve of the day fixed for the Royal Assent.

In this case however no influence appears to have been used, by Mr. Hincks, as the Bill in question was conducted through all its stages in the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Boulton one of the Members for Toronto, without opposition, as was the case during the same session with several Bills of a similar character.

Another accusation has been preferred against the Honorable F. Hincks with respect to that transaction, namely that he had entered into partnership with M. Bowes for the purchase of the bonds of the city of Toronto. That they had been purchased at a discount from certain Railway Contractors, and that Mr. Hincks had used his influence as a Minister of this Province, to procure the funds required for the purchase of these bonds.

The Honorable F. Hincks' partnership with Mr. Bowes is proved, and it is also admitted that as such partners they have purchased from third parties bonds of the city of Toronto at a discount, but your Committee have not been able to find in the Evidence any ground for the accusation that the Honorable F. Hincks had made use of his influence, as a Minister to procure the money requisite for the purchase of these bonds.

In conclusion your Committee do not enter into certain questions which have been suggested whether it is beneficial to the due administration of the affairs of this Country, for its Ministers to purchase public lands sold at public competition, and Municipal Debentures, also offered in open market or otherwise ;—whether the public interests require an expression of the opinions of the two Houses of Parliament in that respect ;—and lastly, whether it would be advisable to increase the salaries of the Members of the Executive Council to such a figure as would relieve them from the necessity of engaging in private dealings to enable them to support their families, and maintain the dignity of their position, without resorting to any kind of business transactions while in the service of the Crown ; but the order of Reference of your Honorable House contains no such delegation of powers to your Committee, who have received no instructions to inquire into and report upon these subjects. Your Committee therefore leave it with your Honorable House to take the lead in the examination and investigation of these questions, if they deem proper so to do.

The whole nevertheless humbly submitted.

N. F. BELLEAU,  
Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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Saturday, 23rd September, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. MOORE,  
“ “ “ FERRIER,  
“ “ “ BELLEAU.

The Honorable Mr. Belleau called to the chair.

*Resolved*,—That the first subject of inquiry shall be the purchase of the Domain of the Seignior of Lauzon by the Honble. Messrs. Hincks, James Morris, and Mills.

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Tuesday, 31st October, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ MCKAY,  
“ “ “ MOORE,  
“ “ “ FERRIER.

*Resolved*,—That the following questions be addressed to Angus D. Macdonell, Esq., of Toronto, by letter, viz:—

First—Did you at any time endeavour to get a Bill passed by the Provincial Parliament for the construction of a Canal at Sault Saint Mary on the Canadian side? If so, state for what reason the Bill was rejected by the House of Assembly.

Second—Do you know that any of the members of the late Administration had any interest in the contract for the Canal at Sault St. Mary on the American side? If so, name them, and say if your knowledge of the fact is personal; and if not personal, say how you procured that knowledge.

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Tuesday, 14th November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

*Resolved*,—That the Honorable Francis Hincks and James Morris, ex-Members of the Executive Council of this Province, having publicly declared and admitted, the one before the Members of the Legislative Assembly and the other before the Members of the Legislative Council, that they were personally interested in and parties to the purchase of the Domain of the Seignior of Lauzon, it is needless for this Committee to inquire into and investigate this notorious fact, which ought to be considered as admitted and proved before this Committee.

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Friday, 1st December, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

*Resolved*,—That letters be written to Robert Smiley, Isaac Buchanan, Henry McKinstrey, and J. W. Ritchie, Esquires, of Hamilton, and W. F. Meudell, Esq., of Toronto, requesting information from them on the subject referred to in Mr. Brown's last answer.

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Monday, 11th December, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

*Resolved*,—That letters be written to Governor Fairbanks, of Vermont, and Erastus Corning, Esq., of Albany, for information as to the Sault Saint Mary canal.

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Monday, 26th March, 1855.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ MOORE,  
“ “ “ FERRIER.

The Committee having taken into consideration Mr. Brown's request, contained in his letter of the 22nd instant, to be furnished with a copy of the evidence given by him before this Committee, and also to be shewn the answers made by certain parties to this Committee, the Clerk was ordered to address to Mr. Brown the following letter :—

To GEORGE BROWN, Esq., M. P. P.,  
Quebec.

SIR,—The Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into certain charges against the late Administration will meet to-morrow, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to receive any further statement you may desire to communicate to the Committee ; and if you wish to read over the testimony which you have already given to the Committee, you will be at liberty to do so then.

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Tuesday, 27th March, 1855.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ MOORE,  
“ “ “ FERRIER.

The Chairman laid before the Committee the following letter received by the Clerk from George Brown, Esq., M. P. P., in answer to the one addressed to him yesterday by order of the Committee :—

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

QUEBEC, 26th March, 1855.

SIR,—I have received your two communications, and must express my astonishment that there should exist any unwillingness on the part of the Committee to grant the two requests I made, namely, that I should have a copy of my own testimony, and the liberty of perusing the remarks of parties to whom portions of my testimony were submitted.

As regards the first of these requests—it was made with a view of expediting a similar inquiry now making by a Committee of the House of Assembly, and is therefore of no personal consequence to me whatever. But as to the latter, the course pursued in regard to my evidence was so unusual, and the desire of all parties being, one would suppose, to have every matter placed in its true light, that I am very much surprised at so reasonable a proposition being refused. If the Committee had a right to exhibit my evidence to third parties, how can it be refused me to see theirs? Do the Committee desire to deny me the opportunity of substantiating what I have stated?

You say that I can come before the Committee to-morrow morning and read over my evidence, and add to or amend it. I do not wish to read it, or to amend it in any way. I desire to see the criticisms you have solicited from others upon it. Unless this is granted, I do not desire to meet the Committee, having, fortunately, other means of shielding myself from the effect of the Committee's action.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. BROWN.

The Chairman also laid before the Committee a printed document, intituled :—

“ IN THE COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.

JOHN G. BOWES, Appellant,  
and

THE CITY OF TORONTO, Respondents.

ON APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF CHANCERY.

J. W. GWINNE, Solicitor for Appellant.  
O. MOWAT, Solicitor for Respondents.

Printed by MACLEAR, THOMAS & Co., King Street, Toronto,  
1854.”

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Wednesday, 25th April, 1855.

The Chairman submitted the draft of a Report, which was considered and adopted, and it was thereupon—

*Resolved,*—That the Chairman do present the said Report to the House this day, together with minutes of the proceedings of this Committee, and of the evidence taken by and laid before it, his correspondence as Chairman with different individuals, the copy of a letter from Mr. Hincks laid before the Committee this day, and the Return to an Address from the House, referred to this Committee on the twenty-third day of March last.

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MINUTES OF EVIDENCE.

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Tuesday, 26th September, 1854.

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PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
“ “ MOORE,  
“ “ TURGEON.

*Felix Fortier*, Esquire, examined :—

1. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of abode?—  
A. My name is Felix Fortier, I am an Advocate, I hold the situation of Clerk of the Crown in Chancery ; and I am also employed in the Crown Lands Office as General Superintendent of the Queen's Domain, the Jesuits' Estates, and the Seigniori of Lauzon ; for which last I act also as Collecting Agent, all under the direction of the Head of the Department. I reside at Quebec.

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Esq.

2. Q. In your capacity of an *employé* of the Crown Lands Office, did you at any time, and when, proceed to the sale of the Domain of the Seigniori of Lauzon?—A. I attended and proceed to the sale of the Domain of the Seigniori of Lauzon, at the Reading Room of the Exchange, in the Lower Town of Quebec, on the 17th of May, 1853. I was assisted on the occasion by the Honorable Louis Panet, in his capacity of a Notary Public.

3. Q. By what authority did you sell that property? If it was in obedience to an Order in Council, produce the same.—  
A. It was in obedience to two Orders in Council, dated respectively the 19th of January, and the 29th of April, 1853 ; copies of which I now produce.

The Witness then produced the following Documents :

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

(Copy.)

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council on Land Applications, dated 14th January, 1853, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 19th of the same month.

On the letter of Charles Frémont, Esquire, M. D., dated 4th December, 1852, stating his desire to become the purchaser of the Donnain Farm in the Seigniorship of Lauzon, in the event of the same being offered for sale—

The Commissioner of Crown Lands reports that this Farm contains 218 arpents, and was leased three years ago, by tenders, at the small annual rent of £15, owing to the bad state of repair into which it had fallen—that the present lessee, whose lease expires on the 1st May next, has not improved, but rather deteriorated it by the abstraction of large quantities of wood. That the Quebec and Richmond Railroad Company have taken a strip of the best of this land, and as the road will run through the meadows, it is expected that the property will be much diminished in value, but that notwithstanding these drawbacks, the Farm, if divided into two or three lots, would, if sold, probably bring £600, and perhaps more; he therefore suggests, that authority be given his Department to sell the Farm at public auction.

The Commissioner also represents, that from the great diminution in the receipts of the Mill at St. Henry, which cost for repairs in 1845-6, £2,000, and now rents for £55 per annum the lease expiring on the 1st May next, and the probability of a further diminution in the income, if again disposed of by lease, it would be advisable for this and other reasons, detailed in his Report, that the Mill should also be sold at public auction.

The Committee concur in opinion with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and recommend that his suggestions be approved and adopted.

Certified.

(Signed,) WM. H. LEE,  
*Actg. C.E.C.*

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Crown Lands,  
&c. &c. &c.

This is one of the Documents produced by me on my examination before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council this day, and is a true copy of a Document in my possession, furnished to me, and certified by the Clerk of the Executive Council. F. Fortier,  
Esq.

FELIX FORTIER.

QUEBEC, 26th September, 1854.

(Copy.)

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council on Land Applications, dated the 28th April, 1853, approved by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 29th April, 1853.

The Committee having had under consideration the subject of the sale, advertized for the 3rd May proximo, of certain property in the Seigniorship of Lauzon, and the necessity of fixing the terms of payment, &c., upon which the same will take place, they humbly recommend, that the purchasers be required to pay one-third of the purchase price at the time of sale, and the balance in five yearly payments, with interest, the interest on the whole sum remaining unpaid to be paid annually with the instalment—and that the Beach frontage to be attached to and form part of the Grist Mill in the vicinity of the Domain Farm at Point Levy, be limited, as its eastern Boundary, by the yellow line drawn on the accompanying Plan by Mr. F. P. Rubidge, at a distance of 26½ feet from the eastern extremity of the Mill Wharf.

The Committee further advise that the period of the said sale be fixed for Tuesday, the 17th of May proximo, instead of the 3rd proximo, as now advertized.

Certified.

(Signed,) WM. H. LEE,  
Actg. C. E. C.

To the Honorable  
The Commissioner of Crown Lands,  
&c. &c. &c.

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

This is one of the Documents produced by me on my examination before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council this day, and is a true copy of a Document in my possession, furnished to me, and certified by the Clerk of the Executive Council.

FELIX FORTIER.

QUEBEC, 26th September, 1854.

4. Q. On whose application, or at whose request was this sale ordered by the Executive Council? If the same was made in writing, produce a copy thereof.—A. It was ordered on the written application of Charles Frémont, Esq., M.D., a copy of which I now produce.

The Witness then produced the following Document :—

(Copy.)

QUEBEC, 4th December, 1852.

SIR,—Having heard from a private source that the Government intend to sell the Domain Farm of Lauzon, I beg to be informed if such is the case, and for what price it may be disposed of. As I propose purchasing it, provided the price does not exceed the value I put upon it, I may take the liberty of informing you that, having accidentally visited the place a short time ago, I noticed that a great deterioration of the property is going on by the almost total absence of proper fences, and especially by the destruction of the trees for firewood.

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

(Signed,) C. FREMONT.

The Honorable Dr. ROLPH,  
Commissioner Crown Lands,  
&c. &c. &c.

A true Copy of the Original, of Record in Crown Lands Office.

FELIX FORTIER,  
For the Commissioner of Crown Lands.

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This is one of the Documents produced by me on my examination before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, this day, F. Fortier,  
Esq.

FELIX FORTIER.

QUEBEC, 26th September, 1854.

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5. Q. Before the sale of the said Property, did you make a Report to the Executive of the advantages or disadvantages of such sale? If so, produce a copy of such Report—A. I made such a Report, and I now produce a copy thereof.

The Witness here produced the following Document :—

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(Copy.)

REPORT No. 12, SEIGNIORY OF LAUZON,

*On Dr. Frémont's Letter of the 4th December, 1852.*

Dr. Frémont enquires whether the Government intends selling the Domain Farm at Point Levy.

This Farm contains 218 arpents in superficies, and was leased about three years ago, by tenders, for the small rent of £15, owing to the state of ruin it was allowed to fall into. The actual lessee, whose lease expires on the 1st May next, has not improved it in any way; on the contrary, it appears that a great quantity of firewood was cut by him, or with his knowledge, last winter.

The Quebec and Richmond Railroad have taken a strip of the best of this land for their road, which will have the effect, it is apprehended, of diminishing the value of the property, by the inconvenience resulting from the road running through the meadows, yet it is expected that the whole Farm would, if sold, bring £600, and perhaps more, on being divided into two or three lots.

The undersigned begs leave to call, at the same time, the attention of Government to the Banal Grist Mill at St. Henry, which cost for repairs, in the years 1845-6, nearly £2,000, and for which no rent was received for the three years ending on

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the 1st May 1850,—since when it has been rented at £55, per annum. The lease expires on the 1st May next.

From the diminution in the receipts of this Mill, owing to the erection of other Mills in the Seigniorie, at no great distance, by several individuals, without leave or authority from Government, there is every reason to anticipate a further diminution in rent; besides Mills are, from the large sums laid out in repairs, the worst kind of property in the hands of Government, while, with private individuals, they may be worked with benefit.

Under these circumstances it would appear more advantageous to dispose by sale, of this Mill and of the Domain Farm, by offering both properties at public auction.

The undersigned would therefore suggest, that this Department be authorized to sell the said Mill and Farm by public competition.

The whole, nevertheless, respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) FELIX FORTIER.

Crown Lands Department,  
Quebec, 13th January, 1853.

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True Copy,  
FELIX FORTIER.

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This is one of the Documents produced by me on my examination before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, this day.

FELIX FORTIER.

QUEBEC, 26th September, 1854.

6. Q. What Public Notice did you give of the said sale? For what space of time, and in what Newspapers? Name them.—

A. I produce three numbers of the *Canada Gazette*, containing advertisements of the said sale, being Nos. 7, 17, and 18, of Vol. 12, dated respectively the 19th of February, 30th of April,

and 7th of May, 1853. The first of these advertisements, viz:— F. Fortier, Esq.  
 that inserted in the *Canada Gazette* of the 19th of February, contained an order for its insertion in the *Quebec Gazette* and *Canadien*, and the *Montreal Pilot* and *Minerve*, once a week, until the 4th of April, 1853. The sale did not take place on the 5th of April as therein stated, for it was thought more advisable, owing to the state of the roads, to wait until the opening of the Navigation, to enable parties from Montreal to be present. The sale was therefore fixed for the 3rd of May, and the advertisement was altered accordingly, from the 12th of March, as appears by the *Canada Gazette* of that date. Previous to this change of date, the order at foot of the advertisement, for its insertion in other Newspapers, was altered so as to include the *Ere-Nouvelle*, of three-Rivers. Printed Notices of the intended sale were placarded in the streets of Quebec, Montreal, and Three-Rivers, shortly previous to the seventeenth of May, to which date it had been further postponed, as will appear by the advertisement contained in the *Canada Gazette* of the 7th of May, which I have produced.

The three numbers of the *Canada Gazette*, produced by the Witness, contained the following advertisements respectively, viz:—

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 17th February, 1853.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on TUESDAY, the FIFTH day of APRIL next, at the hour of ELEVEN, A.M., the following Properties will be offered for sale, at the Exchange Reading Room, Lower Town, Quebec, and adjudged to the highest bidder, viz:

1st. The Domain Farm at Point Levy, containing two hundred and eighteen arpents of land, fronting on the River St. Lawrence. The lower portion is covered with trees of a large growth, and the scenery is beautiful. This property might be divided with advantage into Park Lots or Emplacements.

2nd. That large Grist Mill on the South shore of the St. Lawrence, and almost adjoining the above Farm, having four run of stones, with a dwelling house, large store, and other convenient buildings attached thereto, and the beach opposite

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the same. This Mill, from its situation on the St. Lawrence, and very short distance from the Richmond Railroad terminus, deserves the attention of Grain Merchants and Capitalists.

3d. A Flour Mill at St. Henry, Seigniory of Lauzon, lying on the North-east side of the River Etchemin, having four pair of stones, together with its dependencies, as now possessed by the actual lessees, Charles Robertson, *et al*; the Water Power is one of the best in this Province, and the Mill was re-built in 1846, at an expense of above £2,000.

The purchaser may retain the price of the adjudication *à constitut*, on giving satisfactory security.

A deposit of £25 will be exacted from the purchaser of each property, at the time of the adjudication, to cover the expenses of the sale, advertisement, plans, &c., in case of non-fulfilment of the conditions.

For further particulars, which will be made known at the time of sale, apply to the undersigned, at the Crown Lands Office, Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec.

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↪ The *Quebec Gazette* and *Canadien*, and the *Montreal Pilot* and *Minerve*, will please insert the above once a week, until the 4th April, 1853.

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CROWN LANDS OFFICE,

QUEBEC, 28th April, 1853.

The sale of the two Mills and of the Farm in the Seigniory of Lauzon is postponed till further notice.

The Beach Lot and Porpoise and Seal Fishery lease will be sold on the day advertized.

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CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 4th May, 1853.

**N**OTICE is hereby given, that on **TUESDAY**, the **SEVENTEENTH** day of **MAY** instant, at the hour of **ELEVEN**, A. M., the fol-



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lowing Properties will be offered for Sale at the Exchange F. Fortier,  
Reading Room, Lower Town, Quebec, and adjudged to the Esq.  
highest bidder, viz:—

1. The Domain Farm at Point Levy, containing about two hundred and twelve arpents of land, fronting on the River St. Lawrence.—Upset price £600.

2. The large Grist Mill on the South Shore of the St. Lawrence, and adjoining the above Farm, having four run of stones with a dwelling house, large stone, and other convenient buildings attached thereto; and the beach opposite the same. This Mill, from its situation on the St. Lawrence, at a very short distance from the Richmond Railroad Terminus, deserves the attention of Grain Merchants and Capitalists.—Upset price £2,000.

3. A Flour Mill at St. Henry, Seigniory of Lauzon, lying on the North-east side of the River Etchemin, having four pairs of stones, together with its dependencies, as now possessed by the actual lessees, Charles Robertson, *et al*; the Water Power is one of the best in this Province, and the Mill was re-built in 1846, at an expense of above £2,000.—Upset price £600.

The purchaser will be required to pay one-third of the purchase price cash, and the balance in five yearly payments, with interest.

A deposit of £25 will be exacted from the purchaser of each property, upon the adjudication of the same, in addition to the purchase price, to cover the expenses of the Sale, Advertisement, Plans, Patent, Title Deeds, &c.

For further particulars, which will be made known at the time of sale, apply to the Undersigned at the Crown Lands Office, Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, where plans may be seen.

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✂ The *Quebec Gazette and Canadien*, the *Montreal Pilot* and *Minerve*, and the *Three-Rivers Ere-Nouvelle*, will please copy the above twice a week, until the day of sale.

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Esq.

7. Q. Can you furnish the Committee with a copy of the conditions of the sale, and a list of the biddings thereat? If so produce the same.—A. I produce an exact copy of the conditions made known at the sale, with a list of the biddings thereat.

The Witness then produced the following document, viz :—

CONDITIONS of the SALE of the Domain Farm of Lauzon at Point Levy, advertized to be Sold by Auction, this Seventeenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, at the Exchange Reading Room, in the Lower Town of Quebec, to wit :—

1st. The Farm will be sold, such as it actually is, *en franc alevu roturier*, and contains two hundred and twelve arpents, more or less, bounded in front to high water mark, on one side to the North-east by the land of the Mill, and on the other side to the South-west by P. Cantin, the River Etchemin, John Thompson, and Ed. Boyer, such as represented on the plan made by P. Lambert, Esquire, and dated 15th March, 1849, by the letters P. C. D. E. F. G. H. J. K. L. M. N. P. the tract P. C. B. A. O. P. as originally surveyed by Mr. Lambert in 1849, having been detached from the Farm and attached to the Mill as dependencies.

2ndly. It is hereby well understood that the sale about to be made, will not give any right to the purchaser of fishing or hunting on the beach in front of the said land, but solely the preference in case that Government would dispose of the said beach to any other person.

3rdly. One-third of the purchase price to be paid cash, and the balance to be paid in five equal annual instalments, with interest, each year, upon such balance as may be due upon the purchase price. The purchaser shall pay down cash, over and above the price of adjudication, at the time of the sale, the sum of twenty-five pounds currency, (£25,) to cover all the expenses of the sale, &c. &c. &c., and in default of his paying that sum at the moment of adjudication, he will lose all right to his bid, and the department may then sell the said property to any one else, as they may think proper.

4thly. The purchaser shall be bound, within three days from the day of sale, to pay one-third of the price of sale, and to complete the necessary Documents for carrying into execution

the purchase of the said property, and in default of payment of the said sum, and of signing the requisite deeds within the prescribed time, he shall lose all his rights to his bid and the adjudication, and also to the said sum of twenty-five pounds currency, (£25,) which he will forfeit, his bid will be considered as null, and the Crown Lands Department will have the power to dispose of the said property in any manner, or to any person, whom they may think fit.

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5thly. The purchaser shall also be substituted in the place and stead of the Crown as to all claims which the same may have right to demand from the Quebec and Richmond Railway Company, or from all others whom it doth or may appertain as indemnity for ground taken on the said farm by the said Railway Company, and for any other damage which they may occasion to the said farm, either by taking the said ground or otherwise, without however any guarantee whatever.

WM. MATTHIE.

Witnesses,

FELIX FORTIER,  
PHI. HUOT,  
J. RICHARD.

Quebec, 17th May, 1853.

*Enchères sur les conditions des autres parts.*

Upset price.....	£600	Mr. Matthie.....	£900
Archd. Campbell....	610	Archd. Campbell....	910
Phi. Légaré.....	660	Mr. Tibbitts.....	920
Mr. Matthie.....	670	Archd. Campbell....	950
Phi. Légaré.....	700	D. Bogue.....	960
Archd. Campbell....	750	Mr. Matthie.....	970
Phi. Légaré.....	755	Mr. Tibbitts.....	980
Mr. Matthie.....	760	Mr. Matthie.....	990
Phi. Légaré.....	780	Henry Atkinson....	1000
Jas. Tibbitts.....	800	Mr. Matthie.....	1010
Mr. Matthie.....	810	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1020
Phi. Légaré.....	850	Mr. Matthie.....	1030
Archd. Campbell....	860	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1040
Mr. Tibbitts.....	870	Ed. Quinn.....	1100
Archd. Campbell....	880	Mr. Matthie.....	1150

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Ed. Quinn.....	£1200	Ed. Quinn.....	£1575
Mr. Matthie.....	1250	Mr. Matthie.....	1600
Ed. Quinn.....	1260	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1610
Mr. Matthie.....	1270	Mr. Matthie.....	1620
Ed. Quinn.....	1300	Mr. Matthie.....	1650
Mr. Matthie.....	1310	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1660
Ed. Quinn.....	1325	Mr. Matthie.....	1670
—————	1370	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1680
Mr. Matthie.....	1400	Mr. Motz.....	1690
Ed. Quinn.....	1410	Mr. Matthie.....	1700
Mr. Matthie.....	1420	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1725
Ed. Quinn.....	1425	Mr. Matthie.....	1750
Mr. Matthie.....	1430	Jas. Motz.....	1760
Ed. Quinn.....	1440	Mr. Matthie.....	1770
Mr. Matthie.....	1450	Mr. Tibbitts.....	1780
Ed. Quinn.....	1500	Mr. Matthie.....	1800
Mr. Matthie.....	1550	Ed. Quinn.....	1810
Ed. Quinn.....	1560	Mr. Matthie.....	1825
Mr. Matthie.....	1570		

Adjudged to William Matthie, for the sum of Eighteen hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, and subject to all the conditions above mentioned.

I accept,

WM. MATTHIE.

Witnesses,

FELIX FORTIER,

PHI. HUOT,

J. RICHARD.

Quebec, 17th May, 1853.

This is one of the Documents produced by me on my examination as a Witness before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, this day.

FELIX FORTIER.

QUEBEC, 26th September, 1854.

8. Q. Although the property was adjudged to Mr. Matthie, do you know that the Honorable Francis Hincks and James Morris were in any way interested therein?—A. At the time

the sale took place I was not aware that either of these gentlemen had any interest in the purchase. It was not until long afterwards that I became aware of a rumour to that effect.

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

9. Q. Do you know that a Deed of Sale was executed by the Commissioner of Crown Lands in favor of Mr. Matthie?—A. A Deed of Sale was granted by the Commissioner of Crown Lands to Mr. William Matthie and the Honorable Samuel Mills, whom the former acknowledged as his partner in the purchase; and on the same day, these purchasers gave a mortgage on the property in favor of the Commissioner for the balance of the price remaining unpaid. I produce a copy of said mortgage.

The Witness then produced the following document, viz :—

ON this day, the Twenty-second of June, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, Before us, the undersigned Notaries Public, residing in the City of Quebec,\* personally came and appeared, the Honorable John Rolph, Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Canada, acting as such in this instance, of the one part;

And the Honorable Samuel Mills, of Hamilton, Canada West, and William Matthie, of the Town of Brockville, Esquire, Merchant, of the other part.

Which said parties in the presence of us, the said Notaries, did and do, hereby covenant, stipulate, and agree in manner following, that is to say :—Whereas by a certain Deed of Sale, passed this day before the undersigned Notaries Public, the said Honorable John Rolph, acting as aforesaid, did sell, transfer, and make over unto the said Honorable Samuel Mills and William Matthie, for the sum of Eighteen hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, “the Domain Farm of the Seigniorship of “Lauzon, in the Parish of *Notre-Dame de la Victoire*, being of “an irregular figure, and containing about Two hundred and “twelve arpents, more or less, in superficies, bounded in front “to the North by high water-mark of the River St. Lawrence, “in rear to the South by Mrs. Widow and Heirs P. Cantin, on “one side, to the North-east by Joseph and Etienne Huart, and “the tract detached from said Farm and attached to the Mill of “Point Levy, and to the South-west by the Widow and Heirs “P. Cantin, John Thompson, Louis Royer, and the River “Etchemin, together with the Buildings thereon erected, cir-

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

“ cumstances and dependencies ; such as the said Farm is  
 “ represented on the Plan thereof, (annexed to the said above-  
 “ mentioned sale,) made by P. Lambert, and dated the  
 “ fifteenth of March, One thousand eight hundred and forty-  
 “ nine, by the letters P. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. K. L. M. N. P. (the  
 “ tract marked P. Y. C. B. Y. A. O. P. heretofore forming part of  
 “ said Farm, and originally surveyed by Mr. Lambert, in  
 “ Eighteen hundred and forty-nine, having been detached from  
 “ the said Farm, and attached to the Mill as dependencies,)  
 “ together with the right to a road or passage on the Mill Lot,  
 “ thirty-six feet wide, as shewn by the letters Y. Y. on said  
 “ Plan, to communicate from said Farm to the public road.”

And whereas the whole purchase price of Eighteen hundred and twenty-five pounds currency, is mentioned in the said Deed of Sale as paid cash, when a sum of Six hundred and eight pounds, six shillings and four pence currency, only, was really paid at the time of the execution of the said Deed, and although a sum of Twelve hundred and sixteen pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence currency, still remains due upon the said purchase price :

Wherefore these presents, and we the said Notaries, witness, that the said Honorable Samuel Mills and William Matthie are indebted unto the said Honorable John Rolph, acting as aforesaid, and accepting hereof, in the sum of Twelve hundred and sixteen pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence currency, balance of said purchase price, which the said Honorable Samuel Mills and William Matthie did, and by these presents do, bind and oblige themselves jointly and severally, *solidairement*, one for the other, one of them for the whole, under the usual renunciations, required by law, to well and truly pay unto the said Honorable John Rolph, acting as aforesaid, or to his successor or successors in office, in five equal and annual instalments of the sum of Two hundred and forty-three pounds, six shillings and eight pence currency, each, the first payment whereof shall become due and payable on the seventeenth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and so to continue afterwards every year until the said sum of Twelve hundred and sixteen pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence currency, is all paid, together with the legal interest thereon, to be computed from the seventeenth day of May last, said interest payable each year on the seventeenth day of May, together with

each instalment upon such balance as may be then due upon the amount of the present bond or obligation. F. Fortier,  
Esq.

For security of the payment of said sum of Twelve hundred and sixteen pounds, thirteen shillings and four pence currency, and interest thereon, payable as aforesaid, they, the said Honorable Samuel Mills and William Matthie, did and do hereby specially mortgage and hypothecate the lot of ground above described, upon which the said Honorable John Rolph, acting as aforesaid, doth hereby reserve for Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Assigns, the right and privilege of *Baillieur de fonds*. For thus, &c., done and passed at the said City of Quebec, in the office of Louis Panet, one of the undersigned Notaries, on the day and year first above written, under the number Twelve thousand five hundred and sixty-nine, the said parties having signed these presents first duly read according to law.

(Signed,) JOHN ROLPH  
 SAMUEL MILLS,                      WM. MATTHIE,  
 PHI. HUOT, *N.P.*                      LS. PANET, *Not.*

A true Copy of the Original remaining of Record in my Office.

(Signed,)              LS. PANET, *Not.*

The above is a true Copy of a Document in my possession.

FELIX FORTIER.

This is one of the Documents referred to in my evidence before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, this day.

FELIX FORTIER.

QUEBEC, 26th September, 1854.

10. Q. Are there any general rules laid down for your guidance in the conduct of sales on behalf of Government?—If so, were they followed by you in the instance in question?—A. In my branch of the Crown Lands Department, it is usual to

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

report to the Executive Government upon the propriety of disposing, or not disposing of property, the sale of which may be asked for by private individuals, and to state such matter as may enable the Government to arrive at a correct determination on the subject. Thereupon an Order of Council is made, either refusing or authorizing the sale. This course was followed in the instance in question.

11. Q. Were the arrangements or conditions of the sale in any way interfered with by the said Honorables Francis Hincks and James Morris?—A. Not to my knowledge. But I know that the conditions of the sale first published, were afterwards altered by the Executive Council. The alteration consisted in the exaction of payment of one third of the price in cash, instead of the whole being allowed to remain as a mortgage on the property.

Friday, 29th September, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER,  
 “ “ “ TURGEON.

W. H. Lee,  
Esq.

*William Henry Lee*, Esquire, examined :—

12. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of abode?  
 A. My name is William Henry Lee, I am Clerk of the Executive Council, and I reside in the City of Quebec.

13. Q. Can you produce a copy of the conditions for the Sale of the Domain Farm of the Seigniory of Lauzon, adopted by the Executive Council, from March to June, 1853?—A. If such conditions are of Record in the Minutes of the Executive Council, I can produce the same; but I cannot state from memory whether such is the case or not.

14. Q. Will you produce before this Committee any Resolution or Resolutions adopted by the Executive Council, on the subject of the conditions for the Sale of the said Domain Farm, with the names of the Councillors present when the same was or were adopted?—A. I will.



Saturday, 30th September, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
“ “ “ MOORE,  
“ “ “ FERRIER.

*William Henry Lee*, Esquire, further examined :—

W. H. Lee,  
Esq.

15. Q. Do you now produce and lay before this Committee duly certified copies of all the Minutes of Council relating to the Sale of the Domain Farm of Lauzon, in 1853?—A. I do. They consist of two Orders in Council, dated respectively the 19th of January, and the 20th of April, 1853.

The Witness then produced the two following Documents, viz :—

(Copy.)

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, K. T., 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.

[14th January, 1853.]

Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, on matters referred to their consideration, by His Excellency's command.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. CAMERON, in the Chair.  
“ “ Mr. TACHÉ,  
“ “ Mr. MORRIS,  
“ “ Mr. ROLPH,  
“ “ Mr. RICHARDS, and  
“ “ Mr. CHABOT.

On the letter of Charles Frémont, Esquire, M. D., dated 4th December, 1852, stating his desire to become the purchaser of the Domain Farm in the Seigniory of Lauzon, in the event of the same being offered for sale—

W. H. Lee,  
Esq.,

The Commissioner of Crown Lands reports that this Farm contains two hundred and eighteen arpents, and was leased three years ago, by tenders, at the small annual rent of £15, owing to the bad state of repair into which it had fallen; that the present Lessee, whose lease expires on the first May next, has not improved, but rather deteriorated it by the abstraction of large quantities of wood; that the Quebec and Richmond Railroad Company have taken a strip of the best of this land, and as the road will run through the meadows, it is expected that the property will be much diminished in value, but that, notwithstanding these drawbacks, the Farm, if divided into two or three lots, would, if sold, probably bring £600, and perhaps more; he therefore suggests that authority be given his department to sell the Farm at public auction.

The Commissioner also represents, that from the great diminution in the receipts of the Mill at St. Henry, which cost for repairs in 1845-6, £2000, and now rents for £55 per annum, the lease expiring on the first of May next, and the probability of a further diminution in the income, if again disposed of by lease, it would be advisable, for this and other reasons detailed in his Report, that the Mill should also be sold at public auction.

The Committee concur in opinion with the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and recommend that his suggestions be approved and adopted.

Approved by his Excellency the Governor General, in Council, on the 19th January, 1853.

(Certified,)

WM. H. LEE,  
C. E. C.

(Copy.)

To His Excellency the Right Honorable JAMES, Earl of ELGIN and KINCARDINE, K. T., 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.

[28th April, 1853.]

Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, on matters referred to their consideration, by His Excellency's command.

PRESENT :

W. H. Lee,  
Esq.

The Honorable Mr. CAMERON, in the Chair.  
 “ “ Mr. HINCKS,  
 “ “ Mr. TACHÉ,  
 “ “ Mr. MORRIS,  
 “ “ Mr. ROLPH, and  
 “ “ Mr. RICHARDS.

The Committee having had under consideration the subject of the Sale advertized for the 3rd of May proximo, of certain property in the Seigniory of Lauzon, and the necessity of fixing the terms of payment, &c., upon which the same will take place, they humbly recommend, that the purchasers be required to pay one-third of the purchase price at the time of sale, and the balance in five equal yearly payments, with interest; the interest on the whole sum remaining unpaid, to be paid annually with instalment; and that the Beach frontage to be attached to, and form part of the Grist Mill in the vicinity of the Domain Farm at Point Levy, be limited, as its Eastern boundary, by the yellow line drawn on the Plan by Mr. F. P. Rubidge, at a distance of twenty-six and a half feet from the Eastern extremity of the Mill wharf.

The Committee further advise, that the period of the said Sale be fixed for Tuesday, the seventeenth of May proximo, instead of the third proximo, as now advertized.

Approved by His Excellency the Governor General, in Council, on the 29th April, 1853.

(Certified,)

WM. H. LEE.

C. E. C.

Mr. Edward Quinn, examined:—

Mr. E. Quinn.

16. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of abode?—  
 My name is Edward Quinn, I am a Lumber Merchant, and I reside in the Parish of Sainte Foye, near the City of Quebec.

17. Q. It has been stated in the newspapers that you were paid a sum of Two hundred pounds, for ceasing to bid for the Domain Farm of the Seigniory of Lauzon, at the sale thereof, by auction. State all that you know on that subject.—A. I was paid Two hundred pounds by Mr. Cochran, the Land Agent,

Mr. E. Quinn. for ceasing to bid for the Grist Mill adjoining the said Domain Farm, which was sold by auction on the same day, and at the same place, but previous to the sale of the Farm itself. I understood at the time, that Mr. Cochran acted in that matter as the agent of Mr. Reekie, or the Contractors for the Quebec and Richmond Railway. I received nothing for ceasing to bid for the Farm.

Friday, 13th October, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

Sir Cusack P. Roney. Sir Cusack Patrick Roney, examined :—

18. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of abode ?—

A. My name is Cusack Patrick Roney, I am Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada and I reside at Montreal.

19. Q. This Committee is informed by public notoriety that shares in the Grand Trunk Railway Company to the amount of £50,000, stand, or appear to stand, in the Books of the Company in the name of the Honorable Francis Hincks.—Can you inform this Committee under what circumstances, or why these shares appear to stand in the name of the said Honorable Francis Hincks, for whom those shares were intended, and for whose interest, advantage, or profit they were intended ?—A. Not £50,000, of shares, but £25,000 of shares, carrying with them the right to £25,000 of Debentures, stand in the original Books of the Company in the name of the Honorable Francis Hincks.—Previous to giving any further evidence, I beg to state to this Honorable Committee, that although appointed to Office in the Grand Trunk Railway Company, at the period to which the above question relates, I was absent from duty ; but, in consequence of paragraphs having appeared in the Canadian Newspapers to which my attention was directed, I have made it my business to become acquainted with the facts of the case, and I derived my information on the subject, partly from the Books of the Company, and partly from full verbal communi-

cations that I have had with Mr. George Carr Glyn, M.P., one of the London Agents of the Province, and Mr. William Chapman, Secretary of the London Board of Directors of the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

Sir Cusack P.  
Roney.

The allotment of the A. Series of the Shares of the Company was made at the latter end of April, 1853, by the London Board of Directors, the Honorable John Ross, the President of the Company, was in London at the time, but was not present at the meeting at which the allotments were made. At that period, these shares were selling on the London Stock Exchange at a premium of, from one to two pounds sterling per share. There was a very great demand on the part of the public for these shares. It was represented to the London Board, in urgent terms, by Gentlemen connected with Canada, that a portion of these Shares should be allotted to parties in Canada, the Board felt the propriety of this representation, and in consequence allotted two thousand shares, which is equivalent to £50,000 of Stock, carrying with it £50,000 of Debentures, for such purpose. It being necessary that these shares should appear in the name of some party or parties, the name of the Honorable Francis Hincks was selected for one thousand shares, and that of Mr. Alexander Mackenzie Ross for the remaining thousand, making together the above £50,000 to which the question of this Honorable Committee refers. This transaction took place without the cognizance of either Mr. Hincks or Mr. Ross, and no communication on the subject was addressed to them; both those gentlemen were in Canada at the time; and from the time that the application for the reserve of these shares for parties in Canada was made, until the allotment was completed and registered in the Books of the Company, not more than three or four days elapsed; certainly not exceeding a week.

These shares were distinctly and unmistakably registered in the names of these two Gentlemen, in trust for allotment in Canada, and it was equally clearly understood that these two Gentlemen had no beneficial right or claim to them in any way.

Immediately after the allotment, the Shares fell to a discount. It is needless for me to remark, that no person in Canada thought of applying for them; the matter was lost sight of until the paragraphs which I referred to in the beginning of my evi-

Sir Cusack P.  
Roney.

dence appeared in the Newspapers. Had Mr. Hincks or Mr. Ross applied to me for the issue of Share Certificates for this Stock for their own profit, interest, or advantage, I should have declined doing so on my own responsibility, and should only have issued it by official order of the Board of Directors of the Company. As it has been stated in the Newspapers, that paid up in full Stock had been given or issued to Mr. Hincks, I beg to state that there has not been a single Share Certificate issued to any party who did not, in the first instance, pay the deposit on the Share or Shares allotted to him, nor any paid-up-in-full Share Certificate to any individual who has not paid up in full, all the calls and instalments upon the Shares for which he is registered in the Books of the Company. I am anxious that the Committee should fully understand, that we have no such thing as privileged shares or paid-up-in-full Shares for the benefit or advantage of any body whatever, consequently neither the Honorable Francis Hincks, nor Mr. A. M. Ross, have received any interest or dividend on the Shares or Stock standing in their names in the Books of the Company. Interest has been paid for three half years since the allotment of the Shares of the Company.

Saturday, 21st October, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

John Langton,  
Esq.

*John Langton*, Esquire, M.P.P., examined:—

20. Q. This Committee being engaged in inquiring into accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, wish to know if you have any knowledge of any speculations made by any one of them, which you think might form the subject of an accusation. If so, impart that knowledge to the Committee, and inform them how you know the facts to which you allude?—A. I have no personal acquaintance with any facts of the kind, but I have formed my opinions upon facts which were public and accessible to every

one. The evidence taken in the case of the City of Toronto against Bowes, in the Court of Chancery, and the admissions made in the Speeches of Mr. Hincks in Parliament, and in Letters over his signature with regard to the purchase at Point Levy, are sufficient grounds, in my opinion, to conclude that both those transactions were improper.

Sir Cusack P.  
Roney.

21. Q. Are you aware that there were any others of the late Ministers engaged in the purchase at Point Levy?—A. I have always understood that the Honorable James Morris was concerned in that transaction.

George Brown, Esquire, M.P.P., examined:—

G. Brown,  
Esq.

22. Q. This Committee, being engaged in inquiring into accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, wish to know if you have any knowledge of any speculations made by any one of them which you think might form the subject of an accusation? If so, impart that knowledge to the Committee, and inform them how you know the facts to which you allude?—A. I apprehend that I was not sent for by the Committee in the character of a Prosecutor, but as a Witness. I am prepared to answer any question in regard to any charges which the Committee may deem proper to put to me.

23. Q. This Committee, being engaged in inquiring into accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, wish to know if you have any knowledge of any speculations made by any of them. If so, impart that knowledge to the Committee, and inform them how you know the facts to which you allude?—A. If the Committee desire to inquire into any speculation, or alleged speculation by any Member of the late Administration, on being informed of its nature, I will give what information I possess in regard to it, but I decline to prefer any charge before this Committee.

24. Q. Do you know of any circumstances connected with the purchase of the Domain at Point Levy, which may be made subjects of reproach to any Members of the late Administration? If so, be pleased to communicate them, and say what knowledge you have of those circumstances?—A. The

G. Brown,  
Esq.

knowledge I have of the sale of the Point Levy property by order of Government, and the purchase thereof by certain Members of the Government, was obtained in conversation with individuals cognizant of the facts, and from the explanations of Mr. Hincks in the House of Assembly. I was not personally cognizant of the facts connected with that transaction.

25. Q. Will you communicate to the Committee any knowledge which you may have personally, of the acts in which any of the Members of the late Administration have participated, in connection with the £50,000 subscribed to the Stock of the Grand Trunk Railway Company?—A. The knowledge I have of the circumstances connected with the Stock (to the amount of £50,000) standing in the Books of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in the name of Mr. Hincks, was obtained in the first place from statements in the Public Journals, and afterwards from conversations with individuals cognizant of the facts and explanations, in the House of Assembly. I have no direct personal knowledge of the manner in which the said Stock was made over to Mr. Hincks.

26. Q. Will you state such facts as are within your personal knowledge relating to the purchase of Ten thousand pounds' worth of Toronto Debentures, in which Mr. Hincks participated?—A. I never heard of any such transaction.

27. Q. Will you state such facts as are within your personal knowledge relating to the purchase or exchange of One hundred thousand pounds' worth of Toronto Debentures, in which Mr. Hincks participated?—A. The facts connected with the purchase of £50,000 of Toronto City Debentures, by Messrs. Bowes and Hincks, I found in the evidence elicited by the Court of Chancery, in the suit preferred by the Mayor and Corporation of Toronto against Mr. Bowes, in which suit judgment was recently rendered, compelling Mr. Bowes to pay over his share of the profits of the speculation, or more than £4,000, to the City, on the ground that the transaction was in violation of good faith in a Trustee for the Public. I am not personally cognizant of the manner in which the Inspector General negotiated the credit which he obtained from the Bankers of the Province in England, and by which the Purchase was accomplished; I am not cognizant of the manner in which Mr. Bowes induced the Corporation to apply



to the Legislature for a Bill to consolidate £100,000 of the debt of the City; but I am cognizant of the facts connected with that Bill, when it came under consideration of the House of Assembly. I am prepared to state these facts if the Committee desire them.

G. Brown,  
Esq.

Wednesday, 25th October, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.

“ “ “ MCKAY,

“ “ “ MOORE.

Sir *Cusack Patrick Roney*, further examined :—

Sir Cusack P.  
Roney.

28. Q. Can you produce, and place before the Committee, a certified extract of the entries made in the Subscription Book of the Grand Trunk Railway Company relating to the amount of its Stock taken by, or allotted to the Honorable Francis Hincks?—A. I can, and I do now produce an extract from the copy of the allotment Register of the A. Shares of the Company.

The witness then produced the following document, viz :—

EXTRACT from the Copy of the Allotment Register of the A. Shares of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, transmitted with Letter from Mr Chapman, London Secretary of the Company, dated 16th September, 1853.

Name.	Residence.	No of Shares Allotment.	Amount of Bonds Allotted.		Date of Allotment	Amount Paid.	Date of Payment.
			Company's.	Government.			
Honorable Francis Hincks, M.P.P.....		1008	12600	12600	1853 April 25,	£10080	1853. May 3,

A true Extract,

C. P. RONEY,  
*Managing Director.*

QUEBEC, 24th October, 1854.

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Thursday, 26th October, 1854.

## PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER,  
 “ “ “ MOORE.

M. H. Perley, Esq. *Moses H. Perley*, Esquire, examined :—

29. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of residence?—A. My name is Moses H. Perley, I am a Barrister and Emigration Officer, and I reside at Saint John New Brunswick.

30. Q. Have you had any connection with the Government of the Province of New Brunswick? If so, state when, and for how long, and in what capacity?—A. I have been eleven years Emigration Officer for the Province of New Brunswick, and during the years 1851 and 1852, I acted as Local Deputy for the Sale of Crown Lands in the County of St. John.

31. Q. During that period have you had occasion to know what was the usage in that Province, with reference to the purchase of property belonging to the Province, by some of the public officers? If so, state what it was?—A. I have had occasion to know, since I have been Emigration Officer, that Executive Councillors have purchased Crown property at public sales, whether the same were sold under the ordinary regulations for the sale of wilderness lands and timber bertus, or where Crown property has been sold under special circumstances, by virtue of an Order in Council, fixing upset prices beyond the minimun rates.

32. Q. Have representations been made at any time to the Government of the Province of New Brunswick, against the mode of acquisition of which you have just now spoken?—A. I am not aware of any representations having been made to the Government of New Brunswick against Executive Councillors acquiring Crown property under the circumstances stated.

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Saturday, 28th October, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.

“ “ “ MOORE,

“ “ “ FERRIER.

*William Rhodes*, Esquire, M. P. P., examined :—

W. Rhodes,  
Esq.

33. Q. Were you in England during the winter of 1852-3? And while you were there did you take any and what steps respecting the number of shares in the Grand Trunk Railway Company, to be reserved for intending shareholders in Canada?—A. I was in England at the time mentioned. I took no part in the distribution of shares in the Grand Trunk Railway Company, neither did I attend any meeting of the London Board of Directors of that Company, my position as a Director of the Canadian Board not being recognized by the London Board as giving me any voice in such matters. At this time there was a great demand for those shares, and it was supposed that on their allotment, they would have carried a small premium. I consequently addressed a letter to Mr. Jackson, saying that I thought it very important, that a certain number of these shares should be reserved for allotment to the public in Canada. I did this because I thought it unfair and unjust towards the Canadians, that they should be compelled to pay a premium to the London Brokers, on shares in their own Railroad. I was informed by Mr. Jackson, that my letter had been laid by him before his partners, and forwarded by them to the London Directors of the Company. I also understood afterwards, that a number of shares had been subscribed for in Mr. Hincks' name, to be distributed by him, as Prime Minister of Canada, to parties in this Country who might be willing to take them.

34. Q. Had you any correspondence with Mr. Hincks on this subject, either before or after the above occurrence?—A. I had not.

35. Q. Have you reason to believe that it was in consequence of your letter above mentioned, that the London Directors reserved for subscribers in Canada, the shares subscribed for in the name of Mr. Hincks?—A. Yes. I am sure if I had not

W. Rhodes,  
Esq.

written a very strong letter to Mr. Jackson, no reservation of shares would have been made, and Mr. Hincks' name would not have been connected with such a transaction.

Tuesday, 31st October, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*

“ “ Mr. MCKAY,

“ “ Mr. MOORE,

“ “ Mr. FERRIER.

W. L. Mac-  
kenzie, Esq.

*William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, M. P. P., examined :—

36. Q. This Committee, being engaged in inquiring into accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, wish to know if you have any knowledge of any speculations made by any of them? If so, impart that knowledge, and inform them how you know the facts to which you allude?—  
A. In 1850, the City of Toronto agreed to offer as a free gift to the Northern Railway Company, £25,000 in City Bonds. In 1851, it also agreed to lend said Railway Company its credit for £35,000, through Debentures, to be repaid by the Company in twenty years, with interest. On June 28th, 1852, an irregular and, I believe, illegal By-law passed the City Council, professing to authorize the issue of £60,000 in Bonds for the above purposes; shortly previous to which, Messrs. Storey & Co., Contractors, had consented to sell said illegal Debentures to Mr. Bowes, then Mayor of Toronto, in his private capacity, at £80 for each £100 nominal value; the Railway Directors having, in the first instance, consented to assign said Bonds to said Contractors. The City Council next cancelled the loan and gift, (£60,000,) and Toronto became a Stockholder in the Railway Company for £50,000, and paid to the Contractors, through the Directors, in illegal Debentures, about £38,000 or more, before the Statute of 7th October, 1852, passed; and the remainder of the Bonds afterwards. For the £50,000 of Bonds, Mr. Bowes, through the Bank of Upper Canada, paid the Contractors £40,000, and a Petition from the Mayor and Corporation of Toronto was presented in Assembly, in September, 1852, by Mr. Boulton, (I think) asking leave to issue £100,000

in new Debentures to consolidate the City debt. Mayor Bowes and Recorder Duggan came to Quebec; I met them in the passage leading to the Assembly's Wardrobe; they, or rather Mr. Bowes, urged me to support a Bill Mr. Boulton had just introduced upon the City's Petition; stated that the City Debentures were far below par; that a premium would be given in England upon the proposed loan; that the City would realize the difference; and that the measure, which he hoped I would urge forward, was only intended for the common advantage of my fellow citizens. Mr. Hincks and Mr. Morison also urged the Bill upon the House, and said it was a just and fair measure; they were in very great haste to pass it; and, believing them, I did what I could to hasten and secure its passage. After my return home, Mr. David Paterson asked me to sign a Petition to the City Council, for an enquiry into the above transactions, which I refused to do, assuring him that Mr. Hincks had done the City a real and disinterested service. Early in 1853, the City Council, on the Petition of about Six hundred Citizens, sought to investigate, but witnesses refused to answer; Mr. Ridout, Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, declined to state what had been done in the matter, and gave on the whole a very imperfect testimony. After I came to this City to attend the Assembly's sittings, in March, 1853, many letters reached me from Toronto, urging me to try to inquire here—men of the most opposite political views pressed the question for a Committee—facts since proved, were stated confidentially, and I was assured that about £10,000 of the money or funds of the City had been shared by Messrs. Hincks and Bowes, as realized improperly through the Bill I had been induced to support; it was also shewn that the City Council had failed to obtain the evidence they sought, and that Mayor Bowes, on being officially asked if he had made a profit by the Railway Debentures, or the Bill passed October 7th, 1852, had declared that he had assisted the Contractors to negotiate the paper, and "received no remuneration, present or prospective therefor." I then applied to Mr. Hincks; stated to him what had been told me; and argued that there was ground for investigation. He refused to consent to an inquiry in the Assembly, as did those of his political friends to whom I afterwards spoke, upon which, on the 18th of April, 1853, I placed the following notice on the minutes:—"Mr. Mackenzie, on Wednesday, 27th April—That a Select Committee of five Members be appointed forthwith to inquire into the circum-

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“stances under which the City of Toronto issued £50,000 of  
 “Debentures, from time to time, in payment of Stock in the  
 “Northern Railway; by whom the Bills were drawn upon  
 “London, when the Bank of Upper Canada gave Messrs.  
 “Storey & Co. a credit in part upon said Debentures; the  
 “proceedings had, under the Statute of 1852, for consoli-  
 “dating a part of the City debt, and the proposition of the Bank  
 “of Upper Canada to purchase £100,000 of City Debentures at  
 “par, as accepted; the circumstances under which the Bank  
 “was authorized by parties in England to take £100,000 of  
 “City Stock at par, and whether any Member of the Govern-  
 “ment took any part in these transactions; whether the City  
 “lost £10,000, or any other sum, through these negotiations;  
 “and if yea, who the parties are that have realized profits, and  
 “for what service; also, into the conduct of the Mayor and  
 “Financial Officers of Toronto, in the negotiation of these De-  
 “bentures; what services the Bank has rendered, and what  
 “charges it has made, and against whom, relative to said De-  
 “bentures, and the purchase and sale thereof; the rates at  
 “which Toronto City Debentures have been sold within the  
 “last two years; the amount of City indebtedness, and the  
 “rates of interest it is paying on loans made at various periods;  
 “and that the said Committee have power to send for persons  
 “and papers, and permission to Report from time to time.”  
 Soon afterwards I brought the matter informally before the  
 House, and subsequently placed the following motion in the  
 Speaker’s hands. “Mr. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Hartman,  
 “moves, That a Committee of five Members be appointed  
 “forthwith to inquire into the circumstances under which the  
 “City of Toronto issued £50,000 of Debentures, from time to  
 “time, in payment of Stock in the Northern Railway; by  
 “whom the Bills were drawn upon London, when the Bank of  
 “Upper Canada gave Messrs. Storey & Co. a credit in part  
 “upon said Debentures; the proceedings had, under the  
 “Statute of 1852, for consolidating a part of the City debt, and  
 “the proposition of the Bank of Upper Canada to purchase  
 “£100,000 of City Debentures at par, as accepted; the cir-  
 “cumstances under which the Bank was authorized by parties  
 “in England to take £100,000 of City Stock at par, and whe-  
 “ther any Member of the Government took any part in these  
 “transactions; whether the City lost £10,000, or any other  
 “sum, through these negotiations; and if yea, who the parties  
 “are that have realized profits, and for what service; also,

“ into the conduct of the Mayor and Financial Officers of  
“ Toronto, in the negotiation of these Debentures ; what ser-  
“ vices the Bank has rendered, and what charges it has made,  
“ and against whom, relative to said Debentures, and the pur-  
“ chase and sale thereof ; the rates at which Toronto City  
“ Debentures have been sold within the last two years, the  
“ amount of City indebtedness, and the rates of interest it is  
“ paying on loans made at various periods ; and that the said  
“ Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and  
“ permission to Report from time to time.” A debate ensued,  
but when Mr. Hartman saw that the City Members, Messrs.  
Sherwood and Ridout, were decidedly opposed to inquiry  
by the House, and that the Government Members also dissented,  
he desired to withdraw his name as seconder, nor did I object,  
as the motion could not have been carried. Mr. Cashier Ri-  
dout was then in Quebec, and his examination would have  
helped to clear up matters. It afterwards appeared that Messrs.  
Bowes and Hincks, the latter being then a Member of the  
Executive Council, the first Officer of the Government, and at  
the head of the Financial Department, had been joint pur-  
chasers of the Toronto City Bonds, at twenty per cent discount ;  
Mr. Hincks then well knowing, 1st. That Mr. Bowes was  
Mayor of Toronto, and its Agent and Trustee ; 2nd. That Mr.  
Bowes had denied to the Civic Authorities that he had a pri-  
vate interest in the Bonds ; 3d. That Mr. Bowes was then  
managing the City business, as Mayor, to his own personal ad-  
vantage as a speculating trader, at the expense of City interests ;  
4th. That when Mr. Bowes had argued or voted in City Coun-  
cil that Toronto should purchase Ten thousand shares in the  
Northern Railway Stock, and issue Debentures therefor, he had  
a private interest in the result, and expected from his vote or  
influence, a private profit, if aided in a pecuniary way by him  
(Mr. Hincks) ; 5th. That he (Mr. Hincks,) was secretly to share  
in the gains thus got ; 6th. That when Mr. Bowes was thus  
arguing or voting in Council, he and Mr. Hincks knew that of  
£50,000 of Debentures, which by that vote of Council, and the  
influence of the Mayoralty, he hoped to secure at £80 per £100,  
the whole would command in cash in the market, £96 per  
£100 ; and that they too would clear the difference, or nearly  
£9000, at the expense of the citizens ; and 7th. That the rest of  
the City Council had voted in ignorance of that fact, not having  
been informed by the Mayor or himself what could be done in  
England. I place one of the letters I received in evidence be-

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fore the Committee. It is from Mr. David Paterson, a public-spirited Merchant of Toronto, who prosecuted the matter in Chancery, and has since obtained a verdict of restitution against Mr. Bowes.

The witness then produced and laid before the Committee, a letter as follows :—

TORONTO, 29th April, 1853.

W. L. MACKENZIE, Esquire, M.P.P.

Dear Sir,—By some unaccountable delay, I only received your letter a day or two ago, with regard to the shameful £10,000 job. We have it now in Chancery, but as recourse will be had to all sorts of dodging in order to prevent us from getting all the facts there, it is of the utmost importance that your best efforts should be exerted, in order to drag them out through a Committee of the House; and if you succeed in doing this, it will contribute more to raise you in the estimation of the people of Toronto, than any thing that could happen. The following witnesses should be called to give evidence on the matter, viz :—Francis Hincks, Thos. G. Ridout, John G. Bowes, James Hall, James Cotton, and his former Clerk, Wm. Brummell. Hoping your best efforts will be exerted, in order to get at who the guilty party is.

I am,

Respectfully yours,

D. PATERSON,

Mr. Hincks justifies the course he pursued in this case, thus :—When giving evidence in the Chancery suit, he is asked. Q. “Had Mr. Bowes, as Mayor, proposed to you to buy and “sell, and negotiate, the Debentures in question, which you “and Mr. Bowes bought from the contractors, for the benefit of “the City, upon a commission which would have yielded you “an equal profit upon the transaction with that which you “actually made, would you have consented to act for the “City?” Here is his answer :—A “I never would have “thought, under any circumstances, of acting as a mere agent, “and demanding the profit which was the legitimate result of “a speculation involving great responsibility and great anxiety.



“ I could not therefore, if I had acted as an agent, have occupied the position which I did. I think it very probable, that if I had been asked to endeavour to negotiate a loan for the City of Toronto, and had been offered the usual commission, that I would have accepted the proposition at that time, provided I could have done so without interference with my public duties. I have always considered that I have the same right to accept compensation for services rendered to private individuals or corporations, that the Attorney General has to receive fees for his advice, or for services rendered by him to similar parties.” It is this answer, and the principle it involves, which makes me anxious to answer the Committee’s questions at such great length ; for if Mr. Hincks, as Inspector General, and if any Receiver General, can be acting as Brokers, and speculating on their own account, or uniting in landed or monied speculations with others, if they can assist in hurrying through Bills, upon equivocal pretences, through the Legislature, as was done by Mr. Hincks in the matter of the Bill of October 7th, 1852 ; if they can unite with Agents and Trustees of Corporations to partake of vast profits, under circumstances such as I have related, and yet keep in their hands the power of choosing, in a great measure, the depositories in which the public treasure is to be placed, the door is widely opened in the future to a dangerous course of conduct, the evil consequences of which must fall upon the people, destroying trust in the honor and integrity of our chief Provincial Officers. That others in similar circumstances with Mr. Hincks may have often acted as he has done, and far more injuriously to the public, as in the case of Sir John Caldwell, cannot be denied. I consider that the other Heads of Departments were wrong in countenancing Mr. Hincks in the above line of conduct. The Honorable Malcolm Cameron, then Postmaster General, in a public address delivered before the recent Elections at Perth, the correctness of the Report of which he has not denied, said ; “ They all recollected the celebrated £10,000 job. Well, it was a very simple affair after all. The City of Toronto had granted a note for £50,000, that note was for sale at Quebec at 80 cents in the dollar. Mr. Hincks and another gentleman bought the note, by which Mr. Hincks made £4000. This was the whole affair about which so much noise had been made. There was nothing dishonest or disreputable in the transaction : and had he (Mr. Cameron) known the note was for sale, he

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“ would have bought it himself.” The officers of the Federal Government of the adjoining Republic are in some respects prohibited from trading, lest their public spirit should be lost, and their minds become mean and mercenary: and I think that the purchase by our Heads of Departments, whether by themselves or friends, of any kinds of public securities, of disputed titles to lands, or of lands of which they are the sellers as public trustees, or the power of sitting and deciding upon claims in which they have an interest, or of acting as money brokers, and speculating in City or Province Stocks and Scrips, should be forthwith prohibited. The haste with which Mr. Hincks pushed the Bill through the Legislature, by which he was to gain largely, as above, is thus shewn:—September 22nd, 1852, Mr. Boulton introduced in Assembly, a Bill (taken charge of by Mr. Morrison, President of the Road thereafter) to amend the Charter of the Toronto, Simco, and Huron Railway Company, and it had a first reading. September 22nd 1852, Mr. Boulton also introduced the Bill to authorize the city of Toronto to borrow £100,000, and to legalize £50,000 of Debentures issued to the said Railway Company. October 4th, 1852, 1st. £100,000 Debenture Bill, read second time.—2nd. Committed to Committee of the whole.—3d. Reported to the House, with amendments.—4th. Report received.—5th Amendments read, considered, agreed to.—6th. Bill ordered to a third reading. October 6th, 1852.—1st. Bill read third time.—2nd. Bill passed. 3d. Bill sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council. October 7th, 1852.—1st. Bill passed through its various stages in the Honorable the Council. 2nd. Assented to the same day by his Excellency the Governor General. I concur in opinion with the *London Morning Herald*, August 25th, 1854, that “Gambling in the Funds by persons whose official position gives them opportunities for obtaining important political information, has hitherto been considered as one of a deep moral delinquency, as equivalent to cheating at cards, or playing with loaded dice.”

37. Q. Do you know of any circumstances connected with the purchase of the Domain at Point Levy which may be made subjects of reproach to any members of the late Administration. If so, be pleased to communicate them, and say what knowledge you have of those circumstances?—A. I was in Quebec when certain property in Lauzon (near Quebec) was sold at auction, by order of the Government, but did not attend the

sale. I think the sale was on the 17th of May, 1853; but was not present at it. It was advertized in but few Newspapers. The season of the year chosen for the sale was unfavorable; only eight persons were bidders for the Domain Farm, and Mr. Matthie, a Merchant of Brockville, was the nominal purchaser, for £1,825, on credit, as I am informed. I moved for copies of all the papers connected with the sale of the Domain Farm, Mills, &c. last September, and when His Excellency sent them down, they were referred to a Committee of the Assembly, now in Session, upon the conduct of Members of the late Government. It has since appeared, by the letters of Mr. Matthie and others, that the Honble. F. Hincks and the Honble. James Morris, then Executive Councillors, and the Honble. S. Mills, Legislative Councillor, were interested in the purchase of the Domain Farm of 280 acres, with Mr. Matthie. The Executive Councillors thus seem to have offered prematurely for sale, on credit, a property likely to be greatly enhanced in value, by the Railway about to be finished, and to have been themselves purchasers; a large line of the beach adjoining, down to low-water mark, having been sold to them at the same time for £500, without any advertizement I believe. I think that Members of the Government should not be allowed to offer the public domain, in such portions as they think fit, for sale at auction, and be the buyers upon credit—but it has been often done. Mr. Hincks, in a letter to Mr. Langton, thus defends it:—“ The property was offered at the most favorable  
“ time for the public interest; any advantage to be derived  
“ from the Railway was perfectly well known to the public.  
“ The terminus at Hadlow Cove had been fixed on long previously. You say that you utterly repudiate the doctrine which  
“ I defend, and which, however innocent my case may prove  
“ to be, would open the door wide for corruption: now, after a  
“ re-perusal of my letter, I am unable to discover the meaning  
“ of your repudiation; I have not defended any doctrine such  
“ as you refer to, I stated as a fact that no such practice has  
“ ever prevailed in any part of the North American Provinces  
“ as would exclude an Executive Councillor from purchasing  
“ public lands, and I certainly intimated that I would not regard  
“ much any charge founded on my having simply followed  
“ a long established custom, which had never before been  
“ censured or commented on. You appear to make a fine  
“ drawn distinction between a case of ordinary Crown Lands,  
“ the purchase of which, by one in my position would be liable

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“ to no very serious objection, and the particular case which  
 “ you then go on to misrepresent. My own opinion is that  
 “ there would be ten times more danger of real corruption  
 “ being practised in the case of these ordinary Crown Lands,  
 “ than in the one in question ; and I may add, that if the great  
 “ object be to endeavour by law or resolution to prevent well  
 “ informed persons speculating to advantage in public property,  
 “ it would be just as proper to prohibit Members of Parliament  
 “ purchasing lands, as Executive Councillors.” If it be true  
 that the Mills sold with the Domain to Mr. Jackson, Railway  
 Contractor, are connected with a very extensive water power,  
 it may be doubtful whether the sale should not have been  
 delayed.

38. Q. Will you communicate to the Committee any know-  
 ledge which you may have personally of the acts in which any  
 of the Members of the late Administration have participated in  
 connection with the £50,000, subscribed to the Stock of the  
 Grand Trunk Railway Company?—A. I am inclined to believe  
 that £50,000 of Stock was awarded to Mr. Hincks in the Grand  
 Trunk Railway Company, but have no personal knowledge of  
 the facts of the case.

39. Q. Do you know any circumstance relating to the Con-  
 tract for, or the construction of, the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, for  
 an American Company or American Companies, in which any  
 of the Members of the late Administration were either directly  
 or indirectly interested, or any thing in relation to the rejection  
 of a Bill for the construction of a Canal at that place, on the  
 Canadian side, in the Provincial Parliament? If so, please  
 state to the Committee what you know, and what is your  
 knowledge of the circumstances?—A. At the third reading of a  
 Bill to give some speculating persons the control of the Cana-  
 dian side of the River at the Sault Ste. Marie in 1851, I opposed  
 strongly the parting with the line of a Canal to private persons;  
 Mr. Hincks then stopped the Bill, and I verily believe that the  
 reports about Members of the Executive being improperly  
 connected with any measure near the Sault Ste. Marie, are  
 unfounded.

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Wednesday, 1st November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.

“ “ “ MACAULAY,  
“ “ “ MCKAY,  
“ “ “ MOORE,  
“ “ “ FERRIER.

*James Bell Forsyth*, Esquire, examined :—

J. B. Forsyth,  
Esq.

40. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of Residence?—A. My name is James Bell Forsyth, I am a Commission Merchant, and I reside in the City of Quebec.

41. Q. Were you in England during the winter of 1852–3, and while you were there, did you take any and what steps respecting the number of Shares in the Grand Trunk Railway Company to be reserved for intending Shareholders in Canada?—A. I was in England that winter, and the only steps I took were in the shape of a friendly remonstrance with Mr. Jackson, to reserve a certain number of Shares for people in Canada, as I was under the impression the Shares would be at a premium when issued.

42. Q. Have you any knowledge of a letter to the same effect as your verbal remonstrance, having been addressed to Mr. Jackson at that time by Captain Rhodes?—A. Yes, and I read the letter; the contents were to the effect that the parties who originated the scheme seemed quite indifferent to the interests of the people of Canada in the allotment of shares, so long as they saw a chance of getting them taken up on the Stock Exchange. A day or two after this Mr. Jackson told me that certain shares had been appropriated for parties in Canada.

43. Q. Was there an understanding as to the person or persons in whose name or names the shares reserved for the people of Canada should be subscribed?—Not that I am aware of.

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*George Brown*, Esquire, M. P. P., further examined :—

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Esq.

44. Q. Will you give the Committee the facts that you are personally cognizant of, connected with the Bill to consolidate

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£100,000, of the debt of the City of Toronto?—A. The circumstances connected with the passage of the Toronto Consolidation Act through Parliament are as follows:—On the 22nd of September, 1852, the Committee on Standing Orders of the House of Assembly reported, that the Petitions of “the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Toronto, for authority to raise a loan to consolidate their debt,—and of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of Montreal for the like” were not “of such a nature as to require the publication of notice, as neither of them pray for such additional powers as would bring them within the operation of the 64th Rule.” The 64th Rule requires publication to be made in the Newspapers, for the information of the public, of any application, *inter alia*, for any local Bill, “doing any matter or thing which in its operation would effect the rights or property of other parties; or for making any amendments of a like nature to any former Act.” It is therefore clear that the Standing Orders Committee understood the Bill asked for was simply “to consolidate the debt,” and were not led to understand that it would be so framed as to compel the Citizens of Toronto to pay Messrs. Hincks and Bowes £50,000 in cash, for debentures not payable for twenty years, and which these gentlemen had purchased but a few weeks before for £40,000. It is to be regretted that the Minute Book of the Standing Orders Committee, which would have shewn the members present when the Bill went through the Committee and the parties who urged its passage, was destroyed, at the fire. On the same day (22nd of September) Mr. Boulton brought in a Bill “to authorize the City of Toronto to negotiate a loan of £100,000, to consolidate a part of the City debt.” The Bill was printed on Thursday the 30th of September, but when it was distributed, I cannot learn. On Monday following, (the 4th of October,) the Bill stood as the 51st item on the Orders of the day, and was entered thus:—“Bill to authorize Corporation of Toronto to raise a loan,” by the rules and practice of the House it should properly have waited its turn until the fifty previous orders had been disposed of, a period of many days, perhaps weeks; but on this day, not only was it taken up out of its order, but it even had precedence over Bills ordered to a third reading, in defiance of the 22nd Standing order of the House, and passed the second reading. On passing the second reading, the Bill should have been sent to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, but very strangely, this was not done; the Montreal Consolidation Act and the Kingston

Consolidation Act, passed in the same Session, were both sent before this Committee and reported upon; had the Toronto Act been sent to it, the discrepancy between the professed object of the Bill and its provisions, would probably have been discovered and represented to the House. The Bill, as I have stated, was read a second time on the 4th of October. On the same day, it was referred to a Committee of the whole House, and amendments then made upon it. The rule is that no Bill shall be advanced more than one stage in one day. Unfortunately all record of the proceedings of the Committee were destroyed by fire. Further, the Report of the Committee of the whole was, the same day (4th of October,) received by the House, the amendments of the Committee concurred in, and the Bill ordered to a third reading on the following day. This was in direct defiance of the Rules and practice of the House, and constituted the fourth stage passed by the Bill in one evening. On the 6th of October, the Bill passed the third reading, and was carried to the Upper House. On the same day, I see by the Journals, it was read a first time in the Legislative Council. A motion was made to suspend the 46th Rule, and read it a second time forthwith, but it was lost. On the day following, (the 7th of October,) the Bill was read a second time; the 46th Rule was suspended, it was then read a third time, and passed; when the Council adjourned without transacting any other business. The same day, the Governor General came down specially to give the Royal assent to this and other five Bills, none of which appear to have been of pressing importance. As the printed Copies of the Bill were not distributed before the first of October, and as it became law on the 7th of October, it is clear that the extraordinary haste with which it was pushed through the Legislature, prevented the citizens of Toronto from being made aware of the nature of the measure passing through Parliament. I recollect that the House of Assembly was induced to hurry through the Bill, by the representation that it was merely a measure to consolidate the City debt; that the success of the negotiation for the money greatly depended upon its immediate passage; and that the Mayor was in attendance to secure its immediate passage. I recollect that Mr. Hincks urged that the Bill should be expedited on these grounds. I have had conversations with Joshua G. Beard, Esquire, then Alderman, and now Mayor of Toronto, on the subject, and have heard him state the report made by Mr. Bowes on his return to Toronto. It was similar to his testimony before the Court of Chancery: "I saw him (Mr. Bowes)

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“ the morning after his return (from Quebec); he said they  
 “ had had the greatest luck; that Mr. Hincks had shoved it  
 “ (the Bill) through two or three stages in one night, and he  
 “ left confident of success. I said I thought the arrangement  
 “ not advantageous; that we had better have let the Debentures  
 “ run and have the £50,000 or £100,000 for improvements;  
 “ but Mr. Bowes said Mr. Hincks would not do it in any other  
 “ way. Mr. Bowes shewed me the printed Bill which he  
 “ brought up.” Mr. William Boulton, who was induced to  
 take charge of the Bill, can, I believe, give important evidence  
 as to the influence of Mr. Hincks in securing the passage of  
 the measure so rapidly through both Houses.

Tuesday, 14th November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*

“ “ “ MOORE,

“ “ “ FERRIER.

G. Desbarats,  
Esq.

*George Desbarats, Esquire, examined:—*

45. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of residence?—A. My name is George Desbarats. I am Her Majesty's Printer, and I reside in the City of Quebec.

46. Q. Did you at any time purchase Stock in the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, from George Burns Symes, Esquire, Merchant, of Quebec? If so, state when, and what was the amount of the purchase?—A. Some time in the latter end of May, 1853, I purchased from Mr. Symes, Stock in the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, to the amount of Two thousand five hundred pounds.

47. Q. Is it not true, that at the time of the purchase of such Stock, you purchased it in partnership with Mr. Hincks?—A. Previous to closing the purchase, I asked Mr. Hincks if he would join me in the speculation. He said he would, and we accordingly became partners in it.

48. Q. Is it not true that at the time of the said purchase, you understood that the vender knew that the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company was about to be amalgamated



with the Grand Trunk Railroad Company, or did you not understand that from his discourse?—A. From the price paid him he must have known it. He received par for his Stock, with interest from the date of each of his payments. It was then a fact generally known, that the amalgamation had taken place. At least, it was known by all the Shareholders.

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49. Q. Did you not offer to sell your share in the Stock so purchased as aforesaid, for the same price as you had paid for it? If so, state to whom, and explain the reason of your determination?—A. I sold my share in such Stock to Mr. Hincks at what it cost me. My reason was that I thought it prudent to get rid of the Stock.

Thursday, 16th November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*

“ “ “ MOORE,

“ “ “ FERRIER.

*George Burns Symes*, Esquire, examined :—

G. B. Symes,  
Esq.

50. Q. What is your name, occupation, and place of residence?—A. My name is George Burns Symes. I am a Merchant, and I reside at Quebec.

51. Q. Were you in England in the Winter of 1852–1853?—A. I was.

52. Q. While you were there, did you learn that the Grand Trunk Railway Company, had resolved to amalgamate with the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company? Was it generally known?—A. I understood in the early part of the Winter that such a combination was contemplated. I think it was generally known.

53. Q. On your return to Canada, did you sell, and if so, say to whom, some shares in the Stock of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company?—A. I sold my shares in that Stock, to the amount of Two thousand five hundred pounds, to George Desbarats, Esquire.

G. B. Symes,  
Esq.

54. Q. At what rate did you sell such shares, with the knowledge you had that such amalgamation had been determined upon?—A. At par, the purchaser paying all interest accrued from the dates of payments of the instalments.

55. Q. In the course of your conversations with the purchaser, did you give him to understand, that you knew that the amalgamation of these Companies had been determined upon?—A. I do not recollect.

Monday, 20th November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

G. Brown,  
Esq.

*George Brown*, Esquire, M.P.P., further examined :—

56. Q. When did you first hear that an amalgamation of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company with the Grand Trunk Railway Company had taken place?—who informed you of it?—Say whether it was a verbal or written communication, and if the same had at the time of such communication been recently received?—A. I cannot give the precise date when I first heard of the amalgamation of the Portland Railroad with the Grand Trunk, I heard it first from Mr. Hincks. He shewed me a Telegraphic Despatch from Mr. Galt (who was then in England) announcing the fact, and that Portland Stock had risen in consequence to a premium. I understood from him that he had just received it. I understood that Mr. Galt had telegraphed from London to Liverpool, immediately before the sailing of the steamer; that the despatch was brought to Halifax by the steamer and telegraphed from there to Quebec. On being shown the telegraph, I remarked to Mr. Hincks that it was a very good thing for the holders of the Portland Stock to get it so easily raised. Mr. Hincks said it was good for others as well as the Stockholders. I asked what he meant. He said there was a good deal of Portland Stock in the market which might be purchased at a depreciated value, as the fact of the amalgamation and its effect were not

yet known. I think he said it could be purchased at 35 per cent below par. I expressed to Mr. Hincks my opinion, that it would be most improper in any Legislator who had assisted in the passage of the amalgamation Bill, and who had information, by virtue of his official position, not possessed by the public, to take advantage of that information by speculating in the Stock. Mr. Hincks dissented from that view. I am aware that the information in question was used for purposes of speculation.

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Esq.

57. Q. Do you know any facts relating to the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, or to the Incorporation of a Company, or a demand for the Incorporation of a company, for the purpose of such construction, which may be matter of reproach to any of the Ex-ministers? If so, please to let us know such facts, and say if you have a personal knowledge of them?—A. On the 1st of September, 1852, a Bill was introduced into the House of Assembly to incorporate certain parties for the construction of a Canal at the Sault Ste. Marie. On the 27th of September, Mr. Robinson moved that the Bill be read a second time. Mr. Hincks, seconded by Mr. Morin, moved that it be read that day six months, which was carried. On that occasion I find the following report of what passed:—"Mr. Hincks said "the Government might make the Canal, but he did not "promise. The work ought to be made by the Government, "but he did not promise that the Government would do so this "year. He thought it better to wait to see what action would "be taken by the Americans." And at a later point in the debate, "Mr. Hincks, moved that the Bill be read a second "time this day six months. The question as to the present "Session would then be decided. There were various matters "connected with this Canal which the Government had to "decide. The size was of importance. He did not see any "necessity of building the Canal just now. It would be build- "ing it for a prospective trade, not a present one. Mr. Keefer's "Report shewed that these tolls could not be expected to pay "for years. Besides, if the tolls paid 10 or 12 per cent on our "Canals, the Americans would make a Canal on their side. "He defied any Member to shew that a Canal there would be "of any use to us for years to come." On the 11th October a second Bill was introduced for the same purpose, and read a first time. On the 8th of November the Bill was on the paper for a second reading, and after some discussion it was withdrawn, on the understanding that the Government would pro-

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ceed with the Canal as a public work. I understood that Mr. Robinson, who had charge of the Bill, was promised that a sum of money would be placed in the Estimates for the construction of the work. I cannot find, in Quebec, any report of Mr. Hinck's speech on this Bill, but I think I can procure it hereafter. I distinctly recollect that he spoke in favor of the enterprize, and discussed very minutely the size of the intended locks. On the 30th of May, 1853, Mr. Robinson, finding that the assurance of Government were not being carried out, moved for an Address to the Governor General, "praying that the necessary steps may be taken, without further delay, for ensuring the construction of a Ship Canal at Sault Ste. Marie, either at the expense of the Province, or by permitting such individuals to construct the same, as may be willing to undertake and complete the work on such a scale as may be approved of by the Government, reserving the right, on the part of the Government, to acquire the same for the province, whenever it may be deemed expedient, and on fair terms."

In the debate which followed on this motion, I find that Mr. Hincks was reported to have spoken thus:—"It had been the intention of the Government to propose a grant for constructing this work, and they had fully intended to proceed with it; but finding that parties in the United States are about constructing a Canal, they thought it expedient to pause, more especially as there is at present no important trade between Lake Superior and Canada. There is so little settlement on the British side that it would be preposterous to have two Canals when one would not pay, at any rate for many years to come.—Another reason was that there were many other parts of the Country where the expenditure was much wanted. On the Ottawa, for instance. There was no doubt whatever but that the Americans would construct a Canal on their side. It was quite certain that for many years the work would not pay. If a Canal was to be built by the Americans, he could not conceive what object we could have in making one." In reply to Mr. Hincks, I urged that there was great doubt whether the Americans would go on at once with their Canal; and that, even if they did, this was no reason for refusing a private Company a Charter, under the condition that the Canadian Government might assume it. Mr Macolm Cameron thereupon rose and said that he "had no doubt but that the State of Michigan intended to construct this

“ Canal ; and a premium of 750,000 acres of land had been offered to whoever should do it, and the contract had been already given out. The only thing that delayed it was a dispute that had arisen between the contractors.” Mr. Henry Sherwood expressed the opinion that under present circumstances the Americans would not go on with the work ; and urged that a Canal on the Canadian side would cost “ just one-half of what it would on the other.” Mr. Dixon deprecated the idea of yielding so important a work to the Americans. “ We had the means to do it ; and the Government should do it themselves, or else they should allow a Company to do it.” Mr. Robinson could not see “ what reason there was for sending Mr. Keefer to make a survey for this Canal, if they (the Government) did not intend to act upon it. If the Americans did build a Canal, have we any right to suppose that they will allow our vessels to pass through it? We allow them to pass through the Welland Canal, but our vessels are not allowed to go through the Erie Canal.” Mr. Robinson’s motion was defeated ; all the Government influence being brought against it. A Canadian Canal at the Sault Ste. Marie was thereby negatived, either as a public work or as a private enterprise. The Ottawa Canal referred to by Mr. Hincks, in the debate, was however, forthwith taken up as a public work ; and £50,000 of the public money voted to commence it. I have no personal knowledge of the time when Mr. Hincks acquired the property which he now holds in the vicinity of this Ottawa Canal. The remarkable course which Mr. Hincks pursued in the House, in regard to the Sault Ste. Marie Canal excited much astonishment at the time ; and shortly after, it was stated in the correspondence of the North American Newspaper, that he had an interest in the contract for constructing the Canal on the American side. I have no knowledge of the truth of that statement, or of its source. I know, however, that parties were at Quebec, in the Session of 1852-3, endeavoring to induce members of the Legislature to take an interest in a tract of land in Michigan ; but whether these parties were the Contractors for the American Canal, and the lands offered were those given for the construction of the Canal, I do not know.

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G. Brown,  
Esq.

Tuesday, 21st November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER,  
 “ “ “ MOORE.

Hon. S. Mills. The Honorable *Samuel Mills*, M.L.C., examined :—

58. Q. You are one of the purchasers of the Domain Farm at Point Levy, please state whether you had agreed with your partners in the purchase as to the highest bid to be made what was the sum?—A. Yes. The sum was Fifteen hundred pounds.

59. Q. Before buying this property, did you offer any sum to the Agent for the Seignior? If so, please to state what sum?—A. I offered the Agent One thousand pounds, two or three weeks before the sale.

60. Q. Was not the Agent for the Seignior willing and desirous to recommend to the Executive to accept your offer?—A. Yes, he appeared to be satisfied with the offer, and said he would recommend the Executive to accept it rather than run the risk of the property going for less at the sale; he stated at the same time, that he had an offer of Seven hundred pounds for it from another party.

61. Q. Did you inform your associates of this circumstance? If so, what answer was made to you?—A. I informed Mr. Hincks of the conversation between Mr. Fortier and myself. He repudiated the idea of its being sold by private sale, and stated that it must be put up to public competition and sold to the highest bidder.

62. Q. In what proportion were you proprietor of the Domain? Have you sold your share? Say what portion of it, and for how much?—A. It was purchased by four of us in undivided shares of one fourth each. I have not sold my share, but one undivided fourth of the whole has been sold, as well by myself as by my partners, to Mr. Adam Johnston Ferguson, for One thousand or Twelve hundred and fifty pounds; I am not sure which.

Wednesday, 22nd November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*

“ “ “ MCKAY,

“ “ “ MOORE.

The Honorable *Charles Wilson*, M.L.C., examined :—

Hon. C. Wilson.

63. Q. Did you at any time purchase stock in the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company from any one? State from whom, when, and what was the amount of the purchase?—A. I was an original Stockholder in the Company, and I subsequently purchased some more of its stock; I think it was to the amount of One thousand pounds that I purchased stock from Mr. George Desbarats; it was in the course of the winter of 1852-3. As well as I can recollect it was about the same time that I wanted to purchase some of the same stock from the Honorable John Young, but did not succeed in doing so. On my return to Montreal I purchased shares of the same stock, to the amount of One thousand pounds or more, from a Broker; I made these two purchases at about ten per cent discount, as near as I can recollect. I afterwards bought several small parcels of the same stock from different persons, at and a little below par.

64. Q. It is not true that at the time of the purchase of such stock you purchased it in partnership with Mr. Hincks?—A. I purchased the greater portion of it in partnership with Mr. Hincks. I wanted to purchase more in the same way, but Mr. Hincks objected, and I therefore purchased the rest on my own account.

65. Q. It is not true that at the time of the said purchases you understood that the vendors knew that the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company was about to be amalgamated with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, or did you not understand that from their discourse?—A. I do not know.

*William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, M.P.P., cross-examined  
by the Honorable *Francis Hincks*.

W. L. Mackenzie, Esq.

66. Q. You say that Mr. Hincks urged the Bill to consolidate the City of Toronto debt in the House of Assembly. Are you

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certain of the correctness of that statement?—*A.* Mr. Hincks, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Boulton, the mover, fully supported the Bill—and Mr. Hincks could not help hearing the assertions that were made as to the disinterestedness with which the measure was brought forward.

67. *Q.* Are you not aware that it was agreed, at the time that the arrangement was made with the Northern Railroad Company for the issue of the bonds, that application would be made to Parliament to legalize them?—*A.* I do not at this moment remember, whether I have ever been told, that when arrangements were made with the Railway Company for the issue of their bonds, it was agreed to apply to the Legislature to make them lawful—but it is possible.

68. *Q.* Had not the Corporation the power to issue Debentures before the passage of the Consolidation Act? Was not the object of that Act to reduce the sinking fund, and were not similar Acts passed in the same Session for Kingston and Hamilton?—*A.* Doubtless, Toronto had that power. The apparent object of the Statute of October 7th, was to relieve the finances of that City. Statutes were passed relative to the debts of Kingston and Hamilton.

69. *Q.* Were not the Debentures issued by the County of Simcoe to the extent of £50,000, legalized by the House by an unanimous vote after the adjournment, and when all the facts relating to the sale of the Toronto Debentures were known to the public?—*A.* I think the Bill for the Toronto £100,000, and the Bill to amend the Northern Railway Charter, and to legalize the Simcoe County Debentures, were introduced in the Assembly at the same moment. I recollect that I had great doubt about the Northern Railway Bill, and moved for and obtained returns of the Stock subscribed in the Country, and the very small sums paid thereon; and I said then, and I believe now, that the proceedings about that Road were not fair and creditable to all concerned, nor just towards the public and lenders in Europe. There was discontent about the Simcoe Bonds.

70. *Q.* Did not the holders of the County of Simcoe Debentures, obtain the same advantage by the Act legalizing them as the holders of the Toronto Debentures? Can you point out any objection to the Toronto Consolidation Act, or would any question have been raised regarding the transaction, if the



Debentures issued by the City had been purchased by other parties than Messrs. Hincks and Bowes?—*A.* Whoever might have bought the Debentures, the Statute which Messrs. Boulton, Hincks, Bowes, and Morrison, urged so hastily through, would have been justly objectionable. The Simcoe Debentures were probably worth but 80 per cent. of their nominal value, after being legalized; but the Toronto Statute compelled payment of illegal issues, at par, to those who seem to have merely lent their credit in order to realize a large sum out of the necessities of others, to the injury of the City.

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kenzie, Esq.

71. *Q.* Was not the ground on which your motion for inquiry into the circumstances of the sale of the City Debentures, was refused by the House, that a suit was at that time pending before the Court of Chancery?—*A.* Mr. Henry Sherwood, when he came from Toronto after his election, urged me strongly to press the enquiry; but when I brought it forward, he alleged the Chancery suit as an objection, as did some other Members. If the application of any party to the Court of Chancery could stay inquiry by the Legislature, in such matters, we might have to wait during a series of years, for the time to investigate. Mr. Hincks had previously and publicly assured me in the House, that if any specific charge were made against a Member of the Government, and proof thereof offered, there would be no desire of concealment.

72. *Q.* You state that the season of the year when the Domain Farm at Point Levy was sold, was unfavorable. Was not the navigation open at the time of sale, and was it not postponed for the purpose of enabling parties at a distance to bid for it?—*A.* The navigation was open when the sale took place. I do not think the public fully understood that the object of a few individuals was to buy all the property on both sides of the line of Railway. Fifty-six lots appear to have been bought, chiefly by Judge Smart, Mr. Roblin, M.P.P., James Ross, Archibald Ponton, Wm. H. Ponton, James Ponton, George B. Hall, and a few others, strangers, for £3,000, to £5,000, on which purchase they seem to have paid £2 10s. 0d. per lot. It could not relieve the Exchequer, nor benefit the country, to sell these lots on credit to persons seemingly favored, under such circumstances. I moved for a Return of the Point Levy Sales, and produce a copy of it herewith, referring to page eight.

The page referred to contains as follows:—

SCHEDULE OF SALES OF REAL ESTATE IN THE SEIGNIORY OF LAUZON, during the year 1853.

Name of Property.	Name of Purchaser.	Number of Acres.	Sums agreed to be paid.		Sums that have been paid.		Sums Due.	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Domain Farm.....	Hon. Sam. Mills and W. Matthie	About 212 superficial arpents.	1875	0 0	625	0 0	1250	0 0
Point Levy Mill.....	Messrs. Jackson, Brassy. Poto and Betts.....	do	4775	0 0	1591	0 0	3184	0 0
St. Henry Mill.....	Henry Atkinson, Esquire.....	About 11	1000	0 0	333	6 8	666	13 4
D'Aubigny Town Lots, No. 113.	Pierre Charrier <i>et al.</i> .....	About 2 arpents 23 perches..	28	10 1	7	2 0	21	7 6
111.	Flavien Rodrigue.....	.....	45	0 0	11	5 0	33	15 0
5.	Thomas Dunn.....	.....	50	0 0	12	10 0	37	10 0
110, 114, 118.	Wm. Geo. Russell.....	.....	150	0 0	37	15 0	113	5 0
51, 89.	J. E. Oliver.....	.....	81	0 0	20	5 0	60	15 0
52.	M. Laccours dit Barras.....	.....	248	0 0	62	0 0	186	0 0
3, 4, 115, 116.	Wm. Henry.....	.....	220	0 0	.....	.....	220	0 0
7, 8, 9.	Wm. H. Ponton.....	.....	103	0 0	.....	.....	103	0 0
117, 112.	D. Roblin.....	.....	252	0 0	.....	.....	252	0 0
100, 98, 99.	E. Dalkin.....	.....	183	0 0	.....	.....	183	0 0
20, 21, 22.	J. Stevenson.....	.....	144	0 0	.....	.....	144	0 0
23, 24, 71.	Jas. Ross.....	.....	191	0 0	.....	.....	191	0 0
109, 106.	Jas. Ponton.....	.....	246	0 0	.....	.....	246	0 0
105, 104, 103.	G. Cochrane.....	.....	335	0 0	.....	.....	335	0 0
96, 94, 92.	Wm. Smart.....	.....	144	0 0	.....	.....	144	0 0
85, 50, 61, 62, 63, 86.	Henry Easton.....	.....	441	0 0	.....	.....	441	0 0
53, 60.	Augustus Cochrane.....	.....	174	0 0	.....	.....	174	0 0
54, 32, 33, 77, 76, 75.	R. M. Harrison.....	.....	408	0 0	.....	.....	408	0 0
70, 69, 68, 67, 66.	John Cochrane.....	.....	344	0 0	.....	.....	344	0 0
78, 79, 82.	Archd. Ponton.....	.....	205	0 0	.....	.....	205	0 0
84.	E. Holden.....	.....	79	0 0	.....	.....	79	0 0
80, 120, 119, 74, 81, 73, 72.	Geo. B. Hall.....	.....	437	0 0	109	5 0	327	15 0
83, 102, 101, 87.	.....	.....	1229	0 0	307	5 0	921	15 0
97, 55, 54, 88, 108.	Thos. C. Lee.....	.....	253	0 0	.....	.....	253	0 0
107, 90, 95, 93, 49.	J. B. Renaud.....	.....	105	0 0	26	5 0	78	15 0
57, 58, 59.	H. Dubord.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
65.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

A sum of \$10 was deposited at the time of sale, on each of these Lots, except those of Messrs. Harrison and John Cochrane.

CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT,  
Quebec, 30th September, 1854.

A. N. MORIN,  
Commissioner of Crown Lands.

The Committee of the Honorable Council can refer to the *Quebec Gazette* here, for the advertizements, as to whether proper notices were given. I think they were not. W. L. Mac-kenzie, Esq.

73. Q. Can you state in what way the farm in question is likely to be benefitted by the Railway? Are you not aware that it is at a distance of above two miles from the terminus? A. The farm bought by Messrs. Mills, Morris and Hincks, (287 acres,) I have not specially examined. It runs, as I understand, a long distance to the beach, which was not advertized, I think, but was given to the buyers of the 287 acres, for £500. The property comes down to the water's edge, to the River Saint Lawrence; and it is scarcely possible to doubt that a Railway extending to the far West in one direction, and to the Potomac in another, must greatly benefit a property through which it runs, and at which it reaches the largest of navigable streams. I do not know whether it is one or two miles from where we take the cars; perhaps it may be two; but the Harbour of Quebec extends far higher up the River.

74. Q. Do you think it would be a wise policy in the Government to continue to rent property of the description of the farm and mill; especially if they were informed, that the tenant, paying only £15 a year rent, was allowing the fences to be destroyed, and the timber to be cut for firewood?—A. The £15 a year, the fences, and any timber that might be lost, appear to me of trivial importance as compared with what will be 287 "acre town lots" made valuable by an immense outlay of public and private wealth, and once part of the estate of a financial officer, deceased, still a heavy public defaulter.

75. Q. Have you not stated that this farm was close to the proposed site of the projected Suspension Bridge? If so, are you not now convinced that you were in error?—A. I did state that the farm was close to the proposed site of the intended Suspension Bridge, and had been so informed. I was led into error, and regret having so stated. The course taken about the Point Levy property by Mr. Morris, Mr. Hincks, Mr. Mills, and others, is similar to that taken heretofore by many of our influential public officers, in cases that might be named, I think it should be checked, and I have incidentally stated the grounds of my opinion, of the value of which the Honorable Committee will or can judge.

Friday, 24th November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ McKAY,  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

G. Brown,  
Esq.

*George Brown*, Esquire, M.P.P., further examined :—

76. Q. Do you know any thing which may be made matter of reproach to any of the Members of the late Administration, relating to the purchase of a site for a Post Office in the City of Hamilton? Say what you know about it, and whether you have a personal knowledge of the facts which you may state?  
 —A. I have no personal knowledge in regard to the charge against certain Members of the Administration in connection with the site of the Hamilton Post Office. My information on that matter was obtained from the statements of parties cognizant of the facts.

Cross-examined by the Honorable *Francis Hincks* :—

77. Q. Are you aware that Mr. Hincks' property in the Ottawa territory, is in the vicinity of Renfrew? How far is Renfrew from the site of the projected Canal between Lakes Chat and Chaudière? State when the vote for the Ottawa Canal was made?—A. I have no personal knowledge of the Ottawa Country, or of the precise locality of Mr. Hincks' property. When the grant for the Ottawa Canal was resolved upon by the Executive Council, I do not know; but the date when Mr. Hincks suggested it to the House of Assembly was stated in my answer to a previous question. On the 8th of June, 1853, the following votes were proposed to the House of Assembly :—

For temporary maintenance of the Rideau Canal....	£3,000
“ Lumbering Works, new Booms and Dam at Madawaska Mouth.....	3,700
“ Removing Shoal, Ste Anne's Lock.....	1,000
“ Land, Booms, &c., at Gatineau River.....	300
“ Improving the navigation of the Ottawa, between Lakes Chaudière and Chat.....	50,000
“ Bridges and Flumes at Bytown.....	1,500

78. Q. Have you any reason to suppose that parties who were in Quebec in 1852-3, endeavouring to induce Members of the Legislature to take an interest in a tract of land in Michigan, had any connection whatever with the Sault Ste. Marie Canal? If so, state your reasons for such supposition? State also whether you know any fact to induce you to suppose Mr. Hincks was interested either in Contracts or Lands in Michigan?—A. My information as to parties having been in Quebec in the Session of 1852-3, for the purpose of inducing Members of the Legislature to take an interest in a tract of land in Michigan, was obtained from Mr. Hincks, who stated the fact to me, and asked me if I wished to take an interest in the speculation. I declined to be concerned in the transaction, and have no knowledge whether or not other Members became interested in the speculation.

G. Brown,  
Esq.

79. Q. What is the charge against certain members of the Administration in connection with the site of the Hamilton Post Office? What facts were your informants cognizant of? Was not this charge first publicly made by the Globe?—A. The charge in regard to the Hamilton Post Office was, that Messrs. Hincks, Morris, and Mills, purchased on speculation, building lots in a certain locality in the City of Hamilton; that Mr. Mills exerted his influence to have petitions got up to the Executive, praying that the new Post Office might be erected in the very locality where he and his partners had made their investments, and that the erection of the building in the said locality was only prevented by the fact becoming known that Members of the Administration were interested in the recent speculations, and the feeling consequent thereon. I do not know how this matter first became publicly known. I had my information on the different points from various parties; among others, from Mr. Robert Smiley, Hamilton, Mr. W. F. Meudell, Toronto, and Messrs. James Morris and Samuel Mills, of Your Honorable House.

*Felix Fortier*, Esquire, further examined:—

80. Q. Before the sale of the Domain of the Seigniori of Lauzon, by public auction, did any one offer to purchase the property at private sale? If so, state what sum was offered to you, and give the name of the person?—A. A few days before the sale took place, if I recollect well, I went to the Farm with

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the Honorable Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills, to shew the property to the latter, who expressed his willingness to purchase. I cannot say positively, whether Mr. Mills offered £1,000, but I recollect there was a talk of either that sum or something thereabout, and that upon Mr. Mills inquiring from me whether the property could not be disposed of at private sale, stating he was leaving Quebec, and would not be here on the day of sale, I said, to the best of my recollection, that if he was disposed to give £1,250, (it may be £1,000, but I am rather inclined to say it was £1,250,) I would make a report to Council recommending a sale of the property by private agreement. I then referred Mr. Mills to Mr. Hincks, who was at a little distance, and a few minutes afterwards the former came to me, stating the latter had said that the property being advertised to be sold by public auction, it could not be disposed of otherwise, or some words to that effect.

81. Q. Were you not willing, under these circumstances, to recommend such a sale to the Executive? If so, state your reason for so doing?—A. I was willing to recommend a sale at the price above mentioned, (£1,250,) and my reasons for so doing were, the abandoned state of the farm, upon which there were no fences, ditches, nor buildings of any kind, save the ruins of a small stone house, and of a couple of wooden buildings, not worth, altogether, £50; and the valuation placed upon the property by several competent judges of its value, which induced me to think that very likely the property would not reach, at public auction, the sum mentioned by me, and that it was better to secure at once a price, which I considered then, and do still consider, above the value of the farm, than run the risk to sell at public auction for a less sum. I looked then upon the purchase, at that price, as a very bad speculation on the part of the person who would give it, but thought that my duty was to get as much for the property as I could, without any consideration whether it was worth it or not; and that for this reason I was justifiable to suggest to the Government to dispense with the sale by auction.

Cross-examined by the Honorable *Francis Hincks* :

82. Q. Has it not been the practice for the Government to sell all Beach lots to the riparian proprietors at a valuation?—A. The riparian proprietor has always been allowed, by the Government, a right of preference for the purchase of the beach opposite his property, upon a private valuation.

The Honorable *Charles Wilson* cross-examined by the Honorable *Francis Hincks* : Hon. C. Wilson.

83. Q. Are you able to state the precise time when you purchased from Mr. George Desbarats the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad stock referred to in a former answer?—A. The day before yesterday, I could not precisely recollect the date of that purchase, but now I recollect perfectly that it was between the fourth and the sixth of April, 1853, and the amount of the purchase was £1,250.

84. Q. Can you state when you purchased the further amount in Montreal, through a Broker, from the Honorable John Young?—A. Yes, I think it was about the fifteenth of April, 1853, and not later.

*George Desbarats*, Esquire, cross-examined by the Honorable *Francis Hincks* : G. Desbarats, Esq.

85. Q. Do you recollect selling the Honorable Charles Wilson, £1,250 of Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad stock in 1853? And if so, can you say the date of the sale?—A. It was on the fourth of April, 1853.

Saturday, 25th November, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.  
 “ “ “ MCKAY,  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

The Honorable *Samuel Mills*, cross-examined by the Honorable *Francis Hincks*. Hon. S. Mills,

86. Q. You were aware of the circumstance attending a purchase of lots in the City of Hamilton from Mr. J. W. Ritchie, by yourself, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Hincks. Can you state to the Committee, whether the question of a site of a Post Office for that City was ever considered by the purchasers, or whether they expected to derive any advantage from the loca-

Hon. S. Mills. tion of the Post Office, or whether any site, ever spoken of for a Post Office, was in the neighbourhood of those lots; and will you state further any fact within your knowledge relating to the purchase, or to the charges made with reference to it, in the *Toronto Globe* of 26th April, 1854, now shewn to you, or elsewhere?—(The newspaper shewn to the witness was marked at the following passage in a report of “Mr. Brown’s speech for the defence” in the case of “*White vs. Brown*,” at the Hamilton Assizes, on Thursday, the 20th of April, 1854, viz:—“If three Cabinet Ministers join together in buying up lots in Hamilton, in a particular situation, and shortly after, that very spot is selected as the site of a new Post Office, it is a ‘private matter’ ”.) A. I am aware of the circumstances attending the purchase of lots in the City of Hamilton from J. W. Ritchie, Esquire, by Mr. Morris, Mr. Hincks, and myself; and I can state that the question of a site for a Post Office in that City was not considered by the purchasers, and that they did not expect to derive any advantage from the location of the Post Office, and that no site for a Post Office was spoken of in the neighbourhood of the lots in question; I am aware that three or four sites for the Post Office were recommended by the citizens of Hamilton, and upon these being pointed out to the late Postmaster General, Mr. Morris, by the different parties, that gentleman selected the one on James Street, adjoining the old Post Office, where the building is now being erected, and which site is the most distant of any named from the lots referred to; and I wish further to state, that I made George Brown, Esquire, the proprietor of the *Globe* Newspaper, aware of the above facts some time previous to the article appearing in that paper, censuring the late Administration, and only two or three hours before Mr. Brown publicly stated in open Court, in my presence, that certain Members of the Government had purchased town lots in the City of Hamilton, with a view of placing the Post Office upon them, and thereby increasing the value of the lots, the position of which I had indicated to him.



Monday, 11th December, 1854.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.

“ “ “ MCKAY,

“ “ “ FERRIER.

*Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, M. P. P., examined by the  
Honorable *Francis Hincks*. L. H. Holton,  
Esq. M. P. P.

87. Q. Do you recollect receiving, in the spring of 1853, a telegraphic despatch forwarded from Halifax under instructions from A. T. Galt, Esquire, M. P. P., announcing the completion of the agreement for the amalgamation of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company, and various other Railroad Companies, with the Grand Trunk Company? And if so, will you state as nearly as you can, the substance of such despatch, the time that it was sent, and the parties to whom it was communicated?—A. I did receive such a despatch on the 28th or 29th of April, 1853, stating in substance, that the amalgamation contract was signed, and the prospectus of the Company published, that the scheme was completely successful, and the shares at a large premium. I believe the paper I now hand in to be an exact copy of the despatch addressed to me, and I learned from Mr. Galt that he had addressed despatches in the same terms to the President or Secretary of the Atlantic and Saint Lawrence Company at Portland, to the Vice-President of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railway Company at Montreal, to the President of the Toronto and Guelph Railway Company at Toronto, and to Mr. Gzowski at Toronto, as well as to Mr. Hincks, and myself; and the information so communicated was generally known immediately after its receipt.

The paper handed in by the witness was as follows :—

By Telegraph from London, 16th April, 1853, via Halifax, 28th.

To Honorable F. HINCKS,

Amalgamation completed—Prospectus published—complete success—shares at large premium.

A. T. GALT.

L. H. Holton,  
Esq.

88. Q. Can you state to the Committee the value of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company Stock at the period when that telegraph was received, and for some time previous; and also, the prices of said stock at intervals, up to the time when it began to decline again in value?—A. In the month of December, 1852, the stock in question was worth, if my memory serves me, about 40 per cent discount; it rose gradually during the winter, in view of an amalgamation, and in the month of April, it was worth 10 per cent discount; on the 30th of April it rose to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ; on the 2nd of May, to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ; and on the 3rd, to par. From the 10th to the 21st of May, it ranged from 3 to 5 per cent premium, on the 28th it was worth  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent premium, on the 1st of June, 22 per cent premium, and on the 18th it had declined to about 15.

89. Q. Did you receive any letter from Mr. Hincks asking you to procure some of this Stock for him in the Montreal market? And if so, can you state the time when Mr. Hincks wrote you, the price at which you procured the stock, and the time when the purchase was made?—A. On or about the 28th of May, I received a letter from Mr. Hincks, requesting me to purchase some of this stock for him, and on that day I purchased for him, through a Broker, 43 shares, a portion at  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent, and the residue at  $15\frac{1}{2}$  per cent premium.

90. Q. Did you purchase any of the Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Stock, yourself, at the receipt of the telegraph or afterwards? Will you state your opinion of that stock as a matter of speculation? And did you communicate that opinion to Mr. Hincks?—A. I purchased none of the stock; I did not think favorably of it as a speculation, and I communicated that opinion to Mr. Hincks, when writing to him on the subject.

Thursday, 8th March, 1855.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman*.

“ “ “ MOORE,

“ “ “ FERRIER.

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

*Félix Fortier*, Esquire, again examined :—

91. Q.—What is the ordinary usage or practice followed by the Government towards riparian proprietors who wish to ac-

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quire beach lots in front of or adjoining their lands?—*A.* To grant them by preference the beach opposite their property, unless there exist some objection on the part of the Trinity House, or that portion of it be required or reserved for public purposes.

F. Fortier,  
Esq.

92. *Q.*—Have you any instructions from the Government relative to such riparian proprietors? If so, please to produce them.—*A.* I have no special instructions, but since I have been in the Crown Lands Department, that is to say, since 1847, I have been guided by the course formerly pursued by the Provincial Secretarys Department, from which the superintendence of these matters was transferred to the Crown Lands Department in 1846.

93. *Q.*—During how many years has the usage you have mentioned been followed in your Department?—*A.* Since 1847, to my knowledge.

94. *Q.*—Do you find among the records of your office any Order, Letter or Instruction from the Executive Council, enjoining you not to sell any land forming part of the Public Domain to any member of the Executive Council?—*A.* I cannot find among the records of the Branch of the Department entrusted to me any such Record, Letter or Instruction, nor do I recollect of any.

95. *Q.*—Will you state to the Committee what extent of beach in front of the Domain Farm at Point Levi was purchased by Messrs. Matthie and Mills, what price was paid or agreed upon, on what basis such price was established, and whether it was a basis generally adopted in cases of sales of beach lots by the Government?—*A.* The beach which is to be patented to those gentlemen comprises the whole frontage of the Domain Farm. It was valued by the Honble. Louis Panet, and the price agreed for is five hundred pounds. Mr. Panet considered the beach in question not to be worth more than ten pounds an acre, which would have given about £680 for the whole; but he added, that he thought if the applicant paid £500, it would be enough. Beach lots are valued according to their respective situations, position and state.

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J. Bouchette,  
Esq.

*Joseph Bouchette*, Esquire, examined :—

96. Q.—What is the ordinary usage or practice followed by the Government towards riparian proprietors who wish to acquire beach lots in front of or adjoining their lands?—A. As the duty which devolves upon the Surveying Branch, Canada East, in regard to beach and water lots, relates to the survey and preparation of the description under reference in each case in virtue of an Order in Council, I am unable to state the usage or practice followed by the Government towards riparian proprietors who wish to acquire beach lots in front of or adjoining to their lands, beyond remarking the general routine proceedings followed in such grants, namely :—Memorial of the Riparian Proprietor or other applicant ; reference of such Memorial to the Domain Branch of the Crown Lands Department ; its action thereon ; reference to Trinity Board ; its action ; Report of Crown Lands Department, and reference to Council. The Report of Council is then, with the papers, referred to the Surveying Branch, East, for survey and description. Thereupon, issue of Letters Patent.

97. Q.—Have you any instructions from the Government relative to such riparian proprietors? If so, please to produce them.—A. None.

98. Q.—During how many years has the usage you have mentioned been followed in your Department?—A. The usage above mentioned dates many years back, probably since the time of Major Holland, by substituting the Secretary's Office instead of the Department of Crown Lands anterior to the year 1846.

99. Q.—Do you find among the records of your office any Order, Letter or Instruction from the Executive Council, enjoining you not to sell any land forming part of the Public Domain to any member of the Executive Council?—A. None.

J. Patton,  
Esq.

*James Patton*, the younger, of Quebec, Merchant's Clerk, examined :—

100. Q.—Have you any knowledge of a sale of land situate at some distance from the Chats Canal, on the Ottawa, by Mr. Beswick, of Quebec, merchant, to the Honorable Francis Hincks? State the date of such sale, and give a description of

the land sold.—*A.* I have a knowledge of a sale by George J. Patton, Esq., Beswick, Esquire, of Quebec, merchant, to the Honorable Francis Hincks, of a tract of land with houses and slides on the Bonne Chère River, in the Township of Horton and County of Renfrew, about the 10th of August, 1853, to the best of my recollection, after negotiations commenced in the early part of July previous. The deed was in the English form, and is probably in Mr. Hincks' possession.

101. *Q.*—At what distance is the land you have described from the Chats Canal, to the best of your knowledge?—*A.* The nearest portion is about twenty miles distant, and the remainder about twenty-eight; the land purchased being in two portions, one at the mouth of the river Bonne Chère, and the other eight miles up that river.

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Tuesday, 13th March, 1855.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

*Jean Langevin*, Esquire, one of the Clerks in the Crown Lands Department, examined :— J. Langevin,  
Esq.

102. *Q.*—What is the ordinary usage or practice followed by the Government towards riparian proprietors who wish to acquire beach lots in front of or adjoining their lands?—*A.* This subject does not come within the scope of my duties in the office, and I cannot give any information respecting it. The matter falls within the control of Mr. Félix Fortier, who may be able to give the required information.

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Thursday, 19th April, 1855.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*  
 “ “ “ MOORE,  
 “ “ “ FERRIER.

*Resolved*,—That the Honble. the Speaker of the Legislative Council be requested to procure and lay before this Committee

copies of the evidence given by Messrs. Glyn and Baring to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to inquire into the charges made against the Members of the late Administration.

The Honble. the Speaker laid before the Committee the following document, containing the evidence of Messrs. Glyn and Baring, and stated that the same had been furnished to him, as one of the Members of the late Administration, by the Clerk of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

(Copy.)

*Answers of George Carr Glyn, Esquire, of London, England, to the questions proposed by the Committee.*

92.—Are you a Director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada?—I am a Director of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

93.—Q. In the allotment of the stock there was (as appears from a copy of the original allotment list placed before the Committee at their request, by the President of the Company) one item of 1,008 shares to the Honble. F. Hincks, M.P.P.? Was there a written or other application for that or any other amount of Stock by that Gentleman?—I am not aware of any written application nor indeed of any application whatever, from the Honorable F. Hincks, with reference to the allotment of the 1,008 shares of the Grand Trunk Railway.

94.—If there was no written application by Mr. Hincks, on what authority was the allotment made? at whose suggestion, and with what view was it made? Was the Stock allotted to Mr. Hincks in the ordinary manner for his personal benefit, or was it allotted to him in trust for others? Please state particulars?—The allotment of the 1,008 shares to Mr. Hincks, and of the same number to Mr. A. M. Ross, was made in consequence of representations to the Directors by Mr. Peto, that it was very desirable to reserve a certain number of shares for distribution in Canada, so that the leading people in that Country might become interested in an undertaking represented as of primary importance to that Colony. The shares were therefore allotted in the names I have stated, for the

express purpose above referred to, and not for the personal benefit of Mr. Hincks, or of any other particular individual.

95.—Was an intimation sent to Mr. Hincks, that the said Stock had been allotted to him—and if so, by whom was such intimation sent?—I am not aware that any intimation was sent to M. Hincks or Mr. Ross, that 1,008 shares had been allotted to each of them. I understand that no such intimation was sent.

96.—The President of the Grand Trunk Railway Company has shewn from the copy of the original allotment list that there appeared to have been regularly paid into the Treasury of the Company in part payment of the said stock allotted to Mr. Hincks, the sum of £10,080 sterling. By whom was the said sum paid to the Company? Who furnished the funds? In whose name was the receipt granted?—The deposit on these shares was paid by Mr. Peto, in the usual course. The receipts were granted in the names of Mr. Ross and Mr. Hincks, with the view of leaving the distribution with the Board in Canada.

97.—Were the said 1,008 shares regularly entered in the books of the Company in the name of Mr. Hincks?—The shares were entered in the allotment lists in the names of these two Gentlemen.

98.—Do the said shares now stand in the name of Mr. Hincks? If not in whose name do they stand? How was the transfer effected, and at what date was it made?—The shares have never been registered, and the deposit has been paid, but not the calls upon them, and they stand now in the Company's books as they originally stood, without any alteration.

99.—Has it been intimated to you that Mr. Hincks repudiated all knowledge or connexion with the said stock—and if so, when and in what manner did such intimation for the first time reach you?—I have not had any communication from Mr. Hincks on the subject of the shares allotted in his name, but I understand that he has disclaimed any interest in the allotment, and disavowed all knowledge of it until many months after it had taken place.

(Signed) GEO. CARR GLYN.

London, 8th February, 1855.

(Copy.)

*Answers of Thomas Baring, Esquire, of London, England, to the questions proposed by the Committee.*

To Question 92.—I am a Director of the Company.

To Questions 93 and 94.—I am not aware of any application having been made, either written or verbal, for shares by the Honorable F. Hincks, but I recollect that a number of shares were reserved for the public in Canada, although until reference had been made to the Books of the Company, it had escaped my memory to what names such shares were allotted, even if I was aware of the circumstance at the time. The shares were, I find, placed in the names of the Honorable F. Hincks and Mr. A. M. Ross, but I never understood, nor do I now believe, that these Gentlemen had any personal or private interest in them.

To Question 95.—I never heard that such an intimation had been sent to Mr. Hincks.

To Question 96.—I find upon enquiry at the Office of the Grand Trunk Company, that the first deposit on these shares was paid by Mr. Peto, and the receipts given in the names of Mr. Hincks and Mr. Ross.

To Question 97.—The shares were entered (as I also learn from the Secretary of the Company) in the names of those Gentlemen in the allotment list.

To Question 98.—No calls have been paid on these shares, and they have not been registered.

To Question 99.—I have never heard any thing from Mr. Hincks on the subject of these shares, but I learn from public report that he denies having any interest or connexion with the same.

(Signed) THOMAS BARING.

London, 16th February, 1855.



Wednesday, 25th April, 1855.

PRESENT :

The Honorable Mr. BELLEAU, *Chairman.*

“ “ “ MOORE,

“ “ “ FERRIER.

*Resolved*,—That the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council be requested to procure and lay before this Committee a copy of the evidence given by Mr. William Macbean, Share and Transfer Clerk of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, before the Committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into the charges made against the Members of the late Administration.

The Honorable the Speaker laid before the Committee the following document, containing the evidence of Mr. William Macbean, and stated that the same had been furnished to him, as one of the Members of the late Administration, by the Clerk of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly :—

(Copy.)

Mr. *William Macbean*, Share and Transfer Clerk of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, Montreal, examined :—

Mr. W. Macbean.

(By Mr. *Brown.*)

*Ques.* 240. At the date of the Statute which authorized the Incorporation of the Montreal and Portland line as part of the Grand Trunk, namely, on 10th November, 1852, were any members of the late Administration holders of Montreal and Portland stock? If so, who were those members, and what amount of stock did they severally hold?—Yes. The Honorable A. N. Morin held forty shares, and the Honorable L. T. Drummond held twenty shares.

*Ques.* 241. After 10th November, 1852, did any members of the late Administration acquire stock in the Montreal and Portland, in the Quebec and Richmond, or in the Grand Trunk Railway Companies. If so, please state full particulars, the date of the several purchases, the number of shares, the parties from whom the several purchases were made, and the consideration named in the transfer papers; also the amount and date of all bonuses,

Mr. W. Mac-  
bean.

dividends and interest received on said stock by any Minister; the date of sale by any Minister of such stock, and the parties to whom sold?—The Hon. Mr. Hincks acquired from George Burns Symes, per Transfer Deed No. 664, now produced, dated 6th June, 1853, one hundred shares of the Montreal and Portland (*i. e.* St Lawrence and Atlantic) Railroad Company, the consideration mentioned therein being three thousand and thirty-eight pounds nineteen shillings and two pence currency; also, acquired from L. H. Holton, per Transfer Deed No. 665, now produced, dated 30th May, 1853, eighty-four shares of same stock, the consideration therein being two thousand one hundred pounds.

The original price of the share in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company was fifty pounds currency (Statute 8 Vic., cap. 25, 17th March, 1845), but by a subsequent Act of the Legislature (12 Vic., cap. 176, 30th May, 1849), it was reduced to twenty-five pounds currency.

The interest has been always kept in a separate set of books, which I have not with me. I will furnish copies of interest and bonus accounts so soon as I return to Montreal.

In the new Company, *i. e.* the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, Mr. Hincks, by the production of a certificate that he was holder of one hundred and eighty-four shares of the Montreal and Portland stock, and the payment in cash of twenty-three pounds six shillings and eight pence currency, scrip was issued to him for one hundred and fifty-two shares, on 7th October, 1853. Also, on the 10th November, 1853, on the production of a certificate assigned to him by the Hon. Charles Wilson, now produced, entitling him to ninety-six old shares—date of said transfer being 16th August, 1853—there were issued to him, on the payment of two pounds eighteen shillings and four pence currency, being the fractional difference therein mentioned, seventy-nine shares of Grand Trunk stock.

He acquired, on 8th December, 1853, from R. D. Collis, Broker, eighteen shares of Grand Trunk stock. I had this transfer when last before the Committee; to-day I have it not, but will send a copy of it when I return to Montreal. I may here state that the consideration money generally inserted in such deeds by Brokers is no index to the price really given or

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received, as they are not desirous of letting their transactions be known but to their employers only.

Mr. W. Macbean.

He acquired, on the 15th December, from Henry Chapman, Broker or Merchant, twenty-five shares of Grand Trunk stock : my statement on the transaction above also applies to this one.

Mr. Hincks thus became proprietor in all, of Grand Trunk Railway stock, to the extent of two hundred and seventy-four shares in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic branch of it, for we still keep the accounts separate.

On the 26th November, 1853, he sold to Alfred Larocque, per Deed of Transfer No. 16, which was on my former examination exhibited to the Committee, seventy-five shares Grand Trunk stock.

On the 27th February, 1854, I transferred, at his request, to Register of the Office of the Company, kept in London, England, seventy-five shares, which I understood were for the London market.

On the 20th November, 1854, he sold to J. B. A. Couillard, Merchant, Montreal, per Transfer Deed No. 94, which has been exhibited to the Committee, forty shares Grand Trunk stock.

On the 1st March, 1855, he transferred to the City and District Savings' Bank, Montreal, per Transfer Deed No. 119, which was exhibited to the Committee also on my former examination, forty-three shares of Grand Trunk stock, leaving him at this date the holder of forty-five shares of this division of the stock.

On the 7th October, 1853, he acquired from J. F. Bradshaw, thirty-one old shares of the Quebec and Richmond Railroad Company, of the price of twelve pounds ten shillings currency each, and on production of these, and the payment of eight pounds sixteen shillings and five pence currency, being the fractional difference thereon, there were issued to him thirteen shares of Grand Trunk stock, Quebec and Richmond section ; of this stock there was transferred to the City and District Savings' Bank, on the 1st March, per Deed of Transfer No. 2, seven shares of this Branch, leaving him at this date proprietor of six shares of this Branch, so that he is, between the two

Mr. W. Macbean. Branches, holder of fifty-one shares. Mr. Hincks never held any shares of Grand Trunk proper.

The Hon. A. N. Morin, on 9th December, 1853, on production of certificate that he was holder of forty shares of Montréal and Portland (*i. e.* St. Lawrence and Atlantic) Railroad Company, and the payment of three pounds fifteen shillings currency, received scrip for thirty-three shares Grand Trunk stock, which he still retains: said certificate produced.

The Hon. J. Ross, on 3rd April, 1853, purchased from J. F. Bradshaw, per Deed of Transfer No. 94, formerly shewn to the Committee, thirty-five shares of St. Lawrence and Atlantic Branch Grand Trunk stock, which he still holds.

The Hon. R. E. Caron, on the 5th September, 1854, on production of certificate that he held paid-up stock in the Quebec and Richmond Railroad Company to the amount of ten shares, and the further payment of two pounds ten shillings sterling, received Grand Trunk stock, five shares, which he still holds.

The Hon. Malcolm Cameron acquired, on the 16th March, 1854, from John Crawford, Broker, per Deed of Transfer No. 59, eighty shares of Grand Trunk stock, St. Lawrence and Atlantic Branch, and, on 19th April, transferred the same to the City and District Savings' Bank of Montreal, by Deed of Transfer No. 66, formerly exhibited to the Committee.

THE CHAIRMAN laid before the Committee copy of a Letter from the Hon. Francis Hincks, which he stated had been handed to him by that gentleman for the information of the Committee, and which is as follows:—

(Copy.)

To S. SMITH, Esq., M. P. P.,  
Chairman, &c.

Quebec, 21st April, 1855.

SIR:—Having been informed by the Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to enquire into charges against any members of the late administration, that they have concluded the examination of witnesses, and that they are prepared to consider any statements which I may desire to make, I now

proceed to comment on the evidence taken before the Committee. I may notice the fact, that although some transactions of mine, and also some of my late colleagues, of a private character, have been made the subject of repeated newspaper attacks, and that although charges of the grossest corruption and of speculation have been reiterated during the last two years by my political opponents with a view to destroy me in public estimation, there has not been an instance in which an accuser has come forward to complain of my conduct with respect to any of the transactions into which the Committee has inquired. The consequence has been that the Committee has been obliged to send for witnesses at the suggestion of my leading political opponents, the authors of the attacks; two of whom have been acting the part of prosecutors at the same time that they are sitting as judges. My personal friends have been sent for by these two gentlemen, and examined as to my private conversations, and means have been adopted to extort evidence which witnesses refused to give on the ground that to do so would be a violation of that confidence which is sacred to every man of honorable mind. My private affairs have been inquired into, and investigations have taken place into matters of a strictly private and personal character, and for which there is no precedent. And after all these inquiries I respectfully submit that not a single case has been established either of corruption or even of irregularity; that no new fact has been elicited of the least importance, and that the whole case of my accusers is simply this, that Members of the Executive Government have no right to engage in transactions perfectly legitimate in themselves, and which any other of Her Majesty's subjects might be concerned in without impropriety. I have stated that no accusers appeared before the Committee, I may add that no specific charges have been made against me or any of my late colleagues. The examination of witnesses, protracted during a period of many months, not having produced any result, Mr. Brown, a member of the Committee, my leading political opponent, and the individual who, more than any one else, is responsible for the attacks which have been made upon me, has, within a few days, embodied, in the shape of answers to questions, his various accusations against me. Although the Committee ruled that Mr. Brown's answers could not be admitted in evidence, yet, as they have been placed on the minutes of the Committee, I propose to comment on them in connection with the various charges into which the Committee have investigated.

Charge No. 1.—This in substance is as follows : That 1008 shares of Grand Trunk Stock of £25 each, carrying with them an equal amount of Bonds, or in all £50,400, were allotted to me, that £10,080, the required deposit, was paid by Sir S. M. Peto, Bart., and that this Stock was intended for my personal benefit, and was given me in compensation of services rendered to the Contractors for the Railway. When the allotment of 1008 shares was made to me, a similar number was allotted to A. M. Ross, Esquire, Chief Engineer of the Company, so that £100,800 of Stock is in the same position. It must, I think, be apparent to every one that no parties would be so much interested in sifting such an accusation as this, as the Shareholders of the Company, who are represented in the direction by Gentlemen of the highest standing both in England and in this country. There is precisely the same ground for suspicion in the case of the Chief Engineer as in my own. Mr. Brown professes to suspect that a gross fraud has been committed, but on whom? Clearly on the Grand Trunk Railway Company, by the connivance of the Chief Engineer and one of the Directors. Is there then, I ask, any accusation on the part of the Directors of the Company? Does a single individual among them share the suspicions of Mr. Brown? Is there in fact even a semblance of ground for suspicion? Assuming that the Contractors had resolved on paying the Director and Engineer for services rendered them at the expense of the Company, is it at all probable that they would carry out such an intention by asking for an allotment of stock in their name with the certainty that the transaction must be known to the various officers of the Company? I assert that without evidence of any kind to explain the transaction, the suspicions entertained by Mr. Brown would be unjustifiable. But what is the evidence? Capt. Rhodes, a member of the Legislative Assembly, and J. B. Forsyth, Esq., a merchant of high standing in Quebec, state that they were both in London at the time, and urged strongly on Messrs. Peto and Co., that there should be an allotment of stock for Canada. It is shewn by the evidence of Thomas Baring, Esquire, and Geo. C. Glyn, Esquire, Directors of the Company that they understood that the stock allotted to Mr. A. M. Ross and myself was intended for distribution. The evidence of Mr. A. M. Ross is to the same effect. Mr. Brown labours to shew that such reservation was unnecessary, and has put questions to witnesses to draw from them that Canadians had neither demanded stock nor complained of not getting it. Mr. Forsyth's answer to one of these questions ought to be conclusive; he says, when asked if any

Canadians felt aggrieved at not getting stock : “ no, but had the stock been at a premium, I do not know any Canadian who would not have been so.” There is evidence before the Committee to shew that a. very few Canadian Gentlemen who happened accidentally to be in London, at the time of the allotment, obtained 1032 shares amounting to £51,600, and that with the exception of the 2016 shares placed for distribution in the name of Mr. A. M. Ross and myself, there was no mode whatever by which the applicants for the charter residing in Canada, could get a single share of the stock offered to the public in London. I respectfully refer the Committee to the Act of incorporation of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, 16 Vict. Cap. 37, to the Act of incorporation of the Grand Junction Company, 16 Vict. Cap. 43, and also the Quebec and Trois-Pistoles, Cap. 38.

By these several Acts sundry individuals in Canada were incorporated for the construction of three lines of Railway which were afterwards amalgamated in the Grand Trunk Railway Company. I here give the names of the parties resident in Canada : Hon. Peter McGill, of the City of Montreal, Hon. Geo. Pemberton, of the City of Quebec, Thos. G. Ridout and John Geo. Bowes, of the City of Toronto, Esquires, William Price, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, John Shuter Smith, of the Town of Port Hope, Esquire, Henry Le Mesurier, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, Andrew Jeffrey, of the Town of Cobourg, Esquire, James Bell Forsyth, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, William Hamilton Ponton, of the Town of Belleville, Esquire, Wm. Rhodes, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, David Roblin, of the City of Kingston, Esquire, William Matthie, of the Town of Brockville, Esquire, George Beswick, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, Chauncy H. Peck, of the Town of Prescott, Esquire, Thomas Ryan, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, John Counter, of the City of Kingston, Esquire, Roderick McDonald, of the Town of Cornwall, Esquire, Geo. E. Cartier, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, Henry Chapman, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, Alex. Tillock Galt, of the Town of Sherbrooke, Esquire, Luther Hamilton Holton, and David Lewis McPherson, of the City of Montreal, Esquires, the Hon. Narcisse Fortunat Belleau, the Hon. W. Walker, and Sir Henry John Caldwell, Bart., of the City of Quebec, Jean Thomas Taschereau, François René Anger, and François Baby, of the City of Quebec, Esquires, Wm. Patton, of Saint Thomas, Esquire,

Pierre Amable Dionne, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, Elisée Dionne, of Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, Esquire, Eugène Chinic, and Edward Ryan, of the City of Quebec, Esquire, Charles Hilaire Têtu, of Rivière-Ouelle, in the District of Kamouraska, Esquire, W. H. Tilstone, Edward Burstall and John Burroughs, of the city of Quebec, Esquires, Wm. F. Meudell, of the city of Toronto, Esquire, Edmund Murney, Peter Robertson, Geo. Benjamin, Henry Bull and James Ross, of Belleville, Esquires, James Sanson, the Elder, of Orillia, Esquire, Kenneth Cameron, of Thorah, Esquire, John Langton, Geo. Barker Hall and Thomas Short, of Peterboro', Esquires. I shall now give the names of the Canadian Directors of the three Companies above referred to, and which had been organized under their respective Acts of Incorporation, prior to the departure of the Hon. Mr. Ross for England, in November, 1852: Hon. Peter McGill, Hon. Geo. Pemberton, Henry LeMesurier, James Bell Forsyth, William Rhodes, Thomas G. Ridout, William Hamilton Ponton, William Matthie, John G. Bowes, Wm. F. Meudell, Edmund Murney, Geo. Benjamin, Henry Bull, James Ross, Peter Robertson, James Sanson, the Elder, Kenneth Cameron, John Langton, George Barker Hall, Thomas Short, Esquires, Hon. Wm. Walker, Hon. Narcisse Fortunat Belleau, Sir Henry John Caldwell, Bart., Edward Burstall, Esquire, Wm. H. Tilstone, Esquire, Wm. Patton Esquire. The above were Directors on the part of the Shareholders, while the Government Directors were Hon. Francis Hincks, Hon. James Morris, Hon. Malcom Cameron, Hon. John Ross, Geo. E. Cartier, Geo. Crawford, Thomas Ryan, A. T. Galt and Luther H. Holton, Esquires, Hon. E. P. Taché, Hon. R. E. Caron, Hon. L. T. Drummond, Hon. Jean Chabot, François Lemieux, C. F. Fournier, Joseph Charles Taché and Jean Charles Chapais, Esquires.

Now, without taking into consideration the claims of the large class of individuals who had petitioned for the several charters, and who had obtained them from the Legislature, there are names enough in the list of Directors alone to justify a far greater reservation of shares than was actually made. Of the Directors named above, five only, exclusive of the Hon. Mr. Ross and Mr. Galt, were in London when the allotment took place, viz: Hon. Geo. Pemberton, J. B. Forsyth, Wm. Rhodes, Edward Burstall, Esquires, and W. H. Tilstone, Esquire, all connected with the city of Quebec. These five Gentlemen obtained 552 shares, amounting to £27,600, and all of them, I believe, increased their interest by purchases



chiefly at a premium. I am satisfied in my own mind that had the Grand Trunk Stock continued at a premium, there would have been great discontent in every part of Canada, if no reservation of Stock had been made; it is a fact within my own knowledge that some of the Directors of the Company in Canada have had to acquire Stock by purchasing the St. Lawrence and Atlantic converted Stock in order to qualify themselves as Directors. It seems almost superfluous to dwell on this point. The absolute necessity that existed for a reservation must be apparent to every one, even without the evidence that a special demand was made for it by Capt. Rhodes and Mr. Forsyth, two of the Canadian Directors. Sir S. M. Peto acting with that liberality for which he is distinguished, secured this reservation by paying the required deposit, and has been rewarded by a charge of corruption which has been treated with profound contempt by every one who is acquainted with his unblemished character.

Mr. Brown has endeavoured to shew that there was no necessity for any further reservation of Stock for Canada, inasmuch as there was a special reservation of £837,600 for Canada under the Prospectus. I submit an extract from the Prospectus shewing the mode by which it was proposed to raise the Capital of the Company :

EXTRACT.

The Capital is made up as follows :		£9,500,000
Amount already raised in Shares and spent in Works of the St. Lawrence and Atlantic and Quebec and Richmond Railway.....	683,400	
Amount already raised in Bonds....	733,000	
	1,416,400	
Reserved in Shares and Debentures for the Shareholders in the St. Lawrence and Atlantic and Quebec and Richmond Railway, on the amalgamation, and for the Bond holders of the Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Railway Company.....	837,600	2,254,000
Leaving.	£7,246,000	

This Amount will be created and apportioned as follows :

Stock in 144,920 shares of £25 each,	3,623,000
Debentures of £100 each, payable in 25 years, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum payable half yearly in London, and convertible into shares on or before 1st January, 1863, at option of holder . . . . .	1,811,500
And Debentures convertible into Bonds of the Provincial Government of £100 each, payable in 20 years, bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum, payable half yearly in Bonds . . . . .	1,811,500
	£7,246,000

It will be seen that the £837,600 referred to by Mr. Brown was a special reservation for parties residing chiefly in England, and that the Directors of the Grand Trunk Company, of the Quebec and Trois-Pistoles and of the Grand Junction Company would have no claim whatever to that reservation. But more over the shares in question did not entitle the holders to Provincial Bonds, and they were not therefore so valuable as the A. series of Stock. I repeat therefore that the 2016 shares reserved in the name of Mr. A. M. Ross and myself for distribution in Canada, afforded the only means of supplying the entire Canadian public with that description of the stock which was eagerly sought for by every Canadian who happened to be in London at the time. Mr. Brown has entered at great length into the history of the Grand Trunk Railway during several years, his object being to show that I used my official influence to promote a measure injurious to the public interest, with a view to favour the English contractors for the Grand Trunk Railroad. Whilst I am very far from desiring to shrink from the responsibility of having promoted the present scheme, I protest against Mr. Brown's line of argument as most unjust. Whatever may have been my views on the subject of the Railway, they were from time to time submitted to my colleagues in the Government, weighed by them most deliberately, concurred in, and afterwards sanctioned by the Governor General. They were then embodied in Bills, which were fully discussed in Parliament, and after a strenuous opposition from Mr. Brown

himself, passed into Laws. As a politician, I am open to censure if the measures which I supported were bad, but it is most unjust to endeavour to insinuate a charge of corruption against me because I honestly differed with Mr. Brown as to the best mode of constructing the Railway. After much experience, I am more firmly convinced at this moment than I ever was that the mode adopted in 1852, to secure the construction of the Railway, was by far the most advantageous to the Province. The scheme of constructing that work on Provincial account by means of an Imperial loan which I admit I once favoured, and which Mr. Brown has since advocated, would have involved the Province in the most serious difficulty. It must never be forgotten that the Imperial aid was proposed on the distinct understanding that a Railway 636 miles in length between Halifax and Quebec, was to be built by the Province. Had this scheme been carried out, instead of having the surplus which was expected to enable Canada to build her own line, there is now every reason to believe that the Imperial loan would have been insufficient to build the Halifax and Quebec line alone. I can discover no object in Mr. Brown's quoting extracts from my speeches in 1851, to prove that I thought the Railway could be constructed at £5000 Cy., per mile. I have admitted that I was led to form erroneous opinions. I have never professed to have any personal knowledge as to the cost of constructing Railways, and I can only be guided from time to time by the information which I receive. Mr. Brown most disingenuously endeavours on all occasions to fasten responsibility on me. He says, Mr Hincks "started for the Lower Provinces," concealing the fact that I was accompanied by Col. Taché and Mr. Young, and that the latter gentleman was the strong advocate of the line through the valley of the St. John, then adopted. I shall not revive a discussion as to my breaking off the then pending negotiations with Her Majesty's Government. My conduct on that occasion was approved by my colleagues and sustained by Parliament. Mr. Brown, however, attempts to fasten some kind of charge on me for having before the conclusion of the negotiations written out for authority to agree to pay the preliminary expenses of a survey of the line to Messrs. Peto & Co. It is quite true that I did write the letter from which the extract is given before the termination of the negotiations with the Imperial Government, but I am unable to discover what unfavorable bearing the employment of Messrs. Peto & Co. to make the survey could have had on the Imperial

Government had the fact been known as it very probably was. I was led to believe that the employment of English contractors was very likely to be insisted on by the Imperial Government, and most assuredly it would not have been objected to. Mr. Brown has revived an old controversy which can have no possible bearing on the present question with reference to an alleged agreement made between Mr. Jackson and myself in London, for the construction of the Grand Trunk line. I continue to maintain that there was no agreement whatever for the construction of the line. There was a basis laid down for raising the required ways and means for constructing the line in case a tender for the construction which could only be made after a survey, should be approved of. There was nothing binding on the Government and still less on the Legislature. Mr. Brown has thought proper to revive the controversy between certain parties in Canada, and the promoters of the Grand Trunk Charter. I have no doubt the Committee will excuse me for not accepting the challenge thrown out for a fresh discussion of this difficulty, but I must notice the persevering disingenuousness of Mr. Brown, who charges me with making a bargain with Messrs. Jackson & Co., by which they were to receive £10,000 currency per mile for building and equipping the road. I personally made no bargain of any kind. The first contract was entered into after the organization of the Company, with the approval of the Directors, and was signed by the President; but for this, as well as every other act, Mr. Brown holds me individually responsible. While ready and willing to defend every act of the Directors, I must point out the unfairness, when the object is to insinuate a charge of corruption of conveying the impression that it was in my power to regulate contracts. In every transaction that has taken place with reference to the Grand Trunk Railway, I have been acting in concert with one or more gentlemen of high honour and character. When in England, in 1852, and during the whole course of my negotiation with Messrs. Jackson & Co., I was in constant communication with the Hon. Mr. Chandler, of New Brunswick, a gentleman of the most unblemished reputation. Mr. Chandler effected arrangements with the same firm, for the construction of Railways in New Brunswick. His arrangements were most assuredly not more advantageous than mine, and yet he has never been subjected to any vile insinuations that he had sold the interests of his country to English contractors. How differently have I been treated? I found a strong prevailing public sentiment in favor of Railway communication. I found that for

years an undertaking admitted to be of vast importance had languished from want of funds to complete it. I found the people in a state of despondency, and I endeavoured as a minister to devise measures by which the introduction of English capital could be secured. My reward will be found in Mr. Brown's statement, which has been echoed by that class of journalists to be found in every country which is ready to destroy the character of every public servant. With these remarks I leave this charge in the hands of the committee, declaring positively that I never received any promise of reward of any kind from Messrs. Jackson and Co., that I never applied for any stock for myself or any one else, that I never heard that my name was in the allotment book until the charge was publicly made, when I wrote to the Vice-President at Montreal to enquire into its meaning; that in fact I know nothing about the matter beyond what I have heard, viz: that the entire 2016 shares allotted to Mr. A. M. Ross and myself, were originally intended for distribution in Canada, but owing to the stock falling almost immediately to a discount, it was deemed unnecessary to take any action in the matter, as any parties wishing to obtain it could do so on more favorable terms in the market.

The 2nd charge is in substance that having obtained early information by telegraph of the amalgamation of the various Companies now forming the Grand Trunk Company, and of the successful issue of the Stock in London, I used such information for the purposes of speculation, and bought St. Lawrence and Atlantic Stock at a considerable discount. On this charge, I may observe that if I had obtained such an unfair advantage over any individual, it is most likely that some complaint would be made. No one, however, pretends that a single complaint has been made by any interested party. Mr. Brown in this case is the accuser, and the nature of his statements were such that they were rejected as evidence being entirely irrelevant. Referring, however, to these statements, I find Mr. Brown going into a history of the amalgamation of the various Companies in London with which I had nothing whatever to do. With his usual disingenuousness, Mr. Brown fastens upon me the responsibility of the Bill allowing the various Railroad Companies to amalgamate, and says that it was carried through Parliament hastily by my influence. It is well known to every one conversant with the history of these transactions, and to none better than to Mr. Brown himself, that pending the controversy between the promoters of the Grand

Trunk Charter and Messrs. Galt, Holton and others, supported by Mr. Brown, a compromise was proposed to me, the basis of which was that this Amalgamation Bill was to be passed, and that the Montreal and Kingston Charter was to be repealed. It is therefore most unfair to represent this measure as one sought for by me. I had nothing to do with the terms of the amalgamation, never having even heard of them until long after they had been agreed to. It is not my business to defend them, but I cannot forbear pointing out the unfairness of examining Capt. Rhodes, M. P. P., on this point. That Gentleman was a Shareholder in the Quebec and Richmond and interested in getting the best terms possible for his own line. Mr. Brown should in candour admit that these terms of amalgamation were fully discussed by parties with opposing interests, and that the fair inference to be drawn is that on the whole they were tolerably equitable. Mr. Galt was of course endeavoring to obtain the best possible terms for the Company which he represented. He would have amalgamated with the Grand Trunk alone, that is the line from Toronto to Montreal, on a very different basis, but he objected to the Quebec and Richmond and Trois-Pistoles, and did so with success. The principle of paying interest on capital until the opening of the line having been admitted in all other cases, Mr. Galt contended that his Company were equally entitled to it with the others. With all these negotiations however, I had nothing whatever to do. I leave this branch of Mr. Brown's statement, it being wholly irrelevant to the charge. To that I shall now address myself. It is of course very disagreeable to find myself in the position of contradicting Mr. Brown's statements as to the substance of a private conversation which occurred in 1853. Where we differ I must leave others to judge which statement is most probable. It will be found by the evidence of Mr. Galt and Mr. Holton, that on the completion of the amalgamation and the issuing of the prospectus, Mr. Galt then in London announced by means of a telegraphic communication what had taken place. The message itself has been verified at the telegraphic office, and is as follows :

By Telegraph from London,

16th April, 1853, *viâ* Halifax, 28th.

To Hon. F. Hincks,

Amalgamation completed—Prospectus published—Complete success—Shares at large premium.

A. T. GALT.

It is alleged by Mr. Brown, that one afternoon, just as the House of Assembly met, I came to his desk in the Assembly, and handed him this telegraphic message from Mr. Galt. Mr. Brown, I may here observe, in stating the contents of the message in his written answer, had made some statement which he afterwards found was incorrect. I think it must have been an assertion that the stock was selling at a certain premium. I regret to have to call the attention of the Committee to the fact that a document in possession of the Clerk has been mutilated, several words having been cut out of the paper with a knife or other sharp instrument, and other words interlined. Mr. Brown must have doubted the soundness of his own memory when he made this change. I do not pretend to recollect what passed on the occasion beyond this that I communicated the telegraph at once to Mr. Brown who had been the leading opponent of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in order to convince him that under our measure it was likely to be successfully carried out. I do not recollect any conversation in relation to speculation in stock, but I am quite certain that Mr. Brown is very inaccurate in his statements. It is impossible that I could have spoken of Portland Stock as being worth only 65 or 35 discount. Mr. Holton's evidence shows that it was only 10 discount, and I have a distinct recollection myself, that I knew its value. Mr. Brown says, that he saw at once the meaning I intended to convey to him, but he does not inform the Committee what it was. It is to be inferred that I wished him to enter into some speculation in this stock on the strength of the information which I had just communicated to him. He then adds, that "he heard shortly after that Mr. Hincks and several of his friends, on joint as well as individual account, had purchased Portland stock to a large extent, on the strength of the information, to which I have referred." The answer to this charge is very simple. Mr. Galt's telegraph was freely communicated to the members of the House immediately on its receipt. It is not a very usual thing for a person receiving telegraphic information with a view to speculate, to communicate it at once to an Editor of a newspaper, in the most open manner. There was no secrecy preserved. The stock rose after the receipt of the various telegraphs, from 10 per cent discount to about 25 per cent premium. I bought at different times 184 shares, and the lowest price paid by me was  $22\frac{1}{2}$  per cent more than the value of the stock at the time of the receipt of the telegraph. I allowed about three weeks to elapse, during which the stock was advancing almost daily, before I purchased.

The truth is I was not thinking much about the stock, being occupied with public business. I was asked one day in the street by Mr. Desbarats to join him in buying 100 shares from Mr. Symes, a gentleman who had been in London at the very time of the amalgamation, and who knew far more than I did about the stock. Mr. Symes is not now in Quebec, but he gave evidence before the Committee of the Legislative Council to the effect that he knew what he was doing, and was quite satisfied. Mr. Desbarats has explained the circumstances under which I took off his hands one half of the stock purchased on joint account. I had previously bought 84 shares through Mr. Holton who was then in Montreal, and who kindly employed a broker to procure them at the market value. I had never sold a share of this stock during the period that I was in the Government. The transfer was caused by my having hypothecated some stock to enable me to borrow the sum necessary to purchase Mr. Desbarats' interest in the 100 shares bought from Mr. Symes. The official records prove the falsehood of this charge. I bought no stock until long after the news which I am charged with forestalling was in possession of the entire public. I never had any information on the subject of the bonus or with regard to this stock but what was in possession of the entire public. While entering fully into the particulars of these transactions, which I do voluntarily in order to convince the public of the utter falsehood of the allegations made, I must protest at the same time against the right of the Assembly to inquire into my private affairs. I have a right to buy and sell Railway Stock as I please. As a Member of the Government, I never had any information whatever on the subject, neither was any Government influence employed in the matter. And I think the tendency of such inquiries as have been made is to establish a most dangerous precedent, which I, at all events, must protest against. I forbear all comments on Mr. Morris' testimony. He admits that he knew nothing about the matter, but that he was communicating with one of my most malignant enemies and discussing my conduct with him, on the hypothesis that I had done what I really never did do, and this, while he was my Colleague, and without making any enquiry from me as to the correctness of the charges which my enemies were circulating.

The next charge No. 3, the Committee has already declared to be without any foundation.



Charge No. 4, has also been disposed of by the Committee, and requires no notice at my hands.

The next charge is in substance that I in conjunction with the Hon. James Morris, then a Member of the Government, and with the Hon. Samuel Mills and W. Matthie, Esq. purchased a farm at Point Levi, the property of the Crown. It was alleged that we had given a sum of money to stop the bidding at auction, but this allegation was utterly false, and no evidence was adduced to sustain it. Again, it was said that there would be a Railway junction on the property; this was also utterly false, but it appears from the evidence of F. Fortier, Esq. of the Crown Land Department, that he had formed an opinion that there would be such a junction, and that he had mentioned his suspicions openly, and had thereby induced persons to bid higher than they would otherwise have done. The property was sold by public auction after a very spirited competition; it was sold at a price very considerably higher than Mr. Fortier's valuation, and it appears in evidence that I refused peremptorily to entertain a proposition to have it disposed of at private sale. Not a single fact has been brought before the committee to sustain any charge beyond this that members of the Executive Council have no right to purchase Government lands. Mr. Spragge's evidence shews that Executive Councillors have never in times past felt themselves restrained from purchasing public lands. Mr. Perley's evidence shews that in New Brunswick there is no such restriction. Col. White, of Michigan, states that in the United States there is no restriction, and my belief is that there is none in England. I considered that I had a perfect right to acquire land when no influence of any kind was brought to bear in my favor. I may observe with reference to the alleged value of this property that it is hardly possible to find two persons to agree as to the value of unproductive property. Many persons like Mr. Ferres, M.P.P., who was himself a bidder at the limit of £1000, think the property very dear at £1800, whereas others like Mr. Fergusson, M. P. P., who was glad to take an interest in the purchase at a premium on the auction price, value it highly. That the purchasers did not at the time consider it a great bargain is evident from the fact that Mr. Mills agreed with Mr. Morris and myself not to bid over £1500, and that after his leaving for Upper Canada, in fact on the very day of sale, we took the responsibility of advancing the limits to £2000. The property was actually knocked down at £1800. I think the Committee must admit that no charge of corruption is established with respect to this transaction.

In next charge, No. 6, which has reference to the site of a Post Office in the City of Hamilton, has been declared by the Committee to be without foundation, but as Mr. Brown has put in a statement on the subject, I may be permitted a few remarks. The evidence goes to shew simply that the Hon. Mr. Mills was anxious to have the new Post Office in Hamilton placed in a different situation from that finally adopted. He stated his opinion as he had a perfect right to do, but did not succeed in his object. As my name has been introduced by Mr. Brown, I will merely remark that I cannot possibly recollect private conversation held so long ago, but I never had any conversation with Mr. Morris on the subject, nor did I ever hear from any authentic source that there was any intention of changing the Post Office site. I have a vague recollection of conversing with some one who told me that the site was to be moved to the vicinity of Mr. Morris' lots, but I am convinced that the statement had no better foundation than other idle rumour.

The next charge has been dismissed by the Committee, but I cannot pass over the long statement of Mr. Brown without affirming that the situation of a Minister of the Crown would become intolerable if his Parliamentary conduct is to subject him to such accusations. I took that course with regard to the Bills for incorporating Companies to construct the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, which I thought for the interest of the public and I succeeded in convincing the House that they should be rejected. Mr. Mackenzie, who has been as industrious as Mr. Brown in circulating attacks on me, declares in his evidence, that on this question my conduct was "perfectly blameless," and he "heartily supported my efforts." Mr. Brown taking another view of the question, can discover no motive but a corrupt one for my course. The answers of Governor Fairbanks and of Mr. Corning, must however have more weight than the vague and unsupported accusations of disappointed speculators. In connection with this subject, I must call attention to the recklessness of Mr. Brown's statement. With a view of supporting his charge that I was influenced by improper motives in postponing the Sault St. Marie Canal; he insinuates that I had an object in pushing forward the Ottawa Canal, "Mr. Hincks having then acquired the property which he now holds in the vicinity of the Ottawa River above the Canal." By a reference to the written answer, it will be seen that as it originally stood, it was, "I have no personal knowledge of the time when Mr. Hincks acquired the property, and which he now holds in the vicinity of the Ottawa Canal." The pen is drawn across

the words "I have no personal knowledge" and the positive assertion is made in Mr. Brown's own handwriting. Now it is impossible that Mr. Brown could have any personal knowledge on the subject. The truth is that when the appropriation was made for the Ottawa, I think in June, 1853, I had never even heard of the property which I now own in the County of Renfrew. I first heard of that property in the course of the ensuing summer, when on a visit to the Ottawa in Company with Mr. Attorney General Drummond, Mr. Egan, M. P. P. and others. I have submitted my title deed to the Committee of the Legislative Council, and am prepared to produce it to this Committee. The correctness of my present statement is known to number of persons connected with the Ottawa. How Mr. Brown can think himself justified in making these broad assertions about matters of which he has no knowledge, is beyond my comprehension.

The 8th charge is that of speculating in City of Toronto debentures, and Mr. Brown has given the Committee at great length his views regarding that transaction. The Committee are in possession of the evidence taken on oath by the Court of Chancery, including my own testimony, and I need not trouble them with a repetition of it. I must however protest against Mr. Brown invoking the decision of the Court of Chancery against me. The point raised before that Court was simply whether Mr. Bowes, being Mayor of Toronto at the time, was or was not in the position of a Trustee for the Corporation, and the judgment of the Court under which the Corporation became entitled to share in the profits of the transaction is the best proof that can be given that there was nothing improper in it. I cannot forbear noticing the very extraordinary and anomalous position in which the City of Toronto is now placed in regard to this transaction. It must be admitted on all hands that it deliberately parted with all interest in the £50,000 of bonds which fell into the hands of the Contractors from whom they were purchased by Mr. Bowes and myself. They had other £50,000 of bonds for their own purposes. Now these bonds were only worth in London about 96 per cent or £48,000. At that price I had to sell them, and of course I would have got more if I had been able to do so. The City then has not only obtained par on £50,000 for bonds which actually sold for £48,000, but has besides obtained one half the profit on the purchase made from the Contractors. It would seem to be but reasonable that having shared the profit on one transaction they should share the loss on the other, which moreover was effected

chiefly for their benefit, and to enable them to raise a loan which they had for a long time vainly endeavoured to do. In conclusion, I may say with respect to this charge, that I engaged in the purchase from private individuals of municipal bonds of the City of Toronto running the risk of loss. As it turned out Canadian securities of all kinds advanced in price and I realized a profit which I conceive I had a perfect right to do. As regards the City of Toronto, there is the concurrent testimony of the Chamberlain, the Cashier of the Bank of Upper Canada, and others, that the arrangement was most advantageous for them. As regards the Contractors, no complaint to my knowledge was ever made by them, and the evidence shews that the full current market value was paid at the time for their bonds. As to parliamentary influence, there was no occasion to employ any as there was no opposition whatever to the Bill, and no reason can be given by any one why there should have been. I am convinced that the transaction would not have excited a remark except in commendation of the advantageous arrangement for the City, only that it was hoped that I might be injured politically by the attack.

The 9th and last charge has relation to the Montreal City Loan raised in 1852-53.

There is something, to say the least, singular in the course taken by the authors of this charge which was not one of those which the Committee in the first instance deemed it necessary to investigate. On the 28th March, after I had been furnished with a list of the charges to be investigated, this new subject was taken up. It had been brought before Parliament during the Session of 1852 by Mr. W. H. Boulton, the member for the City of Toronto, and I made a full explanation of the matter. Mr. Brown has in his statement on this charge given the newspaper report of my speech which is fully as correct as such reports usually are. The matter dropped. It now appears that at this very time Mr. Brown was in communication with certain gentlemen on the subject who having been my personal friends were at the moment in a position of antagonism to me. One of these was Mr. Young, M. P. P., who had just left the Government, and the other was Mr. Holton, M. P. P., who had been for many years on terms of intimacy with me, but who was at that period prosecuting a Railway measure to which I was strongly opposed. I may observe that after the termination of the Railway dispute there was a reconciliation between Mr. Holton and myself. It appears then from Mr. Brown's state

ment, that in 1852 he (Mr. Brown,) had communications directly or indirectly (for his statement is very vague) with Mr. Holton, and got from him a memorandum of a charge which was to be substantiated by witnesses named, viz. Messrs. Wilson, Judah, Leeming, Atwater, Marchand and Sexton. And in case of failure to prove it from these witnesses, Mr. Holton was to prove it by relating my confidential conversations. Such is Mr. Brown's allegation. The witnesses have now been examined before the Committee with the exception of Mr. Marchand who knows nothing personally about the matter. Mr. Holton's memorandum has been produced, and means adopted to extort from him the substance of confidential communications which he strongly objected on principle to disclose. It turns out that Mr. Holton never professed to be able to prove the charge as furnished to Mr. Brown, and which he gave as the current rumour, and that in fact he knows nothing beyond what I have stated myself. It must, I think, cause a little surprize that Mr. Brown should have kept this important charge in the back ground until the 28th March last, that he did not ask for his Committee, and state definitively what he could substantiate. The plot intended for my destruction was apparently ripe in 1852, and few will be charitable enough to suppose that Mr. Brown deferred bringing it forward until now from any regard to me. It has indeed been tolerably apparent of late that Mr. Brown is not a little anxious to throw the responsibility of these charges on Mr. Young, Mr. Holton, or in fact on any one but himself. The charge has now been fully investigated, and my statement of the case has been substantiated. It was alleged that I had endeavoured to supplant the Bank of Montreal and Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., in the negotiation of this loan. I may here observe that one of the witnesses brought to give evidence in this case, and who really has no personal knowledge of the matter, is a person who was very anxious to obtain from the Government of which I was a member, the office of Recorder of the City of Montreal, but who did not succeed in his application. I refer to Mr. Sexton, and I shall shew that Mr. Sexton has endeavored to give a colouring to transactions of which he had no knowledge with a view to prejudice me. Mr. Sexton says that up to 5th April, 1852, the Committee "were confident that the negotiation had been carried on very successfully, and that the loan would be made." I aver that this is wholly untrue. I do not pretend to know what the Committee thought, but I assert that there is no foundation whatever for the statement. My belief is that in the first instance

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Messrs. Glyn, Mills & Co., the Agents of the Bank of Montreal, were applied to, and that on their declining to make any offer for the Bonds, Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., who are not in any way Agents of the Bank of Montreal, were invited to do so. So far from Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., having been inclined to agree to the terms proposed by the Corporation, which I may here remark were fixed by them without any communication whatever with me, that firm was indisposed to make any offer at all except on certain conditions. My connection with this affair arose, as I stated in the speech quoted by Mr. Brown, from my having been applied to specially by Mr. Baring, when in London in 1852, for advice in the matter. I left Boston for England on the 4th March, 1852. It appears from Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co.'s letter of 26th March, that they must have seen me on the subject a few days after my arrival in London. I had no authority of any kind from the Corporation. Mr. Baring wrote me a note requesting to see me on the subject, and as is stated in the letter of 26th March, the object was to "explain some of the difficulties which interfered with its negotiation." Had I refused to give any advice or offer any suggestion, I am convinced that I should have done injury to the City of Montreal; and most assuredly I would have been charged with having acted from vindictive feelings arising from the political events of 1849. Messrs. Baring's letter of the 4th May, will explain what they wanted. I expressed my opinion that the Corporation would get their Act amended so as to meet the requirements of English capitalists, and I also expressed my opinion that there was no great urgency for a decision. The substance of what took place, I communicated by next mail both to the Mayor of Montreal and to the Hon. Peter McGill, President of the Bank of Montreal. It appears from Messrs. Baring's letter of the 4th May, which is also in evidence, that I again saw those gentlemen in consequence of having heard that "the wants of the Corporation were more pressing than we had supposed." I urged upon them successfully the proposition of a temporary loan of £50,000, and I also tried what I could to induce them to give the price fixed by the Corporation, viz: 98. I am convinced that I told them that the offer of 95 could not be accepted. I knew nothing of the action of the Corporation on that offer until my return to Canada, but being aware of the wants of the Corporation, I did endeavour to ascertain through different channels whether any thing could be done? I met with little encouragement except in one quarter, where I had

reason to hope for success. On my return to Canada, and on passing through Montreal in my way to Quebec, I was called on, by the Mayor and by Mr. Leeming, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and probably by Mr. Atwater. I have no recollection of the precise date of these interviews, which were sought for by the gentlemen connected with the Corporation, but all important facts are fully in my recollection. It was from the first understood clearly that the Corporation would apply to Parliament for such an alteration in their Act of incorporation as could enable them to provide a sinking fund as well as the same security to their creditors as the Upper Canada Municipal Act provides. It was also understood that the price was to be 98. I never proposed to act as Agent of the Corporation, nor was I to receive any Commission from them. I never agreed to make them any offer whatever. I told them that I hoped to be able to procure them a satisfactory offer, and I stated what I should require, viz: a letter from the City Treasurer stating the terms, a statement of the affairs of the Corporation, viz: its debt, property, revenues, expenditure, &c., and also a copy of the proposed Bill for amending the Act. All this was done. When the draft of the Bill was sent to me, I asked Mr. Wicksteed to examine it to ascertain if it met the object, and I then sent it off. I had previously in consequence of letters from England suggested that it was better to provide for raising the loan by terminable annuities instead of a sinking fund in case such an arrangement could be made. The papers were all duly transmitted by me to my correspondent, and afterwards submitted to an eminent Solicitor, by whom provisions of a very stringent character were suggested. I am quite willing to admit that if circumstances had enabled me to make an offer to the Corporation of 98 per cent, at which rate they were ready and anxious to sell, and if the anticipations of my friends had been realized by a sale at an advance on that price, I should have shared in their profit. I have already stated with reference to another matter that I conceived I had a perfect right to purchase Municipal bonds either on my own individual account or in conjunction with others, and in the case now under consideration the whole evidence shews that I was serving the Corporation at the same time that I hoped to benefit myself. The negotiation was broken off because I feared that it would be impossible to carry into effect the suggestions of the English Solicitor, and when I found members of the Corporation cabaling with my enemies, and endeavouring to create a false impression on the public mind, I determined to aid them no

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further, I shall now proceed to comment further on the evidence of the witnesses in this case.

In answer to 249, Mr. Sexton insinuates that I was to have the advantage of negotiating the loan as a compensation for getting a bill passed for amending the Corporation Act. In answer to questions 452 and 478, Mr. Leeming effectually disposes of this insinuation of Mr. Sexton. In answer to question 253, Mr. Sexton declares that the Corporation obtained "an advance of money on account of the contemplated loan." This statement is utterly false. Mr. Sexton has no personal knowledge of the matter, and is contradicted by Mr. Leeming in answer to questions 448, 449 and 450. I may here observe with reference to that transaction, to which Mr. Atwater, on no better evidence than mere loose conversation, has also endeavoured to give a false colouring, that it is absurd to suppose that any sum could be paid on account of the loan when no offer had up to that time been made by me or my friends. At the very time when the Bank loan was obtained, I was collecting information to transmit to England to enable parties there to judge whether they would make any offer at all and yet I am represented as having made a payment on account. The circumstances of the Bank of U. C. loan are simply these. The mayor, in conversation with me when in Montreal, had represented the great embarrassment of the City owing to the delay which would occur before the new Act came into operation; I think he mentioned that the Corporation was in debt to the Bank of Montreal to as large an amount as it could well ask. I immediately said that I was sure the Bank of Upper Canada would lend them what they wanted, and I volunteered to write to Mr. Ridout, the Cashier, on the subject. The Mayor expressed a wish that I should do so, and the result was that Mr. Ridout promptly acceded to the proposition. It is to be observed that the Bank of U. C. had not refused the corporation a loan, and yet Mr. Sexton asserts in answer to question 270 that he does not think the £18000 could have been got without my intervention. Mr. Sexton's opinions on such a subject are I apprehend of very little value. I shall be much surprised if Mr. Ridout the Cashier of the Bank makes a similar statement. Mr. Sexton arrogates to himself the pretension in answer 260, that the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee ought not to have communicated with Mr. Hincks except through him. It must be apparent throughout from the questions



put to the witnesses brought up to substantiate this charge, that there is a desire to convey the idea that some secret agreement had been entered into, of which there was no official record. The only document of any real importance was the City Treasurer's letter to me, stating the terms on which the Corporation was prepared to treat, was on record, and it was well known to every one interested that I was in communication with parties on the subject. Had I been in a position to make any offer, it would of course have been made officially and placed on record and there could have been no secrecy about it. A most disingenuous attempt to create a false impression is made in question 263. During the whole period that I had been in communication with the Corporation or any member of it, the sum asked for was only £100,000. Mr. Sexton says that the Corporation "saved the commission of two per cent which was to have been paid to Mr. Hincks," but Mr. Leeming, who negotiated with me, says in answer to questions 430 & 431, that Mr. Hincks was not an agent and was to receive no commission or other remuneration. Mr. Sexton does not state what he ought to have known and what he was bound in candour and honesty to have stated that Canadian securities had advanced even more than 2 per cent in value in the interval between the communication from the City Treasurer to me, and the final negotiation of the loan or between 19 July 1852 and 8 January 1853. In answer to question 268, Mr. Sexton, in my opinion, conveys an impression that as the value of the Corporation bonds had been augmented by the passing of the new Act, the purchasers of the bonds would have had some unexpected advantage. It must be borne in mind that the offer of 95 by Messrs. Baring, Brothers & Co., was based on the passing of this Act, and all subsequent negotiations were equally based on it, and on no other condition would any offer or any proposition to make an offer have been made. I dismiss this case, requesting the Committee to weigh the evidence of Alderman Leeming, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, with whom I communicated on all occasions most freely on the subject, and I entertain no doubt that my conduct in this transaction will be found to have been from first to last straight forward and correct. I have only in conclusion to vouch for the truth of my statements in this rather lengthy communication.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

F. HINCKS.

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**CORRESPONDENCE.**

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*The Honble. N. F. Belleau to Robert Smiley, Esq., Hamilton,  
and W. F. Meudell, Esq., Toronto.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,  
COMMITTEE ROOM,

1st Dec., 1854.

SIR,—I am to inform you that you have been referred to by George Brown, Esq., M. P. P., in his evidence before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, as his authority for the following statement, or part thereof, viz:—

“ The charge in regard to the Hamilton Post Office was, that  
“ Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills purchased, on speculation,  
“ building lots in a certain locality in the City of Hamilton ;  
“ that Mr. Mills exerted his influence to have petitions got up  
“ to the Executive, praying that the new Post Office might be  
“ erected in the very locality where he and his partners had  
“ made their investments ; and that the erection of the building  
“ in the said locality was only prevented by the fact becoming  
“ known that Members of the Administration were interested  
“ in the recent speculations and the feeling consequent thereon.”

And I am to request that you will communicate to me, for the information of the Committee, at your earliest convenience, such facts as may be within your personal knowledge in relation to the subject matter of the said statement.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. F. BELLEAU,  
Chairman.

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*The Honble. N. F. Belleau to Isaac Buchanan, Henry  
McKinstrey, and J. W. Ritchie, Esqs., Hamilton.*

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

COMMITTEE ROOM,

1st Dec., 1854.

SIR,—I am to inform you that the Select Committee of the Legislative Council, appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, are desirous of being made acquainted with any facts relating to the subject-matter of the following charge, of which you may have a personal knowledge, viz :—

“ That Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills purchased, on speculation, building lots in a certain locality in the City of Hamilton ; that Mr. Mills exerted his influence to have petitions got up to the Executive, praying that the new Post Office might be erected in the very locality where he and his partners had made their investments ; and that the erection of the building in the said locality was only prevented by the fact becoming known that Members of the Administration were interested in the recent speculations, and the feeling consequent thereon.”

You will therefore please to communicate to me, in writing, at your earliest convenience, such information on the subject as it may be in your power to afford to the Committee from personal knowledge.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. F. BELLEAU,

Chairman.

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*The Honble. N. F. Belleau to Erastus Fairbanks, Esquire, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and Erastus Corning, Esquire, of Albany, New York.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

QUEBEC, 12th Dec., 1854.

SIR,—It has been suggested to the Select Committee of this House appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, that you would probably be able to throw some light upon one of the subjects which have engaged their attention.

As Chairman of that Committee I am therefore to request that you will be good enough to state whether in the contract, in which you are said to have had an interest, for the construction of a Canal at the Sault Ste. Marie, you were concerned with any party in Canada, and if so, with whom; and whether you are aware that any Member of the Government of Canada has had any interest directly or indirectly in that work?

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N. F. BELLEAU.

A. D. Macdonell, Esq.

FROM ANGUS D. MACDONELL, ESQUIRE, OF TORONTO  
to the Honble. N. F. BELLEAU.

TORONTO, November 30th, 1854.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th October last.

In reply, I beg to state :—First. I was one of several others who sought to have constructed a Ship Canal around the Sault Saint Mary on the Canadian side. To be able to accomplish this work, we were compelled to resort to the formation of a Company, because the Government refused to undertake it; the Government having been first applied to.

A Bill to Charter a Company for the construction of the work alluded to was introduced into the legislature, in

1851, upon the petition of others and myself. That Bill was referred to a Select Committee, and by that Committee favorably reported upon. The Bill contained a clause that the work should be constructed according to such plans as the Government should approve of, and also, that the Government should have the power of assuming the work, at any time, upon re-payment to the Company of the actual outlay, and a fair interest thereon. This Bill was read a second time on the 16th day of June, 1851, and passed unanimously. When the Bill came up at its third reading, Mr. Hincks opposed its passage, and moved that it be thrown out—it was so. During the same Session two other bills were introduced, praying that a Company might be chartered.

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Both of these Bills were likewise thrown out, upon the motion of Mr. Hincks.

Resolutions calling upon the Government to construct the Canal in question unanimously passed the House.

The Government, nevertheless, refused to undertake the work; in consequence, we procured to be introduced a Bill to Charter a Company for the construction of the work. That Bill came up for its second reading on the 15th September, 1852, and it was thrown out upon the motion of the Honorable Francis Hincks; but not until he, the Prime Minister, had pledged himself that the work should be constructed by the Government, and induced many friends of the Bill to vote against chartering a Company, by declaring that the necessary amount of money for the construction of the work would be asked for in the Estimates. Mr. Hincks, after the Bill had been thrown out, declared in his place in the House, that the Government would not construct it.

I have good reason to believe that if the Bill chartering a Company had become Law, a Canal would not have been attempted on the American side, nor would the 700,000 acres of land have been granted to a Company to construct the same.

I have no personal knowledge that any of the Ministry had any interest in the Contract for the Canal upon the American side, but I am convinced of this, that the opposition of the Honorable Francis Hincks to the Bill prayed for by others and myself, was the means of preventing the construction of a Ship Canal upon the Canadian side, and thereby building one upon the American side of the Sault.

A. D. Macdonell, Esq.

Had Mr. Hincks, in his opposition to the construction of the work upon the Canada side, used any arguments, or urged any cause for his most unjust and unnecessary opposition, I could not, as I now do, feel convinced that he was actuated by some unworthy and corrupt motive.

In a communication of this nature, I could not be expected to enter fully into the details of all those circumstances which compel me to entertain the opinion which I now do, relative to the conduct of Mr. Hincks, in this matter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ANGUS D. MACDONELL.

W. F. Meudell, Esq.

FROM W. F. MEUDELL, ESQUIRE, OF TORONTO

to the Honorable N. F. BELLEAU.

TORONTO, 11th December, 1854.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 1st instant, (which I regret to state only reached me this morning,) intimating that George Brown, Esquire, M.P.P., in his evidence before a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, appointed to inquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, had referred to me as his authority for a certain statement, or part thereof, from which it appears that Mr. Brown has fallen into a grave error in supposing me to be his informant in the premises.

That "Messrs. Hincks, Morris, and Mills, purchased, on speculation, building lots, in a certain locality in the City of Hamilton," is a matter of which I have no personal knowledge, further than what I have acquired from the public newspapers, and the circumstance to which I shall presently advert.

The next part of the statement, namely, "that Mr. Mills exerted his influence to have Petitions got up to the Executive, praying that the new Post Office might be erected in the very locality where he and his partners had made their investments," I read for the first time in your letter, and never

heard it spoken of before, as a rumour or otherwise, and therefore could not have communicated the information to Mr. Brown or any one else.

W. F. Meudell, Esq.

Regarding the latter part of the statement, viz., “that the erection of the building in the said locality, was only prevented by the fact becoming known that Members of the Administration were interested in the recent speculations and the feeling consequent thereon;” Mr. Brown will surely not assert that I ever made such a statement, as nothing could be more foreign from the truth.

Amongst the thousand idle rumours that find their way into circulation when anything like a specific charge is brought against a Member or Members of any Administration, it becomes very difficult, especially after a long lapse of time, to recall to mind precisely, either what one has heard or said. At the same time, there are few persons of ordinary intelligence, who take any interest in public affairs, that can have much hesitation in recalling their own views and feelings, generally, under the circumstances indicated, and therefore I know I never could have laid myself open to be treated as authority, respecting the truth of charges preferred against the late Ministry, which were supported only by assertion, and entertained by me as mere rumours, if not malicious slanders.

I now revert to the first part of the statement, which represents Messrs. Hincks, Morris, and Mills, as purchasers of building lots in the City of Hamilton, and which for anything I know, may be true. And I do so chiefly, because you request me to communicate to you such facts as may be within my *personal knowledge*, in relation to the subject matter of the said statement.

It appears to me doubtful, whether what I am now about to state can be of any consequence to the Committee, of which you are Chairman; but it is certainly the only circumstance that has transpired in relation to the matter at issue, that has fallen within my personal knowledge.

Some time in the Summer of 1853, several Members of the late Ministry went to an Entertainment to which they had been invited at Berlin. On that occasion, I accompanied Mr. Hincks as far as Hamilton, being desirous of speaking with him upon matters of Official business. When we arrived there I stopped at the same Hotel with him, and soon afterwards he, in company

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with some other gentlemen, went over to the Post Office. Mr. Hincks was absent about twenty minutes or half an hour, and on his return, in conversation with some gentlemen, remarked, that Mr. Mills was the cause of his having anything to do with certain lots, and that he Mr. Mills, had represented that they would fast increase in value and be a good investment ; but Mr. Hincks, in very indignant terms, repudiated the idea of erecting a Post Office thereon, or on any ground in which he had an interest. Mr. Hincks did not in my presence say who had suggested the idea of building a Post Office on the lots alluded to, but my impression was that this had been suggested by some one in the Post Office from which he had just returned, and that the lots then referred to by him, are identical with those mentioned in your Communication.

I remember distinctly, some weeks after this occurrence, in conversation with Mr. Brown, relating what I have just stated ; and therefore, it appears to me strange indeed, that he could have been induced to make use of my name in the manner he has, as the very object I had in view in mentioning the circumstance was, to satisfy him that Mr. Hincks had repudiated from the outset, any proposals that may have been made to him to increase the value of lands in which he was interested, by the erection of any Public buildings thereon. And if my recollection, at this distance of time, does not deceive me, Mr. Brown told me on that occasion, that Mr. Morris was also interested in the purchase, of which report I was not previously aware.

All which is respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

W. F. MEUDELL.

J. W. Ritchie,  
Esq.

FROM J. W. RITCHIE, ESQUIRE, OF HAMILTON  
to the Honble. N. F. BELLEAU.

SIMCOE, December 16th, 1854.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the first instant, (received on the 11th,) informing me that the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to inquire into



the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration, are desirous of being made acquainted with any facts relating to the charge set forth, of which I may have any personal knowledge. J. W. Ritchie, Esq.

In reply, I beg to say, that I sold a number of Lots in the City of Hamilton, to Mr. Mills, in 1853, which, I believe, was a joint purchase with Mr. Hincks and Mr. Morris, but I am not aware that Mr. Mills exerted his influence to have petitions got up to the Executive, praying that the New Post Office might be erected in the very locality where the investment was made.

I am Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

J. W. RITCHIE.

FROM ERASTUS CORNING, ESQUIRE, OF ALBANY,  
to the Honble. N. F. BELLEAU.

E. Corning,  
Esq.

ALBANY, December 16th, 1854.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, inquiring in substance, whether in the contract for the construction of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, any party in Canada was interested with me, and whether I am aware that any Member of the Government of Canada has had any interest, directly or indirectly in that work.

In answer, I beg leave to state, That I was associated in the year 1853, with Joseph T. Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury, in the State of Vermont; John M. Forbes, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts; August Belmont, and Henry Dwight, junior, of the City and State of New York; and Thomas Dyer, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois in contracting with the State of Michigan, for constructing the Canal referred to, which contract was afterwards assigned to the St. Mary's Falls Ship Canal Company, incorporated by the State of New York, for the purpose of constructing the said Canal, and of which Company I am now, and have been since its organization, the President. That no person in Canada was then, or has at any time since, been concerned in the said contract, or in any benefits to be derived therefrom, either directly or indirectly, to the best of my knowledge, infor-

E. Corning,  
Esq.

mation, and belief; and that no person in Canada now is, or ever has been, a Stockholder on the Books of the said Company, or now has, or ever had any interest in the Stock of the said Company, either directly or indirectly, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Any charges or accusations, such as you refer to against the Members of the late Administration of Canada, in regard to the work spoken of, I consider wholly and entirely without foundation.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Yours, &c. &c. &c.

ERASTUS CORNING.

E. Fairbanks,  
Esq.

FROM ERASTUS FAIRBANKS, ESQUIRE, OF ST. JOHNSBURY,  
VERMONT,

to the Honble. N. F. BELLEAU.

ST. JOHNSBURY, VERMONT, December 18th, 1854.

SIR,—I have received your communication of the 12th instant, in which, as Chairman of a Special Committee of the Legislative Council, you inquire, “whether, in the contract for the construction of a canal at the Sault Ste Marie, the Contractors were concerned with any party in Canada, and if so with whom, and whether I am aware that any Member of the Government of Canada has had any interest directly or indirectly in that work.”

The contract with the State of Michigan for the construction of the Saint Mary’s Falls Ship Canal was originally taken by an association of American gentlemen residing in Boston, St. Johnsury, New York City, Albany, Utica, Detroit, and Chicago.

These associates were subsequently organized into a Corporation under a special Charter, granted by the Legislature of the State of New York, and the Contract was assigned to that Corporation.

It is not within my knowledge, nor do I believe, that any party in Canada was either directly or indirectly interested in the

original contract ; and I am not aware that any such party is, or has been the owner of Stock in the Corporation. E. Fairbanks,  
Esq.

Being one of the Directors of the Company, I have occasionally examined the List of Stockholders, but I have never discovered the name of any citizen of Canada.

I have the honor to be,  
Very respectfully,  
Your obedient Servant  
**ERASTUS FAIRBANKS.**

ISAAC BUCHANAN, ESQUIRE, OF TORONTO,

to the Honble. N. A. BELLEAU.

I. Buchanan,  
Esq.

HAMILTON, 13th March, 1855.

SIR,—I must apologize for not sooner (after the meeting of Parliament) answering your enquiry.

I have reason to believe that Messrs. Hincks and Morris and Mills made an investment in building lots in the vicinity of Mr. Mills' residence in this City. I know also that Mr. Mills joined his neighbours in exerting their influence to get the Post Office nearer them ; but I supposed, and still suppose, that the stake in property in that direction of Mr. Mills himself, and the still greater one of other members of his father's family, chiefly caused his anxiety, and not the aforesaid paltry investment. The corner of James and Main streets, however, could not be truthfully called in the very locality of the lots bought by Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills.

That any member of the late Government knew of, or encouraged, the movement alluded to, I do not believe ; nor do I think the well-founded opposition to the Post Office being removed further from the centre of the City was excited much by any consideration beyond the important fact itself that the old (and present) situation of the Post Office is the best. Mr. Morris, on arriving at Hamilton to fix the site of the Post Office, objected, without any hesitation, to the removal of the Post Office farther up James street than to the Gore, or open space, on King street ; while he expressed himself favorable to the old locality as being the best, all things considered. I know that Mr. Morris felt so strongly against the particular position advocated by Mr. Mills and his neighbours, that, if public opinion

I. Buchanan, Esq. could have been got to express itself in favor of that position, delay in building the Post Office would have been the consequence.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ISAAC BUCHANAN.

H. McKinstrey, Esq.

HENRY MCKINSTREY, ESQUIRE, OF HAMILTON,  
To the Honble. N. F. BELLEAU.

HAMILTON, 15th March, 1855.

SIR,—I have to apologize for not sooner replying to your letter of the 1st December last, asking for information regarding the selection of a site for a new Post Office in this City.

It was generally known here that Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills made a purchase of several building lots in the neighbourhood of Mr. Mills' residence, but I am not aware that Mr. Mills exerted his influence to have petitions got up to the Executive, praying that the new Post Office might be erected on the property he and his partners were interested in. When it became known that the Government purposed erecting a new Post Office here, an effort was made to have the building placed on the Gore or open place on King Street, as being most central; but the inhabitants having, at a public meeting, expressed their disapproval, on sanitary grounds I believe, of interfering with the open space referred to, a petition was drawn up and signed by a number of the most respectable inhabitants of the town, praying that the building might be erected on the corner of Main and James Streets (some considerable distance from the property purchased by Messrs. Hincks, Morris and Mills), because nearer the Gore, or centre of the city, than the present situation. On this ground I signed the petition, and used my best endeavours to induce Mr. Morris to give it a favorable recommendation; but his reply was, that he considered the old (and present) site in every respect more suitable, and could not be induced to recommend the change sought for.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. MCKINSTREY.

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RETURN TO AN ADDRESS  
OF THE  
THE HONBLE. THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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To His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th December last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before that Honorable House "Copies of all Petitions, Letters, Memorials and other Documents, which have been addressed to His Excellency, to the Executive Council, or to the Postmaster General of this Province, on the subject of the site to be selected for the erection of a Post Office in the City of Hamilton, together with a Copy of the Title Deeds of the land on which the Post Office of the said City was actually built."

By Command,

GEO. ET. CARTIER,  
Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Quebec, 22nd March, 1855.

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*Memorial from Merchants, Bankers and others, recommending purchase of Lot at West Corner of James and Main Streets, for new Hamilton Post Office. Hamilton, 23rd June, 1853.*

To the Honorable  
JAMES MORRIS,  
Postmaster General,  
&c., &c., &c.

The Memorial of the undersigned Merchants, Bankers, and other Inhabitants of the City of Hamilton,

*Respectfully Sheweth :—*

That having in view the contemplated erection of a Post Office in the said City, and the importance of selecting a site which shall be convenient to the Inhabitants generally, and more especially to the business portion thereof, who of necessity

are the most interested in the matter, they beg to recommend that the vacant lot situated at the West corner of James and Main streets be selected, as, in their opinion, from its proximity to the centre of the business portion of the City, the most appropriate site available for the purpose of a Post Office.

Hamilton, 23rd June, 1853.

(Signed,)

Daniel Macnab & Co.,	T. W. Gates & Co.,
A. & T. C. Kerr & Co.,	Hugh C. Baker,
Kennedy, Parker & Co.,	N. & W. Irvine,
B. Jason,	Alex. & A. Wyllie,
Jno. & Jas. Turner,	Robert Osborne,
Bellhouse, Ireland & Co.,	Geo. Sterling,
W. P. McLaren & Co.,	S. G. Patton & Co.,
James Osborne,	Colin D. Reid,
A. Logie,	Young Harvey,
John Ferrie,	J. W. A. Skinner & Co.,
Samuel Mills,	G. Osborne,
Benjamin Milner,	Duncan A. Macnab,
Gillespie, Denholm & Co.,	S. M. Aitkin & Co.,
O. Thompson,	G. M. Givern & Co.,
T. W. & T. C. Watkins,	T. Lamond,
R. & J. Roy,	Samuel Connor,
A. Booker,	John P. C. Sibbs,
Robert Kneeshaw,	James Walker,
John W. Bickle,	J. & J. White,
J. J. Ware & Co.,	D. Springer,
James W. Inman,	Mellville, Herald & Co.,
Chas. A. Sadlier,	R. B. Waddell,
T. B. & J. Harris,	D. M. Innes & Co. (per John
Murray & Macdonald,	McKinnon),
L. R. Corbey & Co.,	John M. Simons,
Bremen Newburg,	Horatio Gates,
Jno. B. Dayfoot,	Geo. Lces,
Geo. G. Cartwright,	D. Neligan,
Guon & J. W. King,	Jno. Coock,
J. & N. Myles,	James Nelles,
Mills & Wright,	M. W. B. Konm,
Wm. Craigie (of Freeman &	G. C. Thomas,
Craigie),	Josias Bray,
J. Berner & Co.,	J. Simpson,
J. Richard Thompson,	Scarth & Firth,

Geo. S. Tiffany,	James Peacock,
A. Alexander,	Clark & Whitney,
G. W. Robertson,	P. B. Spohn,
R. N. Law,	Spohn & Start,
Thos. Lee (Inspector of Agency of Bank of Montreal),	Jas. Nash,
James D. Mackay & Co.,	A. T. Distin,
L. Hewson,	Joseph Pritchard,
McKeand, Brothers & Co.,	R. H. Rae,
Wm. Blair,	Hiram Clarke,
W. S. Billings,	M. Campbell,
John Cugner,	John Smith,
	L. Stein.

*W. G. Kerr, Esq., Mayor of Hamilton, to Hon. James Morris.*

(Copy.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

HAMILTON, 27th June, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of this City held in the City Hall this day, pursuant to a requisition and public notice thereof, for the purpose of considering and recommending to the Government, for their adoption, the most suitable site for the erection of the contemplated new Post Office.

His Honor the Mayor was called to the Chair, and J. T. Gilkison requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting was numerous and influentially attended, and, after considerable discussion with reference to the various sites submitted, the enclosed resolutions were nearly unanimously adopted.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) W. G. KERR.  
Mayor.

HON. JAMES MORRIS,  
Postmaster General,  
Quebec.

(Copy.)

Moved by Isaac Buchanan, Esq., seconded by Major Bowen :

*Resolved*,—That this meeting has been informed (though not officially) that the Government has been pleased to appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a Post Office adequate to the wants and convenience of the City of Hamilton, and desires to express the thanks of the Citizens for the grant.

Moved by James Walker, Esquire, seconded by Alderman McElroy :

*Resolved*,—That the property situated in rear of the Market fronting on McNab street, and bounded on either side by Market and York streets, is the most proper site for the Post Office to be erected.

Moved by John O. Hatt, Esquire, seconded by T. N. Best, Esquire :

*Resolved*,—That His Honor the Mayor forward the foregoing resolutions to the Postmaster General, as expressive of the opinion of the Citizens of this City in public meeting assembled.

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*W. G. Kerr, Esq., Mayor of Hamilton, to the Postmaster General,  
Hon. M. Cameron.*

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Postmaster General,  
Quebec.

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Moved by James Walker, Esquire, seconded by Alderman McElroy :

*Resolved*,—That the property situated in rear of the Market fronting on MacNab street, and bounded on either side by Market and York streets, is the most proper site for the Post Office to be erected.

Moved by John O. Hatt, Esquire, seconded by T. N. Best, Esquire :

*Resolved*,—That His Honor the Mayor forward the foregoing resolutions to the Postmaster General, as expressive of the opinion of the Citizens of this City in public meeting assembled.

*W. G. Kerr, Esq., Mayor of Hamilton, to Hon. James Morris.*

(Copy.)

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

HAMILTON, 5th July, 1853.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Common Council of this City, held at the City Hall last evening, the report of a Special Committee appointed to examine

and report to the Council the most suitable site for the Erection of the contemplated new Post Office by Government was received, and after being fully discussed was adopted.

I beg to enclose you a certified copy of the report, with the resolution adopting the same subjoined.

I have &c.

(Signed,)

W. G. KERR,  
Mayor.

To the HON. JAMES MORRIS,  
Postmaster General,  
&c., &c., &c.

COPY.

Report of the Special Committee appointed to recommend a site to the Government for the Erection of the new Post Office, beg leave to report :

That after considering the different sites spoken of as being the proper location for the Post Office, your Committee have come to the conclusion, (Alderman Ford dissenting,) to recommend the Gore on King street to the favourable consideration of the Government.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,) CHARLES A. SADLEIR,  
Chairman.

Moved by Alderman Magill, seconded by Alderman Davis :  
—Resolved, that the Report of the Special Committee on Post Office be, and is hereby adopted, and that a copy of the same be forthwith forwarded to the Postmaster General.—Carried.

A true Extract from the Minutes of the City Council, at a Meeting held at the City Hall, Monday, 4th July 1853.

(Signed) JOHN KIRBY,  
City Clerk.

To the Honble. James Morris,  
Postmaster General,  
&c. &c. &c.

*Isaac Buchanan to Hon. Jas. Morris.*

(Copy.)

HAMILTON, 11th July, 1853.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am glad to hear from Mr. Ritchie, that the Post Office is to be on his lot, and I may mention that I have taken a step depending on your friendship, of a very important character, I have bought *all* the property between Mr. Ward's lot and Gore Street, (the Street leading out of James Street,) and I have bought also the balance of Mr. Ward's lot, so that what I depend on you for is to put the Post Office in a *better part* of the lot, viz : that facing Merrick Street. This involves Mr. Ritchie's house being removed at once.

Although this change will be a great ornament to the Town, still I could not have made the above arrangement without being able to depend on your doing what you can to go into my views.

I shall be glad of a line from you to say that I may suppose this arranged.

Yours, faithfully,

(Signed,) ISAAC BUCHANAN.

The Hon. James Morris,  
&c., &c., &c.

*Honble. J. Morris to Messrs. McNab, Kerr, Parker & others of  
Hamilton.*

(Copy.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 11th July, 1853.

GENTLEMEN,—In answer to your memorial of 23rd ultimo, recommending the most suitable site in your opinion for the erection of a new Post Office Building in Hamilton—

I have now to inform you that having had a personal opportunity of inspecting the several localities suggested for the above purpose, I have decided upon the vacant lot adjoining the present Post Office, as combining in size and position more

advantages than any other, and have accordingly selected it as the future site of the Office; confidently believing that the selection cannot but be approved of by you,

I am &c.

(Signed) J. MORRIS.

Messr. D. McNab & Co.

A. & T. C. Kerr & Co.

Kennedy, Parker & Co.

& others, Hamilton.

*Honble. J. Morris to W. G. Kerr, Esq., Mayor of Hamilton.*

(Copy.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 11th July, 1853.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of 27th ulto. and 5th inst. the former enclosing the Resolutions adopted at a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Hamilton with regard to the proper site for the new Post Office Building in that City, and the latter forwarding copy of a Report made by a Committee of the Common Council on the same subject.

In answer to these communications I have to inform you that after a personal inspection of the several sites offered for the purpose in question, I have decided upon selecting the lot adjoining the present Post Office, as offering a combination of advantages in size and position which cannot be secured at either of the other localities suggested: a spacious yard being one of the advantages, and almost an indispensable appendage to a City Post Office.

I cannot but express my confident hope that the selection I have made will be approved by yourself and the Citizens generally.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) J. MORRIS.

W. G. Kerr, Esq.,  
Mayor Hamilton.

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*Hon. J. Morris to E. Ritchie, Esq., P. M., Hamilton.*

(Copy.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 11th July 1853.

SIR,—With reference to your offer of the Lot of Land eighty-one feet front by one hundred and fifty-six feet six inches in depth adjoining your present residence for the sum of two thousand pounds currency, I have to inform you that I accept your proposition, and you will please have the necessary Deed of Transfer &c., executed as soon as possible. The Deed must be drawn up in favor of Her Majesty.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) J. MORRIS,  
P. M., General.

Edmund Ritchie, Esq.,  
P. M., Hamilton.

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*E. Ritchie, Esq., to Hon. J. Morris.*

(Copy.)

HAMILTON, 12th July, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—On Saturday morning I completed my arrangement with Mr. D. B. Ford for the purchase of the property on which I reside, and telegraphed Mr. Freer to inform you thereof.

Since my return I have sold the whole to Mr. Isaac Buchanan, with the exception of the portion under offer to you for the Department.

Mr. Buchanan has also purchased the corner lot adjoining the portion alluded to; and with a view of having his block entire, on which he intends erecting premises to carry on his business, he has written to you to ask if you would agree to place the Office on the other corner of the property, he arranging with me for the difference in value. You will observe that this latter site is still more eligible than the one already spoken of, as the buildings will front directly on the street running past the City Hotel towards Sir Allan MacNab's residence, and on entering the City from that quarter it will present a very impos-

ing appearance. You will, perhaps, better understand the position when I state, the commencement of this lot is at the entrance gate, and takes the whole of the house : it is exactly the same size, and I would recommend the exchange which Mr. Buchanan proposes ; at the same time it is proper for me to state that it can in no way interfere with my sale to Mr. B., which is absolute.

I remain, &c.,

(Signed,) EDMUND RITCHIE.

The Hon. JAMES MORRIS,  
Postmaster General,  
Quebec.

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*E. Ritchie, Esq., to Hon. J. Morris.*

(Copy.)

HAMILTON, 18th July, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—I duly received your letter of 11th instant, accepting my offer of lot for Post Office in this City for the sum of Two thousand pounds cy., and subsequently your telegraph message to the effect that you would exchange the purchase for Southern half of the property, and which I consider the more advantageous portion. I will lose no time in having the deed prepared. The 20th of this month is the day fixed for the completion of my arrangement with Mr. Ford, and in case of anything occurring to prevent his coming here or to cause delay, I have deposited to his credit in Bank here Two thousand pounds cy., the amount to be paid down, and by this morning's post sent him certificate of same.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) EDMUND RITCHIE.

Hon. JAMES MORRIS,  
Postmaster General,  
Brockville.

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*E. Ritchie, Esq., to Hon. James Morris.*

(Copy.)

HAMILTON, 25th July, 1853.

DEAR SIR,—Mr. D. B. Ford writes that he takes his family to the sea-side, and then returns by Hamilton to complete his arrangement with me. I have since heard that he left Brockville on the 21st instant, so that I look for him in two or three days.

Will you please inform me whether you intend to proceed with the new building this season, as in that case Mr. Buchanan must commence pulling down the house immediately, and I must look out for another residence.

I am, Sir, &c., &c.,

(Signed,) EDMUND RITCHIE,

HON. JAMES MORRIS,  
Postmaster General,  
Brockville.

*Secretary of Post Office Department to Secretary of Public Works Department.*

(Copy.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 20th Sept. 1853.

SIR,—I am directed to transmit the inclosed Deed and Registrar's Certificate of Title for the lot acquired as a site for the Hamilton Post Office on which payment remains to be made of two thousand pounds to Mr. E. Ritchie the party from whom the land was bought.

I beg to add that Mr. Ritchie solicits prompt payment as the price was understood to be cash.

I have &c.,

(Signed) W. H. GRIFFIN,  
Secretary.

Thomas A. Begly, Esq.,  
Secretary Dept. Public Works.

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*W. H. Griffin, Esq., Secretary of Post Office Department to  
E. Ritchie, Esq.*

(Copy.)

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

QUEBEC, 28th Decr. 1853.

SIR,—Under the circumstances described by you, in your letter of the 18th instant, the Postmaster General concurs with you in the opinion that it will be better to acquire the lot offered by Mr. Buchanan in rear of the Hamilton Post office lot as an addition to it—and you are authorized to conclude the purchase accordingly—it being understood that the Buchanan lot will measure 40 feet wide through to Hughson street, and that the price will be substantially the same as for the Rebecca street lot.

To save time you were telegraphed to the above effect under this day's date.

I am &c.,

(Signed) W. H. GRIFFIN,  
Secretary.

E. Ritchie, Esq.,  
P. M., Hamilton.

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*E. Ritchie, Esq., to Hon. M. Cameron.*

(Copy.)

POST OFFICE,

HAMILTON, 20th June, 1854.

SIR,—I now beg to transmit the Deed from Mr. Buchanan to Her Majesty of the 40 feet of land on Hughson street, purchased to complete the Post Office site. On the whole property, when sold by me to Messrs. Buchanan, Harris & Co., there were certain mortgages, of which one remains unpaid for £450, due 1st November next, and the money for this portion, for which the Deed is now sent, is to be applied in liquidation thereof.

I have also to mention there is still due to Mr. Ford, of Brockville, a portion of the purchase money from Messrs. Buchanan & Co., which I will mention below. You will



observe, however, that the covenant of Mr. Buchanan covers this as an act of his which the former mortgage about to be paid off was not. Of course it would have been better and more regular that Mr. Ford's mortgage on this portion should also have been released; but I have no influence to effect this, and as to Buchanan & Co., they cannot be expected to be at any outlay or inconvenience in the matter. They sell the land altogether as a matter of favor to the Department, and do not require the money to be paid to them, allowing it to be appropriated, as I have said, in liquidation of the mortgage held by the Gore Bank; and this mortgage once out of the way, as I have explained, Buchanan, Harris & Co., for whom Mr. Buchanan holds, are bound for the deed. Mr. Morris, if you wish it, may be able to get Mr. Ford to release this portion after that gentleman sees that in no circumstance he can get the proceeds of the sale he is aiming at, which is no doubt the cause of his unwillingness to release, altho' in point of fact the matter is not of any moment, even if the Post Office itself was about to be erected on this particular spot, Mr. Buchanan's covenant being ample security to the Government.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) EDMUND RITCHIE.

The Hon. MALCOLM CAMERON,  
&c., &c., &c.

*Deed by Edmund Ritchie & wife, to Her Majesty Queen Victoria,  
Dated 12th August, 1853,*

This indenture, Tripartite, made the 12th day of August 1853, in pursuance of the Act to facilitate conveyance of real property between Edmund Ritchie of the City of Hamilton in the County of Wentworth and Province of Canada, Esquire, of the first part, Caroline Ritchie, of the same place, wife of the said party of the first part, of the second part, and Our Sovereign Lady Victoria of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen defender of the Faith, Witnesseth, that in consideration of the Sum of Two thousand Pounds of lawful money of Canada, now paid by the said party of the third part

to the said party of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby by him acknowledged, he, the said party of the first part, doth grant unto the said party of the third part, Her Heirs and Successors for ever, all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, in the District of the said Province, containing by admeasurement one rood and twenty-two perches, be the same more or less, being composed of lot No. 56, on the east side of James street, in that part of the City of Hamilton laid out into lots by the late Nathaniel Hughson, and may be fully known and described as follows, that is to say: commencing on the easterly margin of James street aforesaid and at the distance of 80 feet 9 inches and one third of an inch from the intersection of the Northerly margin of Rebecca street, in the survey aforesaid; thence, along the easterly margin of James street, on a course north 18 degrees east, 80 feet 9 inches and one third of an inch; thence, south, 65 degrees 45 minutes east, parallel to Rebecca street aforesaid, 155 feet 4 inches more, or less, to the north-easterly angle of said lot 56; thence, south, 18 degrees west, parallel to said James street, 80 feet 9 inches and one third of an inch; thence, north, 65 degrees 45 minutes west, 155 feet 4 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning. To have and to hold unto the said party of the third part, Her Heirs and Successors, to and for Her and their sole and only use for ever, subject nevertheless to the reservations, limitations provisoes and conditions, expressed in the original grant thereof from the crown. The said party of the first part, covenants with the said party of the third part, that he has the right to convey the said lands to the said party of the third part notwithstanding any act of the said party of the first part. And that the said party of the third part shall have quiet possession of the said lands, free from all incumbrances. And that the said party of the first part will execute such further assurances of the said lands as may be requisite. And that he will produce the Title Deeds enumerated hereunder and allow copies to be made of them at the expense of the said part of the third part. And the said party of the first part has done no act to encumber the said lands. And the said party of the first part releases to the said party of the third part, all his claims upon the said lands. And the said party of the second part, wife of the said party of the first part, hereby Bars her Dower in the said lands.

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In witness whereof the said party hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

(Signed,) EDMUND RITCHIE.  
( " ) CAROLINE RITCHIE.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

(Signed,) F. E. RITCHIE.

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A Memorial of the within Indenture is recorded in the Registry Office for the County of Wentworth this 15th day of August A. D. 1853, at half past twelve o'clock noon, in Liber E. City of Hamilton, folio 204 and 305. Memorial No. 325.

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QUEBEC :—Printed by S. DERBISHIRE and G. DESBARATS,  
Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

## APPENDIX No. 3.

## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 30th March, 1855, praying for Copies of all Despatches and Correspondence since the re-union of the Provinces, between the Governor General of Canada and the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, on the subject of the selection of a site for the Seat of Government for this Province.

(Copy.)—No. 10.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 28th September, 1841.

My Lord,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne, an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of this Province, on the subject of the Seat of Government.

Two similar Addresses had been previously presented to the Governor General, by the Inhabitants of *Toronto*, and in forwarding the present Address, which was adopted in the last few days of the Session, after a large proportion of the Members had left *Kingston*, and then only by a small majority, it is my duty to state to your Lordship that, as far as I can learn, this question excites but little interest in any place besides *Toronto*. The Inhabitants of *Quebec*, though naturally regretting the removal of the Seat of Government from their City, have apparently acquiesced in the reasonableness of that measure; at any rate they have taken no active steps to urge the matter on the consideration of the Government.

The prayer of the present Petition is, that the Parliament should be summoned for alternate periods of four years at *Toronto* and *Quebec*; an arrangement which would of course involve a quadrennial removal of the Executive Departments. The impracticability of such an arrangement, from the expense attending it, must be evident to every one—and of the inconvenience and interruption to business which it must create, we have had sufficient experience in the removal during last spring from *Montreal* to this place. This inconvenience too would be annually increasing as the Records of the Departments grew in bulk, until even if there were no other difficulty, this alone would render the proposed scheme impossible.

There are many other objections to the proposal, which it seems scarcely necessary to point out, considering that the single advantage which it is proposed to obtain at so great a sacrifice, is an indemnity for their supposed loss to the Inhabitants of *Toronto* and *Quebec*. But I would observe that the Petition of the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada* to the Crown, which accompanied the Resolutions on the Union of the Provinces, merely prayed that the Seat of Government should be within the limits of the Upper Province, a prayer that has been fully complied with; the present demand is altogether of a different character, and supported on different and more questionable arguments.

I cannot therefore recommend that Her Majesty should be advised to comply with the prayer of this Address.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      R. D. JACKSON.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,

&c.   &c.   &c.

(Copy.)—No. 15.

*Downing* Street, 2nd November, 1841.

Sir,—I have received Sir *Richard Jackson's* Despatch, No. 10, of the 28th of September, forwarding an Address to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, praying Her Majesty to order the Provincial Parliament to be held alternately at the Cities of *Quebec* and *Toronto*.

I have had the honor to lay that Address before the Queen, and I have received Her Majesty's commands to instruct you to acquaint the House of Assembly, that Her Majesty is always desirous, so far as may be possible, of consulting the wishes of Her Loyal Subjects in *Canada*, deliberately entertained and constitutionally expressed through their Representatives in the House of Assembly; but that the establishment of *Kingston* as the Seat of the United Legislature was not adopted

without full consideration, and that a change involving among other consequences largely increased expenditure, ought not to be sanctioned, except upon the clearest necessity, and the general sense of the Province unequivocally expressed in its favor. Many and serious objections attach to the proposal for holding Sessions for alternate periods of four years each at distinct and distant places, which, upon reconsideration, Her Majesty can hardly doubt will induce the House of Assembly to take a different view from that which is expressed in the Address now submitted to Her Majesty.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable  
 Sir CHARLES BAGOT, G.C.B.,  
 &c. &c. &c.

EXTRACT from a Despatch of Governor General Sir CHARLES BAGOT, G.C.B.,  
 to Lord STANLEY, dated 19th January, 1842.

Her Majesty's Government can of course have no interest in the locality of Government of *Canada*, provided it be in a position where the Records and Offices will be secure, and which may be acceptable to the great bulk of the population.

There is no fear that the proposition of last Session, for alternate Parliaments at *Quebec* and *Toronto* should be renewed, indeed had any other proposal by which to get away from *Kingston* been brought forward, that proposition would probably not have been carried. But there appears to be an increasing desire that the permanent Seat of Government should be fixed either at *Montreal* or *Quebec*; the former as the most central, the most populous, and the most accessible town in the Province: the latter as the strongest, and as already possessing a great portion of the necessary Buildings.

*Montreal* has undoubtedly many advantages. It is a very large and growing City, containing from 45,000 to 50,000 inhabitants, and capable therefore of accommodating any number of strangers who might resort to it. It is at the head of the Sea Navigation, and is accessible from the Sea for about three weeks later than *Kingston* is by the *Rideau* Canal, and it is removed from the Frontier, and, therefore, although not defensible in itself, perfectly secure from a *coup de main*, and within less than twelve hours of *Quebec*, to which, in case of necessity, the Government and the Public Archives could be removed. All the Members from *Lower Canada* would naturally prefer *Montreal* to *Kingston*, and so also would the Members from the Eastern part of *Upper Canada*.

(Copy.)—No. 209.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 8th October, 1842.

My Lord,—I have the honor to inform your Lordship that on the 28th ultimo I transmitted, in a Message to the House of Assembly, Her Majesty's Answer to the Address of that House, adopted last Session, relative to the Seat of Government, as communicated in your Lordship's Despatch of the 2nd November last, No. 15.

The result was that on the 5th instant a motion was made in the form of two Resolutions, brought forward by an independent British Member, to the effect, first—of declaring the undoubted prerogative of Her Majesty to fix the said Seat, and secondly, of condemning *Kingston* as the locality for it, and the present Parliament Buildings as insufficient and incommodious.

The course of the House is shewn in the enclosed paper, printed by its order. The first Resolution was carried in the affirmative. Before passing the second, propositions were made and divisions were taken upon the propriety of expressing a preference in favor of the Towns of *Toronto*, *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and *Bytown*, but the motions were negatived on the double ground that their adoption would stultify the first Resolution, and that it was impossible to induce the House so far to agree upon the choice of a substitute for *Kingston* as to furnish a majority large enough to mark the feeling of the public upon the subject, and to have an influence upon Her Majesty's determination.

The division on the several Resolutions finally took a sectional character. Twenty Members, all belonging to *Upper Canada*, opposed it, and forty Members, of whom seven were Upper Canadians, supported it.

The question, thus your Lordship will perceive, is left in the same position as before; and it is not my intention to recommend to Her Majesty to take any steps in the matter, until some strong sense of public convenience or public policy, or some more definite expression of the general feeling of the Province shall lead me to pronounce an opinion upon the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      CHARLES BAGOT.

The Lord STANLEY,

&c.   &c.   &c.

(Copy.)—No. 272.

Downing Street, 11th November, 1842.

Sir,—I have received your Despatches No. 209, and Confidential of the eighth of October, communicating to me the proceedings of the House of Assembly during their last Session, relative to the removal of the Seat of Government in *Canada*, from *Kingston* to some other Town.

I think that you have acted wisely in abstaining from any public step on this subject ; but as the question must be definitely settled at no very distant period, I would suggest to you the propriety of making up your own mind, with the aid of your Executive Council, on the point, in order that you may be prepared to guide public opinion whenever the measure may be brought into discussion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable

Sir C. BAGOT, G.C.B.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 232.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 9th November, 1842.

My Lord,—I have the honor at the request of the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of *Kingston*, to transmit to your Lordship an Address from that body to the Queen, praying that Her Majesty will make some further communication to them respecting the Seat of Government in this Province.

The Mayor, who is about to proceed to *England*, has expressed a wish to be permitted to take charge of the Address, and of my Despatch accompanying it, but I have conceived it more expedient to adhere to my instructions, and to the practice with regard to the transmission of such documents.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) CHARLES BAGOT.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.



(Copy.)—No. 295.

*Downing Street, 3rd December, 1842.*

Sir,—I have received your Despatch, No. 232, of the 9th ultimo, enclosing an Address to the Queen, from the Corporation of *Kingston*; praying that Her Majesty would make some further communication to them, respecting the Seat of Government in *Canada*.

I have to instruct you to acquaint the Corporation, that I have had the honor to lay their Address before the Queen, and that Her Majesty received it very graciously; but that I have not been able to advise Her Majesty to issue any commands on the subject.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      STANLEY.

The Right Honorable  
Sir C. T. METCALFE, G.C.B.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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No. 101.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 19th October, 1843.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Copy of a Petition, numerously signed, presented to me by the Mayor of *Kingston*, as having been agreed to at a Public Meeting assembled for the purpose of passing Resolutions on the Seat of Government question, and of receiving Mr. *Harrison's* explanation to his Constituents of his reasons for resigning his Seat in the Executive Council and his office of Provincial Secretary.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      C. T. METCALFE.

The Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 106.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 26th October, 1843.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Copy of a Petition transmitted to me from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Oxford* and District of *Brock*, in *Upper Canada*, relating to the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 107.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 26th October, 1843.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Copy of an Address presented to me on the part of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the Town of *Kingston*, relating to the permanent location of the Seat of Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 108.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 26th October, 1843.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Copy of Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the District of *Gore*, in *Upper Canada*, held at *Hamilton*, relating to the permanent location of the Seat of Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 113.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 27th October, 1843.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Copy of a Memorial from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Adolphustown*, in *Upper Canada*, on the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 116.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 2nd November, 1843.

My Lord,—I submit a Copy of a Petition presented to me by a numerous Deputation on the part of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Fron-tenac*, in *Upper Canada*, with signatures, said to be 1740 in number, on the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 117.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 2nd November, 1843.

My Lord,—I submit a Copy of an Address received from the District of *Colborne*, in *Upper Canada*, on the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 119.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 4th November, 1843.

My Lord,—I submit Copies of the Votes, Proceedings, and Divisions, of the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, on the question of the permanent location of the Seat of Government. To the names of Members, marks have been affixed, shewing the Section of the Province which they represent, viz. : L. for *Lower*, and U. for *Upper Canada*. The largest Minority, *i.e.*, 29 to 50, was on an Amendment moved to refer the question to be decided by Her Majesty's Government. After Divisions on several Amendments, one in favor of *Kingston*, one for *Upper Canada*, and one for an appeal to the sense of the people, the motion in favor of *Montreal* was carried, by 51 to 27. A second Resolution pledging the House to provide the requisite expense of the removal, was carried by 55 to 22.

2. The largest number that divided was 79, being only 5 short of the complete House. Of the 5 who did not vote the Speaker was one; Mr. *Ogden*; absent in *England*, another; Mr. *Moffat*, Member for the City of *Montreal*, the third, he having previously resigned his seat, in consequence of his constituents calling on him to vote in favor of that place. Mr. *Murney*, elected Member for the County of *Hastings*, who had not been returned in time, was the fourth; he would, it is understood, have voted with the minority, in favor of *Upper Canada*. The fifth was Mr. *Noel*, who appears not to have voted on either side on that particular Amendment, although in every subsequent division he voted with the majority in favor of *Montreal*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 121.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 9th November, 1843.

My Lord,— I have already reported the Resolutions of the Legislative Assembly, in favor of the location of the Seat of Government at *Montreal*.

2. The Assembly subsequently sent a Message to the Legislative Council, inviting them to concur in an Address to Her Majesty to the same effect.

3. When it was determined by a majority of the Legislative Council to take this Message into consideration. The Votes being 18 to 13, the minority protested against that Resolution as a violation of Parliamentary usage, the question having been disposed of by a previous Address, and withdrew from the House, with the

avowed intention of seceding at least during the agitation of the Seat of Government question.

4. The Speaker was among the seceders, and as he persevered in his determination, I was under the necessity of appointing a new Speaker. I have in consequence issued a Commission to Mr. *Caron*, as the most efficient Member of the Legislative Council available, appointing him to the Chair.

5. The Legislative Council having resumed its proceedings, after the nomination of a Speaker, concurred with the Legislative Assembly in the proposed measure, and I am to receive both Houses to-morrow with their Joint Address.

6. I enclose a Copy of the protest above referred to. I regret the conduct of the minority in deserting their posts. That of the Speaker especially was calculated to produce considerable embarrassment. They could not reasonably have expected that the real majority of their body would allow the stratagem to succeed by which the minority had obtained a momentary superiority. I hope that the seceders will return to the exercise of their functions when they see that the question so warmly disputed has been settled. Several, however, have quitted *Kingston*, and returned to their homes at a distance. If they persist in abandoning the field to their adversaries, they will have themselves to blame for the consequences of such neglect of their duty to their County.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 123.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 10th November, 1843.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Joint Address from the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of *Canada* to Her Majesty, recommending that the Seat of Government of the Province be established at *Montreal*, and engaging to supply the sums required for the necessary expenditure, if Her Majesty should be pleased to order that arrangement to be carried into effect.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)      C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,

&c. &c. &c.

No. 125.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 11th November, 1843.

My Lord,—I learn from public report that at a meeting held at this place it has been resolved to send Delegates to *England* with a view to endeavour to prevent the removal of the Seat of Government from *Kingston* to *Montreal*. I will address your Lordship again when it is known who are appointed to this mission. In the mean time I have considered it my duty to apprise you of the intention.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 120.

*Downing* Street, 17th November, 1843.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 101, of the 19th ultimo, enclosing the Copy of an Address which had been presented to you by the Mayor of *Kingston*, in behalf of the Public Meeting from which it proceeded, relative to the removal of the Seat of Government in *Canada* from that City, and the retirement of Mr. *Harrison* from the Public Service.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable  
Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 133.

*Downing* Street, 3rd December, 1843.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches Nos. 113, 116, and 117, of the 27th October, and 2nd November, enclosing Copies of communications which have been addressed to you, on the subject of the Seat of Government in *Canada*, by the Inhabitants of the Township of *Adolphustown*, by the Free-

holders and Inhabitants of the County of *Frontenac*, and by the Inhabitants of the *Colborne* District, in *Upper Canada*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Governor the Right Honorable

Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart.,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 132.

*Downing* Street, 2nd December, 1843.

Sir,—I have laid before the Queen the Joint Address of the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled enclosed in your Despatch of the 10th November, 1843, No. 123, in which the Houses of the Provincial Parliament submit to the Queen their opinion that it is expedient that the Seat of Her Majesty's Provincial Government for *Canada* should be at the City of *Montreal*, and assure Her Majesty that upon Her Majesty, in the Gracious exercise of Her Royal Prerogative, giving directions for the location of it at that place, the Houses pledge themselves to provide the necessary supply for the expenditure which may be expected to attend the establishment of the Seat of Government at that City.

The Queen having taken this Address into Her consideration, and adverting to the terms of the Act of the Imperial Parliament for re-uniting the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*, has been pleased to command me to instruct you to acquaint the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, that, in compliance with their expressed wish and opinion, it is Her Majesty's pleasure that the City of *Montreal* be henceforward the place of the habitual residence of yourself and your successors in the Government of *Canada*; that it is Her Majesty's further pleasure that the future Sessions of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province be holden at *Montreal*, subject of course to the strict observance of the Provisions of the Statute already mentioned respecting the selection of the proper place or places for that purpose.

The Queen is further pleased to direct you to acquaint the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly that Her Majesty accepts their offer of providing the necessary supplies for the expenditure which may be attendant on this measure, and will give the necessary orders for ensuring the effective and economical application of any such Funds in executing the service for which they may be so appropriated.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

The Right Honorable

Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B.,

&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)—No. 122.

Downing Street, 17th November, 1843.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches, Nos. 106, 107, 108, of the 26th ultimo, enclosing Copies of Communications which had been submitted to you on the subject of the Seat of Government in *Canada*, by the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Oxford* and District of *Brock*, by the Corporation of *Kingston*, and by the Inhabitants of the District of *Gore*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Right Honorable

Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 129.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 18th November, 1843.

My Lord,—I submit a Copy of an Address this day presented to me from the Municipal Council of the *Midland* District, in which *Kingston* is situated, relating to the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Right Honorable

Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 140.

Downing Street, 17th December, 1843.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 129, of the 18th ultimo, enclosing the Copy of an Address which had been presented to you by the Municipal Council of the *Midland* District, on the subject of the future Seat of Government in *Canada*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Right Honorable

Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart., G.C.B.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 147.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 16th December, 1843.

My Lord,—I submit an Address received by me from the Warden and Council of the Western District of *Upper Canada*, on the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable  
Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 160.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 26th December, 1843.

My Lord,—I submit herewith a Copy of an Address which I have received from the Inhabitants of the Township of *Mountain*, in the Eastern District of *Upper Canada*, upon the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable  
Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 10.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 13th January, 1844.

My Lord,—I submit an Address and Copy of Resolutions which I have received from the County of *Lanark*, in *Upper Canada*, on the Seat of Government question.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

The Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 152.

Downing Street, 12th January, 1844.

Sir,—I have received your Despatches, Numbers 147 and 160, of the 16th and 26th ultimo, forwarding Copies of two Addresses relative to the Seat of Government in *Canada*, which had been presented to you by the Warden and Council of the Western District of *Upper Canada*, and by the Inhabitants of the Township of *Mountain*, in the Eastern District of that Division of *Canada*.

You will (if necessary) acquaint the authors of those Addresses that the decision of Her Majesty on this question had been adopted and communicated to you before the receipt here of those Addresses.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Governor, the Right Honorable  
Sir C. T. METCALFE, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 168.

Downing Street, 24th February, 1844.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 10, of the 13th January, enclosing an Address and Copy of Resolutions which had been presented to you from the County of *Lanark*, in Western *Canada*, on the subject of the Seat of Government in the Province.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Right Honorable  
Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 35.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Kingston*, 22nd February, 1844.

My Lord,—I have the honor to submit a Petition to Her Majesty, from a number of the Inhabitants of *Upper Canada*, praying that the Seat of Government of this Province may not be removed from *Kingston* to *Montreal*.

Mr. *Cartwright*, respecting whom I address your Lordship separately, will be the bearer of a Copy of this Petition.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) C. T. METCALFE.

Right Honorable  
Lord STANLEY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 192.

Downing Street, 30th March, 1844.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch No. 35, of the 22nd ultimo, transmitting a Petition to the Queen from various Inhabitants of *Upper Canada*, praying that the Seat of Government may not be removed from *Kingston* to *Montreal*. I have also received your confidential Despatch of the 25th February, on the subject of that Petition.

At the request of Mr. *Cartwright*, the Agent of the Petitioners, the Petition was given to him that he might present it to Her Majesty at the Levee, holden on the 20th instant.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) STANLEY.

Right Honorable  
Sir CHARLES METCALFE, Bart.,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 55.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Montreal*, 29th May, 1849.

My Lord,—I have the honor to transmit herewith for your Lordship's information, the Copy of an Address presented to me by the Legislative Assembly on the subject of the removal of the Seat of Government from *Montreal*, with a Copy of my reply. The Address was founded on Resolutions moved in the Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood* an eminent Member of the Conservative Party, and Attorney General for *Canada West*, in my late Administration.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Right Honorable  
Earl GREY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 392.

Downing Street, 11th July, 1849.

My Lord,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches No. 55, of the 29th May, transmitting an Address from the Legislative Assembly, together with your reply, on the subject of the removal of the Seat of Government from *Montreal*; and No. 68, of the 14th June, enclosing a Copy of a Resolution of the Legislative Council on the project of holding alternate Parliaments at *Quebec* and *Toronto*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) GREY.

Right Honorable

The Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 65.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Montreal*, 11th June, 1849.

My Lord,—I have the honor to transmit for your Lordship's information the Copy of a Letter from the Mayor of the City of *Kingston*, accompanied by a Copy of a Petition to Her Majesty from the City Council, which has been entrusted to him for presentation to your Lordship, praying that the Seat of Government of *Canada* may be fixed at that place.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Right Honorable

The Earl GREY,  
&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.)

*Kingston*, 1st June, 1849.

Sir,—I have the honor to request that you will be pleased to lay before His Excellency the Governor General for the purpose of being transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying Copy of a Petition to the Queen.

I beg most respectfully to ask that His Excellency will be pleased, by the ensuing mail, to inform the Colonial Secretary of the request, that I may be permitted as Mayor of this City, accompanied by a Member of the City Council, to have the honor of presenting the Petition in *London*, and also, that I may be indulged with an interview at the Colonial Office. I expect to sail from *Boston* on Wednesday next, in the Mail Steamer.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)            F. M. HILL.

Major CAMPBELL,  
     Private Secretary,  
             &c.    &c.    &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 391.

*Downing Street, 11th July, 1849.*

My Lord,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 11th June, transmitting the Copy of a Letter from the Mayor of the City of *Kingston*, accompanied by the Copy of a Petition to Her Majesty from the City Council, praying that the Seat of Government in *Canada* may be restored to that place.

In compliance with the request preferred by the Mayor in the letter addressed to your Secretary, I have granted that gentleman an interview, but in my opinion the question which has brought him to this Country can best be decided by the local Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)            GREY.

Right Honorable  
     The Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,  
             &c.    &c.    &c.

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(Copy.)—No. 417.

*Downing Street, 14th September, 1849.*

My Lord,—I have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Despatch of the 20th August, No. 99, transmitting the Copy of a Letter addressed to the Provincial Secretary of *Canada*, by the Police Magistrates of *Montreal*, reporting the

occurrence of disturbances on the occasion of the arrest of certain persons charged with having destroyed the Parliament House, in April last.

I have received, with great regret, the intelligence of these fresh interruptions of the public peace in *Montreal*, and I cannot withhold the expression of my opinion that the existence of such a spirit of insubordination in that City would appear to render it a very unfit place for the Seat of the Provincial Government, and for the meeting of the Legislature.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) GREY.

The Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Toronto*, 18th November, 1849.

My Lord,—With reference to your Lordship's Despatch, No. 417, of the 14th September, in which you express the opinion that the extent of insubordination existing in the City of *Montreal*, would appear to render it a very unfit place for the Seat of the Provincial Government and for the meeting of the Legislature. I have the honor to report that I have resolved, on the advice of my Council, and after full and anxious deliberation, to act on the recommendation of the House of Assembly conveyed in the Address of which a Copy was transmitted to your Lordship in my Despatch, No. 55, of the 29th May, and with that view to summon the Provincial Parliament for the next Session at *Toronto*.

2. Exception is taken to the system of alternating Parliaments on various grounds, chiefly on that of its alleged inconvenience and expense. It is to be observed however, on this head, that buildings which with moderate additions and repairs may be fitted for the uses of Parliament and of the Departments of State, exist both at *Toronto* and *Quebec*, while the *St. Lawrence* and its Canals afford the greatest facilities for the cheap and expeditious conveyance of the records of Government between these two points. Looking to these facts, and to the considerations of public policy advanced in the Address of the Assembly, I am disposed to believe that the advantages attending this arrangement will be found in practice to outweigh its inconveniences.

3. I enclose a Copy of the Minute of the Executive Council embodying the 18th October, 1849. decision of this Government on the subject of the removal of the Seat of Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

Right Honorable  
Earl GREY,  
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.)

COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council, dated 18th October, 1849, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the same day.

The Committee of the Executive Council have had under consideration upon your Excellency's reference, the Resolution of the Honorable the Legislative Council, and also the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of last Session, on the subject of the place at which the future Sessions of the Provincial Parliament should be holden, together with your Excellency's answer to the latter; and the Committee most respectfully beg leave to report, that after the best consideration that they have been able to give the matter, they see no sufficient grounds arising out of any thing that has transpired since the Prorogation of Parliament to lead them to a different conclusion upon this question from that arrived at by the Popular Branch of the Legislature in their Address. The Committee therefore respectfully advise your Excellency that the recommendation of the House of Assembly that Parliament be in future convened, alternately, at *Toronto* and *Quebec*, during periods not exceeding four years at each place, be adopted and acted upon.

As it would be manifestly most inconvenient to have the Public Archives and the Departments of State at a different place from that at which the Parliament is to sit, the Committee conceive that the adoption of the views of the House of Assembly in this particular leads of necessity to the removal of those Archives and Departments to the place at which Parliament is to be assembled. They therefore conceive it expedient that the place where it may be your Excellency's pleasure to summon Parliament for the next Session should be decided upon, and the necessary steps taken for the removal of the Public Departments thither with as little delay as possible, and they are respectfully of opinion that under all circumstances it will be most expedient that such removal should, in the first instance, be to the City of *Toronto*, for the period of the constitutional duration of the pre-

sent Parliament, and that the quadrennial periods of alternation be commenced with the removal to *Quebec* at the expiration of that time.

The Committee would also recommend that in order to prevent any misapprehension as to the full intention of the Government and Parliament to carry out strictly the principal of an alternate periodical residence in each section of the Province, estimates be prepared and submitted to Parliament at the next Session for making such alterations and additions in and to the Public Buildings both in *Toronto* and *Quebec* as may be necessary for the accommodation of the Representative of the Sovereign, the Departments of State, and both Houses of Parliament in each of those Cities.

The Committee are also of opinion, that the Honorable the Commissioners of Public Works be charged with the removal of the Public Archives and property to *Toronto*, and with the making the necessary temporary arrangements there for the reception and accommodation of your Excellency, the Public Departments, and both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, and that accountable Warrants to an amount not exceeding in the whole the sum of £3,000, be from time to time issued to them to cover the necessary expense of such removal and arrangements.

With respect to the expense of removing the Public Officers, their families and effects, the Committee would advise that the course followed on the removal from *Kingston*, in 1844, be adopted on the present occasion; that the payment of such expense out of the Public Funds should be favorably recommended by your Excellency to Parliament at the next Session, and that in the mean time these different parties be informed that transport will be provided for them by the Commissioners of Public Works, with whom they must communicate on the subject, and that should the Legislature not approve of its being done at the public expense, the respective amounts paid on their account will be deducted from their salaries falling due on the 1st July next.

The Committee also respectfully recommend that the substance of this Minute be communicated by Mr. Secretary *Leslie* to the Heads of the different Public Departments, for the information of themselves, their Officers and Clerks.

Certified.

(Signed,) J. JOSEPH, Clerk,  
C.E.C.



(Copy.)—No. 442.

*Downing Street, 1st January, 1850.*

My Lord,—I have had the honor to receive your Lordship's Despatch and its enclosure, No. 113, of 18th November, reporting that you had resolved, on the advice of your Council and after full and anxious deliberation, to act on the recommendation of the House of Assembly on the subject of the place at which the future Sessions of the Provincial Parliament should be held, and Summon the next Parliament to meet at *Toronto*.

As the Assembly in their Address of which you transmitted me a Copy on the 29th of last May, proposed this arrangement, I have only to express my hope that it may prove successful, and my approbation of your Lordship's determination to act upon the opinion expressed to you by the Representatives of the people of *Canada*.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) GREY.

Right Honorable

The Earl of ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,

&c. &c. &c.

## APPENDIX No. 4.

## RETURN

To an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council, to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 23rd ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, "a Statement of the Debentures and other Securities deposited in the hands of the Honorable the Receiver General or of any other person, under and in virtue of the provisions of the Act 13 and 14 Vict. cap. 21, commonly called "the Free Banking Act," and of any other Acts, since their coming into operation, on which Debentures, Bank Notes, have been issued, the statement shewing:—

"1st. The Names of the Persons or Incorporated Banks that have deposited the said Debentures or Securities."

"2nd. The amount deposited by each Person or Incorporated Bank, what kinds of Debentures, and to what amount of each kind."

"3rd. What amount of Notes the Government has issued in return to each Person and to each Incorporated Bank."

"4th. Whether the said Debentures or Securities have been received at par by the said Receiver General, or whether, in all cases, the issue of Notes by the Government has exactly corresponded with the amount of each Debenture or Security—whether any kinds of the said Debentures or Securities have been received below par, and if so, to what amount, and from what Person or Incorporated Bank."

"5th. Whether any Debentures or Securities have been withdrawn and of what kind, to what amount, and by whom, in return for Notes brought back, to an amount equal to that of the said Debentures or Securities."

By Command.

GEO. ET. CARTIER,  
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,

Quebec, 9th May, 1855.

STATEMENT of Debentures deposited with the Honorable the Receiver General for Banking purposes, in accordance with the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 21, commonly called "The Free Banking Act," &c., as required by the Honorable the Legislative Council, by a Resolution passed by that Body on twenty-third April, 1855, &c., &c., &c.

Description of Debentures.	Rate of Interest.	Amount under each Act.			Total Deposited.			By whom Deposited.
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Issued under—								
13 & 14 Vic. cap. 2. . . . .	6 per cent.	50000	0	0				
16 Vic. cap. 22 . . . . .	6 per cent.	112125	0	0				
					162125	0	0	Bank of British North America.
16 Vic. cap. 22 . . . . .	6 per cent.	55000	0	0	55000	0	0	Molson's Bank.
16 Vic. cap. 22 . . . . .	6 per cent.	50000	0	0	50000	0	0	Niagara District Bank.
16 Vic. cap. 22 . . . . .	6 per cent.	25000	0	0	25000	0	0	Zimmerman Bank.
					£ 292125	0	0	Cy. Total on Deposit for Bank Issues.

Amounting to Two hundred and ninety-two thousand, one hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, in Deposit for Bank Issues.

MEMORANDA.—(Forming Answers to certain Queries contained in said Resolutions.)

The above named Debentures have been, in all instances, received by the Honorable the Receiver General, at par.

Not any of the Debentures thus deposited, have ever been withdrawn.

NOTE.—The forgoing is all the information which can be furnished by this Department.

C. E. ANDERSON,  
D.R.G.

Receiver General's Office,  
Quebec, 26th April, 1855.

(No. 202.)

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 7th May, 1855.

Sir,—In reply to your Letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Honorable Inspector General, calling for a Statement of the Debentures and other Securities deposited under and in virtue of the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 21, commonly called “The Free Banking Act,” and for other information relative to the operation of that Act.

I have the honor to transmit annexed, a Statement which has been published in connection with the Public Accounts of the Province, for the year 1854, and which has been prepared agreeably to the 36th section of the above Act.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLM. DICKINSON,

*Actg. Dy. Insp. Genl.*

HON. GEO. E. CARTIER,

*Provincial Secretary,*

&c. &c. &c.

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(Copy.—See "Public Accounts," page 225, No. 38.)

STATEMENT relative to BANKS established under Act 13 & 14 Vic. cap. 21, to December 31st, 1854.

NAMES OF BANKS.	Capital being Provincial Debentures issued under Act 13 & 14 Vic. cap. 22, and deposited with the Receiver General.		Amount of Notes Registered, Countersigned and Delivered to Banks by the Inspector General.		Circulation.		Liabilities including Circulation.		Assets.		Expense of Registration, &c.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank of British North America.	162125	0 0	153750	0 0	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	0 0
Molson's Bank .....	50000	0 0	50000	0 0	37861	5 0	85446	4 9	136840	2 3	100	0 0
Niagara District Bank.....	50000	0 0	49999	5 0	46169	0 0	67615	6 2	101642	10 1	100	0 0
Zimmerman Bank.....	25000	0 0	24500	0 0	22000	0 0	29321	0 5	49931	10 0	100	0 0

\* Incorporated previously to the passing of the Act 13 & 14 Vict. cap. 21, and therefore not obliged to furnish Statements.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Quebec, March, 1855.

(Signed,) W. CAYLEY,  
Inspector General.

APPENDIX No. 5.

THE CLERK in Account with the Honorable the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, for various Sums received and disbursed by him, from 1st December, 1852, to 12th May, 1855.

Dr.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
October 1, 1852..	1729	6	0	A	7420	1	0
do 13, do ..				B	6228	12	1
March 3, 1853..	1	12	6	C	1195	4	1
do 9, do ..	20	0	0	D	7	5	0
do 20, do ..	1000	0	0	E	877	8	4
do 25, do ..	2000	0	0	F	3035	10	9
do 29, do ..	25	0	0	G	2008	17	3
July 11, do ..	132	3	7	H	602	1	1
do do ..	135	0	0	I	320	7	8
December 7, do ..	4500	0	0	J	3406	14	10
April 17, 1854..	1500	0	0	K	871	19	1
June 9, do ..	500	0	0	L	286	1	6
July 8, do ..	1500	0	0	M	104	2	10
do do ..	135	0	0		26304	0	6
do do ..	4000	0	0		120	18	5
November 4, do ..	5000	0	0				
December 20, do ..	4000	0	0				
do 22, do ..	51	0	0				
May 12, 1855..	120	18	5	May 13, 1855..	120	18	5
	26304	0	6				

To Balance in hand at this date .....

To Speaker's Cheque on Montreal Bank, being for Histoire de la Révolution, erroneously charged in Armour & Co.'s Account.....

To Cash paid on presenting Petition of W. H. Beresford, praying for a divorce .....

To Warrant of His Excellency .....

do do ..

To Amount refunded by G. B. Faribault, Esquire, loaned him by order of the Speaker, 9th November, 1852 .....

To Cheque from Clerk of Legislative Assembly, for fuel used by steam apparatus .....

To Amounts refunded by three messengers .....

To Warrant of His Excellency .....

do do ..

To do Balance of sum voted for expenses of the Legislative Council, for 1853 .....

To Warrant of His Excellency .....

do do ..

do do ..

do do ..

do do ..

To Amount refunded by A. Lachance ..

To Balance due the Clerk at this date ..

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By Officers' Salaries .....

By Messengers' Wages .....

By Expenses of Committees .....

By do Library .....

By Printing, Printing Paper, & Binding ..

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Brought in by the Honorable Mr. J. Morris, 104. Read first time, 104. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 107. Reported without amendment, 116. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 118. Amended by that House, 373. Amendments read first time, 373. The amendments, 373, 374, and 375. Motion to consider the amendments put and carried, 442. Amendments considered, agreed to, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 451. Royal Assent, 488.

9.—*Communities of Inhabitants Incorporation Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Belleau, 106. Read first time, 106. second reading discharged, 116, 149, 169.

10.—*Welland Canal Insurance Company Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. J. Morris, 114. Read first time, 114. second reading discharged, 119, 133, 149, 169.

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11.—*Incarceration for Debt doubts removal Bill:*

Brought up, 129. Read first time, 129. Read second time, 133. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 145. Royal Assent, 258.

12.—*Whitby Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, 129. Read first time, 129. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 137. Reported without amendment, 141. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 145. Royal Assent, 258.

13.—*Cornwall Survey Validity Bill:*

Brought up, 129. Read first time, 129. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 137. Reported without amendment, 141. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 145. Royal Assent, 258.

14.—*Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Bill:*

Brought up, 133. Read first time, 134. Bill read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 137. Reported with amendments, 148. Amendments read first time, 148. The amendments, 148. Read second time and adopted, 152. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 155. Agreed to by that House, 159. Royal Assent, 258.

15.—*Clergy Reserves Bill:*

Brought up, 149. Read first time, 149. Order read for second reading, 155. Motion to read Bill second time, put and carried, 155. Bill read second time and ordered to be committed on Wednesday, 29th November, 156. Committed, 165. Reported without amendment, 165. Motion to receive the Report, 165. Motion in amendment, not to receive Report, put and lost, 165. Main motion carried, and the Report received, 165. Motion to dispense with 19th Rule and to read Bill third time, put and carried, 197. Bill read third time, 197. Protest of Honorable Messrs. Walker and de Beaujeu against third reading and passing of Bill, 197. Assembly acquainted that Bill had passed without amendment, 198. Royal Assent, 258.

16.—*Seigniorial Tenure Bill:*

Brought up, 149. Bill reported by Speaker, 149. Motion to read first time, 149. Motion in amendment, not to read first time, until the legality and constitutionality of said Bill be tested, put and lost, 149. Main motion carried, and Bill read first time, 149. Motion

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to read said Bill, second time, on Tuesday, 28th November, 149. Motion to give the mover leave to withdraw latter motion, put and carried, 149 and 150. Motion withdrawn, 150. Motion to read Bill, second time on Monday, 27th November, put and carried, 150. Petition from J. Wurtele and others, praying to be heard by Counsel against the passing of said Bill; Presented and read, 150. Motion that Petitioner's Counsel be heard at the Bar of the House, put and carried, 150. Petition from David Shaw Ramsay, praying that he may be heard by Counsel at Bar of the House, against the passing of said Bill; Presented and read, 150. Motion that last mentioned Petitioner be heard by Counsel, put and lost, 150. Second reading and hearing Counsel against said Bill, discharged, 156. Order of the day read for second reading of Bill, and for hearing Counsel against the said Bill, 159. Counsel called in, heard, and directed to withdraw, 159. Motion to read Bill, second time, put and carried, 159. Protest of Honorable Saveuse de Beaujeu, 159 and 160. Bill ordered to be committed on Thursday, 30th November, 160. Order of day for putting House into Committee on said Bill, discharged, 167. Order of day read for putting House into a Committee on said Bill, 169. Motion to discharge said Order until to-morrow, 169. Motion in amendment, to leave out "to-morrow" and insert "Monday next," put and lost, 169 and 170. Main motion carried, 170. Order of day again read for putting House into Committee, 170. Motion to discharge said order until Monday, put and carried, 170. Order of day for putting House into a Committee, discharged, 171. Committed, 175. Progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 176. House again in Committee, 182. Progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 182. Order of day for again putting House into Committee, discharged, and Bill referred to a Select Committee, 192. Motion to refer reasons in the protest against second reading of the Bill to said Select Committee, put and lost, 206. Report presented, 207. Motion to receive Report presently, 208. Motion in amendment not to receive Report presently, but to receive same on 1st March, put and lost, 208. Motion in amendment to original motion, not to receive Report until a Call of the House be made, put and lost, 208. Main motion carried, 208. Honorable Mr. deBoucherville protests, 208. Amendments read first time, 208. The amendments, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235. Motion to put the House into a Committee on said Bill, and the

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

16. ——— *Seigniorial Tenure Bill.*—(Continued.)

Report of Select Committee thereon, put and carried, 235. House in Committee, 235. Honorable Mr. Walker, (as Chairman of Committee of the Whole House, submits amendments proposed by Select Committee for adoption, 235. Motion to adopt said amendments, put and carried, 236. Motion to read Bill, as amended, a third time, 236. Motion to read Bill, third time in six months, put and lost, 236. Motion in amendment to original motion, to read Bill a third time to-morrow, put and lost, 236. Main motion carried, and Bill as amended, read third time and passed. Protests of the Honorable Messrs. de Beaujeu, de Boucherville, and Moore, 236, 237, 238. Bill as amended sent to the Assembly for their concurrence, 238. Motions to print proceedings entered on Journals of 13th December, relative to said Bill, put and lost, 241. Bill returned by Assembly with amendments of Council amended, 252. Amendments read first time, 252. The amendments, 252 and 253. Motion to consider amendments, 253. Motion in amendment to consider said amendments in six months, 253. Motion in amendment to the amendment to consider amendments on 1st March, put and lost, 253. Question put on amendment to main motion, and negatived, 253. Original motion carried, 253. Amendments considered, read second time, adopted, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 253. Royal Assent, 258.

17. ——— *Grand Trunk Railway Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 150. Read first time, 151. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 152 and 153. Reported without amendment, 155. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 158. Royal Assent, 258.

18. ——— *Quebec Bank Stock Bill:*

Brought up, 153. House cleared of strangers, and doors closed, 153. Doors opened, and the Bill then read first time, 153. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Reported without amendment, 162. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 165. Royal Assent, 258.

19. ——— *Montreal Bank Stock Bill:*

Brought up, 153. Read first time, 153. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Reported without amendment, 161. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 164. Royal Assent, 258.

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20.—*Commercial Bank Stock Bill:*

Brought up, 153. Read first time, 153. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Reported without amendment, 161. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 164. Royal Assent, 258.

21.—*Upper Canada Bank Stock Bill:*

Brought up, 153. Read first time, 153. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Reported without amendment, 162. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 164. Royal Assent, 258.

22.—*Montreal Ocean Steamship Company's Bill:*

Brought up, 153. Read first time, 153. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Amendments reported, 161. Read first time, 161. The amendments, 161. Ordered for consideration, 161. Considered, and adopted, 166. Bill (as amended) read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 167. Agreed to by that House, 177. Royal Assent, 259.

23.—*City Bank Incorporation Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 153. Read first time, 153. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Reported without amendment, 161. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 164. Royal Assent, 259.

24.—*Standard Weight for Grain Bill, L. C.:*

Brought up, 154. Read first time, 154. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 158. Amendments reported, 171, 172. Read first time, 172. The amendments, 172. Read second time, and adopted, 172. Bill (as amended) read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 175. Agreed to by that House, 199. Royal Assent, 259.

25.—*La Banque du Peuple Stock Bill:*

Brought up, 157. Read first time, 157. 46th Rule dispensed with, 157. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 157. Reported without amendment, 162. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 165. Royal Assent, 259.

26.—*Yamaska Common Bill:*

Brought up, 162. Read first time, 162. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 166. Reported without amendment, 167. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 167. Royal Assent, 259.

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27.—*Naturalization Law Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 172. Read first time, 172. Read second time, 178. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

28.—*Huntingdon Academy Bill:*

Brought up, 172. Read first time, 172. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 178. Reported without amendment, 196 and 197. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 201. Royal Assent, 259.

29.—*Quebec Friendly Society Bill:*

Brought up, 172. Read first time, 173. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 178. Reported without amendment, 184. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

30.—*North Shore Railway Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 173. Read first time, 173. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 178. Reported without amendment, 183. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

31.—*Port Hope Harbour Bill:*

Brought up, 173. Read first time, 173. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 178 and 179. Reported without amendment, 183. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

32.—*Town of Bytown erection into a City Bill:*

Brought up, 173. Read first time, 173. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 179. (Petition from Town Council of Bytown also referred to same Committee, 179.) Reported without amendment, 186. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 187. Royal Assent, 259.

33.—*Joint Stock Pier and Harbour Bill, U.C.:*

Brought up, 173. Read first time, 173. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 179. Reported without amendment, 185. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 192. Royal Assent, 259.

34.—*Township of Bedford Survey Bill:*

Brought up, 173. Read first time, 173. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 179. Reported without amendment, 194.

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34.——*Township of Bedford Survey Bill.*—(Continued.)

Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 194 and 195. Royal Assent, 259.

35.——*Galt and Guelph Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 173. Read first time, 173. Second reading discharged, 179, 199. Motion to read Bill second time on Friday, 9th March, put and carried, 285. Second reading discharged, 290. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 292. Reported without amendment, 297. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 297. Royal Assent, 339.

36.——*Otonabee Concession Road Bill:*

Brought up, 176. Read first time 176. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 179. Reported without amendment, 183. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

37.——*Fabriques Mutual Assurance Bill:*

Brought up, 176. Read first time, 176. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 179. Reported without amendment, 183 and 184. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

38.——*Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Bill:*

Brought up, 176. Read first time, 176. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 180. Reported without amendment, 186. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 186. Royal Assent, 259.

39.——*Ritchie's Land Trust Bill:*

Brought up, 176. Read first time, 176. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 180. Reported without amendment, 184. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 191 and 192. Royal Assent, 259.

40.——*Relations and Friends Advice Bill:*

Brought up, 177. Read first time, 177. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 180. An amendment reported, 184. Read first time, 184. The amendment, 184. Read second time, and adopted, 184. Order of day for third reading of Bill (as amended) discharged, and the said Bill and Report thereon referred back to Select Committee, 194. Same amendment again reported; read, and ordered for consideration, 202. Considered and adopted, 203 and 204. Bill (as amended) read third time, passed, and sent to

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

- 40.———*Relations and Friends Advice Bill*.—(Continued.)  
the Assembly for concurrence, 205. Agreed to by that House,  
240. Royal Assent, 260.
- 41.———*Evangelical Lutheran Marriage Registers' Bill*:  
Brought up, 177. Read first time, 177. Read second time, and referred to  
a Select Committee, 180. Reported without amendment, 184.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
192. Royal Assent, 260.
- 42.———*Limited Partnerships Extension Bill, U.C.*:  
Brought up, 177. Read first time, 177. Read second time, and referred to  
a Select Committee, 180. Reported without amendment, 184.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
191 and 192. Royal Assent, 260.
- 43.———*Pot and Pearl Ashes Inspection Bill*:  
Brought up, 177. Read first time, 177. Read second time, and referred to  
a Select Committee, 180. Reported without amendment, 186.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
186. Royal Assent, 260.
- 44.———*German Evangelical Church Relief Bill*:  
Brought up, 177. Read first time, 177. Read second time, and referred to  
a Select Committee, 181. An amendment reported, 194. Read  
first time, 194. The amendment, 194. Read second time and  
adopted, 194. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent  
to the Assembly for concurrence, 198. Agreed to by that House,  
199. Royal Assent, 260.
- 45.———*Holding of County Courts in Upper Canada Bill*:  
Brought up, 177. Read first time, 177. Read second time, 181. Motion  
to read third time, 181. Said motion withdrawn and the Bill  
ordered to be committed, 181. Order of day for putting House  
into a Committee, discharged, and the Bill read third time, passed,  
and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 194. Royal Assent, 260.
- 46.———*Chatham School Trustees Bill*:  
Brought up, 182. Read first time, 182. Read second time, and referred to  
a Select Committee, 192. Reported without amendment, 196.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
201. Royal Assent, 260.
- 47.———*Canada Copper Company Bill*:  
Brought up, 182. Read first time, 182. Read second time and referred to  
a Select Committee, 192 and 193. Amendments reported, 195.



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47.—*Canada Copper Company Bill.*—(Continued.)

Read first time, 195. The amendments, 195. Read second time and adopted, 195. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 198. Agreed to by that House, 201. Royal Assent, 260.

48.—*Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 182. Read first time, 182. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 193. Reported without amendment, 201. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 206. Royal Assent, 260.

49.—*Zion Church Trustees' Bill:*

Brought up, 182. Read first time, 182. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 193. Reported without amendment, 195. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 199. Royal Assent, 260.

50.—*Megantic Mining Bill:*

Brought up, 183. Read first time, 183. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 193. Reported without amendment, 195. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 198. Royal Assent, 260.

51.—*Payment of Notes on legal Holydays Bill:*

Brought up, 183. Read first time, 183. Read second time, 193. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 198. Royal Assent, 260.

52.—*Quebec and Saguenay Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 183. Read first time, 183. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 193. Reported without amendment, 195. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 198. Royal Assent, 260.

53.—*Quebec and St. Francis Mining Bill:*

Brought up, 183. Read first time, 183. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 193. Reported without amendment, 195. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 198. Royal Assent, 260.

54.—*Toronto Exchange Bill:*

Brought up, 199. Read first time, 199. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 201. Reported without amendment, 202.

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54.———*Toronto Exchange Bill.*—(Continued.)

Bill read third time, passed and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
203. Royal Assent, 260.

55.———*International Mining Bill:*

Brought up, 199. Read first time, 199. Read second time, and referred to  
a Select Committee, 201. Reported without amendment, 202.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
203. Royal Assent, 260.

56.———*Customs Duties Bill:*

Brought up, 205. Read first time, 205. 46th Rule dispensed with, 205.  
Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 239.  
Royal Assent, 260.

57.———*Montreal Dispensary Bill:*

Brought up, 205. Read first time, 205. 46th Rule dispensed with, 205.  
Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 206. Re-  
ported without amendment, 207. Bill read third time, passed, and  
the Assembly acquainted thereof, 240. Royal Assent, 260.

58.———*Montreal University Lying-in Hospital Bill:*

Brought up, 205. Read first time, 205. 46th Rule dispensed with, 205.  
Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 206. Re-  
ported without amendment, 207. Bill read third time, passed,  
and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 240. Royal Assent, 261.

59.———*Slipton Slate Works Bill:*

Brought up, 205. Read first time, 205. 46th Rule dispensed with, 205.  
Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 206. Re-  
ported without amendment, 207. Bill read third time, passed, and  
the Assembly acquainted thereof, 240. Royal Assent, 261.

60.———*Kingsey Slate Works Bill:*

Brought up, 205. Read first time, 205. 46th Rule dispensed  
with, 205. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee,  
206. Reported without amendment, 207. Bill read third time,  
passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 240. Royal Assent,  
261.

61.———*St. Francis College Bill:*

Brought up, 206. Read first time, 206. Read second time, and referred  
to a Select Committee, 240. Reported without amendment, 240.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
242. Royal Assent, 261.

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62.—*British American Friendly Society Bill:*

Brought up, 243. Read first time, 243. 46th Rule dispensed with, 243. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 244. Reported without amendment, 245. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 245. Royal Assent, 261.

63.—*Supply Bill:*

Brought up, 243. Read first time, 243. Motion to dispense with 46th Rule put and carried, 243. Bill read second time, 243. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 243. Royal Assent, 262.

64.—*Elective Franchise Bill:*

Brought up, 243. Read first time, 244. Read second time, and committed, 245. Reported without amendment, 245. 46th Rule dispensed with, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 245. Royal Assent, 261.

65.—*Savings Banks Bill:*

Brought up, 244. Read first time, 244. Read second time, and committed, 245. Reported without amendment, 245. 46th Rule dispensed with, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 246. Royal Assent, 261.

66.—*Assessment Bill, U. C.:*

Brought up, 246. Read first time, 246. 46th Rule dispensed with, Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 246. Royal Assent, 261.

67.—*St. Lawrence Mining Bill:*

Brought up, 246. Read first time, 246. 46th Rule dispensed with, Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 246. Reported without amendment, 249. Motion to receive report, 249. Motion in amendment not to receive report, but to refer Bill back to Select Committee, for the purpose of further amending same, put and carried, 250. Main motion (as amended) carried, 250. Reported with an amendment, 251. Read first time, 251. The amendment, 251. Read second time, and adopted, 251. Bill (as amended) read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 251. Agreed to by that House, 255. Royal Assent, 261.

68.—*Quebec City Loan Bill:*

Brought up, 246. Read first time, 247. 46th Rule dispensed with; Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 247.

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68.———*Quebec City Loan Bill.*—(Continued.)

Reported without amendment, 249. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 249. Royal Assent, 261.

69.———*Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 247. Read first time, 247. 46th Rule dispensed with, Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 247. Motion to discharge the said Select Committee, put and carried, 253. Motion to refer Bill to a Select Committee, put and carried, 307. Amendments reported, 320. Read first time, 320. The amendments, 320. Ordered for consideration, 321. Considered, and adopted, 324. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 326 and 327. Returned with an amendment made by the Assembly to the Council's amendments, 368. The amendment read twice, agreed to, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 368. Royal Assent, 485.

70.———*Building Society's Bill, L. C.:*

Brought up, 247. Read first time, 247. 46th Rule dispensed with; Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 247. Reported without amendment, 249. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 249. Royal Assent, 261.

71.———*Quebec Water Works Bill:*

Brought up, 247. Read first time, 247. 46th Rule dispensed with; Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 247. Reported without amendment, 249. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 249. Royal Assent, 261.

72.———*Municipal Loan Fund Act Extension Bill:*

Brought up, 248. Read first time, 248. 46th Rule dispensed with, Bill read second time, and committed, 248. Reported without amendment, 248. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 248. Royal Assent, 261.

73.———*Freedom of Elections' Bill:*

Brought up, 256. Read first time, 256. 46th Rule dispensed with; Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 256. Royal Assent, 261.

74.———*Upper Canada Mining Bill:*

Brought up, 257. Read first time, 257. 46th Rule dispensed with; Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 257. Royal Assent, 261.

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75.—*Municipal Authorities Bill, L. C.:*

Brought up, 257. Read first time, 257. 46th Rule dispensed with, Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 257. Royal Assent, 261.

76.—*Toronto Consumers' Gas Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 285. Read first time, 285. Second reading discharged, 290. Read second time, and committed, 292. Reported without amendment, 292. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 297. Amended by that House, 375. Amendments read first time, 375. The amendments, 376. Read second time, adopted, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 376. Royal Assent, 485.

77.—*Usury Laws Amendment Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Moore, 285. Read first time 286. Order of day for second reading, read, 300. Motion to read the Bill second time, 300. Motion in amendment to read the same a second time in three months, put and negatived, 300. Main motion carried, and Bill read second time, 300. Order read for third reading, 308. Motion to read Bill third time, put and carried, 309. Bill sent to Assembly for concurrence, 309.

78.—*Brockville and Ottawa Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 286. Read first time, 286. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 290. Amendments reported, 297. Read first time, 297. The amendments; 297 and 298. Ordered for consideration, 298. Consideration of same discharged, 300. Considered, and adopted, 305. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 309. Agreed to by that House, 373. Royal Assent, 485.

79.—*Sunday Sales Prohibition Bill:*

Brought up, 298. Read first time, 298. Second reading discharged, 300. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 305. Amendments reported, 307. Read first time, 307. The amendments, 307 and 308. Amendments ordered for consideration, 308. Considered and adopted, 312. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 317. Agreed to by that House, 423. Royal Assent, 487.

80.—*La Grande Ligne Evangelical Society Bill:*

Brought up, 298. Read first time, 298. Second reading discharged, 301. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 305.

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80.—*La Grande Ligne Evangelical Society Bill.*—(Continued.)

Reported without amendment, 308. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 308. Royal Assent, 339.

81.—*Montreal Telegraph Company Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Ferrier, 298. Read first time, 298. Second reading discharged, 305. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 309. Reported without amendment, 312. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 313 and 314. Amended by that House, 423. Amendment read and ordered for consideration, 424. Considered, agreed to, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 427. Royal Assent, 487.

82.—*Insolvency Protection Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Belleau, 300. Read first time, 300. Second reading discharged, 312, 317. Order for second reading discharged, 334.

83.—*Actions against Un-incorporated Companies Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Belleau, 307. Read first time, 307. Second reading discharged, 312. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 317 and 318. An amendment reported, 321. Read twice and adopted, 321. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 323.

84.—*Shortis' Road Allowance Bill:*

Brought up, 309. Read first time, 309. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 312. Reported without amendment, 313. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 313. Royal Assent, 339.

85.—*Louth Harbour Bill:*

Brought up, 314. Read first time, 314. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 318. An amendment reported, 323. Read first time, 323. The amendment, 323. Read second time, and adopted, 323. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 326. Agreed to by that House, 333. Royal Assent, 339.

86.—*Insurance Companies Dividends Payment Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Mills, 317. Read first time, 317. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 323. Reported, without amendment, 326. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 326.

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87.—*Halton and Wentworth Separation Bill:*

Brought up, 318. Read first time, 318. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 323 and 324. An amendment reported, 325. Read first time, 325. The amendment, 325 and 326. Read second time, and adopted, 326. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 326. Agreed to, by that House, 333. Royal Assent, 339.

88.—*College de Monnoir Bill:*

Brought up, 318. Read first time, 318. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 324. Reported, without amendment, 329. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 329. Royal Assent, 339.

89.—*Accidents by Fire Investigation Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Ferrier, 331. Read first time, 331. Second reading discharged, 338. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 352. Amendments reported, 429. Read first and second times, adopted, and ordered to be printed, 430. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 437. Agreed to by that House, 537. Royal Assent, 577.

90.—*Eastern Townships Bank Bill:*

Brought up, 331. Read first time, 331. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 335. Reported without amendment, 366. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 366. Royal Assent, 485.

91.—*Gas and Water Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 334. Read first time, 334. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 341. Amendments reported, 346. Read first time, and ordered for consideration, 346. Considered and adopted, 350. Third reading discharged, 357. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 360. Agreed to by that House, 537. Royal Assent, 577.

92.—*Customs Act Explanation Bill:*

Brought up, 336. Read first time, 336. 46th Rule dispensed with, 336. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 336. Royal Assent, 339.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

93.——*Debtors and Creditors Settlements Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Belleau, 338. Read first time, 338. Second reading discharged, 346, 347. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 353. Amendments reported, 405. Read first time, and ordered for consideration, 405. Considered, and adopted, 409. Third reading of Bill discharged, 413, 416. Bill and amendments referred back to Select Committee, 416. Speaker reports that by mistake the Bill had been taken to Assembly, 418. Message sent to request that it may be returned, 418. Bill returned, 425. Amendments reported, 425. Considered, and adopted, 431. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 437.

94.——*Quebec Gas Company Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Walker, 346. Read first time, 346. Second reading discharged, 352. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 358. Reported without amendment, 359 and 360. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 363. Amended by that House, 452. The amendments read first time, and ordered for consideration, 452. Motion to discharge last order put and carried, 453. Amendments then considered, agreed to, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 453. Royal Assent, 488.

95.——*Militia Bill:*

Brought up, 349. Read first time, 349. Order of the day read for second reading, 357. Motion to read Bill second time put and carried, 357. Ordered to be committed, 357. Committed, progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 360, 378. Order of the day for again putting House into a Committee discharged, 191. Committed, progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 406. Order for again putting House into Committee discharged, 416. Committed, 421. Amendments reported, 422. Read twice, and adopted, 422. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 426. Agreed to by that House, 457. Royal Assent, 488.

96.——*Quebec Masonic Hall Association Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Walker, 350. Read first time, 350. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 358. An amendment reported, 360. Read twice, and adopted, 360. Order of the day, for third reading, read, 367. Motion to read Bill, third time, put and carried, 367. Bill sent to Assembly, for concurrence, 367. Agreed to by that House, 452. Royal Assent, 488.



## BILLS.—(Continued.)

97.——*British Plantation Vessels Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 350. Read first time, 350. Second reading discharged, 358, 363, 371. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 390. Amendments reported, 401. Read first time, and ordered for consideration, 401. Considered and adopted, 406. Read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 416.

98.——*Montreal Harbour Bill:*

Brought up, 353. Read first time, 353. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 358. Order for putting House into Committee, discharged, 360. Committed, 363. Report ordered to be received, 363. Order for receiving Report read, 367. Motion to receive Report put and carried, 368. An amendment reported, 368. Read first time, 368. Read second time, and adopted, 368. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 368. Agreed to by that House, 379. Royal Assent, 485.

99.——*Fisheries Protection Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Taché, 356. Read first time, 356. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 363. Amendments reported, 366. Read twice, and adopted, 366. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 371. Agreed to by that House without amendment, 566. Royal Assent, 579.

100.——*St. Michael's College Bill:*

Brought up, 358. Read first time, 358. Motion to read Bill second time on 26th April, put and carried, 358. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 391. Reported without amendment, 394. Bill read third time, passed; and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 394. Royal Assent, 485.

101.——*Transatlantic Sub-Marine Telegraph Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. J. Morris, 358. Read first time, 358. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 363. An amendment reported, 366. Read twice, and adopted, 366. Third reading discharged, 371, 378. Motion to discharge order relative to third reading, and to read Bill a third time instant, put and carried, 379. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 379.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

102.—*Religious Bodies Lands Sales Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 359. Read first time, 359. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 367. Amendments reported, 371. Read twice, and adopted, 371. Third reading of the Bill discharged, 384. Read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 390. Agreed to by that House without amendment, 448. Royal Assent, 488.

103.—*Joint Stock Pier and Wharf Companies Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 359. Read first time, 359. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 367. Reported without amendment, 370. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 383. Amended by that House, 565. Amendments read twice, and agreed to, 565. Royal Assent, 579.

104.—*Wolf Island Side Lines Bill:*

Brought up, 361. Read first time, 361. Second reading discharged, 367. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 372. Reported without amendment, 401. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 401. Royal Assent, 486.

105.—*Township of Smith Concessions Bill:*

Brought up, 361. Read first time, 361. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 371. Reported without amendment, 400. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 400. Royal Assent, 486.

106.—*Toronto Athenæum Bill:*

Brought up, 361. Read first time, 361. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 371. Reported without amendment, 390. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 390. Royal Assent, 485.

107.—*Montreal Locomotive Company Bill:*

Brought up, 361. Read first time, 361. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 364. Reported without amendment, 366. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 367. Royal Assent, 485.

108.—*Estates of Deceased Insolvents' Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Belleau, 364. Read first time, 364. Second reading discharged, 372. Read second time, and referred to

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

108.—*Estates of Deceased Insolvents' Bill.*—(Continued.)

a Select Committee, 379. Amendments reported, 383. Read twice and adopted, 383. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 390.

109.—*Kingston House of Industry Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 365. Read first time, 366. Second reading discharged, 372, 379. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 390. An amendment reported, 401. Read twice and adopted, 401. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 406.

110.—*Sons of Temperance Bill:*

Brought up, 372. Read first time, 373. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 379. Reported without amendment, 382. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 383. Royal Assent, 485.

111.—*L'Hospice St. Joseph de Québec Bill:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 380. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 391. Reported without amendment, 394. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 394. Royal Assent, 485.

112.—*Replevin Law Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 380. Read second time, 390. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 395. Royal Assent, 485.

113.—*Canada Powder Company:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 380. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 391. Reported without amendment, 408. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 409. Royal Assent, 486.

114.—*Hespeler's Dam Construction Bill:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 380. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 391. Reported without amendment, 396. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 396. Royal Assent, 485.

115.—*Patriotic Fund Bill:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 380. Read second time, 392. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 402. Royal Assent, 486.

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116.—*Humber Harbour Company Bill:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 380. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 392. Reported without amendment, 400. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 401. Royal Assent, 486.

117.—*Medical Practitioners' Relief Bill:*

Brought up, 380. Read first time, 381. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 392. Amendments reported, 421. Read first time, and ordered for consideration, 421. Consideration of amendments discharged, 426. Considered and adopted, 438. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 445. Agreed to by that House, 467. Royal Assent, 489.

118.—*Ameliasburgh Survey Bill:*

Brought up, 381. Read first time, 381. Read second time, 392. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 395. Royal Assent, 485.

119.—*Manchester Unity Odd-Fellows' Bill:*

Brought up, 381. Read first time, 381. Order of day read for second reading, 391. Motion to read a second time, on Monday, 30th April, 391. Motion in amendment, to read second time in six months, 391. Latter motion withdrawn, and the main motion agreed to, 391. Order read for third reading, 402. Motion to read third time, instant, 402. Motion in amendment, to read third time in six months, put and carried, 402. Main motion, as amended, put and carried, 402.

120.—*Grand Trunk Railway Toronto Location Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Taché, 382. Read first time, 382. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 392. An amendment reported, 394. Read twice and adopted, 394. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 395. Amended by that House, 439. Amendments read first time, 439. The amendments, 439, and 440. Read second time, adopted, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 440. Royal Assent, 487.

121.—*English Catholics of Quebec, Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, 387. Read first time, 387. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 395. Reported without amendment, 411. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 411. Royal Assent, 486.

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122.—*Reciprocity Treaty Bill:*

Brought up, 392. Read first time, 392. Read second time, 395. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 402. Royal Assent, 486.

123.—*Public Accounts Audit Bill:*

Brought up, 392. Read first time, 392. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 395 and 396. Committed, 402. An amendment reported, 402. Read twice, and adopted, 402. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 406. Agreed to by that House, 409. Royal Assent, 486.

124.—*Municipal Debentures Negotiation Bill:*

Brought up, 392. Read first time, 392. Read second time, 396. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 402. Royal Assent, 485.

125.—*Upper Canada Bible Society Bill:*

Brought up, 392. Read first time, 393. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 396. Reported, without amendment, 400. Bill read the third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 400. Royal Assent, 486.

126.—*Galvin's Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up, 393. Read first time, 393. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 396. Reported without amendment, 400. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 400. Royal Assent, 486.

127.—*Macaulay's Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up, 393. Read first time, 393. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 396. Reported without amendment, 400. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 400. Royal Assent, 486.

128.—*Law Courts Reporters' Bill, U.C.:*

Brought up, 396. Read first time, 397. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 403. Amendments reported, 412. Read twice, and adopted, 412, 413. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 416. Agreed to by that House, 564. Royal Assent, 579.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

129.——*Newspaper Postage Abolition Bill:*

Brought up, 397. Read first time, 397. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 403. Order for putting House into Committee discharged, 407. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 407. Royal Assent, 486.

130.——*Representation Law Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 397. Read first time, 397. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 403. Committed, 413. An amendment reported, 413. Read twice, and adopted, 413. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 416. Agreed to by that House, 433. Royal Assent, 487.

131.——*Upper Canada Religious Tract Society Bill:*

Brought up, 397. Read first time, 397. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 403. Reported without amendment, 406. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 406. Royal Assent, 486.

132.——*Dubord's Patent Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Belleau, 401. Read first time, 402. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 407. An amendment reported, 409. Read twice, and adopted, 409. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 413.

133.——*McWattie's Marriages Confirmation Bill:*

Brought up, 403. Read first time, 404. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 407. Reported without amendment, 408. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 408. Royal Assent, 486.

134.——*Town of Paris Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, 404. Read first time, 404. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 407. Reported without amendment, 409. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 409. Royal Assent, 486.

135.——*Superior Courts Accommodation Bill:*

Brought up, 410. Read first time, 410. Read second time, 414. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 416. Royal Assent, 486.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

136.—*New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Bill :*

Brought up, 414. Read first time, 414. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 417. Reported without amendment, 419. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 419. Royal Assent, 486.

137.—*Desjardins Canal Security Bill :*

Brought up, 414. Read first time, 414. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 417. Reported without amendment, 418. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 419. Royal Assent, 487.

138.—*Monaghan Road Allowance Bill :*

Brought up, 414. Read first time, 414. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 417. Reported without amendment, 419. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 419. Royal Assent, 486.

139.—*Hamilton Loan Bill :*

Brought up, 422. Read first time, 422. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 426. Reported without amendment, 430. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 430. Royal Assent, 487.

140.—*Winchester Boundaries Bill :*

Brought up, 423. Read first time, 423. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 426. Reported without amendment, 430. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 430. Royal Assent, 487.

141.—*Stratford and Huron Railway Bill :*

Brought up, 423. Read first time, 423. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 431. Reported without amendment, 442. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 443. Royal Assent, 488.

142.—*Saguenay Trout Fishing Bill :*

Brought up, 423. Read first time, 423. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 426. Reported without amendment, 430. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 430. Royal Assent, 487.

143.—*Provident Life Assurance Bill :*

Brought up, 423. Read first time, 423. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 426. Reported without amend-

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143.—*Provident Life Assurance Bill.*—(Continued.)

ment, 431. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 431. Royal Assent, 487.

144.—*Joint Stock Rivers Improvement Bill:*

Brought up, 424. Read first time, 424. Bill read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 431. Amendments reported, 443. Read first time, 443. The amendments, 443. Ordered for consideration, 443. Considered and agreed to, 451. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 452. Agreed to by that House, 467. Royal Assent, 489.

145.—*Kingston Water Works Bill:*

Brought up, 424. Read first time, 424. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 431. Reported without amendment, 436. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 436. Royal Assent, 487.

146.—*Ontario, Simcoe and Huron Union Railroad Bill:*

Brought up, 427. Read first time, 427. Bill read second time, 431. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 438. Royal Assent, 487.

147.—*Sherbrooke Literary Institute Bill:*

Brought up, 427. Read first time, 427. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 431 and 432. Reported without amendment, 436. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 437. Royal Assent, 487.

148.—*L'Assomption River and Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 427. Read first time, 427. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 432. Amendments reported, 449. Read first time, and ordered for consideration, 450. Considered and agreed to, 452. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 455. Conference desired by Assembly, granted, and Managers appointed on part of Legislative Council, 494. House informed that Managers for Assembly are in attendance, 504. House adjourned, and their Honors go to the Conference, 504. House resumed, and reasons of Assembly for disagreeing to amendments, reported, 504. Reasons ordered to be taken into consideration by the House, 505. Order for consideration by the House, read, 511. Reasons again read, 511. Motion to insist on amendments made to the Bill, put and carried, 511. Committee appointed to prepare reasons to be



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148.—*L'Assomption River and Railway Bill.*—(Continued.)

offered Assembly at another Conference, for insisting on amendments, 511. Committee report reasons, 516, 517. A further Conference with Assembly desired, 517. Managers on part of Council appointed, and the Assembly acquainted, 517. Master in Chancery reports having gone to Assembly to desire said further Conference, 518, 519. Message received from Assembly, agreeing to a further Conference, 528. House informed that Managers for Assembly are in attendance, 528. House adjourned, and their Honors go to the Conference, 528. House resumed, and the Honorable Mr. Ferrier reports having delivered to Managers for Assembly their Honors' reasons for insisting on their amendments to said Bill, 528, 529. Message received from Assembly, returning the Bill, and stating that they do not insist on their disagreement to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, 551. Royal Assent, 578.

149. ——— *Toronto Burying Ground Bill:*

Brought up, 427. Read first time, 427. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 432. Amendments reported, 435. Read first time, 435. The amendments, 435, 436. Read second time, and adopted, 436. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 445. Agreed to by that House, 457. Royal Assent, 489.

150.——— *Fraser's Domain Lots Sale Bill:*

Brought up, 427. Read first time, 427. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 432. Reported without amendment, [437. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 437. Royal Assent, 487.

151.——— *Guelph Lands Trust Bill:*

Brought up, 428. Read first time, 428. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 432. Reported without amendment, 436. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 436. Royal Assent, 487.

152.——— *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 428. Read first time, 428. Petition against passing the Bill presented and read, 429. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 432. Reported without amendment, 435. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 435. Royal Assent, 487.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

153.——*Land Surveyors' Bill:*

Brought up, 428. Read first time, 428. Bill read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of whole House, 432. Committed, 438. Reported without amendment, 438. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 445. Royal Assent, 488.

154.——*Hamilton Township Patents Bill:*

Brought up, 428. Read first time, 428. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 433. Message sent to the Assembly to ask for the evidence, proofs, &c., on which the Bill is founded, 437. Speaker reports that one of the Masters in Chancery went to Assembly, and was informed that they will send an answer by a messenger of their own, 444. Message received from Assembly, giving evidence, proofs, &c., 447. Petition from Anna Maria MacKay against Bill, referred to Committee, 459. Report of Committee presented, and ordered for consideration, 470 and 471. Order for consideration of Report read, 506. Report again read, 506. Motion to adopt same, 506. Motion in amendment not to adopt same, but to read Bill third time, 506. Debated, 506. Motion that the debate on amendment be adjourned put and carried, 506. Debate resumed, 511. Question put on amendment, and negatived, 511. Main motion carried, and report of Committee adopted, 511.

155.——*Building Societies' Bill, L. C.:*

Brought up, 433. Read first time, 433. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 438. Reported without amendment, 444. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 444. Royal Assent, 488.

156.——*Molson's Bank Bill:*

Brought up, 433. Read first time, 433. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 438 and 439. Reported without amendment, 443. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 443. Royal Assent, 488.

157.——*Quebec Benevolent Society Bill:*

Brought up, 433. Read first time, 433. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 439. Reported without amendment, 444. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 444. Royal Assent, 488.

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158.—*British North American Electric Telegraph Bill :*

Brought up, 433. Read first time, 434. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 439. Reported without amendment, 444. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 444. Royal Assent, 488.

159.—*Grand Trunk Railway additional Aid Bill :*

Brought up, 434. Read first time, 434. Order for second reading read, 439. Motion to read second time, put and carried, 439. Bill read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, 439. Committed, and reported upon without amendment, 445. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 451. Royal Assent, 488.

160.—*Colonial Church and School Society Bill :*

Brought up, 440. Read first time, 441. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 445 and 446. Reported without amendment, 449. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 449. Royal Assent, 488.

161.—*Montreal House of Industry Warden's Bill :*

Brought up, 440. Read first time, 440. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 446. Reported without amendment, 449. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 449. Royal Assent, 488.

162.—*Law Students' Articles Enregistration Bill :*

Brought up, 441. Read first time, 441. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 446. Reported without amendment, 451. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 451. Royal Assent, 488.

163.—*Zimmerman Bank Bill :*

Brought up, 441. Read first time, 441. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 446. Reported without amendment, 449. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 449. Royal Assent, 488.

164.—*Canada Ore Dressing Company Bill :*

Brought up, 441. Read first time, 441. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 446. Reported without amendment, 448. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 448 and 449. Royal Assent, 488.

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165.—*Imperial Insurance Company Bill :*

Brought up, 447. Read first time, 447. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 451. Reported without amendment, 455. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 455. Royal Assent, 488.

166.—*Rivers and Rivulets Obstructions Prevention Bill :*

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. Taché, 450. Read first time, 450. Read second time, 456. Read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 460.

167.—*Public Works Amendment Bill :*

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. Taché, 450. Read first time, 450. Order for second reading, read, 456. Motion to read Bill second time, put and carried, 456. Ordered to be committed to a Committee of whole House, 456. Committed, 460. Amendments reported, read, and agreed to, 460. Order for third reading of Bill, read, 464. Motion to read third time instanter, put and carried, and the Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 464.

168.—*Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Bill :*

Brought up, 452. Read first time, 452. Bill read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 456. Reported without amendment, 458. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 460. Royal Assent, 489.

169.—*Separate School Law Amendment Bill :*

Brought up, 453. Read first time, 453. Second reading discharged, 456. Bill read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, 465. Committed, 477. Amendments reported, read first time, and ordered for consideration, 477. Considered and agreed to, 490. Second and third Clauses of the Bill ordered to be re-considered, 490. Said Clauses again read, and certain amendments moved, 490. Amendments read twice and agreed to, 490. Bill read third time, and passed, 498. Protest of Honorable Mr. Crooks, 498. Bill sent to Assembly for concurrence, 499. Amended by that House, 568. Amendments read first time, 568. Read second time, and agreed to, 570. Royal Assent, 579.

170.—*St. Francis Bank Bill :*

Brought up, 454. Read first time, 454. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 457. Reported without amendment,

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170.—*St. Francis Bank Bill.*—(Continued.)

472. Motion to read third time, 472. Motion in amendment, not to read third time, but to refer Bill back to Committee, in order to amend the same, put and lost, 472. Main motion carried, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 472. Royal Assent, 489.

171.—*Debtor's Effects, Exemption from Seizure Bill:*

Brought up, 457. Read first time, 457. Order for second reading, read, 464. Motion to read second time, 464. Motion in amendment, not to read, second time, but that the same be discharged from the Orders of the day, put and carried, 464. Order read for moving to restore to the Orders of day said Bill, 511. Intended motion ruled out of order by the Speaker, and not permitted, 511.

172.—*Bank of Toronto Bill:*

Brought up, 457. Read first time, 457. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 464 and 465. Reported without amendment, and the Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 470. Royal Assent, 488.

173.—*Montreal St Patrick's Orphan Asylum Bill:*

Brought up, 457. Read first time, 457. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 460. Amendments reported, read twice and agreed to, 464. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 475. Agreed to by that House, 490. Royal Assent, 576.

174.—*Toronto Peninsula and Marsh Bill:*

Brought up, 457. Read first time, 458. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 460. Reported without amendment, 463. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 475. Royal Assent, 489.

175.—*Registry Law Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 458. Read first time, 458. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 461. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 480. Royal Assent, 575.

176.—*Municipal and Road Bill, L. C.:*

Brought up, 458. Read first time, 458. Order for second reading read, 461. Motion to read second time instant, put and carried, 461.

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176.—*Municipal and Road Bill, L. C.*—(Continued.)

Bill read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, 461. House in Committee; Progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 476. Order for again putting House into Committee discharged, 491. Committed, 514, 529, 540. Progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 514, 529. Amendments reported 540. Read first time, 540. Read second time, and agreed to, 544. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 547. Agreed to by that House, 564. Royal Assent, 579.

177.—*Legislative Council Bill:*

Brought up, 458. Read first time, 458. Order for second reading read, 500. Motion to read Bill second time, 500. Motion in amendment, not to read second time this Session, 500. Debated, 500. House and debate adjourned, 501. House and debate on proposed amendment resumed, 501. Question put on amendment to main motion, and carried, 501. Main motion, as amended, carried, 501. Protest of Honorable John Ross and others thereon, 501.

178.—*Mutual Insurance Companies Bill, U. C.:*

Brought up, 461. Read first time, 461. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 465. Reported without amendment, and the Bill read a third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 469. Royal Assent, 489.

179.—*Niagara District Bank Bill:*

Brought up, 461. Read first time, 461. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 466. Reported without amendment, and the Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 470. Royal Assent, 489.

180.—*Sisters of St. Joseph Toronto Bill:*

Brought up, 461. Read first time, 461. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 466. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 471. Royal Assent, 489.

181.—*Educational Institutions, Land Sales Bill:*

Brought up, 461. Read first time, 462. Read second time, 466. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 475. Royal Assent, 489.

BILLS.—(*Continued.*)182.—*Niagara Township Survey Bill:*

Brought up, 462. Read first time, 462. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 466. Reported without amendment, and the Bill read a third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 469. Royal Assent, 489.

183.—*Welland Municipal Council Debt Bill:*

Brought up, 462. Read first time, 462. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 466. Reported without amendment, and the Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 469 and 470. Royal Assent, 489.

184.—*Victoria Hospital Bill:*

Brought up, 462. Read first time, 462. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 466. Reported without amendment, 471. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 472. Royal Assent, 489.

185.—*Quebec Good Shepherd Asylum Bill:*

Brought up, 466. Read first time, 466. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 477. Reported without amendment, and the Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 484. Royal Assent, 575.

186.—*Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 466. Read first time, 467. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 477. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 480. Royal Assent, 489.

187.—*Parish Churches Separate Registers Bill:*

(*Notre Dame of Montreal, and Quebec, and St. Roch of Quebec.*)

Brought up, 467. Read first time, 467. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 477. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 479. Royal Assent, 575.

188.—*Amherstburg and St. Thomas Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 467. Read first time, 467. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 477. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 479. Royal Assent, 489.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

189.—*Furious Driving on Highways Bill:*

Brought up, 467. Read first time, 467. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 477. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 496. Royal Assent, 576.

190.—*Montreal Bonsecour Benevolent Society Bill:*

Brought up, 467. Read first time, 467. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 478. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 479. Royal Assent, 575.

191.—*Belleville College Incorporation Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 469. Read first time, 469. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 480. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 493.

192.—*Weights and Measures Inspection Bill:*

Brought up, 472. Read first time, 473. Read second time, 480. 46th Rule dispensed with, 480. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 480 and 481. Royal Assent, 575.

193.—*Oakville and Arthur Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 481. Reported without amendment, 493. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 494. Royal Assent, 576.

194.—*Norwich Township Division Bill:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Read second time, 481. 46th Rule dispensed with and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 481. Royal Assent, 575.

195.—*Abbotsford Academy Bill:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 481. Reported without amendment, 497. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 498. Royal Assent, 576.

196.—*Sœurs de la Présentation Bill:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 481. Amendments reported, 498. Read twice, and agreed to, 498. Bill, as amended, read third



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196.—*Sœurs de la Présentation Bill.*—(Continued.)

time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 498. Agreed to by that House, 508. Royal Assent, 576.

197.—*Bytown and Prescott Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 482. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 493. Royal Assent, 576.

198.—*Excise Duties Bill:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Read second time, 482. 46th Rule dispensed with, 482. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 482. Royal Assent, 575.

199.—*Line-Fences, and Water-Courses Bill, U. C.:*

Brought up, 473. Read first time, 473. Read second time, 482. 46th Rule dispensed with, 482. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 482. Royal Assent, 575.

200.—*Toronto Metropolitan Gas Bill:*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 474. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 482. Reported without amendment, 494. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 495. Royal Assent, 576.

201.—*Toronto Provincial Insurance Bill:*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 474. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 482. Amendments reported, 495. Read twice, and agreed to, 495. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 504. Agreed to by that House, 530. Royal Assent, 576.

202.—*Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 474. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 483. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 492. Royal Assent, 575.

203.—*Great Western Railway (Brantford) Branch Bill:*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 474. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 478. Reported without amendment, 479. 46th Rule dispensed with, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 479 and 480. Royal Assent, 489.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

204.—*Quebec Fire Assurance Bill :*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 474. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 483. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 496. Royal Assent, 576.

205.—*Aylmer Academy Bill :*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 474. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 483. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 492 and 493. Royal Assent, 575.

206.—*Montreal and Vermont Junction Railway Bill :*

Brought up, 474. Read first time, 475. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 483. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 493. Royal Assent, 576.

207.—*St. David's School Rate Bill :*

Brought up, 475. Read first time, 475. Read second time, 483. 46th Rule dispensed with, 483. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 483. Royal Assent, 575.

208.—*Peterborough and Chemong Lake Railway Bill :*

Brought up, 475. Read first time, 475. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 483. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 492. Royal Assent, 575.

209.—*Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly Railroad Bill :*

Brought up, 476. Read first time, 476. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 484. An amendment reported, 497. Read twice, and agreed to, 497. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 497. Agreed to by that House, 507. Royal Assent, 576.

210.—*Arthabaska Circuit Bill :*

Brought up, 476. Read first time, 476. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 484. Reported without amendment; Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 496. Royal Assent, 576.

211.—*Parishes Erection Bill :*

Brought up, 476. Read first time, 476. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 490. Amendments reported, 496. Read

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211.—*Parishes Erection Bill.*—(Continued.)

twice, and agreed to, 497. Order for third reading of Bill, as amended, read, 505. Motion to read third time; Motion in amendment not to read third time, but to refer the Bill back to Select Committee, with an instruction to strike out third clause; Objected to; Debated; Question put and negatived, 505. Main motion carried, 505. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 505. Agreed to by that House, 513. Royal Assent, 576.

212.—*Lower Canada Farmers' Seed Bill:*

Brought up, 481. Read first time, 481. 46th Rule dispensed with, 481. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 481. Royal Assent, 489.

213.—*Infants' Custody Bill:*

Brought up, 490. Read first time, 490. Read second time, 512. 46th Rule dispensed with, 512. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 515. Royal Assent, 576.

214.—*Enregistration and Searches Bill:*

Brought up, 490. Read first time, 491. Order for second reading read, 512. Motion to read Bill second time instanter, 512. Debated, 512. Motion in amendment to read second time in three months, 512. Objected to, and debated, 513. Question put and carried, 513. Question on main motion, as amended, put and carried, 513.

215.—*Port Perry and Whitchurch Junction Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 491. Read first time, 491. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 513. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 522. Royal Assent, 577.

216.—*Criminal Law Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 501. Read first time, 502. Read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, 505. Committed, 512. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 512. Royal Assent, 576.

217.—*Travelling on Public Highways Bill:*

Brought up, 502. Read first time, 502. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 505. Reported without amendment, 510. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 511. Royal Assent, 576.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

218.—*Ontario and Bay of Quinté Canal Bill:*

Brought up, 502. Read first time, 502. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 505. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 510. Royal Assent, 576.

219.—*Quebec Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, 502. Read first time, 502. Petition presented from J. P. Rhéaume and others, praying that the Bill may be amended, 503. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 506. Amendments reported, 522. Read first time, 522. Read second time, and agreed to, 524. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 524. Agreed to by that House, 536. Royal Assent, 577.

220.—*Hamilton College Bill:*

Brought up, 502. Read first time, 502. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 506. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 510. Royal Assent, 576.

221.—*Otter Creek Navigation Company Bill:*

Brought up, 502. Read first time, 502. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 506. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 510. Royal Assent, 576.

222.—*Seigniorial Act of 1854 Amendment Bill:*

Brought up, 506. Read first time, 506. Ordered for second reading, 506. Dissentient, Pierre Boucherville, 506. Second reading discharged, 516. Order for second reading read, 525. Motion to read second time instanter, 526. Motion in amendment not to read second time this Session, 526. Objected to, and debated, 526. Question put and negatived, 526. Main motion carried, and Bill read second time, 526. Dissentient, Saveuse de Beaujeu. *Vide* Protest, 526, 527, and 528. Motion to commit Bill to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow, 528. Motion in amendment to leave out "to-morrow" and insert "Monday next," 528. Objected to, 528. Question put and negatived, 528. Main motion carried, 528. Committed, 533 and 538. Progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 534. Amendments reported, 538. Read first time, 538. Read second time, and agreed to, 539. Order for third reading of Bill, as amended, read, 547. Motion to read third time, 547. Objected to, and debated, 547.

BILLS.—(*Continued.*)222.—*Seigniorial Act of 1854 Amendment Bill.*—(Continued.)

Question put and carried, 547. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 547. Agreed to by that House, 565. Royal Assent, 579.

223.—*Pot and Pearl Ashes Bill:*

Brought up, 506. Read first time, 507. Read second time, 513. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 525. Royal Assent, 577.

224.—*St. Lawrence Assurance Bill:*

Brought up, 507. Read first time, 507. Read second time, 513. Referred to a Select Committee, 514. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 529. Royal Assent, 577.

225.—*Ten Pounds Debt Attachment Bill:*

Brought up, 507. Read first time, 507. Read second time, 514. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 525. Royal Assent, 577.

226.—*Hamilton and South Western Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 507. Read first time, 507. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 514. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 521. Royal Assent, 577.

227.—*Montreal and Bytown Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 507. Read first time, 507. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 514. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 525. Royal Assent, 577.

228.—*Montreal Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, 507. Read first time, 507. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 514. Amendments reported, 554. Read first time, 555. Read second time, and agreed to, 561. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 562. Agreed to by that House, 570. Royal Assent, 579.

229.—*Quebec, Chaudière, and Portland Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 507. Read first time, 508. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 514. Reported without amendment, and

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

- 229.———*Quebec, Chaudière, and Portland Railway Bill.*—(Continued.)  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
522. Royal Assent, 577.
- 230.———*Jurors' Payment Bill, U. C. :*  
Brought up, 508. Read first time, 508. Read second time, and referred  
to a Select Committee, 515. Reported without amendment, 521.  
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,  
522. Royal Assent, 577.
- 231.———*Incorporated Companies Stock Increase Bill :*  
Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, 508. Read second time, and  
referred to a Select Committee, 515. Reported without amend-  
ment, 515. 46th Rule dispensed with, 515. Bill read third time,  
passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 515.
- 232.———*Beverley Boundary Bill :*  
Brought up, 509. Read first time, 509. 46th Rule dispensed with, 509.  
Bill read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 515.  
Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed,  
and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 564. Royal Assent, 578.
- 233.———*Civil List Bill :*  
Brought up, 509. Read first time, 509. 46th Rule dispensed with, 509.  
Bill read second time, 516. Read third time, passed, and the  
Assembly acquainted thereof, 525. Royal Assent, 581.
- 234.———*Quebec Circuit Extension Bill :*  
Brought up, 509. Read first time, 510. 46th Rule dispensed with, 510.  
Bill read second time, 516. Read third time, passed, and the  
Assembly acquainted thereof, 525. Royal Assent, 577.
- 235.———*District Councils' By-Laws Bill :*  
Brought up, 513. Read first time, 513. 46th Rule dispensed with, 513.  
Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 516.  
Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed,  
and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 521. Royal Assent, 577.
- 236.———*Durham Indian Lands Bill :*  
Brought up, 513. Read first time, 513. 46th Rule dispensed with, 513.  
Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 516.  
Amendments reported, 553. Read first time, 553. Read second  
time, and agreed to, 554. Bill, as amended, read third time, pas-  
sed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 554. Agreed to by  
that House, 565. Royal Assent, 579.

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237.—*Hamilton Township Concessions Bill:*

Brought up, 517. Read first time, 517. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 529. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 533. Royal Assent, 577.

238.—*General Drainage Bill, U.C.:*

Brought up, 517. Read first time, 518. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 529. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 533. Royal Assent, 577.

239.—*Huntingdon Registry Office Bill:*

Brought up, 518. Read first time, 518. Read second time, 529. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 562. Royal Assent, 578.

240.—*Lessors and Lessees Bill:*

Brought up, 529. Read first time, 530. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 534. Reported without amendment, 539. 46th Rule dispensed with, 539. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 539 and 540. Royal Assent, 577.

241.—*Law of Betterments Bill:*

Brought up, 530. Read first time, 530. Motion to read Bill second time, 26th May, 530. Motion in amendment to read the Bill second time that day three months, 530. Debated, 530. Last motion withdrawn, and Bill ordered for second reading, 530. Second reading discharged, 544. Order for second reading read, 549. Motion to read second time instanter, 549. Motion in amendment to read second time in three months, 549. Question put and carried, 549. Main motion, as amended, carried, 549.

242.—*St. Francis Districts Courts Bill:*

Brought up, 530. Read first time, 530. Read second time, 534. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 547. Royal Assent, 578.

243.—*Justices of the Peace Duties Bill:*

Brought up, 530. Read first time, 530. Order for second reading read, 534. Motion to discharge Bill from the Orders of the day, 534. Question put and carried, 534.

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

244.—*Foreign Insurance Companies Bill:*

Brought up, 530. Read first time, 530. Order for second reading read, 534. Motion to read Bill second time instanter, 534. Motion in amendment to read second time in three months, 535. Question put and carried, 535. Question put on main motion, as amended, put and carried, 535.

245.—*Witnesses Attendance Bill:*

Brought up, 530. Read first time, 531. Order for second reading read, 534. Motion to read second time instanter, 534. Motion in amendment to read second time in three months, 534. Question put and carried, 534. Question put on main motion, as amended, and carried, 534.

246.—*Forced Licitations Bill:*

Brought up, 531. Read first time, 531. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 538. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 553. Royal Assent, 578.

247.—*Ordnance Lands Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Taché, 533. Read first time, 533. Order for second reading read, 548. Motion to read second time, 549. Debated, 549. Question put and carried, 549. Bill read second time, 549. 46th Rule dispensed with, and Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 549. Amended by that House, 567. Amendments read twice, and agreed to, 567. Royal Assent, 579.

248.—*Provincial Statutes Bill:*

Brought up, 535. Read first time, 535. 46th Rule dispensed with, 535. Read second time, and ordered to be amended, 544. The amendment, 544. Order for third reading of Bill, as amended, read, 547. Ordered to be further amended, 547. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 548. Agreed to by that House, 554. Royal Assent, 578.

249.—*St. Clair, Chatham, and Rondeau Railway Bill:*

Brought up, 535. Read first time, 535. 46th Rule dispensed with, 535. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 544 and 545. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 546 and 547. Royal Assent, 578.



BILLS.—(*Continued.*)250.—*District of St. Francis Notarial Profession Bill :*

Brought up, 535. Read first time, 536. 46th Rule dispensed with, 536.  
Bill read second time, 545. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 548. Royal Assent, 577.

251.—*Recusation of Judges Bill :*

Brought up, 536. Read first time, 536. 46th Rule dispensed with, 536.  
Bill read second time, 545. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 548. Royal Assent, 578.

252.—*Retrait Lignager Abolition Bill :*

Brought up, 536. Read first time, 536. 46th Rule dispensed with, 536.  
Bill read second time, 545. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 548. Royal Assent, 578.

253.—*Substitutions in Courts Publication Abolition Bill :*

Brought up, 536. Read first time, 536. 46th Rule dispensed with, 536.  
Bill read second time, 545. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 548. Royal Assent, 578.

254.—*Bailiffs' Qualification Bill :*

Brought up, 536. Read first time, 536. 46th Rule dispensed with, 536.  
Bill read second time, 545. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 548. Royal Assent, 578.

255.—*Division Courts Jurisdiction Extension Bill :*

Brought up, 536. Read first time, 536. 46th Rule dispensed with, 536.  
Bill read second time, 545. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 548. Royal Assent, 577.

256.—*Supply Bill for 1855 :*

Brought up, 537. Read first time, 537. 46th Rule dispensed with, 537.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 537. Royal Assent, 281.

257.—*County Registry Offices Establishment Bill :*

Brought up, 537. Read first time, 537. 46th Rule dispensed with, 537.  
Read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, 545. Committed, 549. Reported without amendment, 549. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 549. Royal Assent, 578.

258.—*Elective Franchise Extension Bill :*

Brought up, 537. Read first time, 537. 46th Rule dispensed with, 538.  
Read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of

## BILLS.—(Continued.)

- 258.—*Elective Franchise Extension Bill.*—(Continued.)  
the whole House, 545. Committed, 550. Reported without amendment, 550. Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 550. Royal Assent, 578.
- 259.—*Savings Banks Regulation Bill:*  
Brought up, 538. Read first time, 538. 46th Rule dispensed with, 538. Read second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole House, 545. Committed, 562. Amendments reported, 562. Read first time, 562. Read second time, and agreed to, 563. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 563. Agreed to by that House, 566. Royal Assent, 579.
- 260.—*Grammar School Bill, U. C.:*  
Brought up, 550. Read first time, 550. 46th Rule dispensed with, 550. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 550. Royal Assent, 576.
- 261.—*Acts Continuation Bill:*  
Brought up, 550. Read first time, 550. 46th Rule dispensed with, 550. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 551. Royal Assent, 578.
- 262.—*St. Rochs' Catholic Institute Bill:*  
Brought up, 551. Read first time, 551. 46th Rule dispensed with, 551. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 551. Royal Assent, 578.
- 263.—*Municipal Council By-Laws Approval Bill:*  
Brought up, 551. Read first time, 551. 46th Rule dispensed with, 551. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 551. Royal Assent, 578.
- 264.—*Notarial Profession Bill:*  
Brought up, 552. Read first time, 553. 46th Rule dispensed with, 553. Bill read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 553. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,—Royal Assent, 578.
- 265.—*Port Burwell Harbour Bill:*  
Brought up, 562. Read first time, 562. 46th Rule dispensed with, 562. Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 562. Royal Assent, 578.

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266.——*Summary Convictions Bill :*

Brought up, 564. Read first time, 564. 46th Rule dispensed with, 564.  
Bill read second time and amended, 564. Bill, as amended, read  
third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 564.  
Agreed to by that House, 567. Royal Assent, 579.

267.——*Trinity House Bailiffs' Salaries Bill :*

Brought up, 565. Read first time, 565. 46th Rule dispensed with, 565.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly ac-  
quainted thereof, 565. Royal Assent, 579.

268.——*Aylmer Court House Bill :*

Brought up, 566. Read first time, 566. 46th Rule dispensed with, 566.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly ac-  
quainted thereof, 566. Royal Assent, 579.

269.——*Petty Jurors' Payment Bill :*

Brought up, 567. Read first time, 567. 46th Rule dispensed with, 567.  
Read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted  
thereof, 568. Royal Assent, 579.

270.——*Marriages Doubts Removal Bill :*

Brought up, 570. Read first time, 570. 46th Rule dispensed with, 570.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly ac-  
quainted thereof, 570. Royal Assent, 579.

271.——*Dormant Equities Bill :*

Brought up, 570. Read first time, 570. 46th Rule dispensed with, 570.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly ac-  
quainted thereof, 570 and 571. Royal Assent, 579.

272.——*Judicature Acts Amendment Bill :*

Brought up, 571. Read first time, 571. 46th Rule dispensed with, 571.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly ac-  
quainted thereof, 571. Royal Assent, 580.

273.——*Legislative Assembly Independence Bill :*

Brought up, 571. Read first time, 571. 46th Rule dispensed with, 571.  
Bill read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly ac-  
quainted thereof, 571. Royal Assent, 579.

274.——*Supervisor of Cullers Bill :*

Brought up, 571. Read first time, 571. 46th Rule dispensed with, 571.  
Read second and third times, passed, and the Assembly acquainted  
thereof, 572. Royal Assent, 579.

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275.—*Court of Error and Appeal Bill, U. C. :*

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